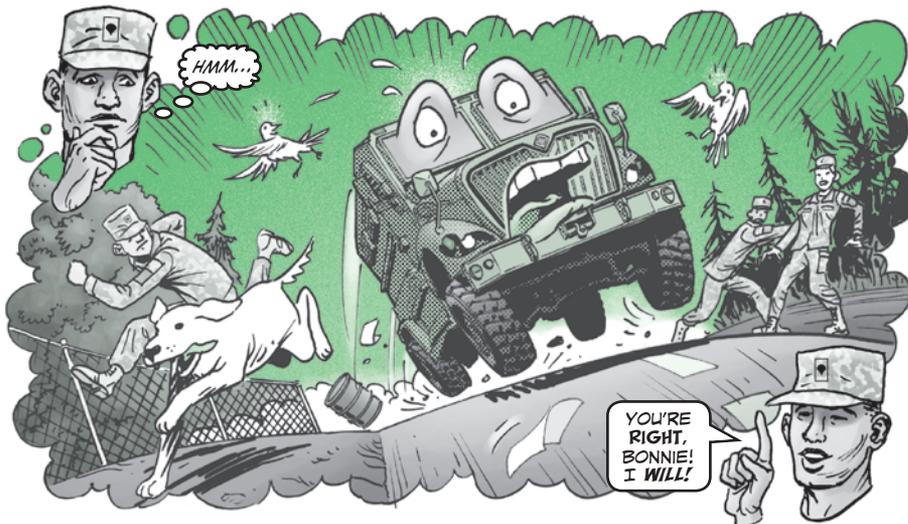
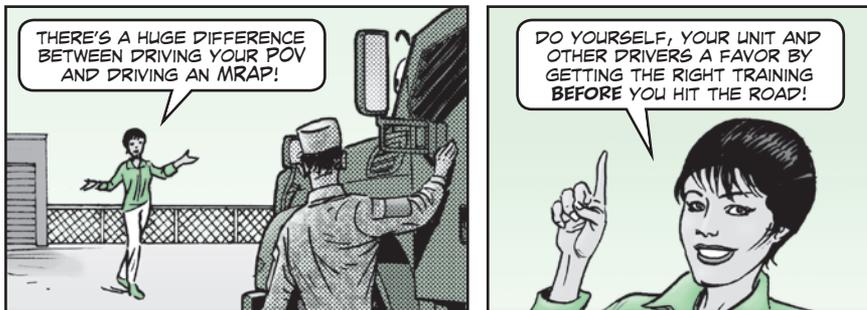
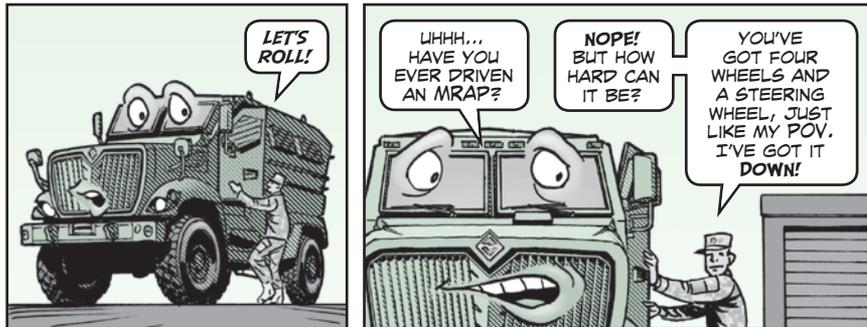


# NO EASY DRIVER



More MRAPs are showing up at units and installations as equipment returns from theater. They need to be safely integrated into the motor pool. Sounds like a simple task, but oversized armored vehicles like MRAPs pose unique driving challenges.

Fact is, drivers need special training to handle MRAPs. These rigs take longer to stop and have slower acceleration than unarmored vehicles. Drivers must adjust for different payloads and lane change reaction times. They must get the feel of driving a vehicle with a higher center of gravity and restricted fields of view.

Unit leaders, take a hard look at your unit-level drivers' training programs. Make sure your Soldiers are trained to operate MRAPs safely on public roads, on-and-off post.

Master driver trainers (MDTs) should be fully engaged in daily training and overseeing MRAP movement, planning and use. For units without resident MDTs, the US Army Transportation School offers an MDT course (ASI M9). Request training through the ATRRS course catalog under School Code 551L. We gave all the details on Page 57 of PS 730:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/archives/PS2013/730/730-57.pdf>

## Recommended Publications

- **AR 600-55, The Army Driver and Operator Standardization Program (Selection, Training, Testing, and Licensing).** This reg sets standards, policies and procedures for selection, training, testing and licensing of Army wheeled vehicle operators. Download at: [http://www.apd.army.mil/pdf/files/r/600\\_55.pdf](http://www.apd.army.mil/pdf/files/r/600_55.pdf)
- **TC 7-31, MRAP Family of Vehicles.** Chapter 3 covers driver selection, training and supervision. Use as a reference for developing and improving your unit's drivers' training program. Click the URL link to 7-31 (requires CAC) and you'll be forwarded to AKO for a secure download: [http://armypubs.army.mil/doctrine/TC\\_1.html](http://armypubs.army.mil/doctrine/TC_1.html)
- **MRAP Handbook 11-11.** Covers the MRAP family of vehicles, including capabilities and limitations. This website is restricted and requires CAC and registration to download: <https://call2.army.mil/toc.aspx?document=6618&tag=141>

## Additional Resources

- **Common Driver Trainer (CDT) MRAP Variant.** The CDT is a driver/trainer simulator that offers initial and sustainment driver training. Look for the CDT at training institutions and operational installations. Simulators can be part of an effective drivers' training program.

The US Army Transportation School's Army Driver Standardization Office (ADSO) can help units develop safe and effective drivers' training programs. For more info, contact Jeffrey Skinner, DSN 539-1955, (804) 765-1955, or email: [jeffrey.e.skinner4.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jeffrey.e.skinner4.civ@mail.mil)