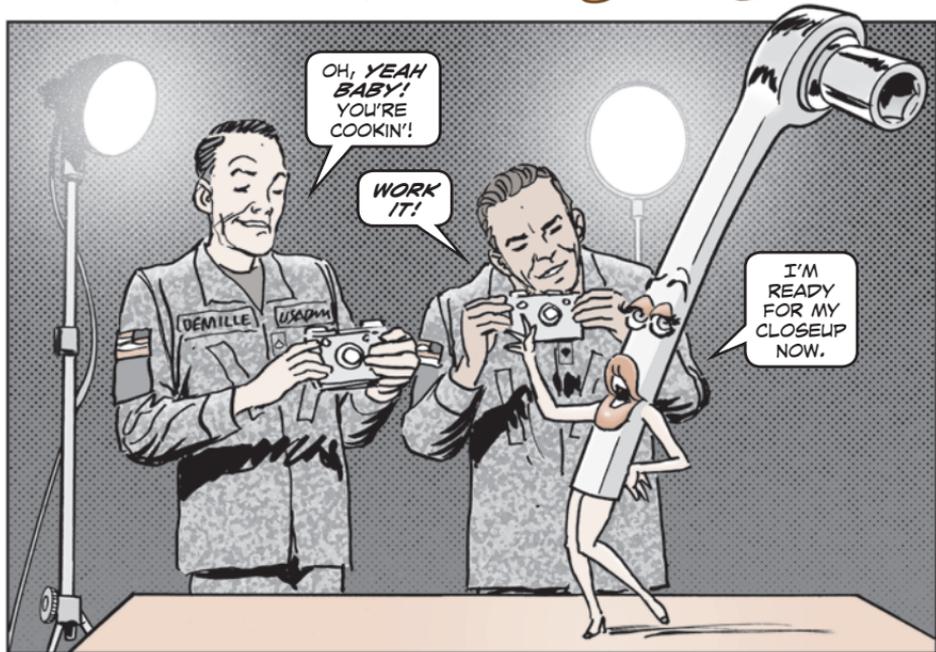


Take Inventory Digital



Dear Editor,

Digital cameras make it very easy to take pictures of equipment and then transfer it to your computer. So we've used digital technology to make keeping track of our inventory simpler.

We lay out all the items we're responsible for and take a digital picture of each item. After we transfer the pictures to a computer, we add the nomenclature, LIN, NSN, serial number, hand receipt number, and on-hand quantity to each item's picture. All of that should be available in the property book. Once you have all the pictures and information stored in the computer, it's simple to make any needed changes as inventory changes.

This method greatly eases the transition for a new CO because he may not be familiar with all the equipment he's assuming responsibility for. With this, he can match the pictures to his equipment to see what he's getting.

Of course, once you have all this information stored in your computer, make a copy of it in case your computer crashes.

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*Editor's note: A picture is worth a 1,000 LINs.
Thanks for the suggestion.*