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Airmen make grand entrance to CFD

Thousands flocked to Capitol and Carey Avenues in Cheyenne to watch the Grand Parade kicking off Cheyenne Frontier Days July 24, 2021.

Approximately 50 Airmen, led by Col. Michael Power, 90th Maintenance Group commander, marched during the parade as one of dozens of organizations participating in the opening CFD festivities.

The tradition of Airmen marching in the parade has been around for decades, representing the partnership between F.E. Warren and Cheyenne. These CFD events bring both the Cheyenne and military communities together in celebration of their partnership. The celebration includes horse and carriage, buggies, military vehicles, antique cars and marching formations made up of Airmen from F.E. Warren Air Force Base and other military units from Wyoming and Colorado.

"According to Mr. Robert D. Hanesworth, the first Cheyenne Frontier Days parade occurred in 1898, during the second annual rodeo," said Kyle Brislan, base historian on

F.E. Warren Air Force Base. "However, the parades lacked grandeur and in 1925, the Frontier Committee drastically reshaped the parade with its "Evolution of Transportation" theme, where it presented a variety of horse-drawn carriages. The parade grew every year into what has now become the Grand Parade."

The parade was met with positive responses, garnering cheers and laughter from those present.

"The parade was wonderful," said Megan Stillwater, a Cheyenne resident. "I love coming to the parade every year and after last year, where the parade didn't happen, it was nice to see as many people show up this year."

Volunteers from multiple squadrons and organizations on F.E. Warren come each year to assist in Cheyenne's biggest annual event. Each CFD celebration typically includes several parades, a carnival, an air show with an Air Force Thunderbirds demonstration, professional bull riding, concerts, pancake breakfasts held in downtown Cheyenne, and of course - rodeo.



Wranglers open gates for Fort D.A. Russell Days



F.E. Warren Air Force Base opened its gates to host the annual Fort D.A. Russell Days July 24-25. This open house brought the military and civilian communities together to celebrate and learn about the base's rich history.

On July 4, 1867, the railroad established its mountain region headquarters at Crow Creek Crossing, later known as Cheyenne. On the same day, the U.S. Cavalry moved from its temporary headquarters to what became known as Fort D.A. Russell. As a result, 1867 was the beginning of a city and a fort, and both have grown together over the years.

"Heritage to me means learning about those who came before me," said Daniek Long, base museum director. "History has a tendency to repeat itself, and it's great to study people in the past so we know what's possible in the future."

Fort D.A. Russell Days hosted a multitude of different events and activities including axe throwing, stick-horse racing for children as well as reenactments and a period-style dance.

"Heritage and history is important to us as a people," said Scott Johns, a reenactor who participated in Fort D.A. Russell Days. "Coming out here and actually performing on the base that all that history and heritage comes from adds that extra something to what we're doing out here."

Fort D.A. Russell Days was made possible by the help of many Airmen across the base as well as the volunteers who came out to help spread the history of the base. Many people came out to show their support.

While Fort D.A. Russell Days can't last forever, the mission of the United States Air Force and the 90th Missile Wing will continue daily.

The Grand Parade: July 24, 2021



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