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## MARKS Replaced by ARIMS

MARKS is no longer the Army's record-keeping system. Army Regulation 25-400-2 was revised effective April 18, 2003. Its new title is The Army Records Information Management System (ARIMS).

ARIMS simplifies recordkeeping; shifts retention and disposition burdens to records holding areas; improves records processing for deployed units; and provides a host of support services and automated tools on the Web.

Download the regulation from the Army Publishing Directorate website at: <http://www.apd.army.mil>

## BODY ARMOR

PS would like to clear up any confusion readers may have about the body armor story on Page 54 of PS 618. The story lists NSNs for body armor, fragmentation protective vest, personal armor system for ground troops (PASGT). This is the older style body armor. The story does not address the newer style interceptor body armor (IBA). We'll address the IBA in an upcoming article.

## TANK ROUNDS REVISITED

Page 12 of PS 612 said that if the primer on a round is hit by the ammo door on an M1-series tank, the round could fire inside the ammo compartment. That's not true. However, you should still make sure the round is locked into the tube with its spring clip to prevent damage.

## Turn In Unserviceable Engines ASAP

Mechanics, T700 engines are in short supply! But you can help. Turn in all unserviceable engines right away. Then the supply system can get them repaired and have serviceable engines on hand to keep your aircraft mission ready. Ship unserviceable engines to:

**Def Dist Depot Corpus Christi DDCT-50**  
**540 First Street SE Bldg 1846**  
**Corpus Christi TX, 78419-5255**

To contact them call (361) 961-2500 or DSN 861-2500.

## HMMWV Brake Fluid

The one and only fluid to add to your HMMWV's brake master cylinder, is silicone brake fluid (BFS), NSN 9150-01-102-9455. Never substitute hydraulic or transmission fluid. And don't confuse the master cylinder and the power steering/brake booster reservoir. The Dexron used there will swell seals and lock up your brakes.

## No TM for Mossberg Shotgun—Yet

Currently there is no TM for the 500/590 Mossberg shotgun. TACOM-Rock Island (RI) is working on a TM for the shotgun, but it won't be available for several months. TACOM-RI does have, however, a CD containing the manufacturer's maintenance manual and a list of shotgun repair parts and their NSNs. Your local TACOM logistics assistance representative should have a copy of the CD. If you don't have a local LAR, contact TACOM-RI's Craig Haas for the CD at DSN 793-0023/(309) 782-0023 or email: [craig.haas1@us.army.mil](mailto:craig.haas1@us.army.mil)

## ARMY MAINTENANCE AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Chief of Staff Army Award for Maintenance Excellence (AAME) recognizes units for improving and sustaining readiness. MACOMs ensure that the best units compete. They have to submit their entries NLT Dec. 15. If you believe your unit should be recognized, refer to Chap 7 and Appendix D of AR 750-1, *Army Materiel Maintenance Policy*, and review the requirements. Then contact your MACOM.

## MK2 Bridge Boat Hook

NSN 2040-01-470-4391 gets a telescoping—48 to 96 inches—hook for the bridge boat. The new-style hook is all aluminum with rubber handle, floats, and fits into the bridge boat's hook holder. This NSN replaces the old hook shown in the basic issue items, Item 4 on Page B-4 of TM 5-1940-277-10 with Change 2.

## Bradley/MLRS Vaneaxial Fan

The vaneaxial fan, NSN 4140-01-108-5196, used on the M2/M3 and M2A2/M3A2 Bradley and -A0 and -A1 version of the MLRS is being replaced with NSN 4140-01-310-1985. The old fan will be available until stocks run out. Both fans will eventually be replaced with the one used on the M2A3/M3A3 Bradley, NSN 4140-01-447-0025.

## M1A1/A2 Race Ring Revisited

Page 2 of PS 611 had some wrong quantities listed for the parts needed to make tank wire race ring lubing easier. You'll need a total of three lubrication fittings, NSN 4730-00-050-4208, and only one guard, NSN 5340-01-505-2887.

## M2A3/M3A3 Engine Replacement

When your M2A3/M3A3 Bradley needs a replacement engine, make sure support installs the right one. Bradleys with a 600 WSR engine, NSN 2815-01-423-0929, should get a 600 WSR engine, not a 600 engine, NSN 2815-01-290-1290. Check the data plates on each side of the valve covers to make sure the right engine was installed.

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