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. ________________________________)___
- W.R.C. (Corps Name & No. ________________________________)___
- SUVCW (Camp Name & No. ________________________________)___
- DUVCW (Tent Name & No. ________________________________)___
- Other: unknown

Original Dedication Date unknown

Location
The Memorial is currently located at:
Street/Road address or site location Mo U-of Science near W.12th & N Rolla W91°46'21" N37°57'11"
City/Village Rolla Township Phelps County

The front of the Memorial faces: ___ North ___ South ___ East ___ West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in)...
Name Mo U of Science and Technology Dept./Div. ______________________________
Street Address 107 Norwood Hall 320 W 12th Street
City Rolla State MO Zip Code 65401
Contact Person Unknown Telephone (573) 341.4218

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

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.)

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Material of the Sculpture = ___ Stone ___Concrete ___ Metal ___ Undetermined
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) _____________________________________________
If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" ____________________________

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Metal containing bronze

Material of Cannon = ___ Bronze ___ Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
Markings on muzzle = ______________________________________________________
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 24 ft Width 34 ft Depth 2 1/2 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 __________________________

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

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

Fort Dette
Former site of Ft. Dette, a blockhouse for artillery with infantry built by the Union Army during the Civil War. Begun in mid-1863 and abandoned in August, 1865, this fortification guarded the northern approaches to Rolla and the army shops and warehouses along the railroad tracks. The fort was named for Capt. John F.W. Dette (pronounced "Dette"), a St. Louis architect and engineering officer who supervised its construction.

Environmental Setting
(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)
Type of Location
- Cemetery
- "Town Square"
- Municipal Building
- Courthouse
- Traffic Circle
- Park
- Post Office
- State Capitol
- College Campus
- Plaza/Courtyard
- School
- Other: ____________________________

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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 ____________________________

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)

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Any evidence of structural instability? (look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)

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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)

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Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

Black crusting

___

White crusting

___

Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)

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Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)

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Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)

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Chalky or powdery stone

___

Granular eroding of stone

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Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)

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Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)

___

Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...

___

good shape

___

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

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Surface Coating
Does there appear to be a coating? ___ Yes  X 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 ___ X Unable to determine

Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one)
In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial?
X 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).  

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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 April 20, 2008
Your Name Walter E. Busch, US Grant Camp 68
Address PO Box 509
City Pilot Knob
State MO Zip Code 63663 Telephone (314) 630-8407

Please send this completed form to:

Kevin P. Tucker, PDC, Chair
58 Forest Street
Wakefield, MA 01880
(617) 595-7721

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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National Civil War Memorials Committee

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