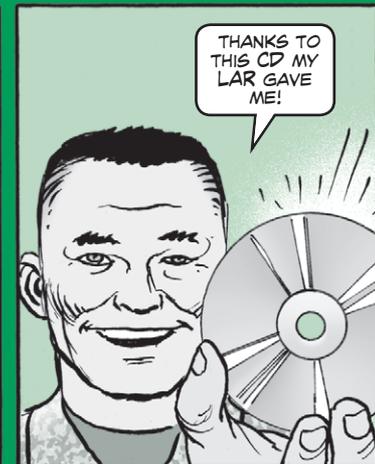




Put It on



CD to Go



Dear Editor,

As a TACOM-Rock Island logistics assistance representative (LAR), I often deal with armorers who are unaware of or don't have access to information that would make their jobs easier. Too often important information put out by the small arms experts doesn't make it down to the armorers, who are the ones the info needs to reach.

Computers can help solve this communications failure. I have downloaded to my computer many of the publications, maintenance procedures, and messages an armorer needs to do the best job possible. Whenever I run across a new armorer, I put all this info on a CD and give it to him. Now he has a library of information at his fingertips.

Here are some of the items I include and where to find them:

- any safety of use and maintenance advisories having to do with small arms. You can find them at the secure part of AEPS at <https://aepspublic.cfm> Click on the COMMODITY tab and then click on Individual and Crew Served Weapons.
- the *Small Arms Integration Book*, which shows which sights and aiming devices can be used on which weapons. It can be downloaded at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/folder/4718898>
- DA Pam 750-8, *The Army Maintenance Management System (TAMMS)*, found at http://www.apd.army.mil/pdf/files/p750_8.pdf
- authorized bench stock for armorers, found at https://www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/supportfiles/hottopics/small_arms_repair_parts_bench_stock_list.pdf
- the PS article on what you need to mount machine guns on trucks: https://www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/archives/PS2004/PS_621/621-14-21.pdf

And the article's update:

- <https://www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/archives/PS2006/647/647-17.pdf>
- TM 9-1005-3738-13&P, which covers the 500/590 model shotgun: <https://www.logsa.army.mil/etms/online.cfm>
- TB 9-1000-262-DT, *Operation Desert Thunder Material Readiness: Ammunition and Armament*, which has lots of info on care of small arms and ammo in the desert. It's also at <https://www.logsa.army.mil/etms/online.cfm>
- the M2 machine gun headspace and timing procedure, found at <https://aeps2.ria.army.mil/commodity/pubs/tacom/bulletin/m2-mg-time-gage2.doc>
- the PS article on all available Army racks (including the Spacesaver racks): <https://www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/archives/PS2006/639/639-20-23.pdf>

I would recommend other LARs and DOL and direct support small arms supervisors download these pubs and messages to their computers and make CD copies for the armorers they work with.

They can update the information quickly when necessary. This will make their jobs and the armorers' jobs easier.

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Editor's note: Excellent idea, it's an especially good idea for helping armorers in SWA who might not have online access to this information.