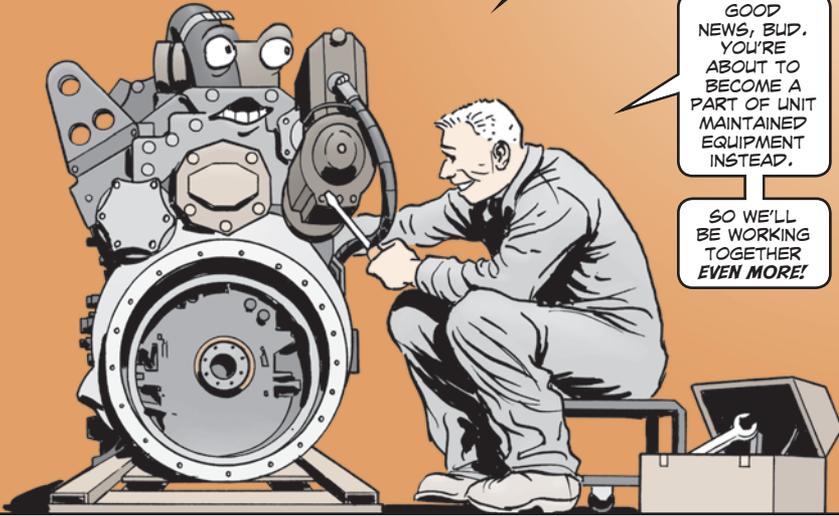


Army Converting from LBE to UME

GEE, I HATE BEING A PART OF LEFT BEHIND EQUIPMENT! SOUNDS LIKE I'M **NOT WANTED!**

GOOD NEWS, BUD. YOU'RE ABOUT TO BECOME A PART OF UNIT MAINTAINED EQUIPMENT INSTEAD.

SO WE'LL BE WORKING TOGETHER **EVEN MORE!**



The changing Army mission means that most units must soon make changes in the maintenance arena, too.

The majority of field maintenance tasks performed by the Army Materiel Command (AMC) will transfer back to units. In the future, Soldiers will do the bulk of repairs on maintenance significant items (MSIs).

MSIs include end items, assemblages, components or systems that require maintenance. Right now, any MSIs that are transferred from a unit's property book to AMC when that unit deploys are known as left behind equipment (LBE).

Currently, accountability and sustainment of LBE is done by AMC at the unit's home station. But that's about to change.

Soon, MSIs remaining on a unit's property book at the home station after the main body deploys will be called unit maintained equipment (UME). UME will be accounted for and sustained by the unit's rear detachment.

A pilot test is underway at five locations (consisting of eight units) to test the transition from LBE to UME. If all continues to go well, FORSCOM will convert the majority of its units in FY13, followed by USARPAC and direct reporting units in FY14. Most units will eventually convert to UME, with exceptions made for those units that do not have core maintenance capabilities.

TO PROVIDE THE MOST EFFECTIVE UME SUPPORT, UNITS SHOULD...



- Identify the total number of combat systems and tactical wheeled vehicles that will require scheduled services while the main body is deployed. That will help the rear detachment better understand workload requirements.
- Identify and request augmentation support no later than (NLT) 120 days before deployment.
- Have a Logistics Information System (LIS) (e.g., SAMS-E) on hand to manage maintenance and align UICs and DODAACs NLT 60 days before deployment.



- Separate any special tools required for UME maintenance from the tools the main body plans to take forward.



- Review the maintenance packet NLT 30 days before deployment. Without proper documentation, costs for additional services may arise.
- Know the regulations (AR 750-1, *Army Materiel Maintenance Policy*) for placing tactical wheeled vehicles in low-usage programs.
- Have a plan to exercise (road test) equipment.
- Do PMCS and road test equipment monthly rather than quarterly.
- Reconcile SAMS-E and PBUSE as soon as property books are split. Do not wait until after unit deployment to reconcile.
- Ensure UICs and DODAACs are active and have funding attached before deployment.
- Make all lateral transfers to other units before beginning UME support.



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