

Don't Forget SAMS-E

WHATEVER YOUR METHOD OF MANAGING YOUR ARMS ROOM, ARMORERS, REMEMBER THAT ALL INFO **MUST** BE ENTERED INTO SAMS-E.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS FROM THE FORT LEWIS COMET TEAM ON HOW TO RUN YOUR ARMS ROOM.



Dear Editor,

I'm part of the COMET (command maintenance evaluation and training) Team at Ft Lewis. We had a problem with your article in PS 686 (Jan 10) on armorers using DD Form 314 and DA Forms 5988E and 5409 to keep track of repairs and maintenance of weapons in the arms room.

These forms should be used only by the very few units that haven't switched over to SAMS-E, the automated system. Otherwise, all services should be routed through the SAMS box, which will automatically track repairs and maintenance.

We find problems in arms rooms are often caused by armorers not being adequately trained in how to run an arms room. We remedy that problem here at Lewis by requiring all new armorers and assistant armorers to attend an armorers course we conduct. Armorers who transfer here from other posts are required to take a refresher course.

The course allows us to explain to the armorers the -10/-20 standards for weapons and the Ft Lewis physical security requirements. Plus we can answer any questions they have and evaluate their ability to become a successful armorer. We make it clear to armorers that they can call on us when they have problems.

We also give them a sample weekly battle rhythm for the arms room:

- MONDAY**—vehicle maintenance and operator PMCS
- TUESDAY**—service individual weapons (M9, M4/M16, M203, M500, M107)
- WEDNESDAY**—service crew-served weapons (M249, M240, M2, MK 19)
- THURSDAY**—service individual weapons
- FRIDAY**—update SAMS-E

I hope this information helps armorers throughout the Army.

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Editor's note: This certainly will help armorers, Chet.

In the article, we mistakenly referred to DA Form 5909—that should be DA Form 5409, Inoperative Equipment Report. The use of forms 314, 5988E and 5409 by the armorer are strictly for his own use in managing his arms room. As we say in the article, all information **must** be given to the SAMS clerk so it can be entered into the automated system. What SPC Kyle Adams suggests is a method that uses the SAMS system but is tailored to his needs.

COMET teams exist at Fts McPherson, Bragg, Stewart, Drum, Campbell, Hood, Carson, Riley, Polk, Irwin and Lewis. They are standing by to help armorers. You can contact them through your division or brigade's G-4 or S-4.

M9 Pistol...

Is There a Cleaning Rod NSN?

HEY, GOOD NEWS! PS HAS AN NSN FOR YOUR CLEANING ROD.



Dear Half-Mast,
Is there an NSN for the cleaning rod for the M9 pistol that's stored in the M12 holster?

SGT C.H.

Dear Sergeant C.H.,
Yes. NSN 1005-01-564-7421 was just added to FED LOG and it's a Class 9 part.

Half-Mast