

# Reserve/Guard Weapons Need PM

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER YOU'RE **ACTIVE ARMY, RESERVE, OR NATIONAL GUARD**. ALL WEAPONS NEED PMCS QUARTERLY—**NO EXCEPTIONS.**



Dear Editor,

As a maintenance technician, I run into National Guard and Army Reserve units who believe their rifles, machine guns, and pistols don't require maintenance if they're not fired for long periods of time. They support their position by pointing to Para 3-3e in DA Pam 738-750, which discusses weapons not removed from storage.

I believe this regulation does not apply to Reserve and National Guard arms rooms and that ignoring weapons' PMCS requirements will result in their not being ready for action.

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From the  
desk of  
the *Editor*



*You're absolutely right, Chief. Every weapon should have the PMCS that is spelled out in its -10 TM performed at least quarterly.*

*The only exception for the Reserves and National Guard is that the annual gauging required for each active Army weapon can be done every other year as long as no problems show up during quarterly PMCS.*

*This is spelled out in each weapon's -20 TM at the beginning of the PMCS for the armorer and at the beginning of the gauging requirements for direct support. Ignoring these requirements means weapons can develop corrosion and malfunctions that go undetected until the weapon is needed.*