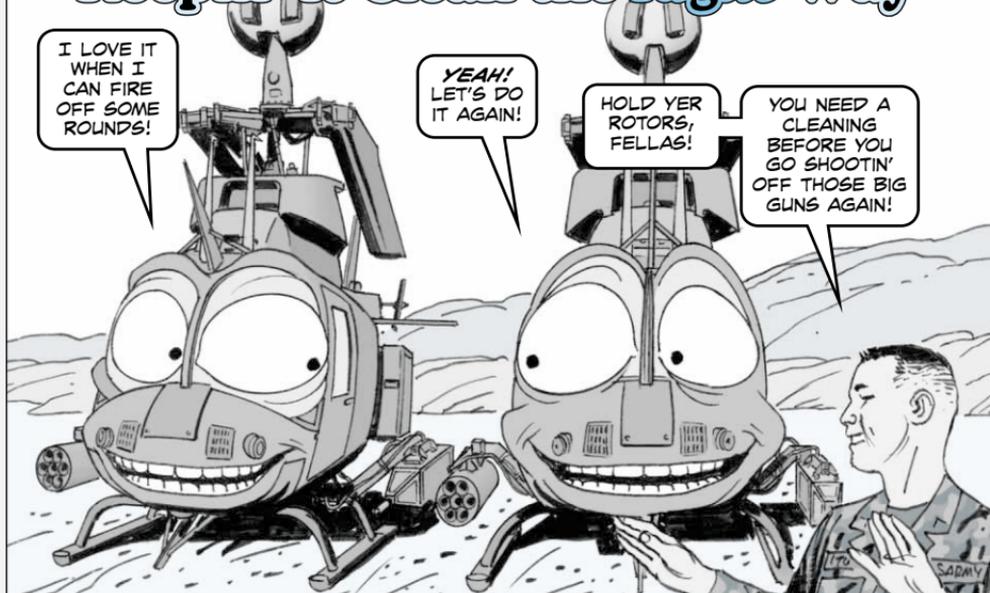


Keepin' It Clean the Right Way



Crews, using the incorrect cleaning materials on your Kiowa Warrior's M296 .50-cal machine gun after firing makes smooth firing rough.

After firing, clean the gun with the cleaning materials in the PMCS chart and Paragraph 4-3 of TM 9-1090-214-23&P. A clean, dry cloth and a soft bristle brush will get the job done, unless the TM specifies otherwise.

The .50-cal machine gun produces lots of carbon. Dirt, grit and sand are also partners in crime that help foul up the gun's internal parts.

So when cleaning time arrives, don't use any files, scrapers, or abrasive materials, such as sandpaper, to remove the gunk from the internal gun surfaces. Use only TM approved materials.

That rough stuff removes the protective coating. The coating allows the gun to fire more efficiently and it makes it easier to clean. Plus, a gun without protective coating is ripe for corrosion and rust.

