



**“America’s Longest Veterans Day Parade”  
WWII Ground Forces Project  
MVPA Cross Country Convoy Itinerary  
September 15 – October 19, 2015**

**Virginia WWII History note: Virginia World War II Heritage Alliance  
<http://vaww2heritagealliance.blogspot.com>**

**September 15-18**

*Team arrivals, registration, MV inspection,  
instructions, equipment distribution, etc.*

*Send off by Col Doug Dillard  
US Army veteran (WWII, Korea, Vietnam)  
President, Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge*



**Saturday, September 19**

Depart from Washington, DC (Ft. Belvoir)

**Overnight in King’s Dominion**

The Meadow Event Park  
13111 Dawn Blvd.  
Doswell, VA 23047



*En route through Richmond, VA  
Dr. Bruce Heilman  
Chancellor, University of Richmond  
USMC veteran (WWII/Iwo Jima & Okinawa)  
Other WWII veterans, supporters*



*Possible side visit by WWII vehicles to  
National D-Day Memorial, Bedford, VA*



**North Carolina WWII History Note:**

<http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/nchist-worldwar/5907>

**Sunday, September 20**

South Hill, VA (lunch stop)

Overnight in **Durham, NC**

**Welcome by NC Purple Heart**



**Monday, September 21**

**Lexington, NC (lunch stop)**

**Overnight in Charlotte, NC**

*Charlotte Motor Speedway*

*5555 Concord Pkwy.*

*South Concord, NC 28027*



**Tuesday, September 22**

Rest day in Charlotte, NC

Charlotte Motor Speedway

5555 Concord Pkwy.

South Concord, NC 28027



**South Carolina WWII History Note:**

**Wednesday, September 23**

Spartanburg, SC (lunch stop)

*Spartanburg Airport was an important WWII airpower site*

Overnight in Anderson, SC

*Anderson Regional Airport was a WWII airfield*

*Anderson County published a WWII book in 2012*

*Beverly Childs, director, at [bchilds@andersoncountysc.org](mailto:bchilds@andersoncountysc.org) or 864.260.4737.*

## Georgia World War II History Note:

**Thursday, September 24**

Lawrenceville, GA (lunch stop)

*Gwinnett Veterans Memorial Museum*

*Pass through Atlanta*

Overnight in Villa Rica, GA

*A WWII Port Montford Marine cut the ribbon at the July 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 reopening of O'Charley's restaurant*



## Alabama World War II History Note:

**Friday, September 25**

Talladega, AL (lunch stop)

*NASCAR Superspeedway*

*City was a WWII center of munitions production and air training*

**Overnight in Birmingham, AL**

*Tannehill State Park*

*12632 Confederate Pkwy, McCalla, AL 35111*

*Convoy team will locate @ Farley Field*

**Saturday, September 26**

**Rest day in Birmingham, AL**

*Tannehill State Park*

*12632 Confederate Pkwy, McCalla, AL 35111*

*Convoy team will locate @ Farley Field*

*Welcome by Fran Carter, ARRA founder*



**Sunday, September 27**

Tannehill State Park (lunch before departing)

Overnight in Jasper, AL

*1.5 hour from Tiffin HQ in Red Bay*

**Mississippi World War II Heritage Note:**

**Monday, September 28**

Amory, MS (lunch stop)

Overnight in Oxford, MS

**Tuesday, September 29**

Tunica, MS (lunch stop)

**Arkansas World War II Heritage Note:**

Overnight in Helena, AR

*American Legion Hut & Merci Car*

**Wednesday, September 30**

Little Rock, AR (lunch stop)

Overnight in Hot Springs, AR

**Thursday, October 1**

Rest day in Hot Springs, AR



**Texas World War II Heritage Note:**

**Friday, October 2**

Texarkana, TX (lunch stop)  
Overnight in Paris, TX

**Saturday, October 3**

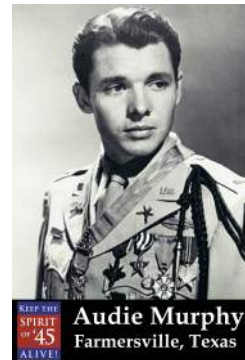
McKinney, TX (lunch stop)  
*Voted America's Best Small City (Money magazine)*  
Overnight in Garland, TX

**Sunday, October 4**

Early stop in Ft. Worth, TX

**Monday, October 5**

Rest day in Ft. Worth  
*Visit by Audie Murphy's sister*



**Tuesday, October 6**

Mineral Wells, TX (lunch stop)  
Overnight in Eastland , TX

**Wednesday, October 7**

Cisco, TX (lunch stop)  
*Supermarine Aircraft LLC*



Overnight in Sweetwater, TX  
*National WASP World War II Museum*



**Thursday, October 8**

Early stop in Midland, TX Sweet

Overnight in Midland, TX

*Commemorative Air Force Museum  
Midland Army Airfield*



**Friday, October 9**

Pecos, TX (lunch stop)

Overnight in Van Horn, TX

**Saturday, October 10**

El Paso, TX (lunch stop)

*Ramon Munoz Battle of the Bulge vet*



**New Mexico World War II Heritage Note:**

Overnight in Deming, NM

**Sunday, October 11**

Rest stop in Deming, NM

**Arizona World War II Heritage Note:**

**Monday, October 12**

Tombstone, AZ (lunch stop)

Overnight in Tucson, AZ

*Tucson Speedway  
Pima Air & Space Museum*



**Tuesday, October 13**

Ajo, AZ, (lunch stop)

Overnight in Gila Bend, AZ

**Wednesday, October 14**

Lunch stop TBD

**Overnight in Yuma, AZ**

*Marine Corps Station*

*US Army Yuma Proving Ground*

*<http://www.visityuma.com/military.html>*



MCAS Billboard

**Thursday, October 15**

**Rest day in Yuma, AZ**

**California World War II Heritage Note:**

**Friday, October 16**

Stop early in El Centro, CA

*Community welcome*

Overnight in El Centro, CA

**Saturday, October 17**

Arrive in San Diego, CA

*Community welcome*

*San Diego Tourism Authority,*

*Drew Ford, Coca Cola, et al*

**Overnight in San Diego, CA**

*Vehicles on display/farewell dinner at San Diego Automotive Museum*



BALBOA PARK - 2080 Pan American Plaza - San Diego California, 92101

**Sunday, October 18**

Disband and disperse

*All participating vehicles will receive 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

*commemorative decals and  
patches that will be displayed  
on their vehicles in their respective  
Veterans Day parades*



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**70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
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