

Editor's Note.

There are several versions of this, depending on which BMV office you visit. Two things to remember:

1. Be patient-they probably have never done this type of registration before and may have had no idea it existed until you walked in the door. Also, take a copy of the Indiana Code IC 9-18-14 with you to the BMV office for your reference. Initially, the BMV may say that you cannot register it as a military vehicle because you are either not the first purchaser from the military, or that you are not in the military, etc. Again, they may not have even known this registration option was possible until you walked in. It is imperative they call the Special Registrations office in Indy to have it explained to them and to get started. At this point, you know more about the process than they do. No need to explain it to them, just get them on the phone to Special Registrations.
2. It will mandate a State Police inspection (\$5 fee) & State Form 37935 (in triplicate). It is best to have the form ready, your frame numbers readable, and a TM handy for the inspection in case the officer has questions about a feature on the truck. They'll probably have you turn the lights on, activate the brakes, and other features to make sure they work and the vehicle is safe. Two points that may need clarified are the rear lighting (service vs. blackout marker/brake lights) and lack of seatbelts if they apply to your vehicle. This is where the TM comes in handy. Indiana State Form 37935 can be downloaded from the IndianaMVPA.org site or from the BMV office. Sometimes the State Police officer will have them.

Below is an extract from **Rustbuster's Gazette, August 2010**, summarizing one person's experience. Your experience may differ slightly but the process is the same.

Indiana Military Vehicle Registration Update

Are you still trying to register or have you thought of registering your Historic Military Vehicle under Indiana Code IC 9-18-14 (AKA Chapter 14)? This latest information comes from Adrian Minniear, Supervisor of Plating and Registrations, Indiana BMV, courtesy of Roy Mullis who recently went through the process and passes this on for others. Below is an extract of information he received from IN BMV HQ on the process:

"We do offer a Permanent Antique Military Registration according to IC 9-18-14 for these types of vehicles. Please see appropriate steps below and let me know if you have any further questions, I would be happy to help.

- 1.) Obtain antique police inspection on the vehicle by contacting State Police and requesting inspection. Form to be completed is the State Form 37935.
- 2.) Take 3 pictures of vehicle, each showing government issued military numbers.
- 3.) Submit completed SF 37935, 3 pictures and title to local license branch.
- 4.) Register vehicle as Antique, excise and sur tax will be due (registration fee is waived). You will then receive antique plate, to be kept in vehicle, at the branch or through the mail depending on branch's inventory.
- 5.) Branch personnel will mail all appropriate information to Central Office.
- 6.) Central Office personnel will complete permanent registration and mail to address on customer's file.

The antique plate needs to be kept in vehicle along with the registration proving all appropriate fees have been paid. No need to attach anything to the exterior of vehicle as government issued military numbers will suffice."