

CONVOY AHEAD

**MVPA 2017 RT 66 '17 HIGHWAY HISTORIC MILITARY VEHICLE CONVOY
CHICAGO, IL – SANTA MONICA, CA
16 SEPTEMBER – 14 OCTOBER**



“World War II caused a marked decline in civilian and tourist traffic, but it stimulated new business along U.S. 66, when it acted as a military transport corridor moving troops and supplies from one military reservation to another. Motels saw an increase in occupancy, as families of servicemen stationed at military bases stayed for long stretches. But more significantly, Route 66 facilitated perhaps the single greatest wartime mobilization, as thousands of jobseekers headed to California, Oregon and Washington to work in defense plants.”

Route 66 had its official beginnings in 1926 when the Bureau of Public Roads launched the nation’s first Federal highway system. Like other highways in the system, the path of Route 66 was a cobbling together of existing local, State and National roads. The highway quickly became a popular route because of the active promotion of the U.S. 66 Highway Association, which advertised it as “the shortest, best and most scenic route from Chicago through St. Louis to Los Angeles.

The original 1926 route began in Chicago, Illinois traveling through Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona before ending in Santa Monica, California covering a total of 2,448 miles. Route 66 is remembered by a popular song “Get Your Kicks on Route 66” recorded in 1946.

The **Military Vehicle Preservation Association** (www.MVPA.org) is conducting a **91st Anniversary Convoy** with as many as 80 Historic Military Vehicles (HMVs) that will retrace the original 1926 Route 66 and will launch from Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, 16 September, 2017 and arrive in Santa Monica, California some 29 days later, on Saturday, 14 October.



“THE CONVOY IS COMING”

This 2,400 mile / 29 day Convoy represents America’s longest Veterans’ parade, honoring the service and sacrifice of Veterans of all generations.

These Convoys (the MVPPA 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 ...



Route 66 '17 Convoy – September '17
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 – Start Chicago, IL – Pontiac, IL
17 Day 2 Atlanta, IL Springfield, IL	18 Day 3 REST DAY! Springfield, IL	19 Day 4 Hamel, IL St Louis, MO	20 Day 5 Rolla, MO St Robert, MO	21 Day 6 Ozark, MO Branson, MO	22 Day 7 REST DAY! Branson, MO	23 Day 8 REST DAY! Branson, MO
24 Day 9 Carthage, MO Miami, OK	25 Day 10 Claremore, OK Sapulpa, OK	26 Day 11 Chandler, OK El Reno, OK	27 Day 12 REST DAY! El Reno, OK	28 Day 13 Elk City, OK Shamrock, TX	29 Day 14 Amarillo, TX Amarillo, TX	30 Day 15 Glenrio, NM Tucumcari, NM

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Route 66 '17 Convoy – October '17
Schedule of **LUNCH & OVERNIGHT** stops

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Day 16 Along the Route Santa Fe, NM	2 Day 17 REST DAY! Santa Fe, NM	3 Day 18 Stop early! Los Lunas, NM	4 Day 19 Grants, NM Gallop, NM	5 Day 20 Painted Desert Winslow, AZ	6 Day 21 Flagstaff, AZ Williams, AZ	7 Day 22 REST DAY! Williams, AZ
8 Day 23 REST DAY! Williams, AZ	9 Day 24 Peach Springs, AZ Kingman, AZ	10 Day 25 Stop early! Needles, CA	11 Day 26 Amboy, CA Barstow, CA	12 Day 27 REST DAY! Barstow, CA	13 Day 28 San Bernardino, CA Irwindale, CA	14 Day 29 ARRIVE! Santa Monica, CA
15 Day 30 DISBAND San Pedro, CA	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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Each day’s plans have been carefully prepared, including a detailed route map, stopping locations for AM and PM breaks as well as lunch and dinner stops and lodging plans for all of the RT’17 teams.

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

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.

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

Follow the Convoy progress on line <http://www.convoyontheair.org/>

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

