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## DOWNTOWN SOUTH BEND WELCOMES MVPA ANNUAL CONVENTION

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**South Bend, Ind.** — In conjunction with Century Center, Visit South Bend Mishawaka (VSBM) is pleased to welcome the Military Vehicle Preservation Association to downtown South Bend this week for its annual convention.

"Many members will be bringing their vehicles 'back home' for display at this event," said MVPA President Tom Clark. "Our members are especially excited to meet the men and women who built these vehicles, as well as being able to show the community tangible evidence of what this area has done to preserve the freedom that we share."

The convention coincides with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AM General and 160 years of military vehicle production in South Bend.

"We are extremely proud to be sponsoring this year's MVPA Convention and even more excited that it is taking place in South Bend, where AM General has such a rich history," said Andy Hove, AM General President & CEO. "We cannot wait to see our legacy and historic products featured at this convention."

Over 100 military vehicles will arrive by convoy around noon Wednesday, Aug. 11. The convention opens Thursday, Aug. 12 and runs through Saturday, Aug. 14.

Visitors are welcome at the convention to view the military vehicles on display. Daily general admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$20 for families. Active-duty military personnel and AM General employees are admitted free with presentation of military or company ID. Hours for the public portion of the convention are as follows:

- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday
- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday
- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

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