

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:

Veterans' Administration

Original Dedication Date _____ 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° 50.024' N, 89° 33.624' W

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 Veterans' Administration

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.) _____

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:

Historical Story Board In metal framing and metal posts

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 inches Height 40.5 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.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S SECOND INAUGURAL ADDRESS

ESTABLISHING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ... ON MARCH 4, 1865, JUST WEEKS BEFORE HIS ASSASSINATION, PRESIDENT LINCOLN TOOK HIS SECOND OATH OF OFFICE. IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS, LINCOLN SPOKE OF THE NEED TO HEAL A DIVIDED NATION. THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THAT SPEECH EMBODIES THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS' (VA) COMMITMENT TO ALL WHO SERVE IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY

A PHOTO EXCERPT FROM HIS SECOND ADDRESS, WRITTEN IN HIS OWN HAND (LIBRARY OF CONGRESS) THREE OTHER PHOTO EXCERPTS OF THE CROWD ATTENDING HIS ADDRESS, A PHOTO OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

IN ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE AND COORDINATE GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES AFFECTING VETERANS, "A NEW GOVERNMENT AGENCY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1930. TODAY, THREE VA ADMINISTRATIONS PROVIDE HEALTH, BENEFITS, AND MEMORIAL SERVICES TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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 8/24/2026
 Your Name SANDRA COLE FLORES
 Address _____
 City OKLAHOMA CITY State OKLA Zip Code 73150
 Telephone () _____ 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.

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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

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S SECOND INAUGURAL ADDRESS



After the President's second inauguration, soldiers stand on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol, March 4, 1865. Abraham Lincoln Library & Congress.



1875 On March 4, 1875, photographer Henry B. Harris took the last formal portrait of Lincoln in the south gallery of the White House. Harris — who attended the reception following the inauguration and acted as the president of the crowd — said the "Lincoln" spirit was in the White House through the president's son Tad. Library of Congress.

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
National Cemetery Administration

Establishing the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

On March 4, 1865, just weeks before his assassination, President Abraham Lincoln took his second oath of office. In his inaugural address, Lincoln spoke of the need to heal a divided nation. The last paragraph of that speech embodies the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) commitment to all who serve in the United States military.



An excerpt from Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, written in his own hand. Library of Congress.

"With malice toward none, with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan — to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations."

In order to "consolidate and coordinate government activities affecting veterans," a new government agency was established in 1930. Today, three VA administrations provide health, benefits, and memorial services to Veterans and their families.

The Department of Veterans Affairs and its agencies
for Veterans and Families, and more on VA.gov