

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

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

The monument was funded by the State. There was a commission to oversee the project that included GAR members.

Original Dedication Date 1945

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.

It was completed in 1896 but not dedicated until 1945.

Location

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location E. Walnut Street just south of State Capital

GPS Coordinates 41.589733 -93.603466

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.) granite

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

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

For Historic Marker or Plaque:Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = bronze**For Cannons with/without monument:**Material of Cannon = Bronze Iron Type of Cannon (if known) Markings: Muzzle Base Ring/Breech Rifled YES NOLeft 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 points135 feet Height 22' Width 22' 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 & 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 attached. It is impossible to describe this monument in this form. There are 11 statues, 32 portrait medallions, and 2 bas-relief sculptures. There is a 111 page "Hand book for Iowa Soldiers' and Sailors' monument" that is available on-line. This is an extremely impressive monument - certainly the greatest monument in the state.

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

[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 surface of the monument is breaking-up and discoloring - there are plans for a fund raising campaign.

Inspector IdentificationDate of On-site Survey 4/22/17Your Name Tom GaardAddress 4302 165th LaneCity CliveState Iowa Zip Code 50325Telephone [REDACTED]

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.

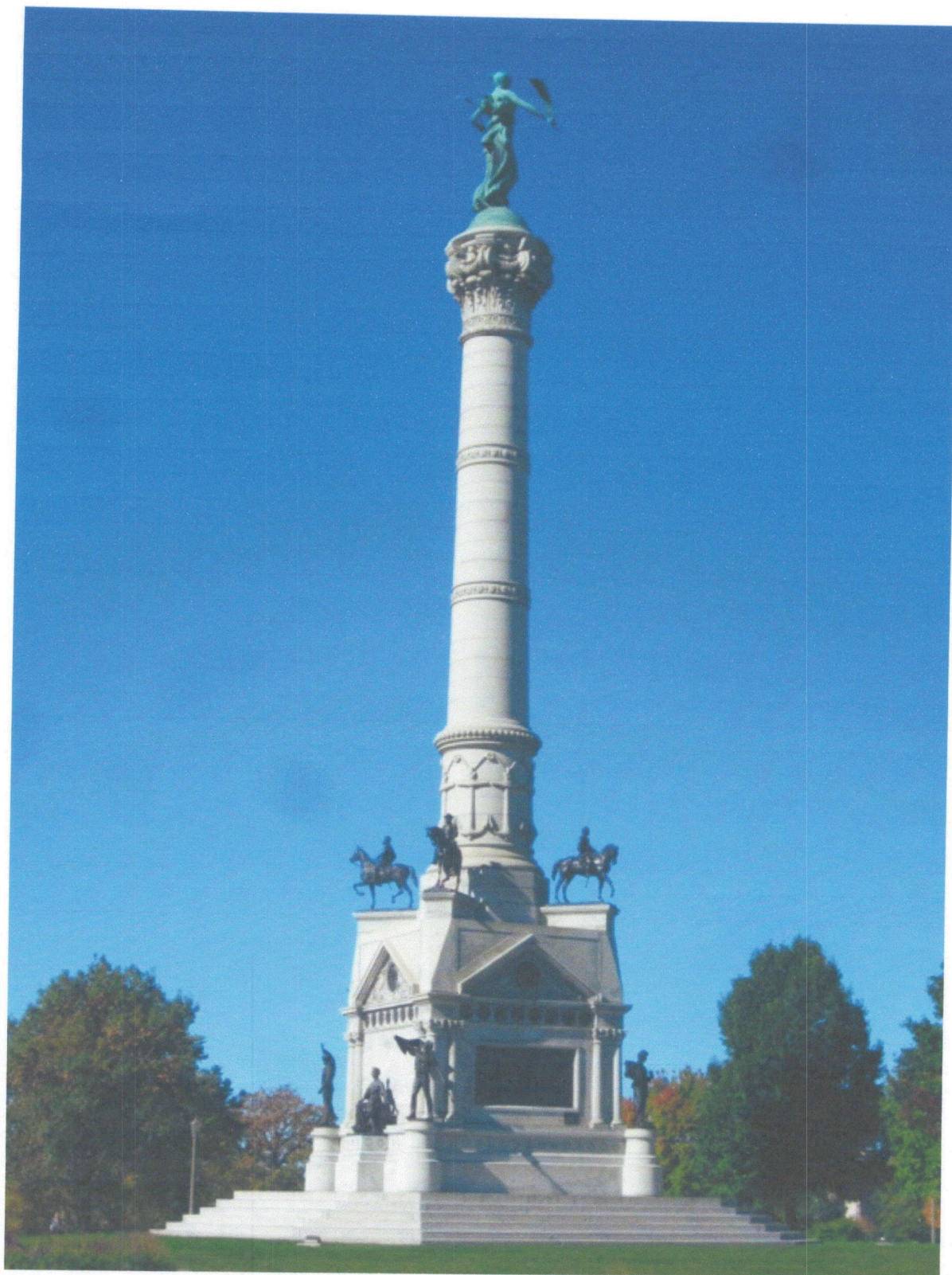
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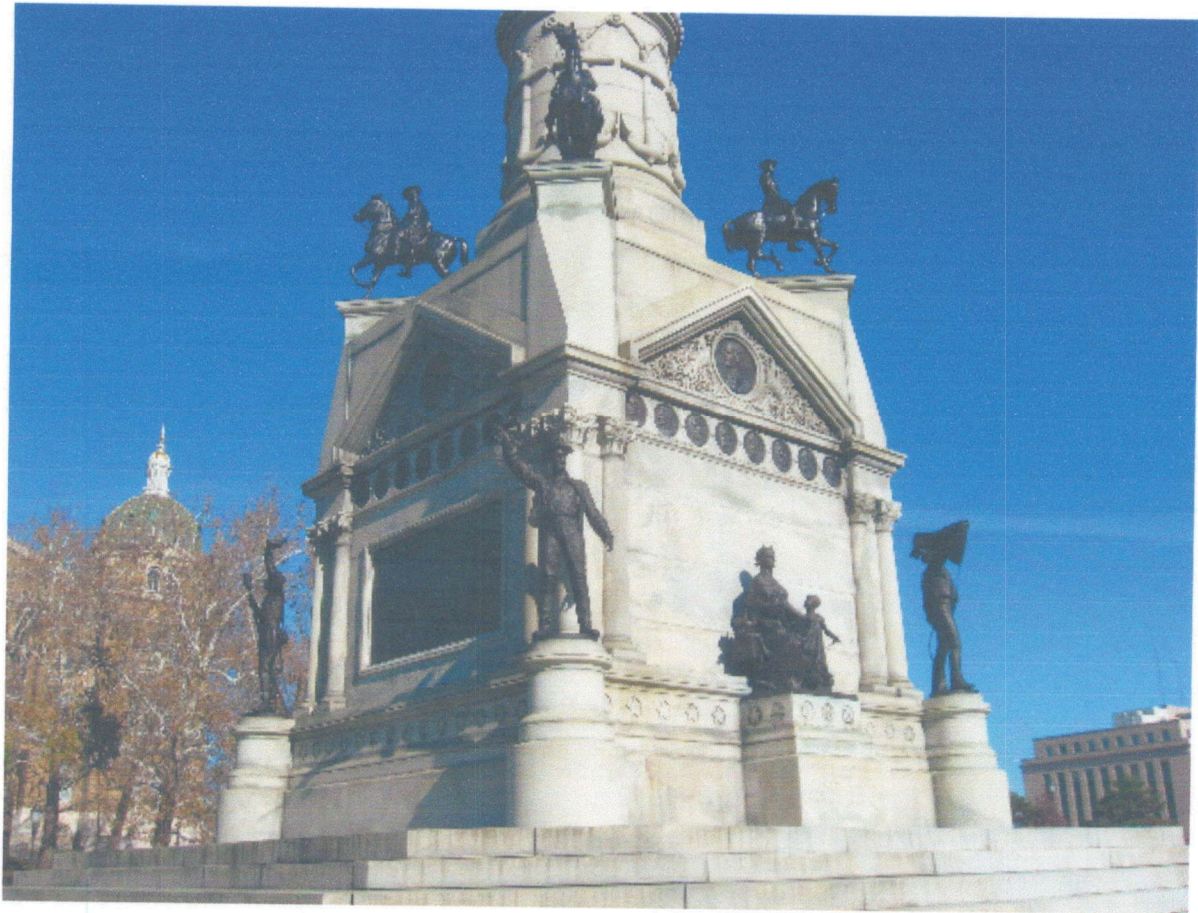
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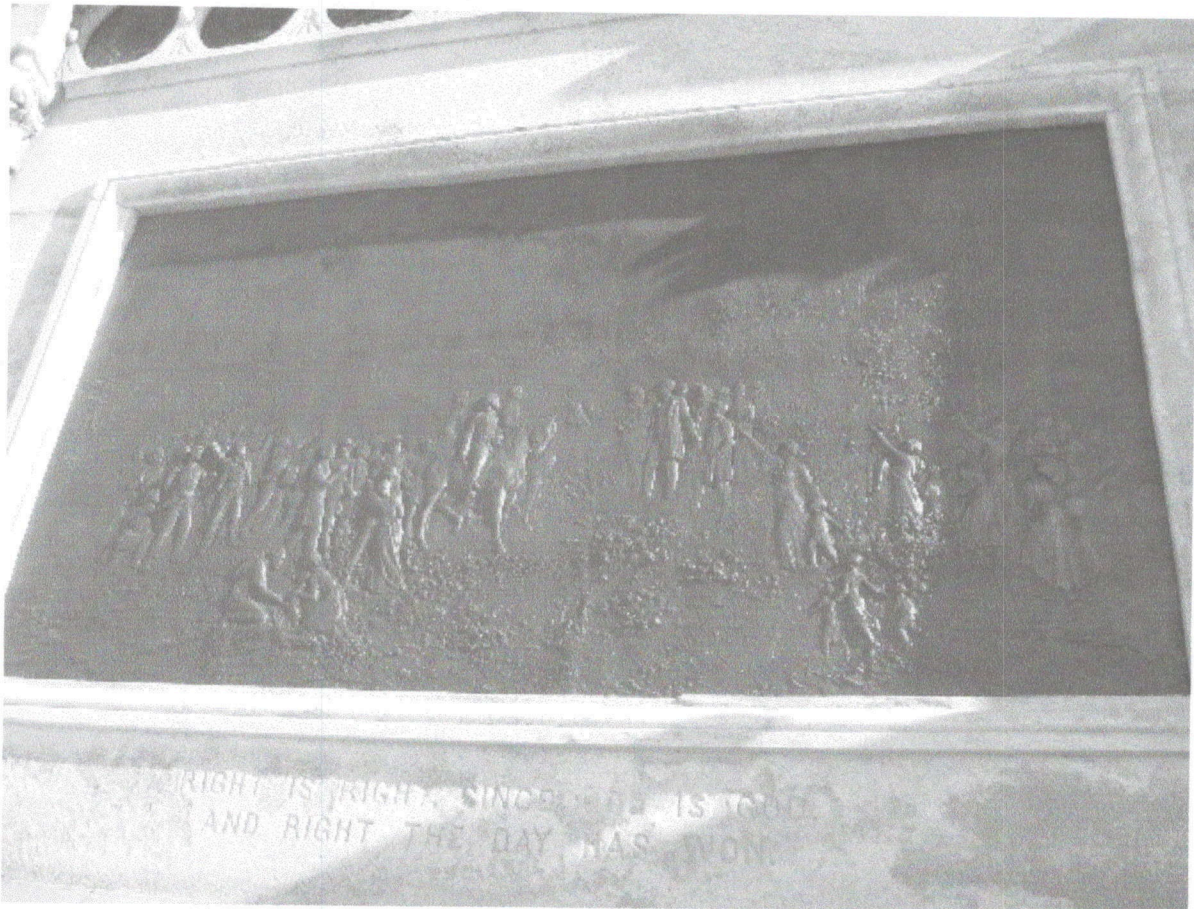
Soldiers and Sailors Monument

This large impressive monument is located on the State Capital grounds south of the Capital Building. The 135 foot monument was started in 1894 and completed two years later. Harriet Ketcham of Iowa won a competition and was selected as the designer. She died before the project began and sculptor Carl Rohl-Smith, a native of Denmark, was retained to complete the monument. Extensive restoration took place during the 1990's. The base includes equestrian statues of Generals Crocker, Corse, Curtis, and Dodge. There are also statues representing the infantry, cavalry, artillery and navy. Round portrait sculptures represent many Iowans prominent in the War. There are also two bas-relief sculptures - one representing Iowa at Ft. Donelson and the other titled "Homecoming" which is shown below.

The first photo shows the entire monument from the SE with the "Victory" statue atop the monument. The photo of the base is from the SW and shows three of the Generals, the artillery, cavalry and sailor statues and the Woman with Child. Lt. James Horton represents the cavalry in the close-up photo. The nude woman is on the north side and has been controversial - it is said to be an allegorical figure of Iowa representing our state as a beautiful, youthful mother offering nourishment to her children. Also shown is one of the bas-relief sculptures and a plaque to the sculptor and designer. Photos taken 9/21/07 and 11/18/08. The final photo commemorates the 150th Anniversary of the end of the War on April 9, 2015 with Governor Terry Branstad laying a wreath and reading a proclamation regarding the end of the War.











June 5, 2017

Re: Monument Fund

Brother Brian

An application for a \$2000 grant for Iowa's Soldiers and Sailors Monument is attached. Forms 61 and 62 are included along with an engineers report. I have previously sent Form 61 to Walt Busch.

This is a wonderful monument on the Iowa State Capital Grounds. The main problem is a break-up and discoloration on the surface of the stone. It is called spalling in the engineers report.

It is unfortunate that the State will not maintain the monument. While they have appropriated \$100,000 on a matching basis, a private fund raising campaign is just starting for the rest of needed funds. This includes other monuments, but most of funds are needed for this monument and it has the highest priority. The fund raising campaign is being led by Carol Grant, a member of the Capital Planning Commission. She make a presentation at our Dodge Camp meeting. The Campaign will kick-off at the July 4th Capital Pops concert and fireworks show that attracts over 100,000 people.

This has the full support of the Iowa SUVCW. We will do what is possible to assist in the fund-raising including help at the July 4th event.

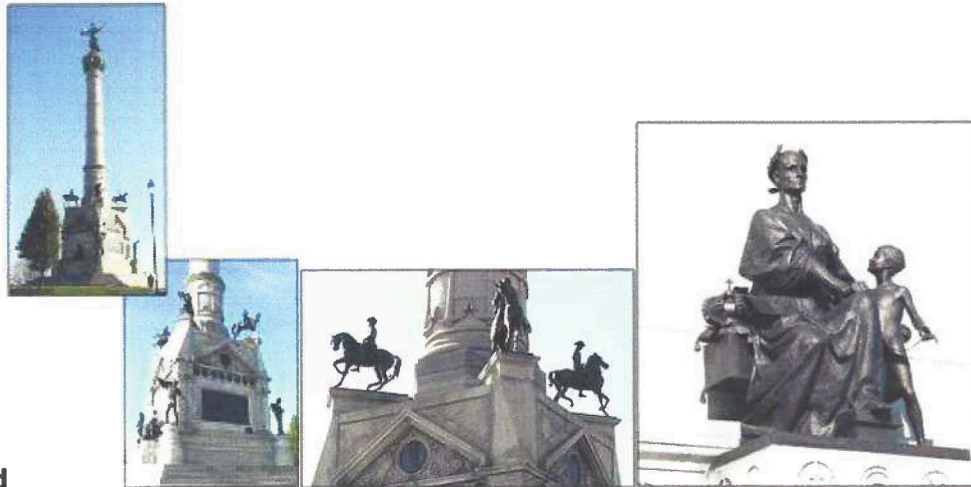
Thanks for your Committee's consideration. Let me know if there are questions.

In F, C & L
Tom Gaard
Memorials Officer, Department of Iowa



cc: Danny Krock, PDC

Department of Administrative Services
General Services Enterprise
Soldiers and Sailors Monument
Observation Report



Background

The State of Iowa erected this monument, funded partially by refunded war taxes, to commemorate Iowans who fought during the Civil War. The monument was approved in 1888, the cornerstone was laid in 1894, and the structure was completed two years later. Because formal controversy developed over the location and artistic details of the monument. Nearly 50 years passed before its dedication in 1945.

Iowa artist Harriet A. Ketcham's design for the memorial was chosen over 47 others, although she died before the monument was completed. Both real and symbolic figures are portrayed. "Victory" is the most prominent figure topping the 135-foot structure. Four equestrians--all Iowa Civil War generals--are depicted: Marcellus M. Crocker, right-rear, who led his troops to victory at Shiloh, Corinth, and Vicksburg; John M. Corse, right-front, who joined Grant at the siege of Vicksburg; Grenville M. Dodge, left-front, who built railroads to support Grant's army and accompanied Sherman on the "March to the Sea"; and Samuel R. Curtis, left-rear, commander of the Union Army at Pea Ridge.

The four soldiers on the upper base represent Iowans who served in different branches of the military during the Civil War: infantryman Shelby Norman, at the age of 18 the first Iowan killed in battle. Ensign William H. C. Michael, a school teacher turned sailor; artilleryman Captain Henry H. Griffiths, whose battery never lost a gun throughout the war; and cavalryman Lt. James Horton, killed while leading a saber charge at the battle of Lovejoy Station.

Nearly 80,000 Civil War military men were from Iowa, the largest number of soldiers per capita of any state during the war. Noted Iowa generals and battle scenes are pictured along the base. On the north side, a statue portrays Iowa as a mother offering nourishment to her children. To the south, History gazes into the future; at her side, Iowa is shown as a young boy.

Past Conservation Efforts

In 1998 - Conservation treatment was conducted on the entire monument that included masonry, tuck-pointing, caulking and cleaning stone and conserving the bronze materials

2004 – Conservation treatment of three bronze sculptures at the lowest level on the north elevation and added lighting

2010/2011 - Masonry, tuck-pointing, caulking and stone repair (injection and consolidation work). This work was done of the lower tier of the monument.

Observation 2016

The sculpture at the top of the monument is cast bronze, an alloy predominately made of copper (85% or so). The surfaces exhibit green and black coloration. These colors are the typical presentation of corroded bronze metal. Left untreated, this corrosion pits the bronze surface and the damage is irreversible.

The sculpture should be cleaned and a fresh chemical patina applied in a typical, historic brown patina followed by application of a long-lasting, durable, protective coating system.

The life-sized equestrians need to be cleaned and a fresh coating applied. (This was last done in 1998 (18 years ago).

The stone barrel of the monument no doubt has losses and failures in the joints. These intermittent mortar losses can be selectively addressed by tuck-pointing. The stone exhibits stains and discolorations. We can see spalling losses in the stone. These failures can be stabilized by application of a stone strengthening product. We recommend the stone be surface cleaned to remove stains prior to application of the stone strengthening agents. Finally, application of water repellent agents will assist in prolonging the cleanliness and stability of the stone monument.

The proposed costs to address these conditions are based on the following preliminary budget estimate:

Scaffolding *	\$100,000
Cleaning, Tuck-point, stone strengthen agents and water repellent, etc.	\$160,000
DAS Fees (3%) allowance for -Owner Rep, Builders Risk and Project Software cost	\$7,800
Design Cost (10%) allowance for-3 rd party vendor	\$26,000
Construction Management (12%) allowance for 3 rd party vendor-TBD	\$31,200
Total	\$325,000

* This is approximate cost to set up-tear-down and one month rental cost

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST**
(FORM CWM #62)

REQUESTOR INFORMATION (Please print or type)

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME: Grenville Dodge Camp #75 Dept. of Iowa

NAME/ TITLE OF CONTACT PERSON: Tom Gaard, Memorial Officer

ADDRESS: 4302 165th Lane

CITY: Clive STATE: Iowa ZIP CODE: 50325

PHONE(S): [REDACTED]

SIGNATURE: Tom Gaard

NAME OF MEMORIAL/MONUMENT Soldiers and Sailors

NAME, NUMBER & STREET ADDRESS OF CEMETERY OR OTHER LOCATION

Iowa State Capital Grounds

LOCATION DESCRIPTION (i.e. corner of 3rd and Lincoln St) E. Walnut Street
directly south of State Capital

GPS N 41.589733 W -93.603466 City Des Moines State IA ZIP 50319

WAS FORM CWM-61: GAR MONUMENTS/CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED? Y ☒ N ☐

☒ EXISTING MONUMENT ☐ NEW MONUMENT ☐ LAST SOLDIER PROJECT

RESTORATION COST \$ 325,000 AMOUNT RAISED \$ 1400 REQUESTED \$ 2000

note "Soldiers and Sailors Monument Restoration Fund" on check
CHECK PAYABLE TO: State of Iowa, Department of Administrative Services

ADDRESS: 1305 East Walnut

CITY: Des Moines State: Iowa ZIP CODE: 50319

Memorial Grant Committee Use Only					
Grant Request # _____			Amount Approved \$ _____		
Approve	Deny	Table	Name Committee Member	Signature	Date

Check box, sign, date & return completed email to Committee Chair, who will send to National Treasurer for payment.

MONUMENT/ MEMORIAL INFORMATION

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: 1896 WHO OWNS IT: State of Iowa

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE? State of Iowa but legislature doesn't appropriate adequate funds to maintain

ARE MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE? yes FROM WHERE: State has appropriated \$100,000 on a "2 for 1" match

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE? yes FROM WHERE: public fund raising, organizations, corporations

WAS A GRANT FROM THE SUVCW PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FOR THIS PROJECT? no

DATE: _____ AMOUNT: _____

DESCRIBE THE WORK THE GRANT IS NEEDED FOR (Be specific, use continuation sheet if needed)

Please see attached engineer's report under "Observation 2016"

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? Rob Jensen
Jensen Conservation & Restoration Services, Inc.,
13515 C Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68144

WHO WILL DO THE DESCRIBED WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? bids will be taken from firms qualified in this type of restoration work.

WHO WILL RECEIVE FUNDS IF GRANTED? State of Iowa

LIST WHAT THE CAMP/DEPARTMENT HAS AND/OR WILL DO TO ACCOMPLISH THE PROJECT

Members of Dodge Camp will collect donations at July 4th "Pops Concert" at State Capital attended by over 100,000 people. While fund raising campaign is just starting, will look to assist in other fund raising.