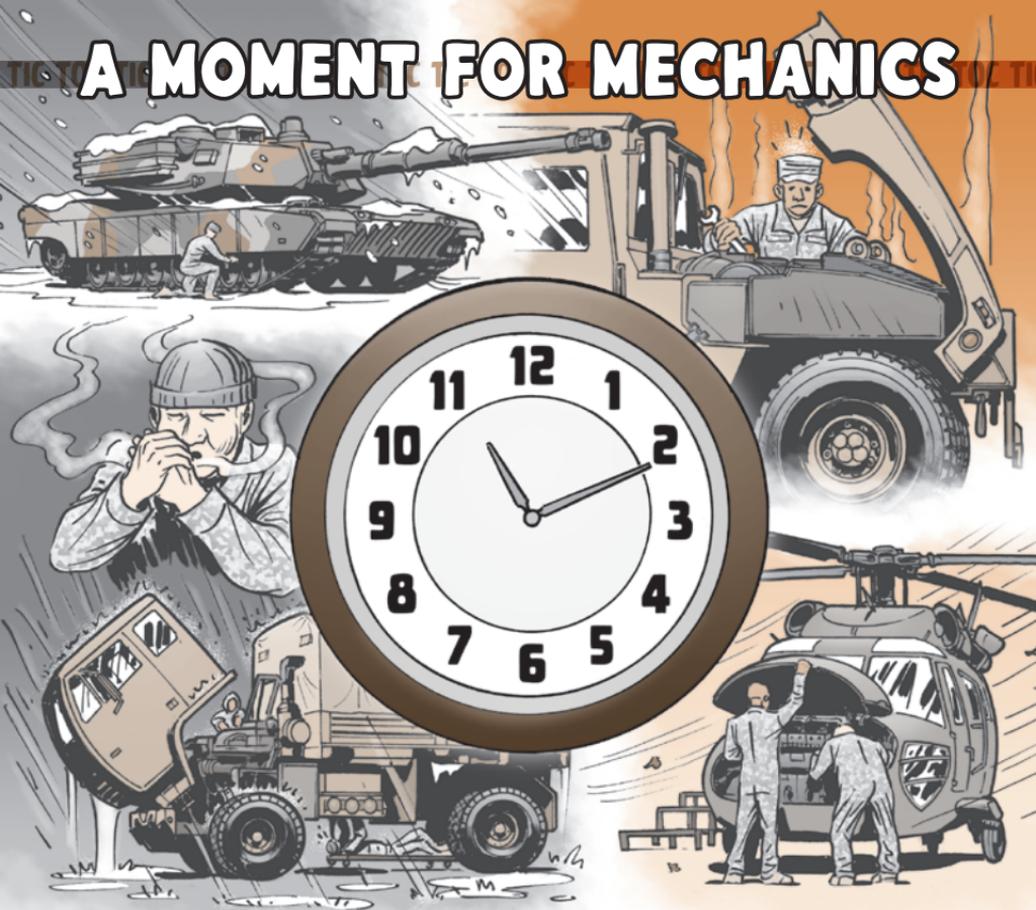


A MOMENT FOR MECHANICS



Take a Soldier who'd rather work than eat. Then fill that Soldier's head full of information about engines, communications, transmissions, electricity, hydraulics, and fuel systems.

Teach that Soldier how to identify and use lots of tools and hundreds of parts on sight. And train that Soldier to keep a surgeon's touch, even with freezing fingers, or while oil is dripping on his face. Besides all that, make that Soldier into a diagnostician.

Finally, instruct that Soldier on keeping good maintenance records and navigating through tech manuals. Now you've got the makings of an awesome unit mechanic.

Tough job? No doubt!

Possible? You bet! It happens every day in motor pools throughout the Army.

These mechanics have high standards for themselves, day in and day out. They keep equipment operating in spite of obstacles that would stop anyone less dedicated.

So the next time you see these mechanics in your motor pool, remember how fortunate you are to have them working on your equipment. You might even want to thank them for their efforts in keeping your equipment up and running.

And if you lead these wrench-turning heroes, officially recognize them with the Driver and Mechanic Badge. Guidance for that award is found in Para 8-31 of AR 600-8-22 (Dec 06).