



2012 MVPA ALASKA HIGHWAY CONVOY UPDATE

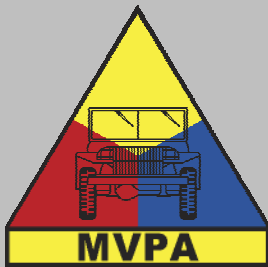
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Convoy Updates will be sent regularly between now and August.



The MVPA mission is "To provide an international organization for military vehicle enthusiasts, historians, preservationists and collectors interested in the acquisition, restoration, preservation, safe operation and public education of historic military transport". We have over 9,000 members globally and over 35 years as an organization. The MVPA is a registered US 501(c)(10) organization.

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97 Historic Military Vehicles Registered

The Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA) is pleased to announce 97 historic military vehicles are registered for the organization's 2012 convoy on the famous Alaska Highway. MVPA members will honor the 70th Anniversary of the building of the Alaska Highway by traveling the Alaska Highway in historic military vehicles.

The convoy will launch from Dawson Creek, British Columbia on August 4, 2012 and travel approximately 4,100 miles (6,600 km) in 27 days, returning to Dawson Creek on August 30.

Military vehicles were the backbone of the Alaska Highway construction project. Building the road would not have been possible without more than 7,000 pieces of military equipment.

"This will be a convoy of historic military vehicles of all eras, from WWI through current-issue," said Convoy Commander Terry Shelswell. "The military vehicles are privately-owned and restored by individuals who have an interest in preserving these vehicles and the important roles they played throughout military history."

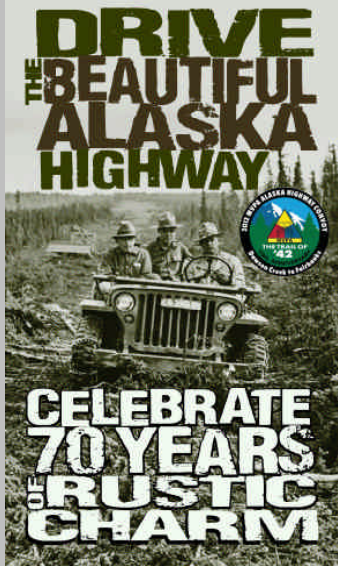
August 2012 Convoy Route Finalized



The Convoy route covers 4,100 miles (6,600 Km) in 27 days.

Participants are excited to drive some of the more rugged roads in the Yukon and Alaska including the Campbell Highway, the Top of the World Highway/Taylor Highway, the Hatcher Pass and the Denali Highway.

HMV (historic military vehicle) collectors love gravel roads! Top speed for the convoy will be about 35 mph or 56 km/h.



We've got some cool t-shirts! This is the artwork on one of the shirts you'll see us wearing.



Recon Team Gathers Route Intelligence

A team of four MVPA members completed a 3 week recon of the convoy route in May of 2011.

The team's mission was two-fold. First, to meet with tourism officials, lodging and campground owners, and gas station personnel to discuss the convoy's needs. Second, to travel and visually inspect the convoy route, identifying places where a group our size can stop for breaks/lunches.

It was time well spent. The team's findings are now being used to finalize the convoy's daily plans.

AUGUST 2012 MVPA ALASKA HIGHWAY CONVOY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Arrive in Dawson Creek, BC HQ Opens at Mile 0 Campground	2 Arrive in Dawson Creek, BC Check-in Continues	3 Arrive in Dawson Creek, BC Launch Ceremony Dawson Creek	4 0700 Hrs First Gear Convoy Day 1 173 Miles Overnight Buckingham, BC
5 249 Miles Convoy Day 2 Overnight Toad River, BC	6 191 Miles Convoy Day 3 Overnight Watson Lake, YT	7 0 Miles – REST Convoy Day 4 Overnight Watson Lake, YT	8 225 Miles Convoy Day 5 Overnight Ross River, YT	9 204 Miles Convoy Day 6 Overnight Pelly Crossing, YT	10 130 Miles Convoy Day 7 Overnight Start of Dempster Hwy	11 229 Miles Convoy Day 8 Overnight Eagle Plains, YT
12 232 Miles Convoy Day 9 Overnight Tombstone Terr Park Vicinity	13 69 Miles Convoy Day 10 Overnight Dawson City, YT	14 1 Mile – REST Convoy Day 11 Overnight Dawson City - Yukon River Gov Campgrnd	15 119 Miles Convoy Day 12 Overnight Chicken, AK	16 205 Miles Convoy Day 13 Overnight Glennallen, AK	17 181 Miles Convoy Day 14 Overnight Willow, AK	18 168 Miles Convoy Day 15 Overnight Denali, AK
19 0 Miles – REST Convoy Day 16 Overnight Denali, AK	20 164 Miles Convoy Day 17 Overnight Paxson, AK	21 188 Miles Convoy Day 18 Overnight Tok, AK	22 147 Miles Convoy Day 19 Overnight Beaver Creek, YT	23 182 Miles Convoy Day 20 Overnight Haines Junction, YT	24 98 Miles Convoy Day 21 Overnight Whitehorse, YT	25 0 Miles – REST Convoy Day 22 Overnight Whitehorse, YT
26 178 Miles Convoy Day 23 Overnight Swift River, YT	27 232 Miles Convoy Day 24 Overnight Liard River, BC	28 195 Miles Convoy Day 25 Overnight Fort Nelson, BC	29 236 Miles Convoy Day 26 Overnight Fort St. John, BC	30 47 Miles Convoy Day 27 Disband Dawson Creek, BC	31	

This August 2012 calendar shows how many miles the convoy will travel every day and where it will spend each night. Information about lodging and campgrounds was gathered over the past few months by a team of volunteers and recently sent to convoy participants. Everyone is busy making motel and campground reservations, in addition to working on their trucks.

What We'll Be Driving on the Convoy



Our AC'12 Convoy (we are calling it AC'12 – short for Alaska Highway Convoy 2012) will include a wide variety of historic military vehicles – from a WWI truck to WWII vehicles, to trucks used in Desert Storm. Some of the vehicles are the same as those used when the Alaska Highway was built 70 years ago.

All our vehicles are privately owned by collectors who have an interest in preserving the vehicles that have played a critical role in our military history. Many of our participants are veterans or relatives of veterans. All have a deep respect for the men and women who have served and continue to serve in the Armed Forces. Convoy participants always take every opportunity to say "thank you for your service" to veterans along the way.

FIRST GEAR IS 0700 HRS IN DAWSON CREEK, BC ON 4 AUGUST 2012. First Gear is the rally call for convoy participants...it tells us when we need to be in our vehicles, with engines running, headlights on and ready to roll-out.