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 ...

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.