

# You Can't Take the *Commander* Out of Command Maintenance!



AS A CORPS COMMANDER IN 1952, MAJOR GENERAL I.D. WHITE WAS RIGHT, MAINTENANCE IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF COMMAND.

NOW, AFTER NEARLY A DECADE OF WAR, THE ARMY IS RETURNING TO INDIVIDUAL AND UNIT MAINTENANCE AS ITS STANDARD AND THE MESSAGE REMAINS TRUE. **MAINTENANCE IS A COMMAND RESPONSIBILITY.**

COMMANDERS, IF YOU ARE TO MAINTAIN HIGH EQUIPMENT READINESS STATES AND YET JUDICIOUSLY MANAGE YOUR MAINTENANCE BUDGETS, YOU MUST BE BOTH INTERESTED IN AND INVOLVED WITH MAINTENANCE, YOU **MUST** INVEST THE TIME AND THE WILL TO ENSURE THAT PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE TASKS ARE DONE WELL.



## Preventive Maintenance... A Command Responsibility

"Preventive Maintenance is not a modern invention. Commanders have always been charged with insuring that all elements of their commands, human and material, be ready and able to accomplish an assigned task. This can be done in only one way—by everlasting interest of every member of the chain of command—in short, by recognizing that maintenance is not the job of the technician, important as he may be, but the job of the commander. PM is a command responsibility."

Major General I.D. White  
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