

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:

EL RENO GAR OT POST13 AND EL RENO WRC No 25

Original Dedication Date NOVEMBER 1905

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

EL RENO CEMETERY

The Memorial is currently located at:

Street/Road address or site location

1300 EAST ELMSTREET GPS Coordinates 35.51890N 97.93920 W

City/Village &/or Township EL RENO

County CANADIAN COUNTY State OKLAHOMA Zip Code 73036

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name EL RENO CEMETERY

Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ext \_\_\_\_\_

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places  Yes  No ID # if known \_\_\_\_\_

Empty rectangular box for 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.) CONCRETE BLOCKS - AND CONCRETE PILLAR

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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

16 FEET \_\_\_\_\_ Height 6 FEET \_\_\_\_\_ 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 & 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.

CONCRETE BLOCK BASE 20 INCHES IN HEIGHT AND 6 FEET WIDE - GREEN LATEX PAINT AND CAULKING IS CRACKED AND PEELING OFF. NOTED WATER DRAINAGE ISSUES AT BASS ESPECIALLY THE SOUTH SIDE  
CONCRETE PLINTE - 4 FEET IN HEIGHT AND 46 INCH DIAM -  
CONCRETE OBELISK 10 FEET IN HEIGHT WITH CRACKED AND MISSING CHUNKS OF MORTAR, PEELING CAULKING AND WHITE LATEX PAINT.  
4 CEMENT TABLETS INSET IN CENTER OF EACH SIDE OF THE LOWER PLINTE - SEVERELY CRACKED AND ENGRAVING IS DAMAGED AND WORN - DIFFICULT TO READ.  
INSCRIPTION ON EACH TABLET:  
IN MEMORY OF THE UNKNOWN DEAD SOLDIERS, SAILERS AND MARINES OF THE CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865.  
ERECTED BY RENO POST No. 13 G.A.R., AND W.R.C. No. 25 OF EL RENO, OKLAHOMA.

**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 SEVERE WATER DAMAGE FROM BASE TO TOP CAUSING JOINTS TO CRACK AND MORTOR TO COME LOOSE. PEELING CAULK AND PAINT

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

Inspector Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Date of On-site Survey 8/29/2025  
Your Name SANDRA (SANDY) COLE FLORES  
Address 12201 SE 64TH STREET  
City OKLAHOMA CITY State OKLAHOM Zip Code 73150  
Telephone (405) 863-7226 E-Mail FLORESBRDLDY@AOL.COM

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?  
DUVCW SALLIE PEACHEATER TENT #18 OKLA ---- WRC NIM OKLA -- LGAR MAL OKLA

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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.

Table with 3 columns: Question, Sculpture, Base. Rows include: If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed?; Any evidence of structural instability?; Any broken or missing parts?; Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes?.

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Sculpture, Base. Rows include: 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? [checked] Yes [ ] No [ ] Unable to tell

Surface Coating

Does there appear to be a coating? [checked] Yes [ ] No [ ] Unable to determine

If known, identify type of coating.

[ ] Gilded [checked] Painted [ ] Varnished [ ] Waxed [ ] Unable to determine

Is the coating in good condition? [ ] Yes [checked] 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 [checked] In urgent need of treatment [ ] Unable to determine

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

STRUCTURAL CONDITION IS FAIR - THE PAINT IS PEELING OFF AT BASE AND THE MONUMENT - THERE ARE CRACKED JOINTS, MISSING MORTAR & CAULKING, ALL 4 TABLETS W/ INSCRIPTION ARE WORN & CRACKED

Inspector’s Name SANDRA COLE FLORES

Date 8/29/2025

## MONUMENT FINISHED

### A Splendid Tablet to the Memory of the Unknown Dead

The finishing touches are being given the monument erected by the Grand Army Post and Woman's Relief Corps of this city and county, to the memory of the unknown dead soldiers and sailors of the army and navy. The Monument was constructed by the El Reno Pressed Stone company. It stands sixteen feet high, is six feet square at the base and weighs more than eight tons. The inscription reads: "In memory of the unknown dead soldiers, sailors and marines of the Civil war, 1861-65. Erected by Reno post No. 13, G. A. R., and W. R. C. No. 25, of El Reno, Oklahoma.

Memorial day will be observed with due reverence by El Reno people next Saturday when all stores will be closed and patriotic societies will join in the decoration of the graves and the other usual ceremonies in connection therewith.

While the coming of the holiday next to Sunday will be responsible for a number of persons taking week-end journeys which would not be possible were the two days separated, the customary program at the cemeteries will be carried out as usual.

American Legion, Spanish American war and Civil war veterans, together with their auxiliaries, will again join in their annual observance of the day Saturday morning. The veterans will leave the city hall at 9:30 and proceed by autos to the cemetery where the program will be conducted.

G. A. R. veterans and its auxiliaries will meet at the city hall at 9:30. The officers request El Reno citizens having cars available to transport the veterans to have them on hand at that time. Flowers for decoration are also desired and should be left at the city hall previous to that hour.

American Legion vets will assemble at their hall at 9 o'clock and make final arrangements for the annual ceremony of honoring their dead. Proceeding to the cemetery in company with the G. A. R. veterans, they will gather around the Civil war monument and conduct the program according to the ritual provided. Following the ceremonies of the societies taps will be sounded and the firing squad from Fort Reno will fire a volley. Following this the decoration of the graves will be held.

At the El Reno country club the usual festivities will be held during the day. During the morning the annual mixed foursome will be conducted. In the afternoon a flag tournament will be staged, while in the evening the first putting contest of the season will come.

El Reno merchants will not remain open on the evening before Memorial day as is customary preceding a dual holiday. Accordingly they are urging their patrons to take note of this and get their shopping attended to before night.









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SOUTHERN RAILROAD AT  
SOUTHERN RAILROAD AT  
THE CITY OF  
MEMPHIS











