

# 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:

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS No 32 ALVA OKLA

**Original Dedication Date** MAY 30, 1913 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 ALVA CITY CEMETERY

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location 1698 FLYNN STREET GPS Coordinates 36.805656 -98.685668

City/Village &/or Township ALVA

County WOODS COUNTY State OKLAHOMA Zip Code 73717

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

## Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name ALVA CITY CEMETERY AND WRC

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 \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.) MARBLE

**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

11.41 FEET Height 4.16 FTT Width 2.5 FEET 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 UNKNOWN

Please attach legible photographs of all text &/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum – narrative sheet if necessary.

MARBLE MONUMENT SITS ON A CEMENT FOUNDATION - BOTTOM OF CEMENT BASE IS 30 INCHES WIDEX30-D TAPERS UP TO 27.5IN W X 27.5 D - 18 INCHES IN HEIGHT - 2ND BASE IS MARBLE 20 INX 20IN AND IS 13 INCHES IN HEIGHT - INSCRIBED: MAY THE FLAG THAT YOU FOUGHT FOR IN PEACEFOREVER WAVE ON WEST FACE DIE IS 30 INCHES IN HEIGHT AND 16 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND IS INSCRIBED THIS MONUMENT HONORS SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT TO SAVE THE UNION. ERECTED MAY 1913. BY THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS. No. 32. ALVA, OKLA. OBELISK HEIGHT IS 76INCHES AND DIAMETER IS 11 INCHES AT BOTTOM AND NARROWS AS IT TAPERS UP AT 9 INCHES.

**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 TREE BRANCHES OVERHANGING

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

Inspector Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Date of On-site Survey 8/17/2025  
Your Name SANDRA (SANDY) COLE FLORES  
Address 12201 SE 64TH STREET  
City OKLAHOMA CITY    State OKLA    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?  
WRC NIM OKLA - DUVCW SALLIE PEACHEATER TENT #18 -- AND LGAR MAL IN OKLA

**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 (314) 630-8407**

*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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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? 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).

VERY GOOD CONDITION - NEEDS D2 APPLICATION FOR ALGAE

Inspector’s Name SANDRA COLE FLORES

Date 8/17/2025

## A SOLDIERS' MONU- MENT FOR ALVA

Saturday afternoon a committee of the Woman's Relief Corps met with Messrs. Sams & Smith of the Alva Monument Works and Mr. H. C. Winslow, traveling representative of the Vermont Marble Co., and contracted for a soldiers' monument to be placed in the A. O. U. W. cemetery before next Decoration Day. The monument will be of the best marble, 11 feet high and will be placed in the centre of the circle on the highest point in the cemetery, overlooking the city and surrounding country. The monument and marble companies sold the work to the relief corps at the nominal price of \$150.00, having made a very liberal reduction from the customary price and on easy terms. The patriotic citizens of Alva, the G. A. R. and kindred societies will hereafter have a proper place to gather to hold their annual exercises in memory of the soldiers who lie here as well as of the known and unknown dead who rest on the fields where they fell or in peaceful cemeteries all over our reunited country since the fratricidal struggle ended. The W. R. C. has initiated a noble movement and we are confident that the patriotic citizens of Alva and the surrounding communities will join in helping the ladies to raise the fund to pay off the obligation. The ladies are to be congratulated for instituting this movement and the Alva Monument Works for their liberal terms.

The woman's Relief Corps is auxiliary to the G. A. R. and has a paid up membership of 64, with additions at every meeting. The corps has had this movement under advisement for some months and it has at last materialized and with the Alva ladies well known capacity for doing work once decided upon, it is only a question of time until the obligation will be paid.

The weight of the monument will amount to about 3500 pounds.

**A soldiers' monument is to be erected in Alva. The marble has already arrived and the monument is to be unveiled on Decoration day in the A. O. U. W. cemetery. The money for the monument was secured through private subscriptions.**

Clipped By:  
floresbrldy  
Aug 14, 2025

Mr. Winslow, - representing the Vermont Marble Company, was here the first part of the week transacting business with the Alva Monument Works. Mr. Winslow is the general agent who, with Messrs. Sams & Smith, by furnishing the Soldiers' Monument at practical cost, enabled the Women's Relief Corps to purchase the fine monument that was dedicated in the A.O. U. W. cemetery on Decoration Day. Mr. Winslow was much pleased to hear that the monument had given such general satisfaction. We here present a cut of the new monument from a photograph by Frank Howerton, of this city, which gives a good idea of the monument and the inscription.



AT THIS MONUMENT  
THE CORPS SOLDIERS  
WHO FOUGHT TO  
SAVE THE UNION  
DIED MAY 1861  
BY THE HANDS  
OF THE CONFEDERATE  
ARMY

MAY THE FLAG THAT  
YOU FOUR BROTHERS  
DIED FOR NEVER  
FLY OVER THESE WAVES



THIS MONUMENT  
HONORS SOLDIERS  
WHO FOUGHT TO  
SAVE THE UNION.  
ERECTED MAY 1913.  
BY THE WOMAN'S  
RELIEF CORPS.  
NO. 32. ALVA, OKLA.

MAY THE FLAG THAT  
YOU FOUGHT FOR IN  
PEACE FOREVER WAVE



THIS MONUMENT  
HONORS SOLDIERS  
WHO FOUGHT TO  
SAVE THE UNION.  
ERECTED MAY 1915  
BY THE WOMAN'S  
RELIEF CORPS.  
NO. 82 ALVA, OKLA.

MAY THE FLAG THAT  
YOU FOUGHT FOR IN  
PEACE FOREVER WAVE

