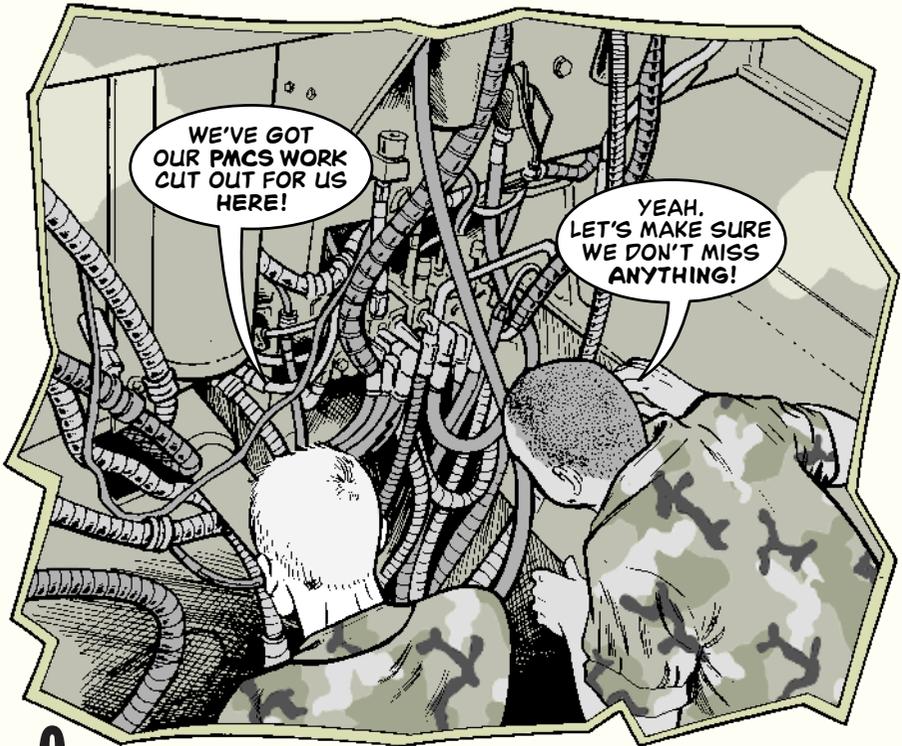


Readiness from the Bottom Up



Operators, some things in the Army flow from the top down—where you and your unit's equipment will be sent when the balloon goes up, for instance. But other things, like how ready that equipment is to do its job, rise from the bottom up.

The person best suited to determine what state your unit's equipment is in is the person closest to the equipment...you.

Think about that the next time you pull PMCS.

Correct what you can, report what you can't. Don't fudge. If it's not ready, say so.

What you see during your PMCS and what you write on the inspection worksheet is what your commander will eventually use to determine its readiness.

It's a big part of what the "top" uses to decide which units are ready for important assignments.

Make sure your report tells it like it is today, not like it should be, or how it was last week, or how it will be next week.