

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:

Ben Harrison Camp 356 SUVCW and Descendants of Those Veterans

Original Dedication Date Probably Aug 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

Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location

2122 O'Day Road

GPS Coordinates N41°5'30.079999"W85°14'40.940000"

City/Village &/or Township Fort Wayne

County Allen

State INDIANA

Zip Code 46818

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address Mailing: PO Box 26 Arcola IN 46704 Physical: 2122 O'Day Rd, Fort Wayne IN 46704

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Person honoringforever.org Telephone (260) 267-5022 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? Solid

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

For Historic Marker or Plaque: Marbled Granite with Metal Plaque with Raise Lettering

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

24" Height 18" Width 4" 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 pictures [Mother George Monument is Nearby and in these photos]

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: Museum's Walking Trail

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 10/04/2025
 Your Name Walt Busch, PDC
 Address 1240 Konert Valley Dr
 City Fenton State MO Zip Code 63026
 Telephone () _____ E-Mail cwmemorials@suvchw.org or wbusch@suvchwmo.org

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.

>This form may be photocopied.<

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10/4/2025

SULTANA MEMORIAL

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THE
UNION VETERANS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES
APRIL 27, 1865, AS A RESULT OF THE
STEAMSHIP SULTANA EXPLOSION ON THE
MISSISSIPPI RIVER SEVEN MILES NORTH
OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. THESE VETERANS
HAD SURVIVED THE CIVIL WAR, MANY OF
WHOM HAD BEEN PRISONERS OF WAR.

THE SULTANA WAS BUILT FOR 400 PASSENGERS
AND CREW. IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT 2,300
INDIVIDUALS WERE ON BOARD AND THAT
1,700 LOST THEIR LIVES.

THE VETERANS ON BOARD WERE FROM ALABAMA,
ILLINOIS, INDIANA, IOWA, KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN,
MISSOURI, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, TENNESSEE,
VIRGINIA, AND FIVE UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS.

THE SULTANA REMAINS THE LARGEST
MARITIME DISASTER IN THE HISTORY
OF THE UNITED STATES.

ERECTED IN 2023 BY
THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
BEN HARRISON CAMP #356 AND
DESCENDANTS OF THOSE VETERANS





ELIZA "MOTHER" GEORGE

OCTOBER 20, 1808 - MAY 9, 1865

"THE SOLDIERS COME FIRST"

ELIZA GEORGE KNOWN AS "MOTHER GEORGE" TO THE SOLDIERS SHE NURSED TO HEALTH AND PROVIDED COMFORT TO. DESPITE INITIAL DISCOURAGEMENT FROM THE INDIANA SANITARY COMMISSION, DUE TO HER AGE AND THE HARSH WARTIME CONDITIONS. AT THE AGE OF 54, THIS WIDOW LEFT HER HOME IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA IN FEBRUARY 1863 TO SERVE AS A NURSE WITH THE UNION ARMY.

MOTHER GEORGE PROUDLY SERVED AS A NURSE WITH THE UNION ARMY OFTEN TENDING TO SOLDIERS AT THE FRONTLINES AND LIVING IN A TENT. TRAGICALLY IN 1865, SHE CONTACTED TYPHOID FEVER WHILE NURSING RECENTLY RELEASED PRISONERS OF WAR IN WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA. MOTHER GEORGE PASSED FROM TYPHOID FEVER ONE MONTH AFTER THE CIVIL WAR ENDED.

AT THE COMPLETE INSISTENCE OF THE SOLDIERS, MOTHER GEORGE WAS RETURNED TO FORT WAYNE WHERE SHE WAS LAID TO REST AT LINDENWOOD CEMETERY WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS. THIS IS A VERY RARE EVENT FOR A CIVILIAN.

IN 1865 THE INDIANA SANITARY COMMISSION
ERECTED A MEMORIAL TO HONOR
MOTHER GEORGE'S SERVICES TO HUMANITY.

ERECTED BY
THE SONS OF THE UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
ARSINOE MARTIN CIRCLE #78 INDIANA LGAR
LINDENWOOD CEMETERY

