

CMDP

COMING SOON TO A UNIT NEAR YOU!

I HEARD THAT CMDP STANDS FOR 'CONSUME MORE DIMPLED POTATOES', BUT I CAN'T FIND ANY DIMPLED POTATOES!

WILL REGULAR IDAHO POTATOES DO?

NAH! I HEARD IT MEANS 'COVER MY DELICATE PETUNIAS', BUT DOES THAT MEAN ONLY IF IT'S GOING TO FROST DURING THE NIGHT? WHAT ABOUT ON A HOT DAY?

AHHHHH, YER BOTH WRONG!

EVERYBODY KNOWS CMDP STANDS FOR 'CHINCHILLAS MAKE DARLING PETS', BUT I CAN'T FIND ANY PLACE THAT SELLS CHINCHILLAS!

IT'S OBVIOUS YOU GUYS KNOW LOTS OF THINGS THAT CMDP *ISN'T!* NOW LET US TELL YOU WHAT IT *IS!*



IT'S COMMON SENSE THAT GOOD MAINTENANCE IMPROVES COMBAT READINESS.

MOST OF US KNOW THIS FACT.

BUT SOMETIMES, KNOWING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE ISN'T THE SAME AS DOING IT.



One way the Army plans to tackle growing maintenance problems is by setting up the Command Maintenance Discipline Program (CMDP).

The goal is to make maintenance a priority at all levels. To do so, CMDP stresses a return to traditional maintenance programs and practices.

CMDP goes into effect with the next update of DA Pam 750-1, *Commanders' Maintenance Handbook*. The estimated release date for the revised publication is the 4th quarter of FY13. Chapter 11 will cover CMDP in detail



YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE...

- Soldiers back in the motor pools
- Supervisor and staff duties spelled out
- Logistical problems identified and fixed
- Maintenance practices and policies simplified, standardized and enforced across the board

Just as important as knowing what CMDP is, you should also understand what it *isn't*. CMDP won't replace Maintenance Assistance and Instruction Teams (MAIT), Command Maintenance Evaluation and Training Teams (COMET), or Inspector General (IG) inspections.

Instead, CMDP is a daily informal program using requirements checklists. The checklists help commanders with oversight and make maintenance a command priority again.

Formal unit evaluations will still take place. Brigade and smaller active units will be evaluated semi-annually, and Army National Guard (ARNG) and reserve component (RC) units annually.

Army commands, Army service component commands and direct reporting units will make formal evaluations on their next lower commands (division and/or corps) annually for active Army, and bi-annually for ARNG and RC.

CMDP will also recognize and reward excellence in those units that excel in maintenance.

For more details about CMDP, see ALARACT 326/2012. The Army keeps an online database in AKO of ALARACTs going back to 1990. Folders are filed by year. Check it out at:

<https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/550282>

