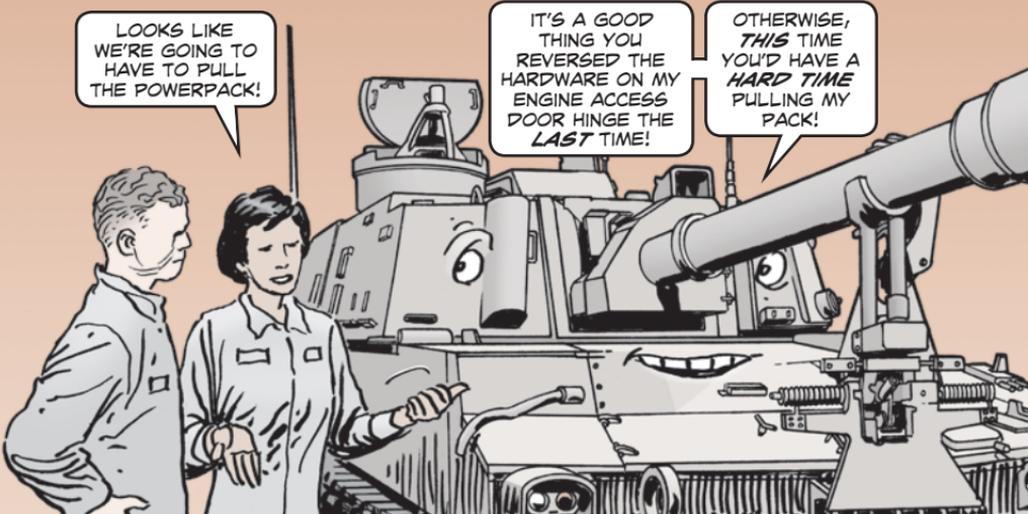


# Run Interference for Deck Bolt



**M**echanics, when it's time to remove the powerpack in a Paladin or ammo carrier, you want to get the job done right and quickly. So when something slows you down, your frustration level goes up a notch or two.

A good example is the hardware for the bottom hinge on the left engine access door, NSN 5342-01-083-5671. Fig 175 of TM 9-2350-314-24P-1 (Feb 99, w/Ch 4, Jan 09) and the M992A2's IETM show the screw placed so the flat washer and self-locking nut are facing the front end of the vehicle.

Problem is, the nut sticks out far enough to interfere with removing one of the engine deck bolts. You have to remove the hardware to get to the deck bolt, then put it all back again when you're finished.

Make this time the last time. When you put the hinge hardware back in place, insert the screw from the bottom. That lets you place the washer and nut on the high side of the hinge and away from the deck bolt.

