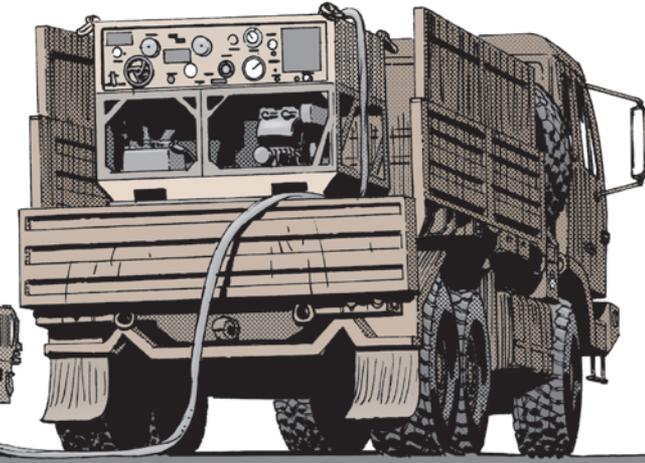
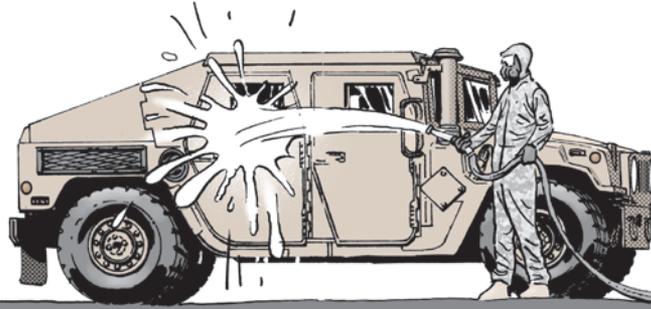


Let Ft Stewart Assist You



LISTEN UP TO THESE SUGGESTIONS FROM FT STEWART. THESE GUYS HAVE SOME GREAT IDEAS!



Dear Editor,

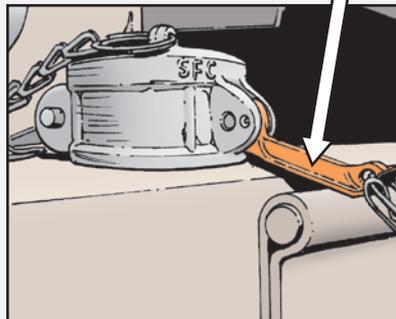
While maintaining the M12 decons at Ft Stewart, we've come up with a few suggestions to make decon units' jobs easier:

Corrosion. In a high humidity area like Ft Stewart, corrosion is a huge problem, particularly with the shower assembly and hose end caps. Rust forms on the threads of the shower pipes and you either can't screw them together or they leak if you do. Corrosion freezes the locks for the hose end caps, which prevents you from locking them on.

We've found keeping the shower pipes' threads sealed with plastic bags or foil will seal out corrosion. Screwing PVC caps on the pipes when they're not in use also stops corrosion. The fix for the hose end cover locks is to lube them at least monthly with CLP and work the locks up and down until they move smoothly.



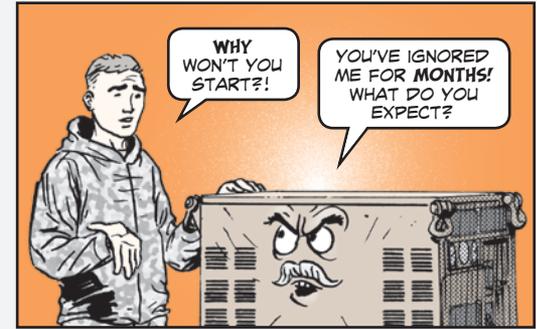
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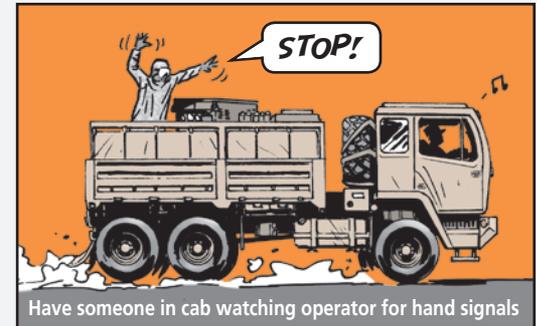
Heater. As hot as it is in Georgia, the heater isn't needed that much. So it often sits for months without being run. But then when you do need hot water, it's almost impossible to start the heater. The solution is simple: Start the heater during weekly PMCS and let it run. Then when you actually need it, the heater will fire right up.

Communications. If a decon crew is doing a moving mission, it's difficult for the Soldier with the M12 to communicate with the driver. The driver can't hear anything while the M12 is running. We put a second Soldier in the cab to watch the operator for hand signals. Then the driver can be quickly alerted if something is wrong.



WHY WON'T YOU START?!

YOU'VE IGNORED ME FOR MONTHS! WHAT DO YOU EXPECT?



STOP!

Have someone in cab watching operator for hand signals

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Editor's note: Good ideas, Sergeants. Thanks for the assistance.