

CONVOY AHEAD

MVPA 2015 BANKHEAD HIGHWAY HISTORIC MILITARY VEHICLE CONVOY
WASHINGTON, DC - SAN DIEGO, CA
19 SEPTEMBER - 17 OCTOBER, 2015

RETRACING THE 1920 US ARMY TRANSCONTINENTAL MOTOR CONVOY ROUTE
14 JUNE - 15 SEPTEMBER, 1920



In 1920 the US ARMY executed a motor convoy of various military vehicles across the country on the newly-formed Bankhead Highway. The Army was determined to further their understanding of the practicality of motorized transport and its place in the US Army. This Convoy was commanded by Col. John F. Franklin.

The 1920 route began at the White House, in Washington, DC and ended at Balboa Park, in San Diego, CA – some 3,300 miles and 116 days later.

The **Military Vehicle Preservation Association** (www.MVPA.org) is conducting a **95th Anniversary Convoy** with as many as 65 Historic Military Vehicles (HMVs) that will retrace the original 1920 Transcontinental Motor Convoy route – along the Bankhead Highway. The MVPA's 2015 Bankhead Convoy ("BH-15") will launch from Washington, DC on Saturday, 19 September, 2015 and arrive in San Diego, CA some 29 days later, on Saturday, 17 October.

Historic Military Vehicles on the Convoy will range from WWI-era to those just released from the US Armed Forces inventories. Our privately owned HMVs include motor cycles, jeeps and large cargo trucks.



“THE CONVOY IS COMING”

This 3,300 mile / 29 day Convoy represents America’s longest Veterans’ parade, honoring the service and sacrifice of Veterans of all generations.

These Convoys (the MVPA has conducted 3 previous large-scale HMV Convoys!) represent the ground forces legacy of the Nation, showcasing America’s Historic Military Vehicles of many types.

The calendar of stops ...

BH’15 Convoy – September’15
Schedule of **LUNCH & OVERNIGHT** stops

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 – Start Washington, DC – King’s Dominion, VA 137 miles
20 Day 2 South Hill, VA Raleigh, NC 219 miles	21 Day 3 Spencer, NC Charlotte Motor Speedway, NC 166 miles	22 Day 4 REST DAY! Charlotte Motor Speedway	23 Day 5 Spartanburg, SC Anderson, SC 165 miles	24 Day 6 Lawrenceville, GA Villa Rica, GA 188 miles	25 Day 7 Talladega, AL Tannehill SP, AL 158 miles	26 Day 8 REST DAY! Tannehill SP
27 Day 9 Tannehill SP Jasper, AL 65 miles	28 Day 10 Amory, MS Oxford, MS 172 miles	29 Day 11 Tunica, MS Helena-West Helena, AR 133 miles	30 Day 12 Little Rock, AR Hot Springs, AR 173 miles			

BH’15 Convoy – October’15
Schedule of **LUNCH & OVERNIGHT** stops

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Day 13 REST DAY! Hot Springs	2 Day 14 Texarkana, TX Paris, TX 215 miles	3 Day 15 Farmersville, TX Garland, TX 111 miles
4 Day 16 Dallas, TX Fort Worth, TX 49 miles	5 Day 17 REST DAY! Fort Worth	6 Day 18 Mineral Wells, TX Eastland, TX 126 miles	7 Day 19 Abilene, TX Sweetwater, TX 108 miles	8 Day 20 Stop early! Midland, TX 108 miles	9 Day 21 Pecos, TX Van Horn, TX 185 miles	10 Day 22 El Paso, TX Deming, NM 223 miles
11 Day 23 REST DAY! Deming	12 Day 24 Rodeo, NM Douglas, AZ 173 miles	13 Day 25 Benson, AZ Tucson, AZ 117 miles	14 Day 26 Ajo, AZ Gila Bend, AZ 181 miles	15 Day 27 YPG, AZ Yuma, AZ 135 miles	16 Day 28 Leave late! El Centro, CA 58 miles	17 Day 29 ARRIVE! Cabrillo National Monument San Diego, CA 123 miles
18 DISBAND San Diego 3,498 miles total	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Each day’s plans have been carefully prepared, including a detailed route map, stopping locations for AM & PM breaks as well as lunch & dinner stops and lodging plans for all of the BH’ 15 teams.

The Convoy will have the support of local, County and State Law Enforcement agencies in many areas along the Convoy route.

Additionally, the MVPA will use this Convoy to support the National efforts of the “Spirit of ‘45” non-profit group with its mission to **KEEP THE SPIRIT OF ’45 ALIVE!** and to preserve the legacy of the men and women of the Greatest Generation so that their example of personal courage, shared sacrifice, “can-do” attitude and service to community can inspire Americans to come together to meet historic challenges of our era. See this link www.spiritof45.org for more information.

Plan to meet the Convoy as it rolls across the Nation.

Follow the Convoy on line with Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MVPAConvoy>.

Amateur (HAM) Radio operators can follow the Convoy at www.CONVOYONTHEAIR.org.

