



ABOVE: From left to right, CSM Timothy Czuba, 53rd Signal Battalion, along with SGM Marcus Campbell, from 1st Space Brigade's S3, discuss the route of the parade and where the brigade will fall in with Brigade Commander, COL Jeffrey Farnsworth.

BELOW: PFC Dayna M. Croft, from the USASMDC/ARSTRAT's Legal Office, takes her place in formation preparing to carry the brigade's Headquarters and Headquarters Company guidon during Saturday's parade.



COL Jeffrey Farnsworth, commander of the 1st Space Brigade, leads his troops past crowds shouting "Thank You for your service," as they make their way through the intersection of Tejon Street and Colorado Avenue.

Red, White and Brave

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Soldiers from the 1st Space Brigade, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, marched in the Red White and Brave Welcome Home Parade in downtown Colorado Springs, Colo., on Aug. 29.

The brigade was one of 68 units ranging from local high school bands to historic military vehicles, from Military Vehicle Collectors of Colorado to members of the military recently returning from active duty in Iraq. These units were seen along Tejon Street beginning from St. Vrain Street all the way south to Vermijo Avenue.

SFC Nicholas J. Farrand, with USASMDC's Legal Office, was in charge of making sure those individuals from the brigade who were scheduled to march were in place prior to their journey down Tejon Street.

"I checked them off the roster and made sure that everything was in place on their uniforms — no loose threads," said Farrand.

"I would have liked to have joined them but I was on profile," he said disappointedly.

However Farrand supported his fellow Space Soldiers by watching them in the parade and capturing a few digital snaps during this historic occasion.

SGT Bertha M. Bell, supply Noncommissioned Officer In Charge, 1st Space Brigade, remarked, "I was one of several individuals leading cadence."

"I started with the brigade moving forward and did two songs hoping that others would have an opportunity to take their turn."

She was excited about marching but sort of disappointed that it was over all too soon.

A crowd estimated at 40,000 came out and saluted America's warriors. More than 150 Soldiers from the brigade's three battalions — 1st Space Battalion, 53rd Signal Battalion, and 117th Space Battalion (Colorado Army National Guard) — proudly marched along with troops from Fort Carson, Peterson Air Force Base, Schriever Air Force Base and the Air Force Academy.

As members of the brigade marched past the reviewing stand on Pike's Peak Avenue and Tejon, an announcer for the parade told the crowd, "The Army's only Space brigade has over 1,000 active, Army Reserve, and Colorado Guardsmen station at nine locations in the U.S., Europe, Korea and Japan."

