100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. ARMY’S FIRST MOTOR CONVOY ACROSS THE NATION

The Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA) will leave Washington, D.C. on Sunday, August 11, 2019 near the Zero Milestone and take the original 1919 Army Covoy route to San Francisco, California.

The proposed route and dates in Iowa are:

8/22/19 Enter Iowa at Clinton
8/22/19 DeWitt Overnight
8/23/19 Lowden Early AM Break
8/23/19 Marion Public Library AM Break
8/23/19 Belle Plaine Lunch
8/23/19 Tama Lincoln Highway Bridge PM Break
8/23/19 Marshalltown Iowa Veteran's Home Overnight
8/24/19 Nevada AM Break (during the annual Lincoln Highway Days parade at 10:00 AM)
8/24/19 Boone National Guard Lunch
8/24/19 Jefferson PM Break
8/24/19 Denison Fairgrounds Overnight
8/25/19 Woodbine AM Break
8/25/19 Missouri Valley or Crescent 2nd AM Break

While the vehicles are resting, the public is invited to view them and ask questions. If the vehicles travel through your community and do not have a planned stop there, feel free to line the Lincoln Highway and wave to the 50-70 vehicles that are on the trip. Wave your hand or an American Flag!

The group plans to be in San Francisco on September 14, 2019.

MPVA logo from https://www.mvpa.org/convoys
The Lincoln Highway Association (LHA) is commemorating 100 years since the 1919 Army Convoy traveled from Washington, D.C. to the Lincoln Highway at Gettysburg and then onto San Francisco.

The LHA is welcoming classic and contemporary cars to make this journey. Leaving Washington, D.C. on Friday, August 30th, they will make their way to the Lincoln Highway at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and then travel through Iowa on to San Francisco, California.

From their webpage https://www.lincolnhighwayassoc.org/tour/2019/: “This event is structured so that it allows each vehicle’s ‘crew’ to travel at its own pace during each day. We don’t convoy, so your speed is set by you, the driver. We suggest having at least two people per vehicle so that one can drive and the other can navigate; however, many drivers have gone solo on past tours with no problems. Meals, attractions and lodging are pre-arranged, and we always gather as a whole group for dinner each evening.”

Overnight stops:
- 9/6/19 (Friday) Marshalltown
- 9/7/19 (Saturday) Council Bluffs

The LHA plans to be in San Francisco by September 16th.