

# NCOs Can Make or Break PMCS

IF THE PM CHECKS AND SERVICES DONE IN YOUR UNIT ARE LACKING, THEN MAYBE...

- **Your soldiers lack training.** It's up to the old timers and NCOs in the unit to see that the untrained get trained. Without good PMCS, you and your equipment can't roll when duty calls.

Plus, it's important to fill out DA Form 5988-E, *Equipment Maintenance and Inspection Worksheet*, or DA Form 2404, *Equipment Inspection and Maintenance Worksheet* (whichever your unit uses) correctly! Unreported faults can't be fixed!

The bottom line, NCOs, is to take the time to teach your soldiers the right way to perform PMCS. And while you're at it, make sure they know the right way to operate their equipment.



- **Soldiers aren't using the TMs.** Pulling PMCS without the manual wastes time. Teach soldiers to always use the TM because no one's memory is perfect. Don't guess. The TMs usually have the answers you need.

- **Soldiers don't know how to use the TMs.** If the soldiers in your platoon don't know how to use the TMs, use some "Sergeants' Time" to teach them how to use 'em. Hands-on training can really help, too.

- **NCOs aren't checking on the unit's work.** Daily follow-up is a good idea, so do it. Then you'll know if your soldiers need refresher training. You'll also know where the problem areas are.

There's no excuse for poor PM or untrained soldiers. Both can put soldiers and equipment in danger. So, commanders, allow proper time in your training schedule for PMCS. And operators, take the time you need to do PMCS the right way. The success of your mission could depend on it.