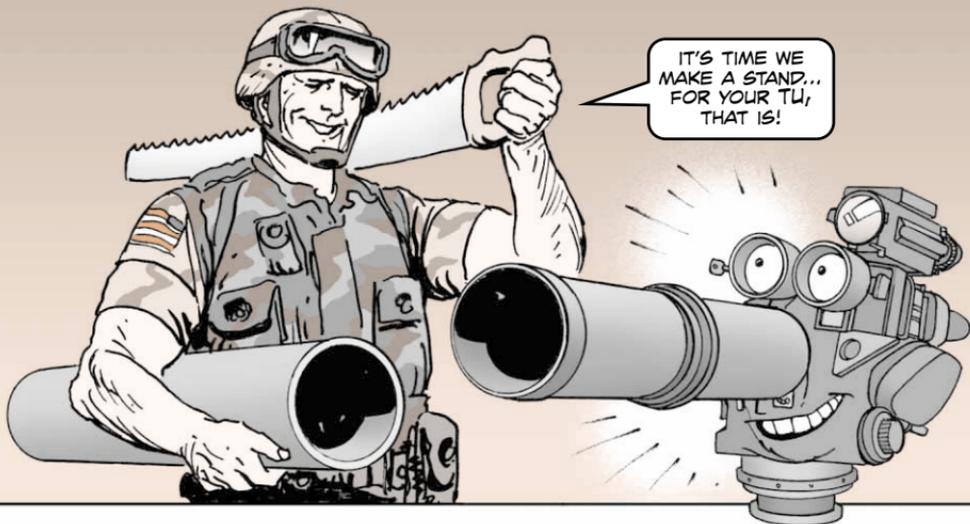


Make Your Stand... For Your TU



The TOW 2 missile system's traversing unit (TU) cable is too long to fit inside the TU. So the cable sticks out where it can be stepped on or crimped. If the cable is damaged, you're out thousands of dollars. Plus if you're forced to lay the TU on its side for storage you need twice as much storage space.

SPC Stacy Stanfa and SPC Donald McIntosh of the NYARNG at Ft Drum gave an easy solution for storing the TU back in PS 517 (Dec 95). Some units missed it so here it is again:

Make a TU stand with schedule 40 8-in diameter PVC pipe. If your DOL doesn't have any pipe, your local plumbing supply store will.

Cut off a 5 1/4-in piece of the pipe. For handholds, cut a 4 1/2-in x 1-in slot on each side of the pipe.

Then set the TU upright in the stand. The TU should fit snugly in the stand up to the TU outer lip. The cables are coiled safely inside the pipe. Use the handhold slots to pick up the TU.

Cut pipe like this

