

Your Best Insurance



SUMMER IS HERE. THE SUN IS HIGH IN THE SKY AND BURNING BRIGHT. TEMPERATURES ARE SOARING. THE SOIL'S PARCHED AND THE AIR IS THICK WITH DUST.

HERE ARE A FEW PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE LESSONS FROM SOLDIERS WHO'VE SPENT TIME IN THE SANDBOX...

MAKE A PLEDGE TO PRACTICE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE—FOR YOU **AND** YOUR EQUIPMENT.

PM FOR YOU MEANS TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF:

DRINK PLENTY OF WATER TO REPLACE WHAT YOU SWEAT OUT.

RUB INSECT REPELLANT WITH DEET ON YOUR SKIN SO THE BUGS DON'T FEAST ON YOU.

PROTECT YOUR SKIN WITH SUN SCREEN, YOUR HEARING WITH COMBAT ARMS EARPLUGS AND YOUR EYES WITH COMBAT EYEWEAR.



PM FOR YOUR EQUIPMENT STARTS WITH YOUR HYDRATION SYSTEM.

MAKE SURE IT WORKS PROPERLY, BECAUSE YOU WON'T LAST LONG IN THE HEAT WITHOUT WATER. CHECK FOR LEAKS. DISINFECT THE BLADDER SO YOUR WATER DOESN'T TASTE FOUL.

THEN INSPECT THE SOFT PANELS AND HARD INSERTS IN YOUR BODY ARMOR. IF THEY'RE DAMAGED BY BULLETS OR FRAGMENTS, THEY CAN'T SAVE YOUR LIFE. **REPLACE THEM.**



FINE DUST AND SAND ARE THE GREATEST THREATS TO YOUR EQUIPMENT. THEY CAN CRIPPLE YOUR GEAR QUICKLY AND QUIETLY.



TO KEEP **COMMUNICATING**, PUT DUST CAPS ON RADIO CONNECTORS.

TO KEEP **SHOOTING**, CLEAN YOUR RIFLE AND MAGAZINES AS OFTEN AS NEEDED.

KEEP THEIR OUTSIDES WIPED DRY.

AND FINALLY, A WORD ABOUT YOUR VEHICLE: YOU **DON'T** WANT YOUR RIDE TO BREAK DOWN IN HOSTILE TERRITORY. A DISABLED VEHICLE ATTRACTS ENEMY FIRE.

SO CHECK YOUR BATTERIES' CHARGE LEVELS AND THE ENGINE'S FLUIDS DAILY. CHECK TIRE PRESSURE. AND MAKE SURE YOU KEEP THE AIR FILTER CLEAN.



PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE IS YOUR **BEST** INSURANCE AGAINST THE THREATS YOU'LL FACE THIS SUMMER!