

# NO MARGIN FOR ERROR

Some things in this old life you can get away with and not get burned by your mistake or neglect. These things make you say, “*Whew, that was close,*” as you wipe the sweat off your brow. For these things, there is a margin of error.

But then there are other things for which a mistake or neglect will bite you like a rabid dog. Both the bite and after-effects will have brutal consequences. For these things, there is no margin for error.

Some PM you can neglect or do sloppily and get away with it. The effects might be minimal or short-lived. You bet on the margin for error “horse” and that horse may win.

But then there is some PM that if not done or not done right can be a killer for you, your equipment and other Soldiers. There is **no** margin of error and that “horse” finishes **dead last**.

If you don’t do it now, it’s time to take PM seriously. It’s time to realize that **preventing** a breakdown is more important than **repairing** one.

Lives depend on equipment running and running well. Neglect PM and you may get by a hundred times and only pay the piper once. But that one payment may haunt you forever, because the tune the piper is playing is **Taps**.

