

STAYING ON THE VERIFICATION TRACK



As too many Army units discovered when they were mobilized for Afghanistan or Iraq, if your equipment has not had its required verifications, it's non-mission capable.

That's the last thing a commander wants to hear when his unit is preparing to deploy. So the news won't make him happy with you. And, when you cart all your equipment over to direct support and tell them you need all these items verified yesterday, you can be sure you're out of the running in their "My Favorite Soldier" contest.

What must be verified by support? All small arms, most night vision and missile sights, TMDE stuff, and chemical, radiation and biological detectors have semiannual or annual verification requirements. If you're not sure if your equipment must be verified, look in the TMs' PMCS tables. Or ask support. They will know.

The hard part is not letting the verifications slip by in the rush of daily work. Here are some good ways to stay on the verification track:

- Note in the REMARKS block on your DD Form 314s when the next verification is due.
- In ULLS, track verifications on DA Form 5988-E.
- On a large piece of cardboard, mark off columns for ID number, date serviced, next due date, status, and remarks. Cover the board with acetate (self-help probably has some) and use a grease pencil to keep the board up-to-date.
- Create a computer data base for tracking verifications. We told you how to do that on Page 18-19 in PS 596 (Jul 02). If you don't have that issue, see

https://www.logsa.army.mil/pub/psissues/ps_596.pdf

Staying on track with verifications will keep your equipment safe and accurate and will keep you popular with your commander and support.

