

# Taping Your Tent Together



**P**roblem: You've got tents and tarps with small holes, leaks or tears. The damage isn't major yet, but it will be if you don't make repairs—soon!

Solution: Get a roll of tent repair tape, NSN 8315-01-423-6231, that's 3 inches wide and 50 feet long.

Here's how to use it for permanent small repairs on your canvas or vinyl tent or tarp:

- ◆ Spread out the tent or tarp on a flat surface.
- ◆ Clean the areas to be patched. Brush off loose soil or dirt, then clean the area with a solution of mild detergent

and water, rinsing with clean water.

- ◆ Allow the fabric to dry completely.
- ◆ Cut a circle from the tape slightly larger than the area you want to cover. The circle's rounded edge makes it less likely to peel off.
- ◆ Flatten the tape completely against the outside of the fabric.
- ◆ Allow the tape to set as long as you can. Overnight is best, but at least 20–30 minutes.

Holes bigger than 2 inches in diameter should be repaired by DS with machine-sewn patches.