

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:

I.I.Stevens WRC Post 51

Original Dedication Date May 30, 1911 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 997 Belle Passi Road

Belle Passi Cemetery

GPS Coordinates Latitude 45.123420 - Longitude -122.856421

City/Village &/or Township Woodburn

County Marion

State Oregon

Zip Code 97071-0955

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Managed by: Simon Cornwells Colonial Chapel

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address 390 N 2nd Street

City Woodburn

State OR

Zip Code 97071

Contact Person Neil Schaefer

Telephone (503) 981-7771

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.) Zinc

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

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

14'6" (174") Height 52" Width 52" 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.

Soldier faces South - Cast side bust of Abraham Lincoln - GAR badge - "In Memory of Our Comrades" - 1861-1865
 West side of Monument - Cast face bust of ??? - Spanish American War emblem - Spanish-American War Veterans - 1898
 North side of Monument - Cast face bust of ??? - Flag on Staff emblem - "In Memory of" - Indian War Veterans
 East side of Monument - Cast face bust of ??? - W.R.C. badge 1883 - "Erected by I.I.Stevens W.R.C. - May 30, 1911"

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*]

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.

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 04/08/2020
 Your Name Timothy O'Neal - PCC , Kathy Jo O'Neal ASUVCW
 Address 1940 SE Godsey Road
 City Dallas State OR Zip Code 97338-2737
 Telephone (503-) 989-1584 E-Mail toneal52@yahoo.com

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

Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6

Please send this completed form to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair
 1240 Konert Valley Dr.
 Fenton, MO 63026
 (314) 630-8407
 webusch@hotmail.com

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM
ADDENDUM – MONUMENT'S CONDITION

Completion of this form is required when requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

Condition Information

Structural Condition (check as many as may apply)

The following section applies to Monuments with Sculpture, and Monuments without Sculpture including the base for Monuments with Cannon. Instability in the sculpture and its base can be detected by a number of factors. Indicators may be obvious or subtle. Visually examine the sculpture and its base.

	Sculpture	Base
If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed? (Look for signs of exterior rust)	_____	_____
Any evidence of structural instability? (Look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	_____	_____
Any broken or missing parts? (Look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	_____	_____
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (Also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	_____	_____

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	_____	_____
White crusting	_____	_____
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	_____	_____
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	_____	_____
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	_____	_____
Chalky or powdery stone	_____	_____
Granular eroding of stone	_____	_____
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	_____	_____
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	_____	_____
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...	_____	_____

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? ____ Yes ☒ No ____ Unable to tell

Surface Coating

Does there appear to be a coating? ☒ Yes ____ No ____ Unable to determine

If known, identify type of coating.

____ Gilded ____ Painted ____ Varnished ____ Waxed ☒ Unable to determine

Is the coating in good condition? ☒ Yes ____ No ____ Unable to determine

Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one)

In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial?

☒ Well maintained ____ Would benefit from treatment ____ In urgent need of treatment ____ Unable to determine

Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on) .

Inspector's Name _____ Date 04/08/2020

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ADDENDUM – NARRATIVE

[Generally used to record the text of monuments, but may be used for any other useful information, such as if the monument has been moved or if you have information about the day of dedication. May repeat use of page as often as necessary.]

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TEXT



Inspector's Name _____
ADDENDUM FORM CWM #61

>This form may be photocopied.<

Date 04/08/2020

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**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: Col. Edward D. Baker Camp # 6, Dept. of the Columbia

NAME/ TITLE OF CONTACT PERSON: Randy Fletcher, PCC

ADDRESS: 250 Yellowwood St.

CITY: Junction City STATE: Oregon ZIP CODE: 97448

PHONE(S): 541-285-4246 E-MAIL: fletcher.randy@comcast.net

SIGNATURE: 

NAME OF MEMORIAL/MONUMENT Union Soldier Statue

NAME, NUMBER & STREET ADDRESS OF CEMETERY OR OTHER LOCATION

Belle Passi Cemetery, 997 Belle Passi Rd. Woodburn, OR 97071

LOCATION DESCRIPTION (i.e. corner of 3rd and Lincoln St) _____

The monument is prominently located and can be seen from everywhere in the cemetery.

GPS N 45.123 W 122.856 City Woodburn State OR ZIP 97071

WAS REQUIRED FORM CWM-61: GAR MONUMENTS/CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED? Y X N _____

X _____ EXISTING MONUMENT _____ NEW MONUMENT _____ LAST SOLDIER PROJECT

RESTORATION COST \$ 6,000 AMOUNT RAISED \$ 400 REQUESTED \$ 2,000

CHECK PAYABLE TO: Belle Passi Cemetery

ADDRESS: 997 Belle Passi Rd.

CITY: Woodburn, OR 97071
STATE ZIP CODE

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.

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MONUMENT/ MEMORIAL INFORMATION

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: 1911 WHO OWNS IT: Belle Passi Cemetery

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE? Belle Passi Cemetery

ARE MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE? No FROM WHERE: _____

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE? Yes FROM WHERE: The cemetery has a GOFUNDME fundraiser that is ongoing. The cemetery has paid a \$3000 deposit.

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)

The statue was heavily damaged in a winter storm when the limb of a large tree blew off and

damaged the head of the statue. See attached photos

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? The Conservation Lab, a professional sculpture restoration studio in Vancouver, Washington. In business since 1987.

WHO WILL DO THE DESCRIBED WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? _____
The Conservation Lab. <https://www.jonessculpturestudio.com/>

WHO WILL RECEIVE FUNDS IF GRANTED? Belle Passi Cemetery. The Baker Camp would like to hand deliver the check for any approved grant.

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

The BakerCamp provided history and background on the statue. We will also make a donation

from Camp funds, assist in the installation, and dedicate it in a ceremony with our SVR unit.

OTIS NEEDS SOME HELP

The soldier atop the GAR monument in Woodburn, Oregon's Belle Passi Cemetery has been nicknamed Otis by the cemetery staff. The name was inspired by the Otis Redding song Dock of the Bay which was playing on the radio as staff worked on the restoration of the statue.

The GAR memorial was originally placed in the cemetery in 1911 by the Isaac Stevens Post 51 of the WRC. In the 1990s the statue was damaged in a windstorm and underwent restoration in 1996 by a local auto body repair shop owned by a member of the American Legion. At that time the statue, which is made of zinc, was painted gold.

The statue stood guard again from 1996 to 2023 when another windstorm broke off the limb of a large fir tree which struck the head of the statue. Otis has since been removed from his pedestal, the gold paint removed, and he has been shipped to a sculpture restoration company in Vancouver, Washington. The cost to repair the statue is \$6,000. Additional funds will be raised to move the monument to a section of the cemetery where there are no trees.

The Col. Edward D. Baker Camp No. 6 humbly requests grant assistance to get Otis back on duty guarding the graves of the seventy-one Union Civil War Veterans buried in Belle Passi Cemetery.



Otis the GAR soldier in his golden glory in 1996.



Close up of the tree damage to the statue's head.



Bill Coleman (left) and Randy Fletcher of the Baker Camp flank Otis in the summer of 2024.

The Conservation Lab

A Division of Jones Sculpture Studio
16209 SE McGillivray Blvd
Suite C
Vancouver, WA 98684
503-522-7287

Jason

Belle Passi Cemetery
Date Coleman 503 851 7817

Date: 02-25-25

Description of Artwork: Spetter Soldier

Age and Provenance: 130+ years old

Total Cost of Restoration: Est. \$6,000

Deposit Paid: \$3,000

Payment Type: check #4748

Amount Due: \$ Pick Up/Delivery Needs:

Estimated Completion Time: 6 months - 9 months You will be contacted when your piece(s) is ready. Please call if you have any questions or concerns.

Object Restoration

We do not try to make your piece "new" or "perfect". Restoration areas will likely be minimally visible after restoration.

Ceramic/Porcelain Repairs are for Display Only and are NOT FOOD SAFE

Description of Item(s): 2104 Spetter Sculpture Dimensions: 6' tall

Type of Wood/Metal/: Metals, Various

Previous Restorations apparent at time of check-in:

Current Condition: Many losses, hands, head

Description of Repair to be done: Use fine sheet metal to repair

Quality/Look of Finish Desired: Original

Cleaning Considerations: TBD Iron Oxide Present for some reason

Rips/Chips/Missing Sections:

Creation of Missing Pieces: likely replace metal base

Visible Signature/Makers Mark: TBD

Stickers/Labeling to be kept: TBD

Is Item Being Restored for Resale: NO, Cemetery statue

Limitations/Reversibility: TBD

Air Brushing/Patina Plan: cold patina March Uniform

Does this Item Belong to Someone Else?: yes

Cleaning/Storage Considerations: Display outdoor plus maintenance

Conservation Concerns not previously addressed: TBD

Cleaning/Care/Upkeep Instructions: TBD

Box Provided or Needed at time of Pick-up: NO,

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Your piece is being given the necessary time and dedication it requires. I appreciate your patience.



Support Belle Passi's Statue Repair



Belle Passi Cemetery Woodburn is organizing this fundraiser.



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This fundraising campaign seeks to restore the historic Civil War memorial statue that has stood vigil over our pioneer cemetery for more than a century. In 2020, a large tree branch, brought down by freezing rain, damaged the soldier's head and hand. The statue, made of zinc a popular material at the time for its lightness and affordability was removed in 2023 with plans to repair it. However, finding a professional skilled in zinc restoration proved challenging. Recently, we've located a studio capable of performing the necessary work! The cost to repair and remount the statue is estimated at \$10,000.

We invite the community to help us bring our soldier back to his rightful place, so he can continue his watch over the cemetery. Join us in this effort.

Sincerely,
The Belle Passi Cemetery Volunteers.

 Show your support for this GoFundMe



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\$300 · 8 d



Rebecca Roth

\$25 · 10 d



SHELLY SHOOK

\$50 · 12 d



Anonymous

\$50 · 14 d

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Belle Passi Cemetery Woodburn

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Woodburn, OR

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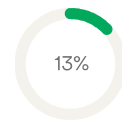
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