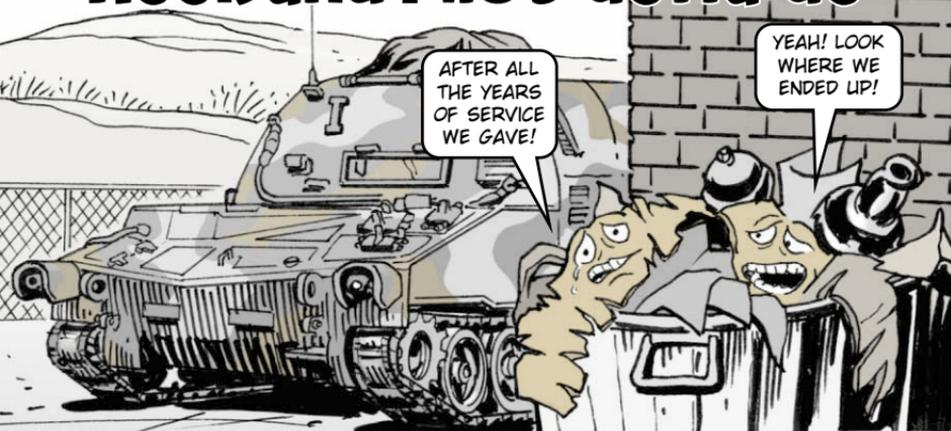


Hook-and-Pile's Gotta Go



Drivers, if the AFES manual pull handle on your ammo carrier is still held in place with a hook-and-pile strap, it's time to have your mechanic get rid of it.

The hook and pile strap was designed to keep the handle from accidentally slipping out of its retaining clip and setting off the engine fire extinguisher. Unfortunately, the strap does its job a little **too** well.

In an emergency, the extra seconds needed to open the strap before pulling the handle can be disastrous.

That's why TACOM says the strap's gotta go. Here's how:

1. Deactivate the AFES by turning the alarm panel maintenance switch to AFES MAINT. Then, put a locking pin in the valve actuator of the engine fire extinguisher bottle.
2. Open the hook and pile strap on the manual pull handle and cut it loose from the retaining clip.
3. Double-check the manual pull handle to make sure it is still firmly secured by the retaining clip.
4. Remove the locking pin from the engine fire extinguisher bottle and return the AFES alarm panel switch to AFES POWER ON.

