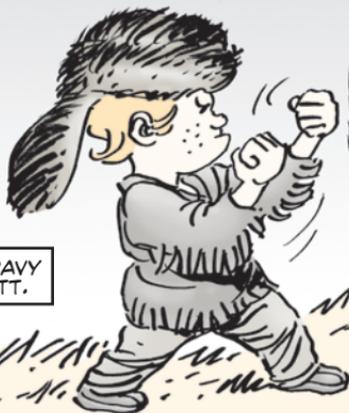


KILT HIM A B'AR WHEN HE WAS ONLY THREE

HE WAS BORN ON A MOUNTAINTOP IN TENNESSEE 224 YEARS AGO ON THE 17TH OF THIS MONTH. HE DIED IN THE ALAMO ON MARCH 6, 1836.



HE WAS DAVY CROCKETT.

HE WAS, IT WAS LATER SAID IN SONG, "THE RIP-ROARINEST FIGHTINEST MAN, THE FRONTIER EVER KNEW."

A LOT ABOUT DAVY CROCKETT IS LEGEND THAT MAY STRETCH THE TRUTH A MITE. HOWEVER, ONE THING WE KNOW FOR SURE WAS HE DID PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE ON HIS RIFLE. HOW DO WE KNOW?



WE KNOW BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT HAVE SURVIVED THE "WILD FRONTIER" UNLESS HE DID PM. THERE WAS NO SUPPORT TEAM TO RUN TO FOR RIFLE REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENTS WHERE DAVY BIVOUQUED.

DAVY'S FAVORITE RIFLE WAS A .40 CALIBER FLINTLOCK HE CALLED **BETSY**. DAVY SAID THAT FROM 1825-1834, HE KILLED 125 BEARS WITH OLD BETSY.



ALTHOUGH THE RECORD IS NOT CLEAR, WE CAN BE SURE THAT BETSY GOT HIM OUT OF PLENTY OF SCRAPES WITH VILLAINS AS WELL AS BEARS.

DAVY TOTED HIS RIFLE. YOU CARRY YOURS. DAVY HAD NO MAINTENANCE SUPPORT. YOU HAVE PLENTY. BUT THERE IS ONE THING YOU HAVE IN COMMON.

WHEN YOU POINT, SIGHT AND FIRE, YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON YOUR RIFLE BEING IN THE BEST SHAPE PM CAN PROVIDE.

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR PM. THERE WASN'T ON THE WILD FRONTIER AND THERE ISN'T IN WILD AFGHANISTAN.

