

# 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.)

**Affiliation**

☐ GAR ☐ MOLLUS ☐ SUVCW ☐ WRC ☐ ASUVCW  
☐ LGAR ☐ DUVCW ☐ Other none

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

see the Gen. Nathaniel Batten Memorial in Woodland Cemetery  
Des Moines for more historical information. It was originally  
part of that memorial.

**Original Dedication Date** 1876

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 Iowa Gold Star Military Museum  
7105 NW 70th Avenue GPS Coordinates 41.703400 -93.712316  
 City/Village &/or Township Johnston  
 County Polk State Iowa Zip Code 50131

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

located in Camp  
Dodge - headquarters  
for Iowa National Guard

**Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner**

Name Iowa National Guard  
 Dept./Div. Gold Star Military Museum  
 Street Address 7105 NW 70th Avenue  
 City Johnston State Iowa Zip Code 50131  
 Contact Person Michael Vest Telephone (515) 252-4531 ext         
curator

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 Is it hollow or solid?       

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



**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) made by Quinby + Robinson  
12 pounder Confederate Howitzer Rifled ☐ YES ☒ NO

Markings: Muzzle \_\_\_\_\_ Base Ring/Breech 40  
 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

Materials of the Memorial

**Complete for All Memorials****Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

\_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth or \_\_\_\_\_ Diameter

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 &amp; 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 attachments

**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: Military Camp

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

[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.

*\* I have visited the museum a couple of times in 2016 but don't have specific date - cannon is in good condition.*

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 2016Your Name Tom Gaardil 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

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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



**Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments**  
**Polk County - Johnston**

**Confederate Cannon at Gold Star Museum**

The Iowa Gold Star Military Museum is at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa. It is a wonderful military museum with items from all wars in which Iowans participated. Included is this 12 pounder Confederate bronze howitzer, cast at Quinby & Robinson in Memphis located at the entrance. The howitzer is on permanent loan from the Baker Monument in Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines. Note the groove in muzzle area – the story is that an Iowa battery knocked this Confederate cannon out of commission. The Museum has a number of other more modern era artillery pieces, tanks and military vehicles near-by. To reach the museum, take exit 131 on I-35/80 – then north on Merle Hay – turn west on NW 70th Avenue to the Camp Dodge security gate – then follow signs to the museum. Photo taken 11/26/07.





**Johnston  
Camp Dodge  
Iowa Gold Star Museum**

**Quinby & Robinson, E. Memphis, Tenn.  
Made in 1862.**

**No. 40 stamped on breech end.  
Has sight bracket for pendulum Hausse sight.  
Gouge on left side of cannon from a  
cannon ball striking it.  
Cannon is facing west.**