

# Electronic Gun Card Saves Time, Improves Accuracy



You've just returned from the firing range and boy, are you tired! Before you head off for some well-deserved R&R, make sure you take the time to update your DA Form 2408-4, *Weapon Record Data Card*.

The only way to determine gun tube life is to keep track of the number and types of rounds fired from your mortars, artillery and armor. If the data's not up-to-date, your gun tube could be condemned too soon. Even worse, it might not be condemned soon enough!

Before you reach for that stubby pencil, remember this: The DA Form 2408-4 is now electronic and available on the Army Electronic Product Support (AEPS) website. Only deployed units that have no Internet access are allowed to mail in their gun cards.

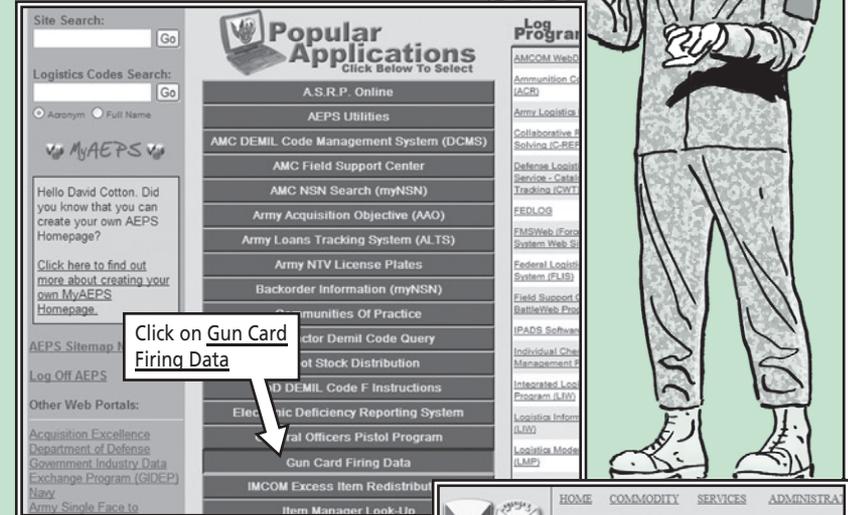
Active duty units with no access should mail in their cards each April and October. Reserve and National Guard units with no access should mail theirs in October. Send them to:

**US Army TACOM  
AMSTA-LC-LETT (AEPS Help Desk)  
1 Rock Island Arsenal  
Rock Island, IL 61299-7630**

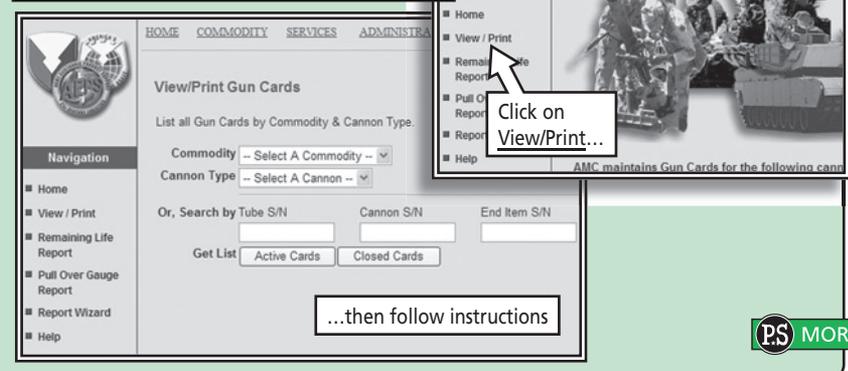
## Electronic Access

FOR ELECTRONIC GUN CARD ACCESS, GO TO THE AEPS WEBSITE:  
<http://aeps.ria.army.mil/aepspublic.cfm>

LOG IN WITH YOUR AKO USER NAME AND PASSWORD OR WITH YOUR COMMON ACCESS CARD (CAC). IF YOU DON'T HAVE EITHER, CLICK ON ACCESS REQUEST FORM AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS.



SELECT THE GUN CARD FIRING DATA BUTTON UNDER POPULAR APPLICATIONS, THEN CLICK ON VIEW/PRINT IN THE LEFT-HAND COLUMN. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING THE CARD FOR YOUR GUN TUBE.



...then follow instructions



## Store, Transfer, or Turn-in?

If you're getting ready to store, transfer or turn in a mortar, tank or other gun system vehicle, you've got a two-step process to follow.

**Step 1:** Make sure you notify Team Armor whenever you transfer, turn in, store or send your equipment for rebuild or overhaul. That allows them to update the Unit Identifier Code (UIC). Artillery units should notify their artillery POCs.

The UIC **must** be updated whenever there's a change in the personnel responsible for the equipment and its gun card. Without the update, new users will have problems accessing the equipment's electronic gun card.

**Step 2:** Make sure you include an updated hard copy of the gun card along with the mortar, tank or gun system. That's the word in DA Pam 750-8, *The Army Maintenance Management System (TAMMS) Users Manual*.

1. Tube Serial 15896		2. Cannon Type, Model or Series M256 Cannon, 120mm Gun		3. ORGANIZATION (UIC/UNIT) WDOJ97 (AFSBN - KUMWALT)		4. SPECIAL LIFE DATA Condemn the cannon tube when 1500 EFC rounds have been fired. Condemn the cannon when it reaches 4500 EFC rounds.		
5. End Item Identification SN: (Tank, Combat, FT: M1A1/M1A2)				6. RDS/EFC COMPUTATION ZONE      EFC FACTORS				
7. Cannon Serial 6589		8. Retubings 2		9. Rebushings				
Cumulative EFC RDS fired for Cannon: 534.000								
Tubes:								
	Status	Tube Serial	EFC Rounds					
	Active	10000	123.000					
	Previous	5719	369.000					
	Rebreached	8826	42.000					
10. Date	Projectile Type	Zone or Charge	Rounds Fired	EFC RDS Fired	Cumulative RDS fired	Remaining Life (EFC RDS)	Remarks: Recoil Exercise (RE), Gage or Velocity Reading, Safety Inspection (SI)	Signature
01-01-2005	(Previous DA Form 4 final entries) N/A		100	100	103	1,397.000		Doe, Johnny
09-16-2005		NA					BORESCOPE.	Doe, Johnny
11-04-2005	TP-T	M83	10	10	106	1,394.000		Doe, Johnny
02-09-2006	TPCS					1,393.000		Doe, Johnny
02-09-2006						1,391.000		Doe, Johnny
02-20-2006						890.000		Doe, Johnny
02-20-2006						77.000		Doe, Johnny
10-23-2006							MISC REMARKS: Round count estimated by Willie Wrong matches known amount fired.	False, Freddie
11-08-2006							BORESCOPE. IAW TM 9-1000-202-14	Wrong, Willie
11-08-2006							RECOIL EXERCISE. IAW TM 9-1000-234-13	Wrong, Willie

ONCE YOU'VE MADE SURE THE DATA ON THE ELECTRONIC GUN CARD IS ACCURATE AND COMPLETE...

...PRINT A COPY AND PLACE IT IN THE EQUIPMENT RECORD FOLDER THAT TRANSFERS WITH THE VEHICLE.

## M1-Series Tanks

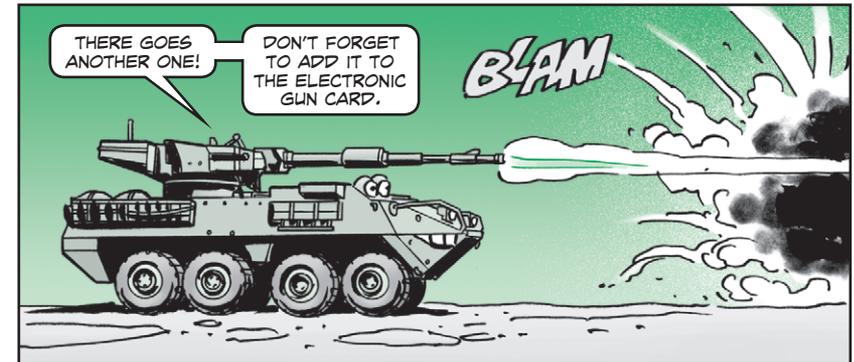
Sure, you're supposed to update the electronic gun card after firing the main gun. But did you know you're also supposed to update the card after exercising the recoil?

If the main gun hasn't been fired in the last six months, it is a semiannual requirement to exercise the recoil and borescope the main gun. This can be done using the M3 oil pump, the gun mount exerciser or by firing the gun. Whichever method you use, update the gun card when you're finished.

An incomplete or inaccurate gun card now makes your tank NMC. You'll find this listed in PMCS Item 10 on WP 0258-21 of TM 9-2350-388-23-2-2 (Jan 09) and PMCS Item 12 on Page 2-20 of TM 9-2350-264-20-2-1 (Apr 03 w/Ch 3, Mar 08). Future updates to TMs 9-2350-264-10-1 and 9-2350-388-10-3 will also make the tanks NMC if the gun card is incomplete or inaccurate.

### M1128 & M1129A1 Stryker

Future updates to IETM 9-2355-321-13&P for the M1128 MGS Stryker and IETM 9-2355-311-13&P for the M1129A1 MCV-B Stryker will make both vehicles non-mission capable if the DA Form 2408-4 is incomplete or inaccurate.



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