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The Grand Army of the Republic Monument, located at the intersection of Belmont Avenue and Sixth Street in Grand Forks, North Dakota, is featured in an authoritative website documenting historical monuments of the northern plains.

Grand Forks's Willis A. Gorman Post of the GAR was instrumental in creating a memorial to honor the service and sacrifice of Union soldiers in the Civil War. George Bailey Winship, veteran of the 2nd Minnesota Cavalry and publisher of the *Grand Forks Herald*, spearheaded the monument effort, donating both the statue and the land on which it was placed. On June 22, 1913, the GAR post dedicated the monument, which stands more than 22 feet tall and is dominated by the figure of a 7-foot, boyish soldier. The Grand Forks GAR closed its doors in 1949, although the affiliated Women's Relief Corporation carried on its legacy for another 20 years.

Remembrance in Stone is the title of the website (URL = heritagerenewal.org/stone) established by North Dakota State University's Center for Heritage Renewal. A guide to historical monuments on the northern plains, *Remembrance in Stone* is intended both to showcase the research of NDSU History students and to provide information to heritage tourists in the region. Web pages feature individual historical monuments, providing location (including coordinates), historical background, photographs, and video clips.

"There are lots of Internet guides for travelers out there," remarks Professor Tom Isern, director of the center. "The difference with ours is, we do the documentary and field research to make our features authoritative. The Grand Army of the Republic Monument of Grand Forks is one of just three known GAR monuments in North Dakota."

(For photos of the monument, download from the website. Please credit NDSU Center for Heritage Renewal.)

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