

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:

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Original Dedication Date DECEMBER 2011 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

Camp Butler National Cemetery

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location RR 1 5063 CAMP BUTLER ROAD

GPS Coordinates 39.83192 N 89.55673 WEST

City/Village &/or Township RIVERTON

County SANGAMON State ILLINOIS Zip Code 62707

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name CAMP BUTLER

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address RR 1

City SPRINGFIELD State ILLINOIS Zip Code 62707

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.) _____

For Historic Marker or Plaque: CAST ALUMINUM

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

48 INCHES Height 43 INCHES Width _____ 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.

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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*]

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 8/24/2026Your Name SANDRA COLE FLORES

Address _____

City OKLAHOMA CITYState OKLAZip Code 73150Telephone () _____ E-Mail FLORESBRDLDY@AOL.COM

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

DUVCW TENT #18 SALLIE PEACHEATER - OKC WRC - MAL 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.

>This form may be photocopied.<

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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) .

Inspector's Name SANDRA COLE FLORES

Date 8/26/2026

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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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TEXT

Inspector's Name _____ Date _____

ARRIVAL OF THE 28TH REGIMENT.—The 28th regiment of Illinois infantry, consisting of 31 commissioned officers and 391 enlisted men, arrived at Camp Butler yesterday afternoon for final payment and discharge.

Clipped By:
floresbrldy
Sep 6, 2026

THE DAY AT CAMP BUTLER.

CAMP BUTLER NATIONAL CEMETERY. Memorial day May 30, 1890. In honor of the memory of our National dead heroes, Camp Butler Post No. 389 of Riverton with a large assembly of citizens and heroes of the late war who bore the heat and burden of the day when the country called for their services began gathering together at the cemetery about 10 o'clock in the morning, and by 2 o'clock p. m. there was about 2,000 people on the grounds. The weather was beautiful and everything passed off very pleasantly indeed. The Rev. M. B. McFadden of Williamsville delivered the oration of the day, and his speech was a masterly effort, and was well received by an intelligent audience. He was followed by that noble old hero Col. John F. King who is always ready to do the right, as he showed when he took his life in his hands and went to the front in the time of need to defend the rights that we now enjoy. The Colonel's exhortation was to the point and well received by his many friends. The Colonel was the chief marshal of the day, and it is not necessary to say that he did his duties well.

James M. Knox adjutant of Camp Butler Post G. A. R. read the general orders from the National and State headquarters, which were very pathetic, setting forth the necessary object and patriotic motives in decorating the graves of our nations noble dead who lie buried in the National cemeteries and elsewhere.

The committee on flowers and music did their work well. They consisted of Col. John F. King's daughters and the daughters of comrades James Leddy, C. Wiland, John S. Steel, Charles Wilkins, J. M. Knox and Misses Etta Steel and Louisa Bush and others.

The condition of the grounds of the cemetery reflect credit on the management, everything being in perfect order.

THOMAS ON HIS MUSCLE.

THE NATIONAL CEMETERY.

The Blue and the Gray Remembered Alike With Flowers and Words.

Riverton, May 30.—(Special.)—Memorial Day was celebrated in fitting style at Camp Butler. This beautiful national cemetery, with its long rows of graves, was prepared in magnificent fashion for the exercises of the day. Here in this beautiful spot, where lies both Union and Confederate soldiers, more than a thousand people gathered to attest their memory for the heroes who fought for the preservation of the Union, and it was a pretty sight to see the same consideration shown for the boys of the other army. Every year brings better evidence at this place that sectional lines are being eradicated and all the soldiers who lie in the national cemetery here are remembered for their bravery as Americans, no matter in which army they served.

Camp Butler Post, G. A. R., had charge of the services. The music for the occasion was furnished by the Spaulding band. Patriotic songs were sung by the choir of the Methodist church during the rendition of the programme. The principal address was delivered by the Rev. W. A. Smith, of Springfield, presiding elder of the Methodist church. His address was a gem and was frequently interrupted by applause. The great audience listened with bated breath to the patriotic utterances of the speaker and heard more about Memorial Day than they ever knew was connected with it. His eulogy to the soldier dead was beautiful in the extreme and he closed with a peroration that carried the crowd by storm. A short address was also delivered by the Rev. Turner, of Rochester.

During the rendition of the programme, a committee of the G. A. R. strewed the graves of their dead comrades with flowers. The graves of the confederate soldiers were given the same attention as those of the northern army.



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