

What About the 'Little' Picture?



We spend a lot of time worried about the “big picture.” You know, it’s the catch-all phrase our superiors and bosses use to let us know we’ve not considered everything that needs to be considered in order to make important decisions.

And many times there’s some truth to the phrase. We’re not always in the best position to know what’s involved in the “big picture.” But what about the smaller “pictures” that we’re intimately involved with every day?

Worrying about—no, coming to grips with—the “little picture” will do a lot more for the health of your unit’s equipment and gear. It’s often the little things that keep a generator running, that make a tool last as long as it was designed to last, that keep a global positioning system device capable of telling you where you are (and where the enemy is, too).

It’s clear that worrying only about the “big picture” can leave you without equipment that works because you never did the little things called for in the PMCS or the operator’s manual.

Maybe your “big picture” should be the small stuff that can get you up to your neck in trouble if they’re ignored or considered not worth the effort.

Think about that the next time you think everything’s just right as it is. Odds are, you don’t have the **BIG** little picture.