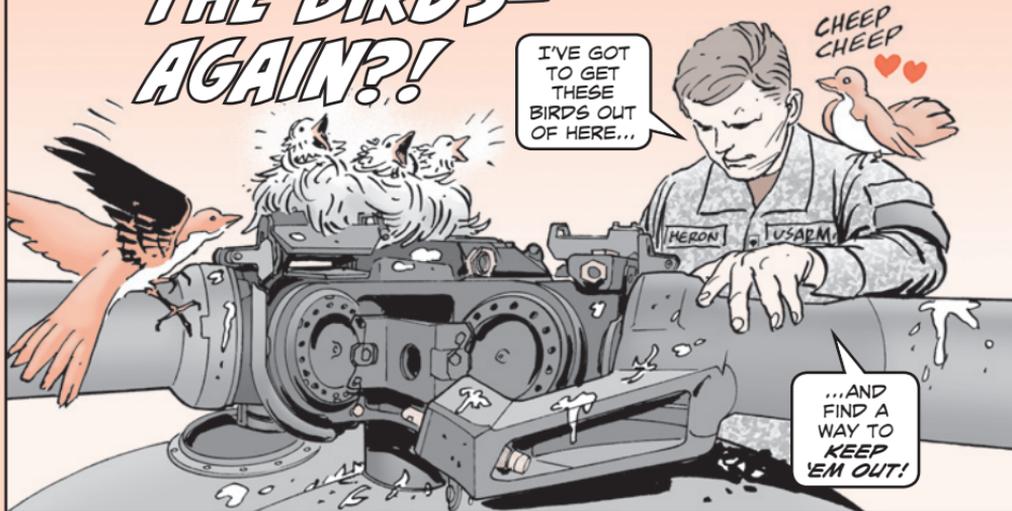


THE BIRDS- AGAIN?!



Bird nests have been found in the opening of the AH-64 tail rotor and nestled underneath the cambered fairing of a Black Hawk just above the stabilator.

The Chinook is also a target. Birds use the rotor head area to build nests.

As the bird battle continues, it's in your best interest to pull out those rotor hub or rotor head covers, NSN 1730-01-538-5186, NSN 1730-01-455-4997. Use them when the aircraft sits on the flight line.

Birds have no preference for what materials they use to build nests. Scraps of safety wire, straw and the usual grass make a good nest.

If you notice nest-making material around your Chinook, go top-side and inspect the rotor head for stowaways. Bird nest material is a FOD problem.

And remember that bird droppings are corrosive and messy. When cleaning areas where birds have pitched their nest, always wear gloves and any necessary breathing devices. Bird waste can eat through paint, wiring and insulation and it corrodes metal. If bird droppings are splattered all over the rotor head, wash your helicopter.

As always, the best defense against birds making a home or making a mess on the rotor head is to keep the rotor head covers on.

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for cloth cover...



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for nylon cover