

Thanks to MVCC Member Frank Scholer for this writeup who also traveled on foot for this event taking some great pictures which are illustrated in the slideshow. [Click here for that.](#)

A group from the Military Vehicle Collectors of Colorado participated in the dedication ceremony for the statue of General Maurice Rose, native son of Colorado. These included Phil Curry, Dan Daru, Greg Kyle, Gordon Calahan, Ken Chavez, Dan Emich, Marc England my son Kurt and myself. I had been contacted by Janelle Darnell, Chief of Protocol for the office of the Adjutant General of Colorado to put together a convoy of WWII vehicles to carry a number of VIPs in a procession from the History Colorado museum to Lincoln Veteran's Memorial Park where the statue of General Rose was located. He was the CO of 3rd Armored Division - Spearhead and the highest ranking American officer killed in the ETO. The convoy carried a number of VIPs involved in the creation and building of the memorial and included a few members of the Rose family. I was able to briefly speak to the General's daughter as well as two of his granddaughters. I spent the time taking photos of the procession and the ceremony which will be posted. While there was media coverage what was shown on TV was very little.

It was a long day, we arrived at 9am at the State Patrol parking lot on Sherman Street just south of the capital building where we had permission to park our trucks, trailers and cars. From there it was a short drive to our assembly point on 12th Avenue. There was a long wait as the day's schedule gradually fell behind and wound up about an hour behind schedule. We finally moved around to the front of the Colorado History museum where we picked up all the VIPs which included the Master of Ceremonies CSM Uschuk of the Colorado National Guard(CNG), CNG Chaplain Yerachmiel Gorelik, Col Sean Brown, Garrison Commander of FT Carson, US Army, Audra Rose-Knight, grand daughter of Gen Rose, along with other Rose family members.. The procession finally moved out at 2pm and we proceeded *to the park for the ceremony. All the vehicles were parked along 14th Avenue at the site of the statue, for the dedication ceremony. The usual speeches were given highlighting the career of Gen Rose, including remarks by some guy in a ski jacket and sneakers(our Governor). There were also a series of fly overs by the Mountain High War Birds, and a rifle volley by the All Veterans Honor Guard. The MVCC was listed in the program as providers of the military vehicles used on the procession. It was a very nice ceremony. The Colorado State Patrol made our mission easier by their assistance.