

GAR Flag pole
+ Bench

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

Type of Memorial (check all applicable)

☐ Monument ☐ with Sculpture ☐ without Sculpture ☐ with Cannon ☐ standalone Cannon
☐ Historical Marker ☐ Plaque ☒ Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)
and bench

Affiliation

☒ GAR ☐ MOLLUS ☐ SUVCW ☐ WRC ☐ ASUVCW
☒ LGAR ☐ DUVCW ☐ Other

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

Original Dedication Date Sept. 1931 flag pole bench 1938 Both the flagpole + bench are together both dedicated by LGAR so I have included on same form.
 Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the first dedication ceremony and/or other facts on the memorial. Please submit a copy of your findings with full identification of the paper & date of publication. Thank you.

Location

The Memorial is currently located at:

Street/Road address or site location In a park behind the Iowa Judicial Building
at E. Court Avenue + Dey St. GPS Coordinates 41.587583 -93.600833
 City/Village &/or Township Des Moines
 County Polk State Iowa Zip Code 50319

The front of the Memorial faces: ☒ North ☐ South ☐ East ☐ West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name State of Iowa
 Dept./Div. Dept. of Administrative Services
 Street Address Hoover Building 1305 E. Walnut St. 3rd Floor
 City Des Moines State Iowa Zip Code 50319
 Contact Person _____ Telephone (515) 242-5120 ext _____

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places ☐ Yes ☒ No ID # if known _____

For Monuments with/without sculpture:**Physical Details**

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = ☐ Stone ☒ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Other

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) _____

Material of the Sculpture ☐ Stone ☒ Concrete ☒ Metal ☐ Other bench flagpole Is it hollow or solid? _____

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) _____

Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

Type of Location

☐ Cemetery ☒ Park ☐ Plaza/Courtyard ☐ "Town Square" ☐ Post Office
☐ School ☐ Municipal Building ☒ State Capitol ☐ Courthouse ☐ College Campus
☐ Traffic Circle ☐ Library Other: _____

General Vicinity

☐ Rural (low population, open land) ☐ Suburban (residential, near city) ☐ Town ☒ Urban / Metropolitan

Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply)

☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Street/Roadside within 20 feet ☒ Tree Covered (overhanging branches)
☐ Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, indoors) ☐ Protected from the public (fence or other barrier)

Any other significant environmental factor In a hidden little park behind the Iowa Judicial Building.

[To detail the condition of a monument used the addendum form for *Monument's Condition*]

Supplemental Background Information

In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation treatments - or efforts to raise money for treatment.

Addendums attached to this electronic file are the *Monument's Condition* and the *Narrative* forms. Only the *Monument's Condition* form is required if you are requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

Thank you.

The metal panels at the base of the flagpole are tarnished and need restoration.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey Oct 17, 2017

Your Name Tom Gaard

mail gaardt@aol.com

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

SUVCW Greenville Dodge Camp #75

Please send this completed form to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair
1240 Konert Valley Dr.
Fenton, MO 63026

Unfortunately, the flag is only flown on holidays - we would like to see this changed to daily.

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR - CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.

For Historic Marker or Plaque:

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = _____

For Cannons with/without monument:

Material of Cannon = _____ Bronze _____ Iron Type of Cannon (if known) _____

Markings: Muzzle _____ Base Ring/Breech _____ Rifled _____ YES _____ NO

Left Trunion _____ Right Trunion _____

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? _____ Yes _____ No

[For camp/department monuments officer's use: Cannon on list of known ordnance] _____ Yes _____ No

For Other Memorials: (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

What best describes the memorial

The flag pole has 3 side at the base.

Materials of the Memorial

*Each of these panels is 27" wide and 40" high. The panels are metal.***Complete for All Memorials****Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points*65 feet*

Height _____

Width _____

Depth or _____

Diameter _____

flag pole

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue (service, pose, etc) and attach to this form. Please describe the "pose" of each statue and any weapons/implements involved (in case your photos become separated from this form). Thank you!

Markings/Inscriptions (on stone-work / metal-work of monument, base, sculpture)

Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If so, give name & location found

Please attach legible photographs of all text &/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum - narrative sheet if necessary.

*see photos for inscriptions on each of the 3 panels of the flag pole.**The inscription on the bench "Dedicated in sacred memory of the Grand Army of the Republic by the National Body Ladies of the Grand Army."*

Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments

Polk County - Des Moines

GAR Flagpole

This 65 foot flagpole was dedicated to the GAR by the Ladies of the GAR at their 1931 national convention. The base has three sides - the panels are tarnished and need restoration. The flag is flown only on holidays. This is located in a very nice wooded area behind the Judicial Building off Court Avenue on the Capital Grounds. It is on high ground and the flag is visible over a wide area when flown. Photo of flag taken on Memorial Day, 2008; other photos taken 10/17/16.

The bench is near the flagpole and was donated by the Ladies of the GAR in 1938. The inscription reads "Dedicated in sacred memory of the Grand Army of the Republic by the National Body Ladies of the Grand Army." The photo taken 9/21/07.

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TO THE
MEMORY OF THE
GRAND ARMY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF IOWA
BY THE
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SEPTEMBER 1893









