

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

PLEASE:

- Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
- Do not guess at the information. An answer of, "Unknown," is more helpful.
- Include a photograph of each viewable side and label it with name & direction of view.

- Thank You.

Type of Memorial

☐ Monument *with* Sculpture
☒ Monument *without* Sculpture

☐ Monument with *Cannon*
☐ Historical Marker ☐ Plaque

Affiliation

☐ G.A.R. (Post Name & No. _____) ☐ M.O.L.L.U.S.
☐ W.R.C. (Corps Name & No. _____) ☐ Other Allied Order
☐ SUVCW (Camp Name & No. _____) (Please describe below)
☐ DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____)
☒ Other: Unknown

Original Dedication Date 1 Oct 1882

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.

LocationThe Memorial is *currently* located at:Street/Road address or site location Benton Park, Wyoming & Missouri Sts. W90°13'19" N38°35'49"City/Village St. Louis Township _____ County St Louis CityThe front of the Memorial faces: ☒ North ☐ South ☐ East ☐ West**Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner** (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in)...Name City of St. Louis Dept./Div. Facilities ManagementStreet Address 1200MarketCity St. Louis State MO Zip Code 63103Contact Person Facilities Management Telephone (314) 613-7280

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)...

Not Applicable**Physical Details**

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = ☒ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Undetermined
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Gray granite

Material of the Sculpture = Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) not applicable
 If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?"

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet =

Material of Cannon = Bronze Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
 Markings on muzzle = not applicable

Markings on Left Trunion Right Trunion
 Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? If so, describe

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

Monument or Base: Height 30 feet Width 8 feet Depth 8 feet or Diameter
 Sculpture: Height Width Depth or Diameter

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue 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 Name not found on monument

But Architect was Ernest C. Janssen and Sculptor was Charles Stubenrauch

The "Dedication Text" is formed: X cut into material raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...) Please use additional sheet if necessary.

North Face: Friedrich Hecker [Medallion of bronze portrait of Hecker, in high relief, is missing]

East Face: 1848

West Face: 1861

South Face: Laurel Wreaths [Bronze Wreath of Oak Leaves in original design is missing]

Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

Type of Location

<u> </u> Cemetery	<u> X </u> Park	<u> </u> Plaza/Courtyard
<u> </u> "Town Square"	<u> </u> Post Office	<u> </u> School
<u> </u> Municipal Building	<u> </u> State Capitol	Other: <u> </u>
<u> </u> Courthouse	<u> </u> College Campus	<u> </u>
<u> </u> Traffic Circle	<u> </u> Library	<u> </u>

General Vicinity

☐ Rural (low population, open land)
☐ Town

☐ Suburban (residential, near city)
☒ 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 _____

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.)	___	YES
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...		
Except for missing parts monument in good shape.		

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? ___ Yes ☒ No ___ Unable to tell

Surface CoatingDoes there appear to be a coating? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unable to determine

If known, identify type of coating.

☐ Gilded ☐ Painted ☐ Varnished ☐ Waxed ☐ Unable to determineIs 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**Overall Description**

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

SEE ATTACHED FOR DESCRIPTION

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. Thank you.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 16 October 2005

US Grant 68 MO SUVCW

Your Name Walter E. Busch

Please send this completed form to:

Todd A. Shillington, PDC

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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National Civil War Memorials Committee



Benton Park

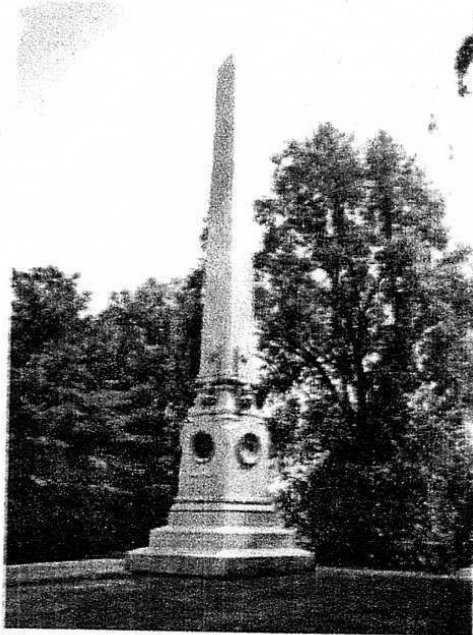
Freidrich Hecker Monumnet

Location: Benton Park,
Jefferson & Arsenal

Sculptor: Charles
Steubenraugh / Ernest
C. Janssen

Hecker, Frederick - A German Revolutionist who came to St. Louis in the forties. Hecker commanded the German, 24th Illinois Infantry ("Hecker Regiment") and the 82nd Illinois Infantry. Hecker resided near Belleville, Illinois but when the war started he joined as a private in a St. Louis Union regiment. At the Battle of Chancellorsville, he severely wounded while carrying the battle flag during a charge on a Confederate position. He was also a leader in the failed German Revolution before coming to America.

The memorial is a shaft of gray stone. On two sides are circular medallions with the dates 1848 (German Revolution) in one, and 1861 (Civil War) in the other. There is a third medallion with a bronze portrait of Hecker, in high relief, set in on the North side. The sculptor was Charles Stubenraugh. On the opposite side is a bronze wreath of oak leaves. On four sides of the base of the shaft, above the medallions, are four torches carved in full relief in the stone, and above these are four stars in high relief. Ernest C. Janssen was the Architect, and the memorial was erected in 1882 before a crowd of 15,000.



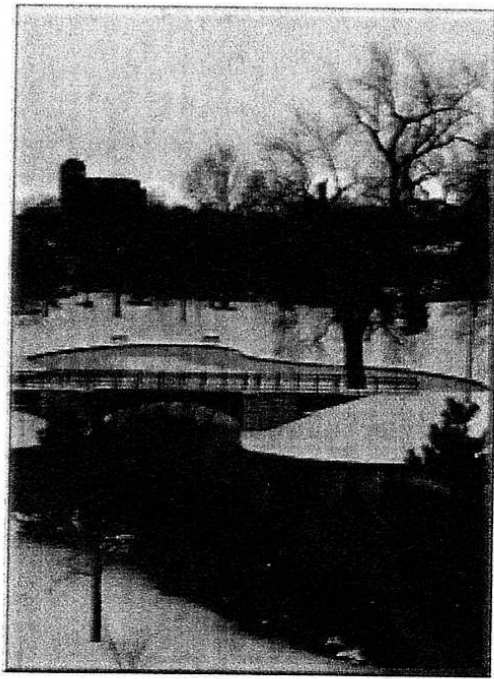
Location:
S. Jefferson & Arsenal

Acres:
14.3

Donated Ordinance:
5852

Ordinance Date:
1866

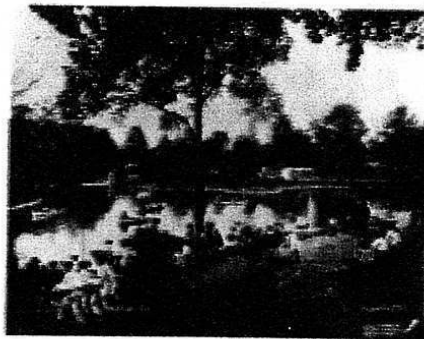
- Amenities:**
- 1 Lake - Stocked with fish of fishing
 - 1 Reflecting pool
 - 1 Comfort Station
 - 1 Playground
 - 1 Horseshoe court
 - 2 Tennis courts (Lighted)

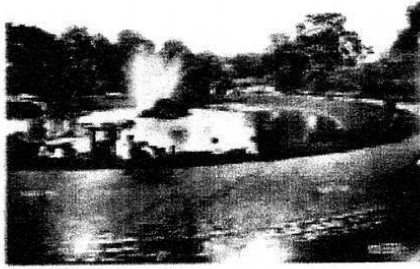


Close to the southern entrance of the park is a granite obelisk monument to the memory of Colonel Friedrich Karl Franz Hecker, who raised a regiment of local German-Americans during the Civil War, serving first under Fremont and later commanding his own brigade in the Union Army. The shaft, designed by architect Ernest C. Janssen, was dedicated in 1882.

In recent years, Benton Park has been completely remodeled and attractively landscaped with the city's neighborhood rehabilitation funds derived from the sale of City property, as part of the Cherokee Pilot Rehabilitation Area. The large playground is provided with new and modern equipment and an excellent storage and shelter building was erected overlooking the lake.

Thanks to Greg Stock, we now have some very nice pictures of Benton Park from the late 1800's.





If you or someone you know has images of the area from old, PLEASE contact me and I can have them digitized and place them on the web for other to enjoy. I would love to create a complete history under the Neighborhood section of this web site but I will need content to do this. I will be scouring the History Museum Library for more images but, if you have some from your childhood or your parents do . . . please share them.

Benton Park Neighborhood Association

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Benton Park and the Friedrich Hecker Monument

From Interstate 44, take Jefferson Avenue
th one mile to its intersection with
nal Street. Turn left (east) on Arsenal,
Benton Park will be on the right
uth). No parking is allowed on the
ton Park side of Arsenal. For the easiest
ss to the Hecker monument, continue
Arsenal to Lemp Street. Turn right on
p and then right again at the
rsection with Wyoming. Follow Wyoming
t to the south side of Benton Park. The
ker monument is visible from the street.

Many political refugees arrived in
America in the late 1840s after the
failed republican revolutions in
tral Europe, but few were as prominent as
drich Franz Karl Hecker.

Hecker arrived in New York City on
ber 4, 1848, to a welcome that he
cribed as the greatest reception for a
pean since the arrival of Lafayette. As a
minent lawyer in Germany, Hecker had
n a fiery and outspoken champion of the
ple, and he came to America determined
continue the fight for republican reforms
his native land. He moved west and settled
a farm near Belleville, Illinois, becoming a
der in the St. Louis area German
munity. He was an active supporter of the
presidential candidate of the Republican
ty, John C. Frémont, and enthusiastically
led German support for Abraham Lincoln's
didacy four years later.²¹

When war broke out, the fifty-year-old
cker enlisted as a private in a Union three-
nth regiment in St. Louis. He was soon
moned by friends to Chicago to command
24th Illinois Infantry, a German regiment
ed "the Hecker Regiment" in his honor. His
ure with the 24th Illinois was stormy.
cker's orders dismissing undesirable
cers—and potential political rivals—were
ealed all the way to Secretary of War
on Cameron before an unsatisfactory
promise was worked out in November
1. Hecker took sick leave in protest.²²

Another German regiment, the 82d Illinois
ntry, was mustered into service in October
2, and Colonel Hecker was appointed to
nmand it. After moving to the Eastern
ater of the war, the regiment was made
t of Major General Carl Schurz' division, XI



Friedrich Hecker.
Photograph by Robert
Benecke, ca. 1880.
Missouri Historical
Society Photograph and
Print Collection.

Corps, Army of the Potomac. On the afternoon
of May 2, 1863, at Chancellorsville, Virginia, the
82d Illinois had the misfortune to be directly
in the path of General Thomas J. Jackson's
flank attack. Hecker grabbed the regimental
colors and ordered his men forward, but
Confederate fire brought him down almost
immediately. After his recovery, he led a
brigade in Schurz' division in the Chattanooga
campaign, but he retired from military service
in early 1864.²³

Hecker returned to active participation in
politics, his patriotism heightened by his
combat experience. In a Fourth of July oration
in Trenton, Illinois, in 1871, Hecker boldly
proclaimed his view of his new fatherland: "I
am the destiny of the old world—I am
America, and I will plant the banner of the
deliverance of humanity in every land." On a
similar occasion in Stuttgart, Germany, Hecker
praised the "three miracles of America" that he
had seen in his lifetime: the abolition of
slavery, the return of huge armies to civilian
pursuits, and the decision of the victorious
not to bestow medals on their generals.
Hecker died on March 24, 1881, and was
buried near Summerfield, Illinois.²⁴

Benton Park was created by city ordinance
on June 25, 1866, converting a graveyard of
seventeen acres to a city park. The land had
been used for burials from 1840 until 1865, at
which time the bodies were removed to
Arsenal Island. The park's original acreage has
been slowly reduced by the encroachment of
the surrounding streets. On Sunday, October
1, 1882, a crowd of fifteen thousand gathered

to witness the unveiling of the
monument. Dr. Emil Prectorius, editor
of the *Westliche Post*, opened the ceremony
included orations in German and
songs, and instrumental music. A
Hecker, a granddaughter, then un-
monument.

The tall obelisk of gray granite is
highest point in Benton Park and a
small lagoon. The shaft bears a ph-
image of Hecker on its north face, a
bronze relief done by German
sculptor Karl Stubenrauch. A b-
wreath once graced the south s-
monument; an oak wreath has bee-
in its place. St. Louisan Ernst C. J-
the monument's architect.²⁵

On the east and west sid-
monument are the years "1848"
the dates of the two revolution
meaning to the life of Friedrich
Hecker.





**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST**

(FORM CWM #62)

REQUESTOR INFORMATION

(Please print or type)

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME: Department of Missouri SUVCW

ADDRESS: 1240 Konert Valley Dr

CITY: Fenton

STATE: MO ZIP CODE: 3026

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: Walter E Busch, PDC, Monuments Officer

ADDRESS: 1240 Konert Valley Dr

CITY: Fenton

STATE: MO ZIP CODE: 63026

PHONE(S): [REDACTED]

MEMORIAL OR MONUMENT INFORMATION

NAME OF MEMORIAL: Colonel Friedrich Hecker Monument

1848 German Revolutionary ; Col 24th and 82nd Illinois Infantry; wounded Chancellorsville; GAR

Member

LOCATION: (Name and address of cemetery or other location description, such as, corner of 3rd and Lincoln Street)

Benton Park, near Wyoming & Missouri Sts. N38°35'49" W90°13'19"

St Louis, MO

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: 1 October 1882

WHO OWNS IT: City of St. Louis

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IT: City of St. Louis

ARE MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE? Yes FROM WHERE: German Government
is willing to assist in providing some funds ; German groups in St. Louis; Dept Mo maybe

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE? Yes FROM WHERE: See above
See above

AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED: \$2,000

WAS A GRANT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FOR THIS PROJECT? No

DATE RECEIVED N/A AMOUNT (\$) N/A

TOTAL COST OF RESTORATION PROJECT: \$17,000

DESCRIBE WORK THE FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR (Be specific, use continuation sheet, if necessary)
Vlad Zhitomirskt, sculpture, who recently restored the St. Louis Monument to Germans, the Naked
Truth, is the sculpture willing to work on the project and he says he can restore both missing
medallions (bronze laurel wreath & bronze high relief portrait of Hecker)
Probably will not be restored with Bronze as likely to be stolen again.

Form 61 attached. Videos of Monument available at www.grantcamp.org

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? _____
Vlad Zhitomirskt 314-496-3859, sculpture

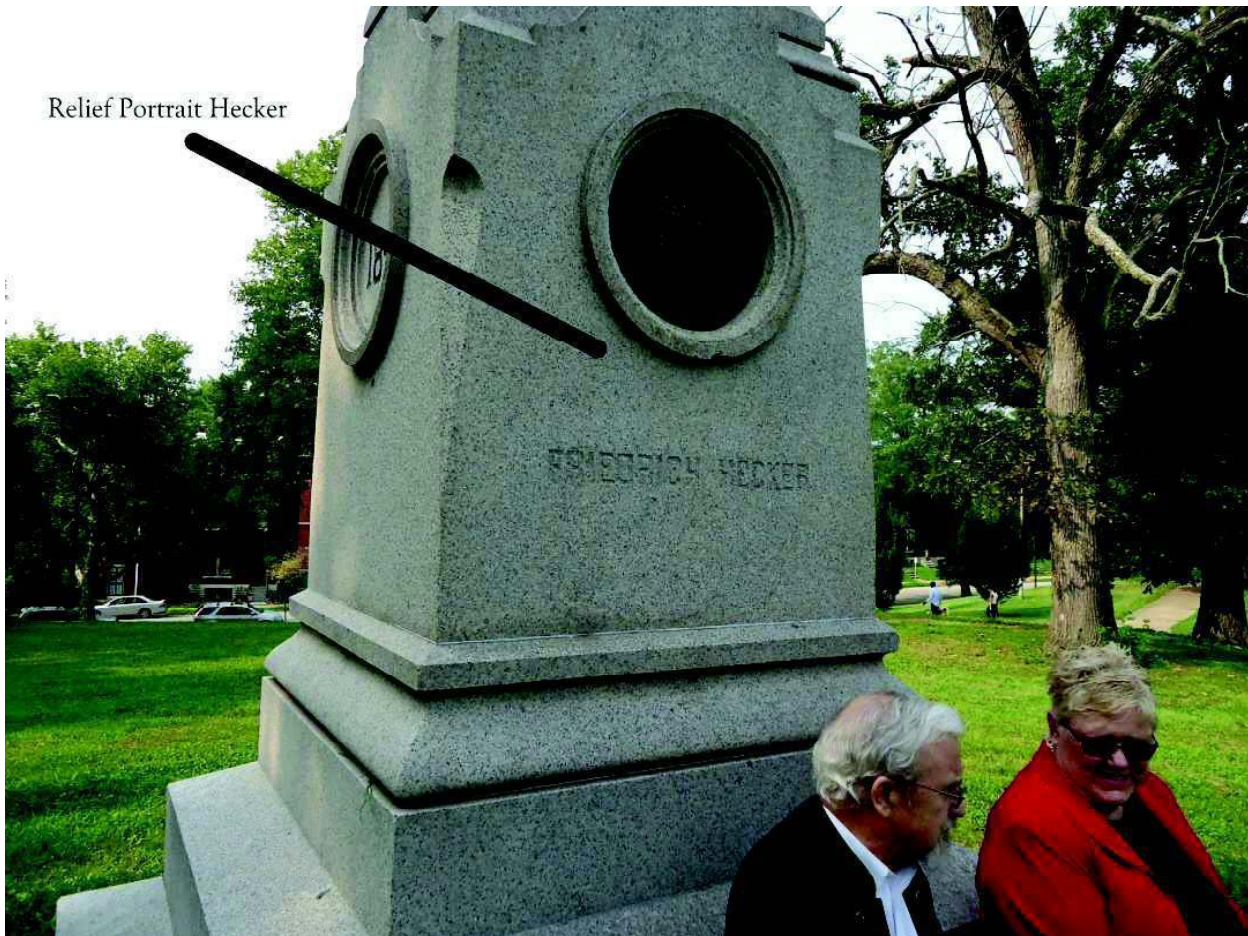
WHO WILL DO THE DESCRIBED WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS: _____
sculpture has worked on major monuments before in the St. Louis Area.

WHO WILL RECEIVE THE FUNDS, **IF GRANTED?** (if other than requestor, provide complete mailing address) _____
Dept of Missouri to give to sculpture or Missouri German Consortium as funds are raised

FORM PREPARED BY: Walter Busch, PDC
ADDRESS: 1240 Konert Valley Dr
CITY, STATE, ZIP: Fenton, MO 63026
SIGNATURE: Walter E Busch

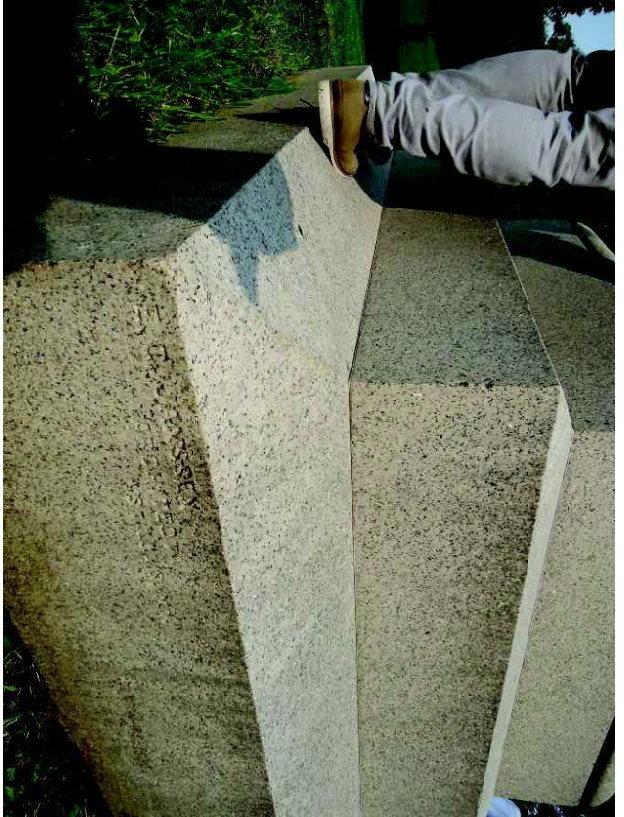
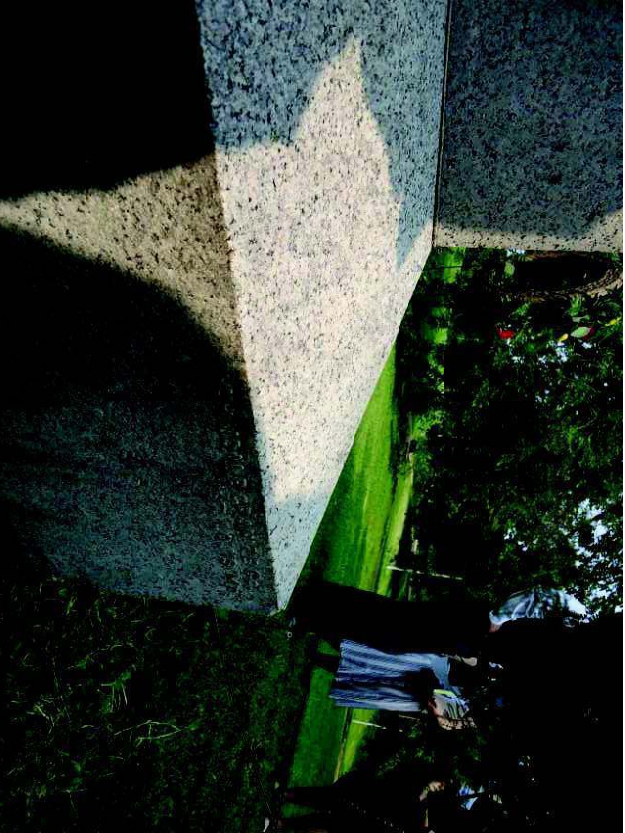


Relief Portrait Hecker









Re: Monuments in St. Louis

Dale Crandell <dcrandell@swbell.net>

Tue 8/14/2018, 12:54 PM

To:Walter Busch <webusch@hotmail.com>;councils@suvchwmo.org <councils@suvchwmo.org>;Edward Krieser <edjk77@gmail.com>; SUMNER HUNNEWELL <hildifonstook@prodigy.net>;Joseph Rainey <jrainey1947@gmail.com>
Brother Walt,

I fully support your efforts as the Department's Memorials Office to request funding from the SUVCW Civil War Memorials-Monuments Fund to restore these two monuments.

Assume you are familiar with the SUVCW Form 62, but if not enclosed is the application Westport Camp used for the GAR historical marker. This could also be a Grant Camp request, unless you feel the Department name will carry more weight with the committee. I suggest two separate applications, one for each monument, in the hope of obtaining \$2,000 per restoration —\$2,000 being the grant maximum. The committee's encampment report was that they distributed their full \$12,000 budget for this fiscal year with three applications that were unfunded, but part of the discussion revealed there was an approximately \$22,000 reserve that the committee had not used.

You may want to consider a grant request to the SUVCW Charitable Foundation. If Westport Camp can get a \$500 pledge for a new GAR marker, I'm thinking restoring existing monuments would easily qualify.

If you need a donation from the Department, then we might want to discuss at the October business meeting, and weight these restorations along with the two proposed GAR historical markers --I think all four need the Department's support. I'm excited that Missouri is moving from documenting the 543 Missouri Civil War monuments to restoring and caring for the 543 markers (by the way, I slipped that into our Department's oral report and the CinC stated to the encampment his gratitude to Walter Busch on the accomplishment). Thanks.

In FC&L,

Dale Crandell

On Tuesday, August 14, 2018 11:39 AM, Walter Busch <webusch@hotmail.com> wrote:

Commander and Councils ---

Can I get department OK to pursue funding to repair two monuments in St. Louis. One is to General Lyons and is missing his bronze high-relief bust. The other is Col. Friedrich Hecker, GAR member, who is missing his bronze high-relief bust and a bronze laurel wreath on the back. Otherwise both are in good shape. A German group is trying to raise funds for the Hecker monument and they've priced repairs at \$17,000. I would like to pursue some SUVCW funding at the national level (probably around \$2,000) to be used on this project.

We would need to keep track of money taken in for this project and would probably be turning it over to the German Group and the Artist.

Lyons is longer range as I need to generate interest in it.

In FC&L

Walt

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Application for Grant Funding

Please type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this application form.

1. General Information:

Organization Name: Dept of Missouri Sons of Union Veterans

Contact Name/Title: Walter E Busch, Monuments Officer

Address: 1240 Konert Valley Dr

City/State/Zip Code: Fenton, MO 63026

2. Is your organization non-profit or for profit? ☒ Non-Profit ☐ For Profit

3. IRS designation - Select one: ☐ 501c3 ☒ 501c4 ☐ 501c6 ☐ 501c19
☐ Public School ☐ Federal, State or Local Government Agency

4. Federal 501c3, c4, c6, or c19 Tax ID (EIN) # (9 digits) 431752721
(Number will be validated using the IRS publicly available database.)

5. What is the mission statement/purpose of the organization?

patriotic and fraternal order for the purpose and objects set forth by the National SUVCW

6. Grant amount requested? \$2,000.00 Total project cost? 17,000

7. How will grant funds be used?

RESTORE the medallion bas-relief portrait of Colonel Friedrich Hecker and the laurel wreath on the rear.

8. Please list other fund-raising projects carried out by your organization.

Vicksburg Missouri Monument,

By signing below I acknowledge that this form represents a request for funding, and is not a guarantee of funding. The undersigned certifies that the board of directors or other governing board of the above organization has approved this application.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mail Completed Application to:
Robert E. Grim, Chrm.
Committee on Grant Funding
SUVCW Charitable Foundation
5367 State Route 72 South
Sabina, OH 45169

August 27, 2018

Robert E Grim, Chair

Committee on Grant Funding

SUVCW Charitable Foundation

5367 State Route 72 South

Sabina, OH 45169

Dear Brother Grim:

Attached is an application for assisting in the restoration of the Hecker Monument in St. Louis. Colonel Friedrich Hecker was a famous freedom fighter in the 1848 Revolutions who fled to America and later joined the US Army as a private to assist in the capture of Camp Jackson, MO. He was later Colonel of two Illinois regiments. Two of the medallions on the monument are missing. Both were bronze about 24 inches diameter. One is a high relief portrait of Hecker and the other is a laurel wreath. It will take about \$17,000 to restore the medallions.

The work is being done by Vlad Zhitomirsky who recently created the Dred Scott Monument at the St. Louis Courthouse.

http://www.thedredscottfoundation.org/dshf/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=156&Itemid=53 Additional funding for restoring the monument are being worked on by the Missouri German Consortium, who has been "promised" some funding by the German government. I have been authorized by the Department of Missouri, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to front our efforts to restore this monument. I would like to put in for \$2,000 to this effort. Our department is also meeting in October and hopefully will vote some additional funds.

I enclose your form as well as a copy of our Form 61.

In Brüderlichkeit, Nächstenliebe und Loyalität,

Walt Busch, PDC

Missouri SUVCW Monuments Officer

1240 Konert Valley Dr

Fenton, MO 63026

CANCELLED

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

LOCAL COMMITTEE
Application for Grant Funding
**NEVER
ORGANIZED
TO**

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**MAKE
PROPER
APPLICATION**

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Sep 9 2025

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Redeciation

Latitude 38.35; 49.63000000000044861

Longitude 90.13; 19.41999999999836592

Altitude 158.212979351032459

File

Restored









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