

PROTECT YOUR NOGGIN

WATCH YOURSELF WHEN YOU GET UP.

HEY, WE'RE IN **GOOD SHAPE** NOW THAT WE HAVE THE BLADES COVERED!



GREAT JOB, SOLDIERS! ANOTHER FIRST-CLASS IDEA TO ENSURE MAINTENANCE IS DONE WITH SAFETY IN MIND!

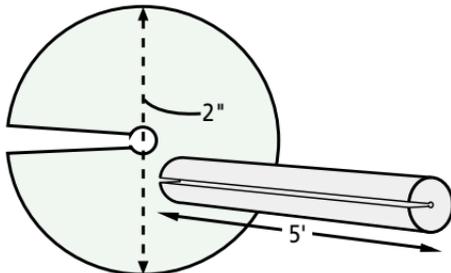
Dear Editor,

Even though we take extreme care when we work on the Black Hawk main rotor blades, mishaps still happen.

When mechanics perform main rotor head work, they sometimes bump their noggins on the blades as they maneuver on top of the bird. An occasional small bump on the head is OK, but in many cases, mechanics bang their heads pretty hard on the main rotor blade trailing edge. If that happens, the sharp edge can gouge out a piece and that may require an emergency room visit for stitches.

We've come up with a quick fix.

We local purchase a foam tube (swimming pool tube) with a hole in the center, 2 inches in diameter and 5 feet long for each blade. Then we cut the tube from the center out all the way through and install it on the trailing edge of all four blades to save our skulls. 'Course, we always attach a REMOVE BEFORE FLIGHT streamer to each foam tube.



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From the desk of the *Editor*

Good thinking! No more busted and stitched up heads.