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MAJOR GENERAL MAURICE ROSE MONUMENT

DEDICATION & RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

HONORING ONE OF COLORADO'S GREATEST FALLEN HEROES



General Rose's commanding statue will remind millions of visitors of his lifetime of service and pay homage to all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our great nation.



SUNDAY, APRIL 16

LINCOLN VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
DENVER, COLORADO

MAURICE ROSE

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THE GENERAL ROSE STATUE TEAM

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CLOSING REMARKS

MAJOR GENERAL



The highest-ranking officer killed in action in the European Theater of World War II, Major General Maurice Rose is among the great leaders of America's military past: what Grant was to Lincoln, Rose was to Eisenhower.

Born to Jewish immigrants in 1899, Rose moved to Denver, Colorado at the age of four. As far back as anyone in the family could remember, Rose dreamed of being a soldier. After graduating from Whittier Elementary School and Denver East High School with honors, he joined the Colorado National Guard.

Rose told the recruiting office he was eighteen, but in reality he was only sixteen and so was honorably discharged. Rose formally enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1917, beginning a military career that would last until his death in 1945.

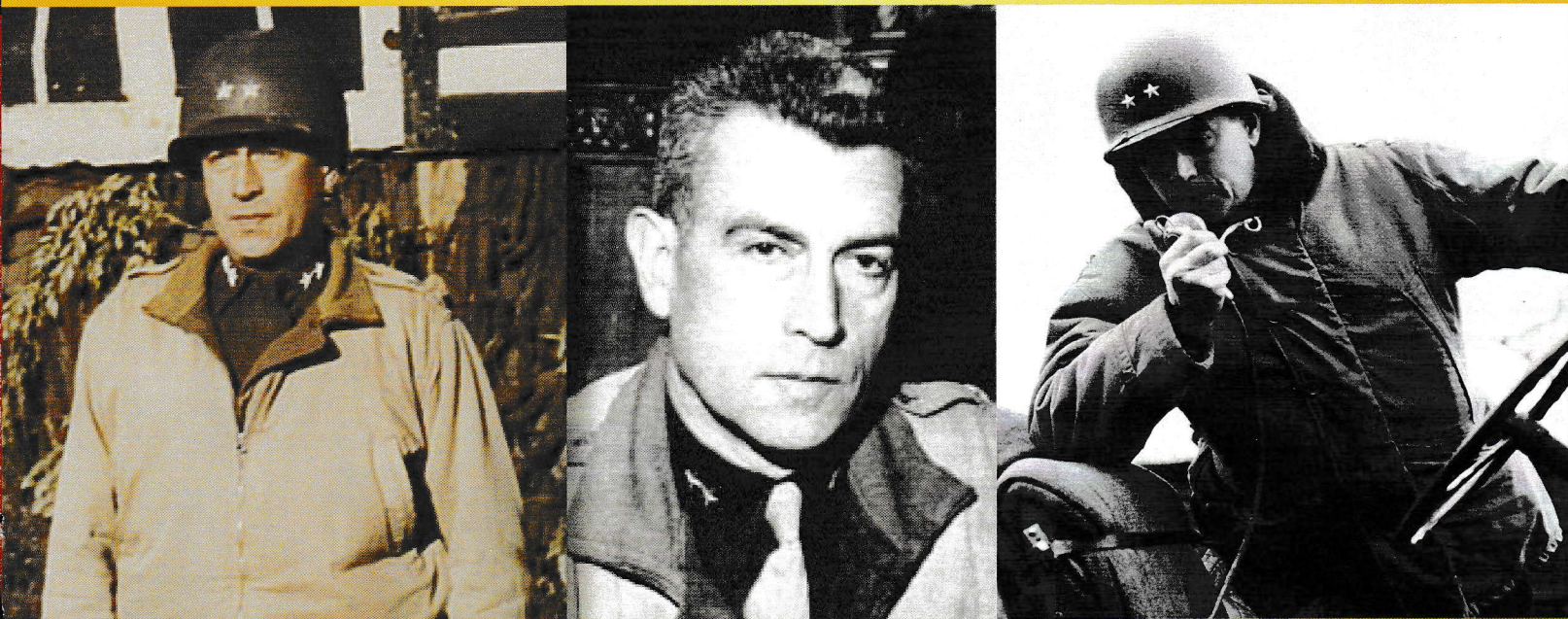
Rose quickly distinguished himself with his innovative, aggressive, lead-from-the-front tactics, and by June of 1944, Rose was a brigadier general, leading Combat Command A of the 2nd Armored Division in the invasion of Normandy.

One week after D-Day, Rose's forces blocked a German counterattack at Carentan, coming to the aid of paratroopers and saving the beachhead. After the invasion, Rose's tanks unexpectedly broke through German lines – a success that cut a path for Allies to liberate all of France. Rose's military prowess earned him a promotion to major general and command of the entire 3rd Armored Division, which he named "Spearhead." In September 1944, General Rose's Spearhead Division captured Roentgen, the first German city taken by Allies.

MAURICE ROSE

Three days before his death in 1945, General Rose and his 11-man command staff encountered a group of Germans cut off by the rapid U.S. advance. General Rose leapt from his Jeep and led an attack on the Germans with his pistol. Afterward, the soldiers present marveled at the general's courage and praised his willingness to take on the same risks as the men under his command.

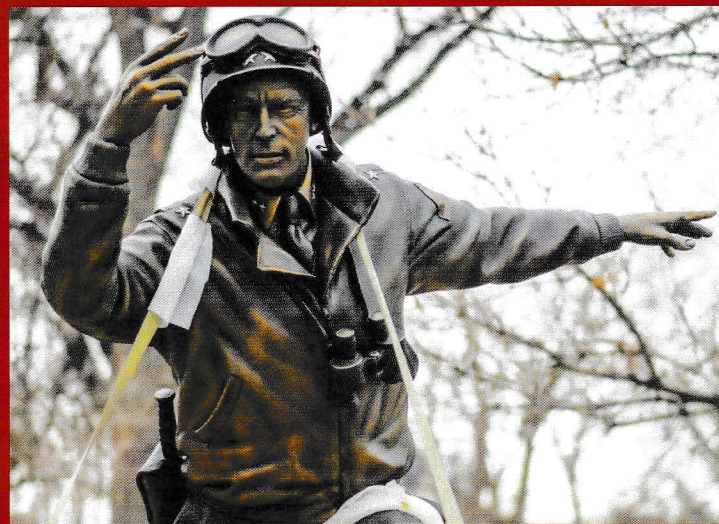
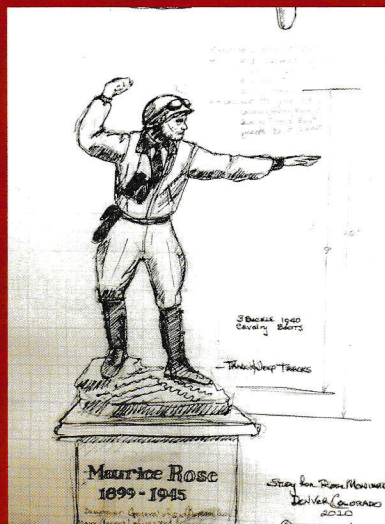
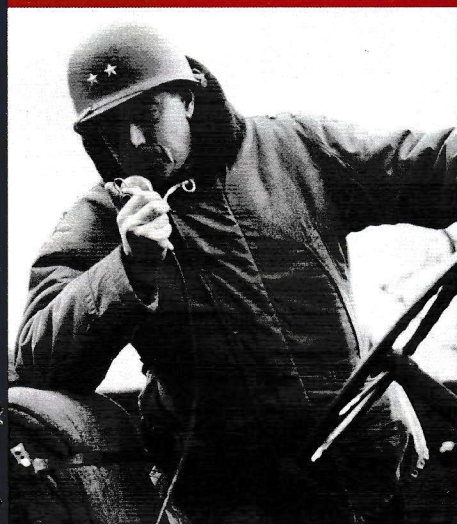
Throughout his lifetime of service, General Rose was awarded the **Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster**, and six others. The Major General Maurice Rose Monument seeks to honor Rose's life of service and legacy.



NOVEMBER 26, 1899 - MARCH 30, 1945







DEVELOPMENT & CREATION OF THE MAJOR GENERAL MAURICE ROSE MONUMENT

Marshall Fogel, Rose's biographer, and Paul Shamon met at Fogel's lecture on Rose in February 2019. Seventy-four years after his tragic death, General Rose remained a forgotten Colorado hero. Shamon and Fogel set out to change that by constructing a monument in honor of General Rose. The Colorado State Legislature unanimously passed a joint resolution in 2021 allowing the placement of the Major General Maurice Rose Monument on State Capitol grounds.

The Major General Maurice Rose Monument was designed by one of Colorado's leading sculptors, George Lundeen, and renowned architect Seth Rosenman. Lundeen said of General Rose, "The more you read about him, the more respect you have for him." The bronze statue depicts the general gallantly motioning to his troops, speaking to his leadership and poise under pressure. Lundeen assembled Rose's attire from photographs of the general and a variety of artifacts, including a pair of WWII-era binoculars and custom-made, historically accurate boots by a cobbler from the Hollywood movie industry.

This groundbreaking monument could not have been possible without the support of Larry A. Mizel, MDC/Richmond American Homes Foundation, HealthONE, Rose Community Foundation, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, and so many other generous individuals recognized in this program.

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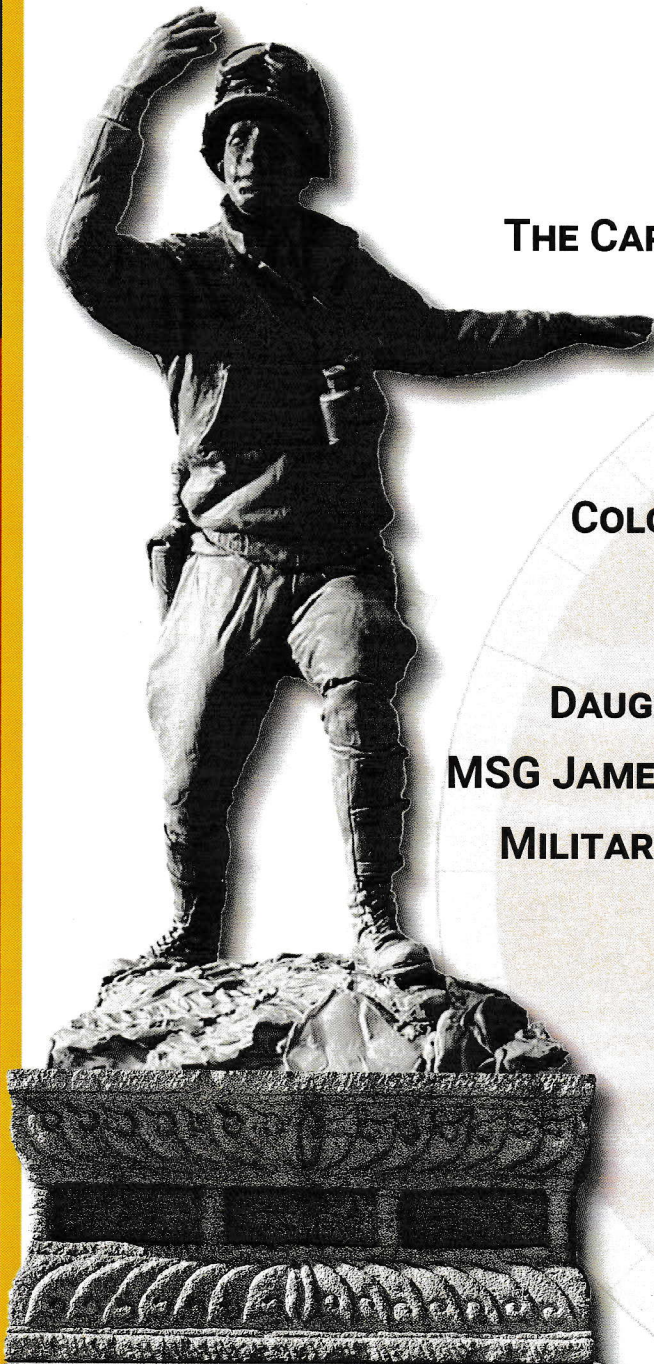
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November 26, 1899-March 30 1945

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MAJOR GENERAL MAURICE ROSE (1899-1945)

COMMANDER OF THE FIRST ARMY'S LEGENDARY 3RD ARMORED "SPEARHEAD" DIVISION

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US PAY TRIBUTE TO
ONE OF COLORADO'S GREATEST FALLEN HEROES

"He was not only one of our bravest and best, but was a leader who inspired his men to speedy accomplishment of tasks that to a lesser man would have appeared impossible."

— GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER