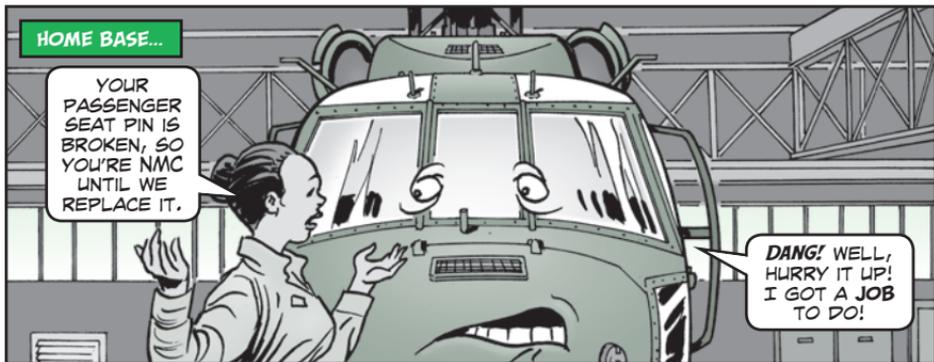


Back to Normal



Equipment maintenance may not follow normal practice when you're deployed.

Preventive inspections may need to be more frequent. Equipment may need cleaning more often than TMs recommend. Oil, grease and other fluids may need to be changed more often. Short equipment operational life spans may follow if maintenance doesn't keep pace with OPTEMPO.

Sometimes deployments require fixes to equipment that keeps it temporarily running in ways that aren't normal. Doing "whatever it takes" to maintain readiness can become routine.

The problem is that some Soldiers haven't been around the Army long enough to understand what normal maintenance practices are. Deployment routines are usually costly to maintenance budgets. They can also create risks to equipment and harm to the Soldiers who operate and maintain it.

That's why technical manuals and unit standard operating procedures (SOP) are the standard. Using them is the BEST and SAFEST means of lengthening equipment life and protecting Soldiers.

When you aren't deployed, follow the TMs and the unit SOP. They're your best bet to getting the job done right.