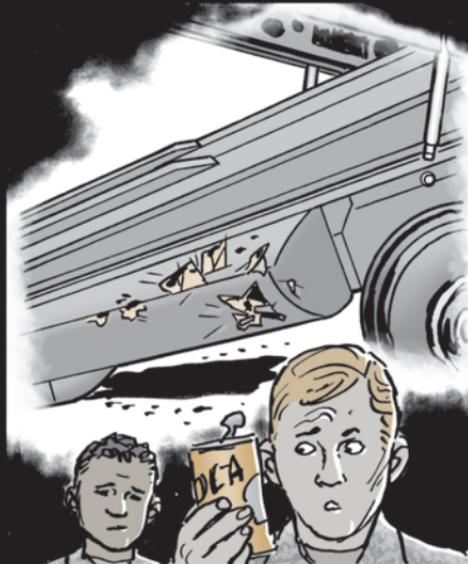
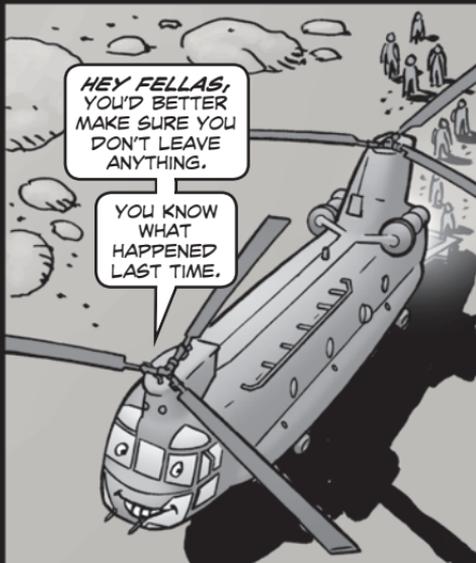


# NIGHT MAINTENANCE



**M**echanics, night maintenance on your Chinook calls for extra attention to detail. Without daylight, it's easy to leave items in the wrong place.

When performing night maintenance, pay particular attention to the ramp side areas prior to raising the ramp. Make sure nothing is left on the ramp sides that may put the ramp or other equipment in harm's way. Pick up anything that is loose and put it away.

Oil cans, ammo cans, and even combat helmets sometimes get left on the ramp sides. If the area is not picked up, the ramp and what-ever is placed on the ramp sides will get crushed or destroyed when the ramp closes.

The ramp side areas are just thin sheet metal, so anything that gets caught there will punch a hole through the ramp and likely destroy a portion of the airframe. It will definitely destroy whatever is left on the ramp side.

Eyeball the area when nighttime maintenance is complete to avoid the crushing problem of airframe repair.

At night, pick up your stuff before you go

