

Tools...

# Bar Codes Make Inventory Easy!

BAR CODING MAY BE THE WAY TO GO FOR TRACKING TOOLS.

HERE'S HOW ONE TOOL ROOM USED BAR CODES.



Dear Editor,

Running a large tool room like ours at Camp Beauregard, LA, can be a nightmare if you don't stay on top of what tools you have and who has checked them out. If you don't keep accurate records, soon you've got a real mess.

We've made organizing our tool room easier with bar coding. We bought a bar coding system from one of the major tool companies that lets us create bar codes for both the tools and people who check them out. We give each tool or tool set a bar code and each person or unit that we deal with a bar code. When someone checks out a tool or tool set, we scan both the tool bar code and the person or unit's bar code. The information is instantly logged into our computer. Then, when we need to check where a tool is, we can do so in seconds.

Bar coding can even help you keep track of bench stock



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We also keep a record in the database of when tools were calibrated so that we can easily tell when a particular tool is due a trip to TMDE.

Even our bench stock is bar coded, which helps us keep track of what items need to be replenished.

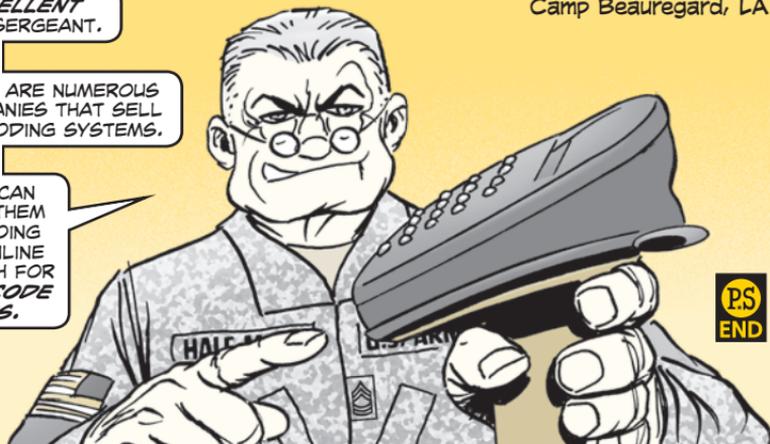
We dedicate one computer just for the bar code info and we don't hook it up to the Internet to safeguard against viruses. And, of course, we weekly back up the information to an external drive in case the computer crashes.

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THERE ARE NUMEROUS  
COMPANIES THAT SELL  
BAR CODING SYSTEMS.

YOU CAN  
FIND THEM  
BY DOING  
AN ONLINE  
SEARCH FOR  
**BAR CODE  
KITS.**



Welding...

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NSNs HANDY  
WHEN YOU  
NEED WELDING  
WIRE FOR...

...YOUR WELDING SET,  
NSN 3431-01-262-3566  
AND IN YOUR  
ORGANIZATIONAL SHOP SET,  
NSN 4940-01-236-0166.

NSN 3439-	Electrode, welding	Wire diameter, inches	Qty in spool
01-013-2800	steel	0.030	25 lbs
01-012-1003	steel	0.045	25 lbs
00-885-3638	aluminum alloy	0.047	10 lbs
01-012-6661	aluminum alloy	0.030	10 lbs

