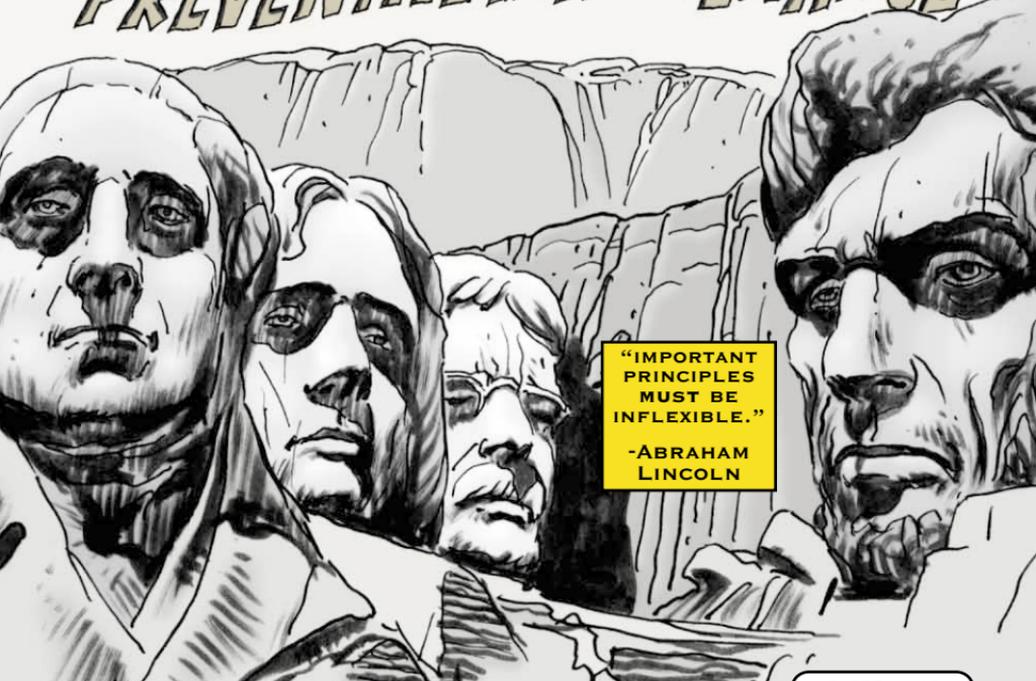


# THE PRINCIPLE OF PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE



"IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES MUST BE INFLEXIBLE."

-ABRAHAM LINCOLN

**T**he principle of preventive maintenance is as sound as a dollar and as lasting as the love of freedom. Simply put, the principle is:

**Preventing equipment failure is better than dealing with equipment failure.**

Preventing equipment failure happens on your time when you schedule it. At that moment, you are not faced with a life and death situation.

Dealing with equipment failure happens on the enemy's time and never fits into your schedule. And far too often, the situation is life and death.

Putting the wisdom of Abraham Lincoln and Master Sergeant Half-Mast together, we might have heard from them, "*Preventive maintenance is an important principle that must be inflexible.*"

THERE IS NO MORE IMPORTANT A PRINCIPLE THAN THAT OF PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE.

