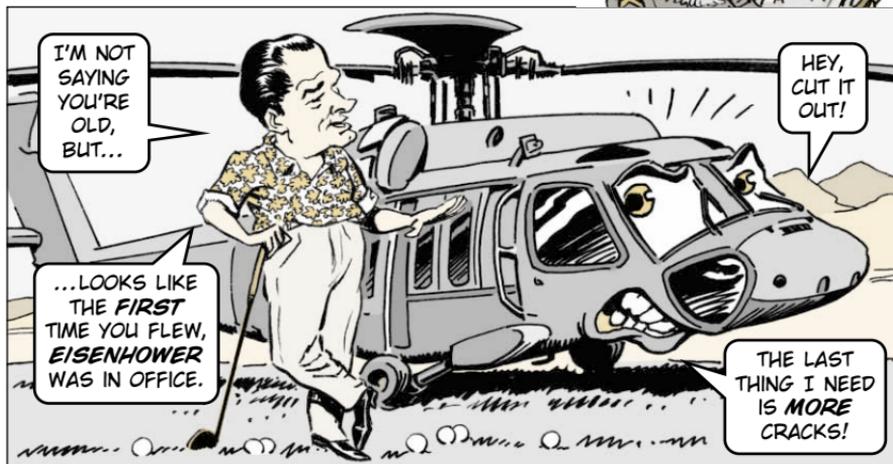


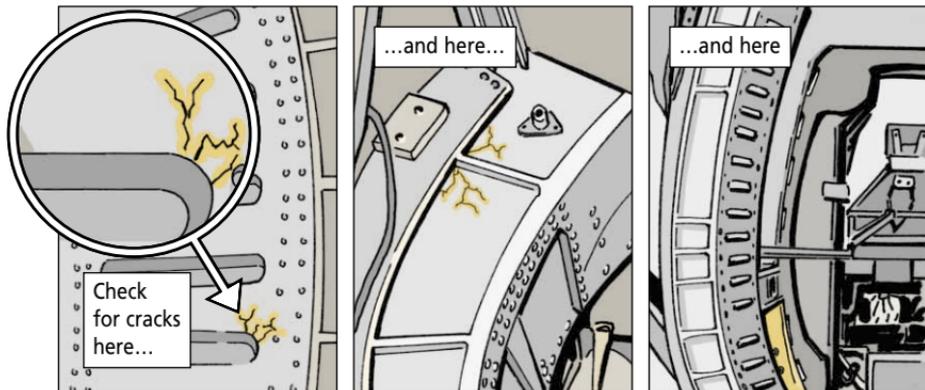
# SIGNS OF AGING



**M**uch like some people, the Army's workhorse Black Hawk fleet shows age by developing structural cracks.

But the condition of the airframe affects how your bird flies. So, in addition to your daily pre-flight checks, give your bird an extra once-over for cracks.

Eyeball the right side bulkhead behind the gunner's window, the inboard panel behind the main landing gear struts, and the frames for the right and left side sliding doors.



Go easy when closing those sliding doors, too. Slamming them too hard can create more cracks.

If you find any cracks, fix 'em according to your TM's procedures.