

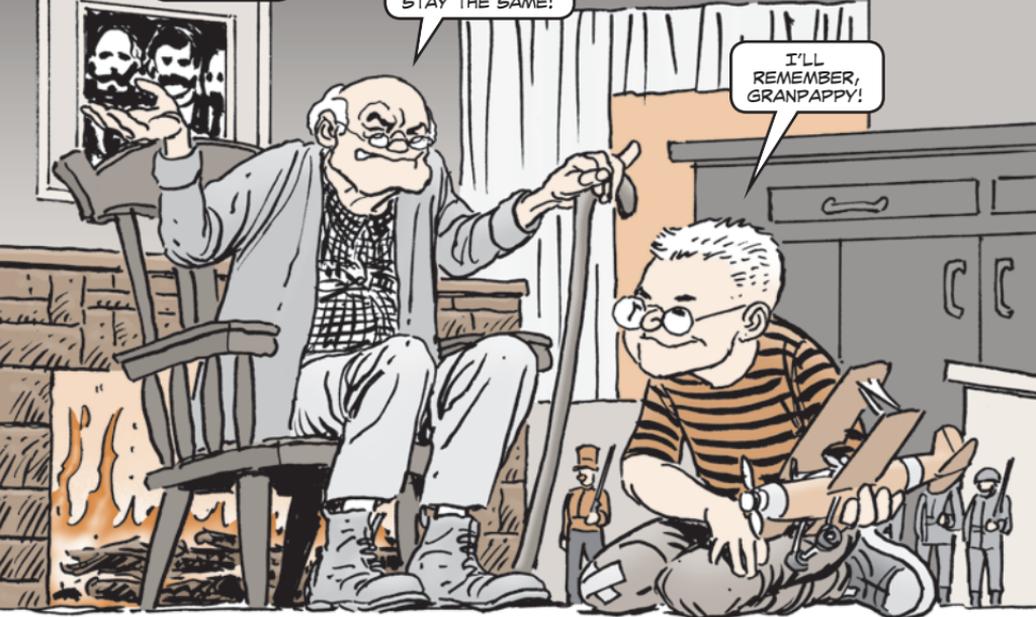
Times Have Changed? **NO!**

REALLY!

MARK MY WORDS, HALFIE!

THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME!

I'LL REMEMBER, GRANPAPPY!



My ol' granpappy was fond of saying, "The more things change, the more they stay the same!"

And that's true. Just take a look at the evolution of Army equipment. During the Revolutionary War, our weapons were flintlocks and cannon. If you wanted to get somewhere, it was on horseback or boot leather.

During the Civil War, we moved up to rifles and revolvers. The first crude hand grenade was introduced, as was the Gatling gun. Old Nelly was still the main means of transportation, but the logistics train became more dependent on the steam locomotive and river boats to move food, ammunition and materiel.

The first and second World Wars brought machine guns, long-range artillery, mortars, aircraft, trucks and tanks. Today, we have much of the same types of equipment, but with tremendous modifications and improvements.

So, while it's obvious that things have changed, how have they stayed the same?

Preventive maintenance is the constant. No matter how much a piece of equipment improves, it still needs PM to stay in the action. Whether it's a Minuteman cleaning and oiling his musket or a Soldier who's headspacing and timing his M2 machine gun today, PM is the thread that weaves history together.

After all, without PM would you stake your life **right now** on the condition of your equipment?

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