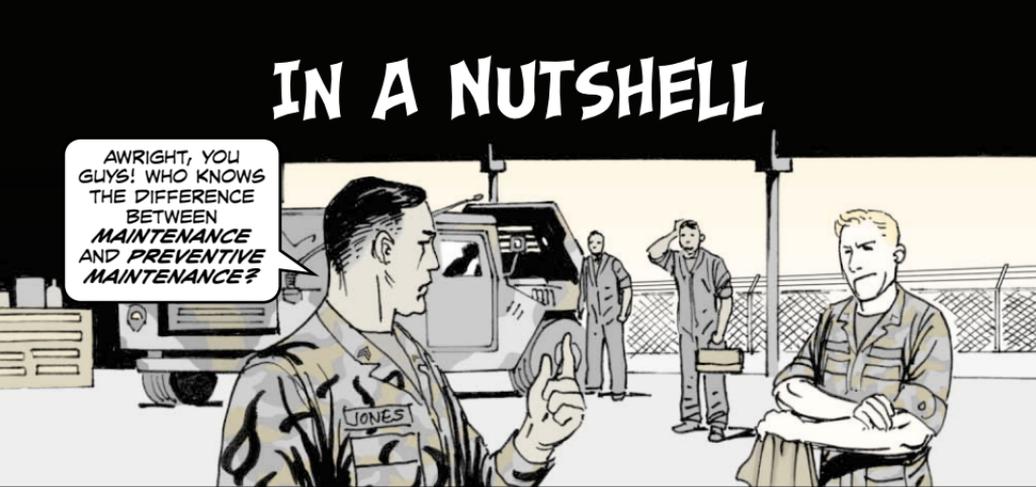


IN A NUTSHELL



AWRIGHT, YOU GUYS! WHO KNOWS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAINTENANCE AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE?

Motor sergeants, ask this question tomorrow morning before the day's work begins in the motorpool.

What's the difference between maintenance and preventive maintenance?

Sounds like a simple question, but you might be surprised by some of the answers you get, even from your seasoned mechanics.

In a nutshell, the technical manual's PMCS is a key part of the equipment's preventive maintenance. Each step in the PMCS checklist helps maintain the equipment for smooth running during operations. Following the time tables in the PMCS chart also minimizes unnecessary wear and tear to the equipment.

For example, replacing a well-worn hydraulic hose that springs a leak after vehicle startup is not preventive maintenance—it's just maintenance. Now, replacing that same well-worn hose before it springs a leak is preventive maintenance. It's the truth, plain and simple.

Why wait till the last minute to replace a worn part or component when you know it's due to fail?



PERFORMING PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE WHEN FOLLOWING PMCS WILL HELP KEEP YOU FROM DOING PREVENTABLE MAINTENANCE DOWN THE ROAD.