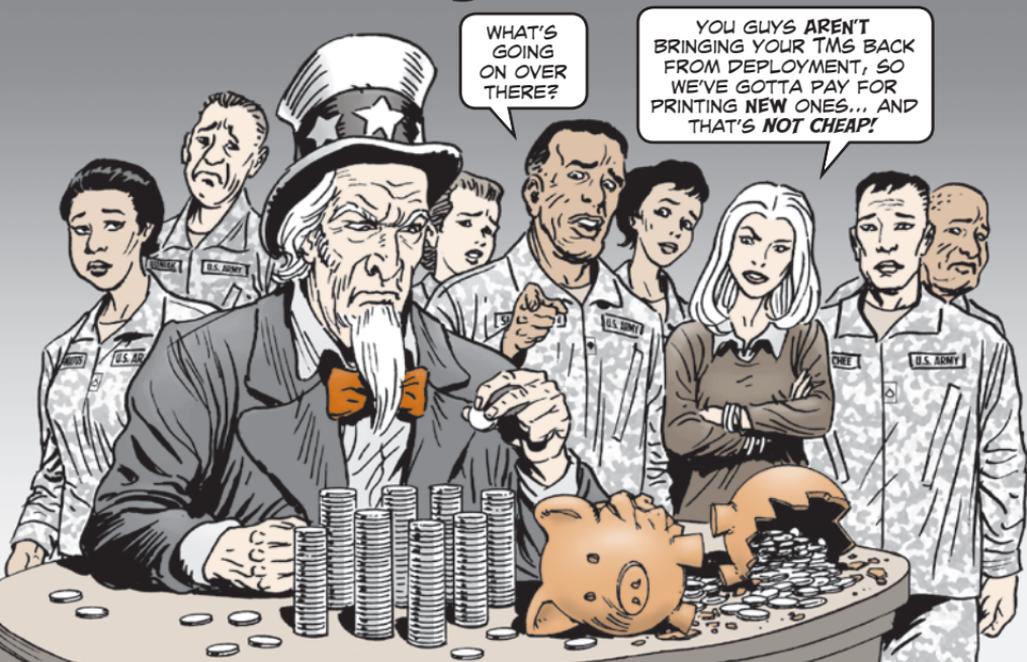


The Book Stops Here: Bring TMs Home!



The Army is reminding Soldiers to bring TMs back from deployment rather than leaving them overseas. Too many Soldiers don't think of TMs as part of their equipment and forget to turn them in. With so much equipment being shipped back from Afghanistan, the cost estimates for replacing TMs are staggering.

Currently, there is little funding to print TMs. And even if the Army receives additional funding, there likely won't be enough funds to print all the TMs the field needs.

It's not just good fiscal sense, it's a regulation. AR 25-30, *The Army Publishing Program*, lists operator TMs as Basic Issue Items (BII). So TMs **must** stay with equipment whenever it's turned in or transferred. With wheeled vehicles, operator manuals should be left inside the cab, typically in the glove box. For combat vehicles, manuals should be stored in the driver's compartment or turret.

Even turning in TMs issued with smaller items like small arms and chemical masks will save Uncle Sam a big chunk of change. Due to their nonstandard size, pocket-sized TMs are more expensive to print. So pack 'em up and bring 'em home!