

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:

G.A.R. Post #58 and Sunflower Club -WRC

Original Dedication Date October 24, 1907 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

HOPE CEMETERY COWLEY CO. KANSAS --- 312 ROAD,

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location _____ GPS Coordinates 37.027022 -97.092161

City/Village &/or Township ARKANSAS CITY

County COWLEY State KANSAS Zip Code 67005

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name _____

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.) GRAY GRANITE

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

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

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 **FLAG POLE IS ADJACENT TO THE MONUMENT**

Materials of the Memorial _____

Complete for All Memorials**Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points**16-17feet** Height **5 feet** Width **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 **NONE FOUND**

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

The monument rests on a concrete pad. There are 3 base stones with the bottom base measuring 13 inches x 59 1/2 inches - the second base is 10 inches by 4 feet and the top base is 9 inches by 38 inches. A 67 inch pedestal is centered the top base. The pedestal has a 20 inch cap. ON top of that sits a granite life size statue of civil war soldier wearing kepi and backpack and leaning on gun "at rest". On the back side of the monument is a separate gray granite marker that sits on the concrete pad. The inscription says : "SUNFLOWER CLUB ORGANIZED IN 1894 SPONSORED ERECTION OF THIS MEMORIAL. On the front side of the monument is a separate black granite slanted stone with serpentine rough top and edges: INSCRIBED: DEDICATED TO ALL VETERANS with 5 emblems of the military branches.

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 6/20/2026
 Your Name Sandra Cole Flores
 Address _____
 City Oklahoma City State Oklahoma Zip Code 73150
 Telephone () _____ E-Mail floresbrldy@aol.com

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

DUVCW Tent #18 Oklahoma ---- N.W.R.C. NIM ----- LGAR MAL

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

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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) .

Overall good condition. No issues

Inspector's Name Sandra Cole Flores

Date 6/20/2026

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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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County COWLEY

State KANSAS

Zip Code 67005

TEXT

Newspapers
by Ancestry

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Arkansas City Traveler (Arkansas City, Kansas) · Thu, Oct 17, 1907 ·

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The dedication of the Soldiers monument, at Mt Hope cemetery, will occur Thursday Oct. 24. Unveiling and dedication services at the monument, beginning at 10 a. m. Followed at noon by a basket dinner in the grove at the church. Everybody invited to come with well filled baskets. At 1:30 p. m. addresses by prominent speakers. Music for the entire day will be furnished by the Chilocco Indian band. Drill by Chilocco drill team.—By order of monument committee.

Clipped By:
floresbrldy
Jun 22, 2026

Inspector's Name _____ Date _____

EXERCISES AT MT. HOPE.

Unveiling of Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

A most impressive object lesson in patriotism was imparted to the younger generation in the unveiling and dedication of the soldiers' and sailors' Monument in Mt. Hope cemetery, yesterday.

The exercises at the monument were well arranged and carried out as planned. Headed by the Chillicothe band the line of march to the cemetery included the Sunflower Club, G. A. R. Post No. 58, W. R. C. and speakers of the day. After the invocation by Rev. Geo. O. Nichols, six school children marched around the monument, each taking one of the ribbons that held the draped flag in place that veiled the monument. Those taking part in this beautiful ceremony were Alice Blair, Clare Seyfer, Fred Ramsey, Lee Walton and Ione Walton.

As the ribbons unwound and the flag was removed, there stood revealed to the waiting and expectant crowd, a magnificent granite pedestal of polished stone, surmounted by a life-size statue of a soldier with knapsack and gun. The formal presentation was made by Mrs. Anna Guthrie, president of the Sunflower Club, acceptance by Post Commander M. L. Finefrock.

The dedication was then conducted by G. A. R. Post, responded to by Supt. S. M. McCowan. Benediction was pronounced, Taps sounded, then all repaired to the grove near the church where a speakers stand had been placed and artistically decorated also seats provided for the crowd.

Dinner was next in order and two long tables were soon in readiness for guests, and all did ample justice to the appetizing spread.

The weather was "made to order," the October sunshine diffusing a genial warmth, making the day an ideal one for an out door meeting.

At 2 o'clock the company assembled to hear the addresses, Hon. W. L. Cunningham introducing the speakers.

Ex-Gov. W. E. Stanley in his address reviewed the deeds of valor at Tours, Chalons and Marathon, comparing them with Appomattox and Gettysburg, marking the difference in principle for which men fought who wore the blue in 61-65, their splendid victories making our land in truth as in theory a land of freedom, over which an unsullied flag still waves.

R. A. Campbell, Dept. Com. G. A. R. followed with an address in which he paid a glowing tribute to the mothers of the nation; also exhorted comrades to live up to the principles represented by the G. A. R. button, so making themselves worthy of respect as good citizens.

At the laying of the first block of granite of this monument, in a receptacle for the purpose, a tin box was placed containing local papers giving names of all old soldiers registered at the last reunion, two coins of 1907 date; membership of Sunflower Club and names of all subscribers to the monument fund.

At the closing of dedication exercises Mrs. Chas. Seyfer in a few well chosen words thanked all who in any way contributed to the success of erecting and dedicating this splendid monument which to coming generations will tell the story of our loyal patriotism and reverence for our heroic dead.





61-65



DEDICATED TO ALL VETERANS



U.S. ARMY



U.S. NAVY



U.S. MARINES



U.S. AIR FORCE



U.S. COAST GUARD



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