

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.)

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:

Assorted Local Community Groups in cooperation with City

Original Dedication Date 2013-2016 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

The Memorial is currently located at:

Street/Road address or site location 401 So Prairie St  
GPS Coordinates N36°53'03.599 W89°55'44.598

City/Village &/or Township Bloomfield  
County Stoddard State Missouri Zip Code 63825

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South \_\_\_ East \_\_\_ West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Probably city  
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.) Aluminum Post

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:**Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Aluminum**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 points8 ft Height 3 ft Width 6 inches 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

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

**See Photographs For Text - Brief Description Follows**

- First Stars & Stripes Newspaper: Cast aluminum marker on the west lawn of the Stoddard County Government Building recounts when, where and how the first issue of the United States' military newspaper *The Stars and Stripes* was printed. Sponsored by the Missouri Press Association. (401 S. Prairie St.)

**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*]

**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.

Addendums 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*.

Thank you.

Inspector Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Date of On-site Survey 09/03/2016  
 Your Name Walt Busch  
 Address 1240 Konert Valley Dr  
 City Fenton State MO Zip Code 63026  
 Telephone (314) 630-8407 E-Mail wbusch@suvchwmo.org

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

Sons of Union Veterans

Please send this completed form to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair  
 1240 Konert Valley Dr.  
 Fenton, MO 63026  
 (314) 630-8407  
 wbusch@hotmail.com

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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STARS AND STRIPES

## THE FIRST STARS AND STRIPES

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Oglesby's force arrived in Bloomfield around 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 6, to find that Thompson's forces had moved south that evening Jan. Union soldiers entered the abandoned *Bloomfield Herald* newspaper office and, according to Captain Daniel H. Brush of the 18th Illinois Regiment, "some printers belonging to our regiment and others have taken possession of the printing office and begin publishing a paper tonight." By morning of November 9, 1861, the *Stars and Stripes* was in print and being distributed to Union soldiers in the town. There were only a few copies printed and no doubt the word was "Read it and pass it on to a buddy."

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- 1st LT. JOHN W. BARTON of Anna, Illinois (the only officer in the group, soon discharged due to general disability and falling eyelids)
- PVT. JAMES T. BOISMAY of Carmel, Illinois (later transferring to the regimental band)
- PVT. CHARLES M. EDWARDS of Shawanese, Illinois (wounded at Fort Donelson, Tenn.)
- CPL. THEODORE EDMONDSON of Fairfield, Illinois (wounded at a hospital here)
- SGT. MAJOR OTIS P. MARTIN of Peoria, Illinois (assigned to take charge of the government printing office in Jackson, Tenn., in July of 1862)
- PVT. WALTER A. BHEU of Carmel, Illinois (discharged after Fort Donelson, Tenn.)
- SGT. JOHN W. SCHILL of Fairfield, Illinois (wounded and taken prisoner at Vicksburg, later freed in Alabama and served as a prison warden in the Spanish-American War)
- PVT. ROBERT F. STEWART of Carmel, Illinois (deceased at Fort Donelson, Tenn., and never regained his health, being sent to Mt. Zion, Tenn.)
- PVT. THOMAS WALKER of Peoria, Illinois (wounded at Fort Donelson, Tenn., and captured at Vicksburg in the siege of Vicksburg. Not released until his unit was captured July 30, 1863)

On November 8, 1921, the 150th anniversary of the first printing of the Stars and Stripes in Bicentennial, Missouri, the series used by newspapers of the Army, George C. Marshall, to categorize the captured, as follows in the first World War it came from London, England, still ring true.

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- SGT. JOHN W. SCHELL of Fairfield, Illinois (wounded and taken prisoner at Vicksburg, later farmed in Alabama and served as a wagon master in the Spanish-American War)
- SGT. ROBERT F. STEWART of Camri, Illinois (he became ill at Fort Donelson, Tenn., and never regained his health, losing most of his eyesight)
- PVT. THOMAS WALSH of Peoria, Illinois (wounded at Fort Donelson, Tenn., and suffered sunstroke in the siege of Vicksburg, but remained with his unit until July 30, 1864)

On November 9, 2011, the 150th anniversary of the first printing of *The Stars and Stripes* in Bloomfield, Missouri, the words used by U.S. General of the Army, George C. Marshall, to describe the newspaper, as printed in the first World War II issue from London, England, still ring true:

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