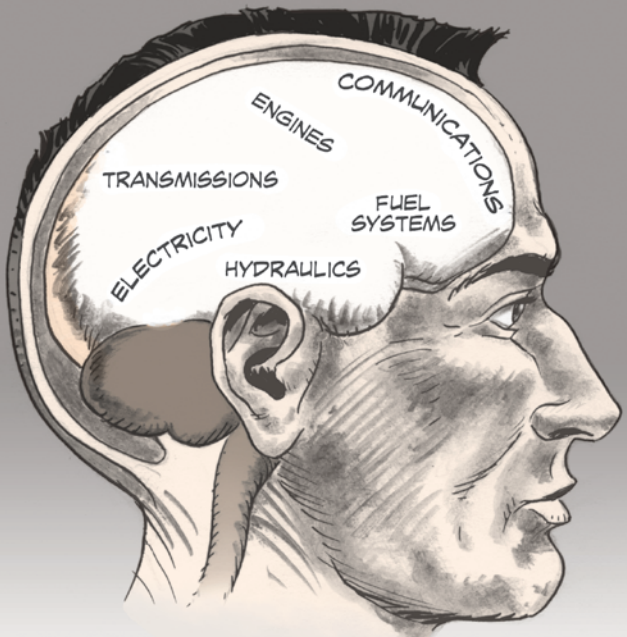

PUT MECHANICS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

All mechanics are the heart and soul of preventive maintenance. But there are a few who are truly outstanding when it's time to get the job done.

These are the mechanics who'd rather work than eat. Their heads are chock full of information about engines, communications, transmissions, electricity, hydraulics and fuel systems.

They use the right tools and repair parts to complete the job. They have a surgeon's touch, even in the freezing cold with bruised fingers while oil drips on their faces.

Just as important, they keep complete and accurate maintenance records. And they can navigate a TM like they were born to do it.

These Soldiers have set high standards and hold themselves accountable every hour of every day. They keep your equipment operating despite obstacles that would stop anyone with less dedication.

So the next time you spot this type of mechanic in your motor pool, count yourself fortunate. Give 'em a hearty handshake and thank them for keeping your equipment up and running.

Even better, officially recognize them with the Driver and Mechanic Badge. You'll find guidance for that award in Para 8-31 of AR 600-8-22, *Military Awards* (Dec 06, w/Ch 2, Jun 13).