

# TAKE CARE OF YOUR CRITICAL LINK: **RADIOS**

COMMO EQUIPMENT IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF A MISSION.

KEEP IT COMMUNICATING WITH **GOOD PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE!**



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**W**ould anyone seriously consider going on a resupply mission or a combat patrol without radios, blue force tracker, or boomerang targeting antennas?

Of course not! Radio communications are vital to the success of a mission. The information you can gather from communications capabilities is critical to having situational awareness and remaining in contact with Command and Control—ultimately to keep you as safe as possible as you execute the mission.

But to preserve this precious capability, we must remain vigilant in protecting our equipment through preventive maintenance.

Electronics are sensitive pieces of equipment and require protection from corrosion and static discharge. Adopt maintenance habits to mitigate the risk of electronic systems failing when you need them most.

Be careful! The electrical systems we work with introduce high voltages, energy and heat. These properties carry the potential for serious shocks and burns to operators and maintenance personnel, both military and civilian.

Read your technical manuals and bulletins. The civilians here at CECOM are here to assist. They continually update technical publications so Soldiers in the field have the information they need to perform preventive maintenance checks and services. Be aware of the warning signs concerning broken insulation, frayed wires, loose and missing bonded connections between platforms.

Use your technical publications like you should and be safe! Remember, radios, and all communications equipment, are the **critical link** to your success on the battlefield. Take care of your situational awareness resources!