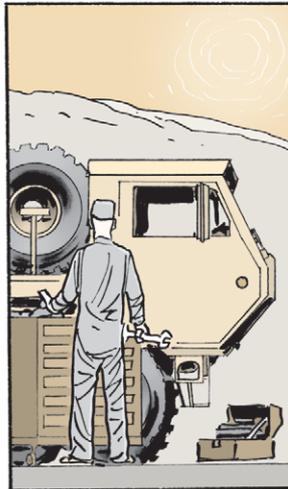


# WHAT'S IN STORE



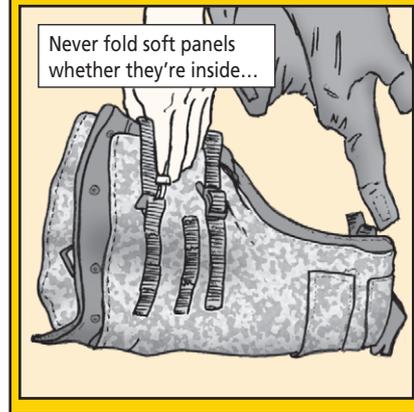
A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING AND EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE.

THAT WISDOM HOLDS TRUE WHETHER YOU'RE GETTING YOUR AREA SQUARED AWAY OR STORING YOUR INTERCEPTOR BODY ARMOR (IBA).

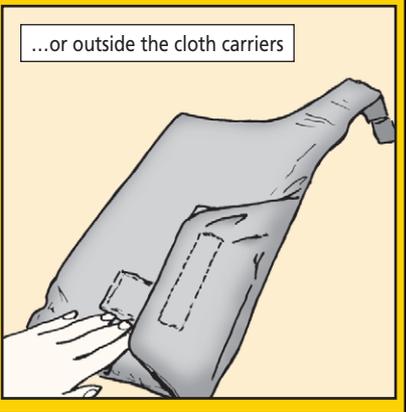


PROPER STORAGE CAN PROLONG THE LIFE OF YOUR IBA. HERE ARE SOME GUIDELINES...

• **Never** fold the soft ballistic panels and inserts to store them. That rule applies whether they're inside or outside the cloth carriers. If a soft panel or insert remains folded long enough, a permanent crease forms. That crease won't come out even if you try to lay the material flat. Layers of ballistic protective fibers start to degrade along the fold. Once that happens, the panel or insert starts to lose its ballistic protection. Also, the fold draws the fiber layers inward, decreasing the area of protective cover.



Never fold soft panels whether they're inside...



...or outside the cloth carriers



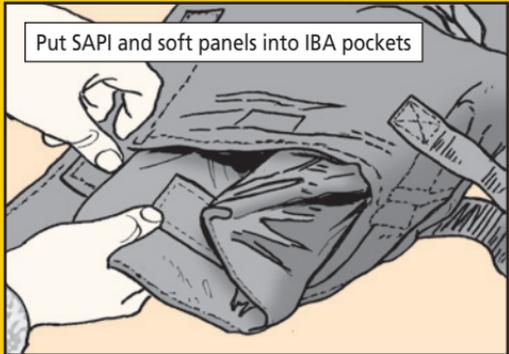
**ALWAYS** CLEAN AND DRY THE IBA BEFORE STORAGE. THAT MEANS ALL THE IBA, INCLUDING...

...THE **OUTER TACTICAL VEST (OTV)** AND THE **SMALL ARMS PROTECTIVE INSERTS (SAPI)**.

(The OTV includes the cloth carriers of the base vest's outer shell, yoke and collar, throat protector, groin protector, and deltoid and axillary protectors. It also includes all soft ballistic panels and inserts.)

## Storage Details

- Attach all components to the IBA. Put the SAPI and soft panels and inserts into the IBA pockets—just like you were going to wear them. That way you'll know exactly where everything is.
- Put the IBA in a plastic bag to keep out dirt, dust and moisture. Just don't seal the bag. It's better to give the IBA some air and to let it "breathe" during storage.
- Store the IBA as flat as possible to keep the materials (especially the soft panels and inserts) from bunching.



Another method for storage is to hang the IBA on a sturdy hanger with all SAPI and soft panels and inserts placed inside. Make your own garment bag by cutting a small hole in the bottom of a garbage bag. Then cover the IBA on the hanger. That'll help keep out dust and sand.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE THE *USE AND CARE MANUAL* THAT COMES WITH THE IBA. THE IBA HAS A POCKET INSIDE THE BASE VEST DESIGNED TO HOLD THE MANUAL.

ALSO SEE CHAPTER 25 OF TM 10-8400-203-23, *GENERAL REPAIR PROCEDURES FOR INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT*.

