

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:

Col. James D. Brady Camp #61 (Petersburg), Irish Brigade Camp #4 (Fredericksburg)

Original Dedication Date October 6, 2012 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

Belle Isle park, reachable via a footbridge under the Robert E. Lee Bridge

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location _____ GPS Coordinates 37.5312799 N 77.4508499 W 

City/Village &/or Township Richmond 

County _____ State VA  Zip Code _____

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name City of Richmond

Dept./Div. Parks & Recreation

Street Address 2401 W. Leigh Street

City Richmond State VA Zip Code 23220

Contact Person Chris Frelke Telephone (804) 646-5733 ext _____

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places ☐ Yes ☒ No ID # if known 95000246

However, Belle Isle is on the NRHP.

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.) _____

For Historic Marker or Plaque:

Bronze on natural stone

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" _____ Height 16" _____ Width 1/2" _____ 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.

DURING THE CIVIL WAR OVER 1,000 UNION SOLDIERS PERISHED / IN THE 6 ACRE PRISON SITE BEFORE YOU. OF THOSE WHO / SURVIVED, IN BOTH NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN CAMPS, MANY / WERE EXCHANGED IN SUCH WRETCHED CONDITION THAT THEY / WERE OFTEN UNFIT TO RETURN TO DUTY.

IN GRATITUDE FOR THE / PERSEVERANCE OF THESE UNION SOLDIERS / WHO SACRIFICED MUCH TO PRESERVE THE / UNION WE DEDICATE THIS MONUMENT

COL. JAMES D. BRADY CAMP #63

PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

IRISH BRIGADE CAMP #4

FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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 18 September A.D. 2025
 Your Name Sumner G. Hunnewell
 Address 2030 San Pedro Dr.
 City Arnold State MO Zip Code 63010
 Telephone () _____ E-Mail _____

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

SUVCW, Dept. of Missouri, Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher #47, US Grant Camp #68

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.

>This form may be photocopied.<

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CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM
ADDENDUM – MONUMENT'S CONDITION

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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 Sumner G. Hunnewell Date 18 November A.D. 2025

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During the Civil War, over 100,000 soldiers perished
in the "Great Prison" at Andersonville. Of those who
survived, many were sent to the "Great Camp" at
Friedburg, Virginia, where they were often sent to
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THE JAMES G. BRADY CAMP IS
LOCATED IN VIRGINIA
AT THE JAMES G. BRADY CAMP
IN THE RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

A History of the
Colonel James D. Brady Camp No. 63
2003-2022



15 January 2023

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
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Hampton Roads, Virginia

also attended in uniform and supported the Camp Guard during the ceremony by serving in his habitual role as ceremonial bugler. The family of Camp Commander Grund was also present, and a few other guests who were visiting the cemetery joined us as the ceremony got underway.

25 September 2010

Camp Meeting at the Site of Colonel Brady's Childhood Home

The Brady Camp's third quarter business meeting was held at Paddy O'Brian's, located at 612 Court Street in Portsmouth. Paddy O'Brian's is on the ground floor of Pythian Castle, which was built upon the site of Colonel James D. Brady's childhood home. Pythian Castle was an historic 3-story brick and stone building built between 1897 and 1898 for the Atlantic Lodge, Knights of Pythias and also served as site of a local late 19th/early 20th century Grand Army of the Republic post. During the meeting, Camp Commander Grund performed the right of initiation for three new brothers: James Deyo, Lawrence McCauley, and Joe McGrenra. After the initiation ceremony, officers and brothers of the camp discussed the recent National Encampment, the Department of Maryland's resolution in support of the Honor and Remember Flag, and the national organization's ROTC award program. Brother Hanlon also discussed an initiative he was working on to help memorialize Union POW's who were imprisoned on Belle Isle in Richmond.

11 November 2010

Veterans Day Observance

Brothers of the Brady Camp and members of the National Park Service joined to observe Veterans Day at Poplar Grove National Cemetery. This was the first time since 2007 that the camp observed the holiday at Poplar Grove. There were five brothers present for the observance, along with the cemetery superintendent, Park Ranger Betsy Dinger, and two other members of the National Park Service. Following the ceremony, Commander Grund performed an initiation ceremony for a new brother, Paul F. Battenfeld, of Portsmouth.

November-December 2010

Election and Officer Installation

The Brady Camp elected its camp officers for 2011 during a business meeting on 6 November 2010 at the Carrot Tree Kitchen in Yorktown. A month later, the camp returned to the Carrot Tree for the annual installation of officers. The brothers were joined by Department Commander Gene Mortorff and his wife. During his career in the U.S. Coast Guard, Commander Mortorff served for a number of years at Coast Guard Station Yorktown. In between the service of lunch and dessert, the camp's elected officers were sworn in by Commander Mortorff. Those installed included the Camp Commander, Tom Grund, Junior Vice Commander, Joe McGrenra, and the Camp Council Chairman, PCC/PDC Neil Hanlon. Following the installation, Commander Mortorff shared some news with the brothers present. Regrettably, after the installation of officers, Brother Wes Latchford announced that he was resigning as Senior Vice Commander, effective January 1, 2011. Joe McGrenra agreed to move up from Junior Vice Commander. The final roster of the camp officers for 2011 was:

Camp Commander: Tom Grund

Senior Vice Commander: Joe McGrenra

Junior Vice Commander: Vacant

Secretary/Treasurer: Ed Freyfogle

Camp Council: Neil Hanlon, Chris Holcombe, Larry McCauley

17 September 2011*A Return to Paddy O's*

For the second year in a row, the Brady Camp held its third quarter meeting at Paddy O'Brian's Pub that was built on the site of the boyhood home of Colonel Brady. After lunch, Camp Commander Grund called the meeting to order. Past Department and Camp Commander Hanlon gave an update on his efforts



to create a monument to Union prisoners of war who died at Belle Isle in Richmond. After a year of struggling with local authorities over what to do and how to do it, he reported that there appeared to be a breakthrough that would allow the program to move forward. Commander Grund then reported that the camp had new junior member, Christopher Badalis, who was also the first Junior Member in the Department of the Chesapeake, and his membership required a modification to the Camp by-laws. Additionally, PDC/PCC Hanlon reported on the 2011 National Encampment in Manassas. He indicated that the National Commander-in-Chief wants to revive an old tradition from the Grand Army of the Republic, which was the singing of the Battle Hymn of the Republic in regular meetings. It was agreed that the hymn will be sung in all meetings held in a private room, but there will be no singing when a meeting takes place in a more public venue. Finally, the brothers discussed a potential tour of the Mariners Museum, and its USS Monitor Center, in March 2012.

22 October 2011*Camp Tours 1862 Siege of Yorktown Sites*

Approximately ten brothers of the Brady Camp, along with family members and friends, gathered for a tour of the Yorktown-Warwick Siege Line. The siege line spanned the width of the Virginia Peninsula. In the east, it began with the British earthworks from the Revolutionary War which overlook Yorktown and the York River, then paralleled the Warwick River from the outskirts of Yorktown to Mulberry Island on the James River. This year's tour focused on the western half of the siege line.

November-December 2011*Camp Officers Elected and Installed*

The Brady Camp elected its camp officers for the coming year during a business meeting on 5 November at the Carrot Tree Kitchen in Yorktown. Following the elections, there was a discussion about the camp's non-elected staff positions which led to some changes in the roster of appointed officers for 2012. One month later, on 10 December, the camp returned to the Carrot Tree for the annual installation of officers. This year, Department Commander (DC) Robert Moore was unable to attend, due to a recent surgical procedure. In his absence, DC Moore appointed PDC Neil

Hanlon to preside over the ceremonies and install the new leadership team. A list of the Brady Camp Officers for 2012 follows:

Camp Commander: Tom Grund

Senior Vice Commander: Joe McGrenra

Junior Vice Commander: Mark Riccio

Secretary/Treasurer: Ed Freyfogle

Camp Council: Neil Hanlon (chair), Chris Holcombe, and Doug Blake

2012

25 February 2012

First Meeting of the Year at New Historic Location

Members of the Brady Camp held their first meeting of 2012 in a new location. The location was the Boxwood Inn located at Lee Hall Village in Newport News. The turnout was excellent and hopefully set the standard for the rest of 2012. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation by a guest speaker, Mr. Benjamin King, who served as a historian for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and the author of the alternate history novel, *A Bullet for Lincoln*. Along with the keynote speaker, the brothers welcomed our newest member, Carl Robinson to the camp. Following the ceremony, PDC/PCC Hanlon updated the brothers on the Belle Isle Memorial project, and the brothers discussed upcoming camp events.

10 March 2012

Meeting on Notable Anniversary Weekend

Twelve brothers of the Brady Camp and sixteen of their family members and friends converged on the Monitor Center at the Mariner's Museum in Newport News for a special tour of the facility on the 150th anniversary weekend of the Battle of Hampton Roads. The excellent tour guide led our group through an outstanding series of exhibits of historic artifacts, reproductions and interactive displays. After the tour, our group had the added pleasure of being able to visit the extensive living history exhibits outside the museum, organized expressly to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Battle of Hampton Roads.

5 May 2012

150th Anniversary Tour in Williamsburg

The Brady Camp gathered for a tour of the battlefield sites at Williamsburg. Brothers Neil Hanlon, Tom Grund, Ed Freyfogle and Lou Mosier turned out for the tour. The tour was led by Brother Grund, who studied for months to prepare for the event. The tour began at Yorktown National Cemetery where the brothers visited the graves of two soldiers from the Excelsior Brigade, Sergeant Joshua Richardson and Private Martin Bingham, and placed a small flag in remembrance. The small group then went on an extensive tour of sites affiliated with the May 1862 Battle of Williamsburg.





6 October 2012

Monument Dedicated to POWs at Belle Isle

Representatives of the Brady Camp and the Irish Brigade Camp No. 4 in Fredericksburg met at Belle Isle in Richmond to dedicate a new monument that the camps created. The monument recognized the POW camp that stood on the island during the war and the Union prisoners who died there. As a descendent of a Belle Isle inmate, Past Department Commander Neil Hanlon led the effort to create the memorial, working with both camps to raise the needed funds and approve a design. Prior to the new monument, there had only been a few simple signs that marked the prison site, and those signs were regularly vandalized. Neil was determined to set up a remembrance that was both elegant and virtually vandal-proof. Key officials in the ceremony included the Commander of the

Department of the Chesapeake Jeffrey French, Brady Camp Commander Thomas Grund, Irish Brigade Camp Commander Robert Heath, and Mr. Ralph White, Manager of the James River Park System. There was also a large turnout from both camps, families, guests and even passers-by who stopped to attend the ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the color guard fired a salute and a bugler sounded "Taps" in honor of the prisoners who never returned home.

15 December 2012

Officer Installation, Business Meeting and a Tour

The Camp returned to the Rose & Crown restaurant for its last meeting of the year. Department Commander Robert Pollock was on hand to install the new officers, including new Camp Commander Joe McGrenra. There was also an awards ceremony that recognized Past Department Commander Neil Hanlon for winning the Meritorious Service Award from the National SUVWC. After the camp concluded its business, Brother Steve von Hitritz led a tour of White House Landing, about 25 minutes west of the restaurant. The Union used White House landing as a major supply depot during the Civil War.