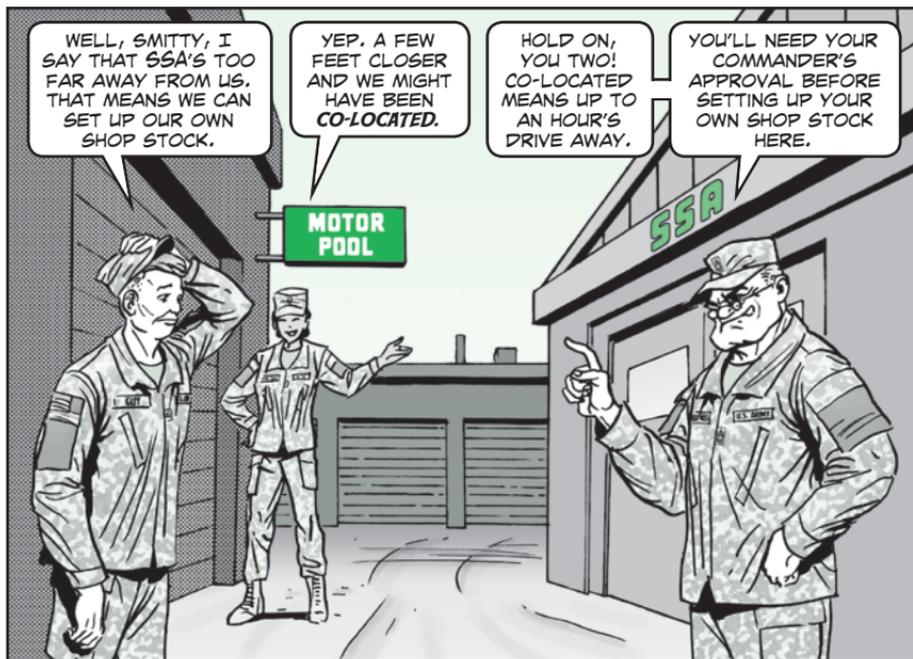


THE LOWDOWN ON SHOP STOCK



The September 2013 revision of AR 750-1, *Army Materiel Maintenance Policy (Maintenance of Supplies and Equipment)*, states in Paragraph 3-6 (2)(a) that: "Shop stocks will be maintained when a maintenance provider organization is not co-located with a supply support activity (SSA). Separate shop stocks are not authorized for maintenance provider organizations and elements when maintenance personnel have prompt, secure, 'walkup' access to SSA stocks."

The term co-located has caused some confusion in the field. Units assume that it means they must be located adjacent to or in close proximity to an SSA to get shop stocks there.

As long as a unit is in the same location (at the installation or forward operating base) or within a reasonable driving distance from an SSA if located off-base (generally a 60-minute drive), then they are considered co-located.

Units that still believe they need separate shop stock must get their commander's approval first. Normally, separate shop stock is only authorized for units that are deploying, deployed or have long separations from SSA support, such as TDA or National Guard/Reserve units that are not in the same vicinity as an SSA.

HQDA's planned July 2014 rapid action review of AR 750-1 will include an update that better explains shop stock guidance. To review the current pub, visit:

http://www.apd.army.mil/pdf/files/r750_1.pdf