

OPERATION ORDER NO. 1
WCMVHS CONVOY / CAMPOUT
ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON July,2012

1. SITUATION: Arlington Airport will be hosting its annual “Fly Inn and Air Show” During the period 11 - 15 July, 2012. Hundreds of aircraft including vintage WW 11 types will be on display. Performances have been scheduled for these aircraft as well as the military vehicles.
2. MISSION: Western Command Military Vehicle Historical Society (WCMVHS) in conjunction with the Puget Sound Military Vehicle Collectors Club (PSMVCC) will participate in the military vehicle campout, display and performances with members of the Confederate Air Force at “Camp Adams”.

3. EXECUTION:

GENERAL: Western Command will convoy from the Vancouver area to Arlington on two days, Thursday 12 July and Friday 13 July. Vehicles will enter the US at the most convenient border crossing between 0830 – 0900 hrs. They will RV (Rendez Vous) Denny's Restaurant (exit 256 – Bellis Fair) at 1000 hrs for brunch and packet SP (Start Point). John Hawthorne (604-809-6308) will be leading the Thursday packet from the Aldergrove crossing and Harry Moon (604-835-1237) the Friday packet from the Sumas Crossing at 0930 hrs. Personnel who can't join these packets are encouraged to come down anytime on their own during the event..

PACKETS: The convoy will be broken into 2 packets, packet #1 on 12 July and packet #2 on 13 July at the SP (Start Point). The interval between individual vehicles will be 150 feet on highways, closing to 50 feet in towns.

SPEED: Local speed limits will be observed. Maximum speed for the convoy on I-5 is 50 mph with a reduction to 40 mph on secondary routes.

MEDICAL: Each vehicle should carry First Aid kits for minor cuts, bruises etc. Emergency medical attention should be requested through either the State Police or “911”.

4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS:

ACCOMODATION: Bivouac style accommodation will be utilized throughout the campout (no hookups or running water). Be sure to bring adequate camping gear etc. The bivouac/display location this year has been changed to a more suitable area across the main taxiway.

POL & RATIONS: Members responsibility. Halts have been planned along the route.

REPAIR & RECOVERY: Vehicle repair is the individual member's responsibility. The Convoy will not be held up to accommodate vehicle breakdowns. Sufficient and adequate tools, equipment and spare parts should be taken for this trip. While recovery is the responsibility of individuals, an attempt will be made to tow broken down vehicles to the closest repair facility.

FINANCIAL: Members are reminded that U.S. currency will be required for all expenses (e.g. fuel, food, repairs, purchases etc).

DRESS: Casual civilian attire with club caps, T shirts, jackets etc should be worn for the drive down to and from Arlington. Older pattern military attire is encouraged in the campsite and especially during vehicle parades.

DUTY FREE: Personnel are reminded to stop at the Canadian Duty Free (Truck Crossing, Aldergrove, Sumas etc) No formal cocktail party is Planned this year, however, we will hold an Open House each evening and welcome Puget Sound members to attend. Your Duty Free contributions are requested.

5. COMMAND & SIGNALS:

GENERAL: Command and control of the Convoy throughout the road move will be exercised by verbal orders at halts.

COMMUNICATIONS: Personal should bring their cell phones. The Convoy Commander's number is: 604-809-6308.

IDENTIFICATION: When crossing the border, US Customs require either a “Passport” or “Enhanced” Driver's license.

WEBSITE: For additional Air Show information check psmvcc.org and/or arlingtonflyin.org/default.cfm

MISCELLANEOUS: US Customs / Homeland Security are very concerned about Armoured vehicles, modern electronics equipment, weapons, weapons mounts and current pattern military uniforms worn by non military personnel. Do not take any of the above with the exception of older style radio equipment to the US. Should there be any doubt about anything, have it identified by Canadian Customs prior to departing Canada. They will give you a card listing everything by serial number and stamped by Customs, confirming that you owned the item(s) in Canada.

(John Hawthorne)
Convoy Commander