

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.)

Note: try to record items separately. Cannons near monuments should be recorded & photographed separately, etc. Thank you.

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:

Flickbohm-Hissem Post 193, American Legion,

Original Dedication Date 29 Apr 2023 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 Grant Park, 625 Park Ave.

The Memorial is currently located at:

Street/Road address or site location _____
GPS Coordinates N42.41398° W90.42606°

City/Village &/or Township Galena

County Jo Davies State IL Zip Code 61036

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name _____

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone (317) 346-4300 ext 46131

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.) Marble

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

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

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) _____

Rifled ____ Yes ____ No

Markings: Muzzle _____ Base Ring/Breech _____

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

5 ft _____ Height 18 in _____ Width 18 in _____ 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.

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 _____

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

Submission of this form requires at least one type of identification so that you may be contacted regarding the information on this form. This information will most likely be in the public domain. Your name is required; please include one (or more) pieces of contact information.

1. If a member of an Allied Order, the name of your camp, auxiliary, tent, circle or corps; along with your department;
2. Physical Address;
3. Phone Number
4. E-Mail address.

By submitting this, you are allowing the posting of this information on the internet.

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 8/2/2024
 Your Name Martin R Aubuchon
 Address 10515 Hackamore Lane
 City St Louis State MO Zip Code 63128
 Telephone () _____ E-Mail _____

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

General Ulysses S Grant Camp 68, MO-SUVCW. Past Commander - Central Region Allied Orders of the GAR

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. Photographs & GPS Co-ordinates are very much desired.

Pages 4 & 5 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*.

Please mail (or e-mail pdf, and picture files) to:
Walt Busch, PDC, Chair, 1240 Konert Valley Dr., Fenton, MO 63026, cwmemorials@suvchw.org

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Civil War Memorials Committee.

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Grant Park, Galena, IL



Medal of Honor Recipient
Brewery at Vicksburg, Mississippi - June 25, 1863
The first Union soldier to plant
Union colors upon the enemy's works.
45th Illinois Infantry
Sgt. Henry H. Taylor
Born: July 4, 1841 - Galena, IL
Died: May 5, 1909 - Clay City, KS



Henry Taylor bust dedi...

Civil War era Medal of Honor recipient from Galena honored with new bust

by: [Sharon Wren](#)

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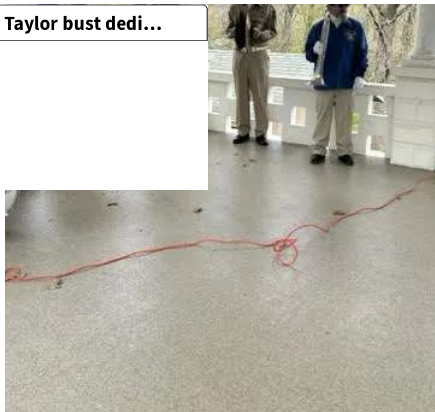


Clear skies greeted Civil War reenactors, history fans, Boy Scouts and politicians who gathered yesterday to unveil a new bust dedicated to a Medal of Honor recipient from the Civil War who came from Galena.

“Sgt. Henry H. Taylor was born in Galena in 1840s,” said Jerry Howard, commander of the Fickbohm-Hissem Post 193 Galena III, and the senior vice commander for 13th district of the Department of Illinois the American Legion. “He became a member of the 45th when the Civil War started, volunteer infantry Company C. He was with that unit for well over two years. He fought in a number of battles for the Union in the Civil War and at the Battle of Vicksburg and for his gallantry and valor, he received the one of the very first Medals of Honor in the United States.”



Henry Taylor bust dedi...



All photos courtesy Kimberly Howard

Taylor joined the Union Army in May 1861 after President Abraham Lincoln called for 75,000 troops after Fort Sumter came under attack. He was assigned to the 45th Illinois infantry, which was officially mustered into federal service at Camp Douglas, Ill. on December 25 of that year. His unit saw action in some of the most significant battles of the Civil War, including Fort Henry, Fort Donaldson, Shiloh and the Vicksburg, Atlanta and Carolinas campaigns. Taylor enlisted as a private and advanced to sergeant of Company C, becoming their color bearer.

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On June 25, 1863, at Vicksburg, Tenn., after the collapse of the Third Louisiana Redan by an underground mine, the 45th Illinois followed Colonel Jasper A. Maltby through a hole in the breach. U.S. Brigadier General Mortimer Leggett later called the fighting "desperate." Taylor, as the unit's color bearer, was at the front of his regiment and as they clawed their way to the top of the Third Louisiana Redan, he became the first to plant the Union's colors on the enemy's works. The 45th Illinois was the first regiment to enter Vicksburg after the surrender on July 4, 1863. Taylor

is recognized by his government for his bravery, his legacy wasn't well known in his hometown for decades. "Sgt. Taylor says Howard. "We worked with a historian (Terry Miller) who also works for one of the Department of Illinois bureaus and a Grant home in Galena, the Apple River Fort and other Illinois state owned facilities. He was on our committee and explained to us that very little was known about Sgt. Taylor until my wife and I brought him up. Terry Miller confirmed that he truly was from Galena and truly had a history of being a soldier and a citizen from Galena." Taylor's name came up because of Howard's work with the American Legion on their project to give U.S. Highway 20 a special name. "Highway 20 in the United States is now the Medal of Honor Highway. We have the nine generals and many veterans of the Civil War from the Galena area, so we did our research and found out that we truly had a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient, Sgt. Henry H. Taylor." They added Taylor to the list of other veterans and generals who were being honored. The American Legion worked with other groups to designate Highway 20 as Medal of Honor Highway, coast to coast.

The date of the dedication was chosen to coincide with the annual Grant's Home Front Reenactment and Encampment in Galena. "We and the Boy Scouts collaborated and hundreds if not thousands of Boy Scouts found out about and saluted Henry H. Taylor yesterday." The event was thrilling for Howard. "We had members of our community, members from the Chamber of Commerce, city folks, our Illinois representative Tony McCombie was here. We had the most senior of executives with the Illinois American Legion; they all drove up here and stayed overnight in Galena and participated in our dedication. I'm heart warmed, it's wonderful how people felt about what we were doing."

Reenactors with Taylor's old unit, the 45th Illinois volunteer infantry, were in town all weekend for a Civil War reenactment. "They did volleys when we played 'Taps.' It was exciting to hear those muskets fire. Many people had never seen a musket firing, but I had," said Howard. "We played 'Taps' and we had two bands here that provided Civil War era music. One was the Americana band from the Galena area and the other was the East Dubuque VFW Drum and Bugle Corps. So here we are, in this gorgeous park on a really decent day. It wasn't raining or anything, we had members of Sgt. Taylor's own unit participating, including their regimental flag, and veterans in general but certainly the American Legion was here prominently to support our veterans. I am just excited to be the kind of the mover and shaker for what happened yesterday."

History buffs can visit the bust in Grant Park, 625 Park Avenue in Galena. Even if you're not a history buff, Howard says the park still is a lovely place to visit. "There's gazebos, there's statues of General Grant, there are cannons, there's all sorts of really nice displays and it's a beautiful area to walk on a sunny afternoon."

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Sgt. Henry Taylor Vicksburg Medal of Honor Winner Will Have Bust Dedicated April 29, 2023

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On April 29 a new bust of Henry Taylor will be unveiled honoring the Medal of Honor awardee.

Below is from [Our Quad Cities](#):

The dedication of the new bronze bust of [Civil War hero Sgt. Henry H. Taylor](#), who earned the Medal of Honor, will be dedicated Saturday, April 29, according to a news release.

Taylor was born and raised in the Galena area in Jo Daviess County. The memorial will be coordinated with the [2023 U. S. Grant Pilgrimage](#), Blackhawk Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. The community is invited to the event and brief ceremony.



This bronze bust of Civil War hero Sgt. Henry H. Taylor will be dedicated in a ceremony in Galena. (contributed photo)

The Fickbohm-Hissem Post 193, The American Legion Department of Illinois, is the coordinating Post for the event.

The dedication will be held after the 1:30 p.m.

Boy Scout parade in downtown Galena, about 2:30 p.m. in Grant Park on Park Avenue in Galena. Visitors are invited to come early and bring lawn chairs.

Civil War Talk member Nathan Stuart writes <https://civilwartalk.com/threads/looking-for-information-on-the-195984/>

Don't know what information is already known. So here goes.

Brief details for Sergeant Henry Harrison Taylor:

Born – July 4, 1841

Enlistment place – Galena, Illinois

Unit – Co. C, 45th Illinois Infantry regiment

Enlistment date – Sept. 5, 1861

Unit – Co. C, 45th Illinois Infantry regiment

Rank – Sergeant

Mustered out date – Sept. 8, 1864

Award – Medal of Honor for actions on June 25, 1863 (Citation read- 'was first to plant Union colors upon

the enemy works).

Believe the following is a description of the relevant action that the Sergeant was involved to earn his award.

Late during the siege of Vicksburg, Union troops (which included miners from the 45th Illinois) blew up a mine underneath the Confederate salient fort, the Third Louisiana Redan, on June 25. Following the blast, the 45th Illinois (known as the 'Lead Mine Regiment') and the 23rd Indiana led the charge into the resulting crater created from the mine explosion.

A correspondent with the Chicago Tribune who was in the field to witness this charge, reported the action as follows:

..."A wide embrasure in the embankment was made into which the noble Lead Mine Regiment, led by Colonel Maltby, rushed in and planted our banner amid a terrific fire from the enemy. The conduct of the 45th Illinois Regiment was grand in the extreme. Universal commendation is bestowed for the gallant manner the regiment performed the duty assigned it, and in no small degree upon the field officers who so nobly inspired the men by taking the advance and marching up to the muzzles of the enemy's guns, so near that for a time it was a hand-to-hand fight. The colors of the regiment planted on the parapet of the fort are literally torn to pieces by the shots of the enemy. Two of the field officers, Lieut. Col. Smith and Major Fisk are no more. Col. Maltby is still suffering from a severe wound."...

(Source – '*With Grant at Donelson, Shiloh and Vicksburg*' by Wilbur F.

Crummer, of the 45th Regt., Ill. Vols., at pp 139-140)

Although his name was not specifically mentioned in this account, think the soldier that planted the colors on the parapet of the fort in the above action was likely to have been, Sergeant Taylor.

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