

Maintenance Management...

WE'RE THE NATIONAL GUARD COMET AND WE'RE HERE TO EVALUATE YOUR MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.

LET'S START WITH THE CONDITION OF YOUR EQUIPMENT.

Guard Has COMET, Too



Dear Editor,

We at the National Guard Bureau Maintenance Branch read your article in PS 673 (Dec 08) on the Army's COMET (command maintenance evaluation and training team) program.

The article accurately described the Active Army COMET program, but failed to mention that the National Guard has its own version of COMET, which is somewhat different than the Active Army's.

The Army's COMETs are made up of contract personnel who help units solve their logistical problems through both assistance and training. Their focus is on readiness.

With the National Guard, each state has its own COMET, whose focus is evaluating unit maintenance and equipment readiness. The National Guard COMETs, which are composed of Soldiers, evaluate but don't instruct. They evaluate maintenance management, AMSS (Army materiel status system) data, maintenance sustainability, and the condition of equipment. Each state's COMET evaluates each of that state's Guard units at least every 24 months.

If a unit needs help correcting any problems that surface during a COMET evaluation, they can turn to a maintenance assistance and instruction team (MAIT), which is described in AR 750-1. Each state has a National Guard version of MAIT ready to help units through assistance and instruction.

If you have questions about the National Guard COMET program, email:

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or call DSN 327-7468, (703) 607-7468.

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Editor's note: Thanks for updating us on the National Guard COMET, Sir. The POC for the Active Army COMET program can be reached at DSN 367-7114, (404) 464-7114, or email [@us.army.mil](mailto:us.army.mil)

Active Army COMETs are located at Forts McPherson, Bragg, Stewart, Drum, Campbell, Carson, Hood, Riley and Lewis. You can contact them through your division or brigade's G-4 or S-4 or through the contact above.