

## **Modernizing the Prepositioned Fleets of HMMWVs at Army CTCs**

The Army recognized issues with outdated HMMWVs at Army CTCs, and it has taken actions to modernize the prepositioned fleet of HMMWVs at NTC and JRTC.

FORSCOM, at the direction of the Army G-3, initiated an assessment of the prepositioned fleet and developed a two-phased implementation plan to restructure the NTC prepositioned fleet to best support future training rotations at the NTC. The plan included eliminating the tracked vehicles from the NTC fleet and rebuilding or recapitalizing the existing equipment.

According to FORSCOM personnel, FORSCOM G-3 updated the implementation plan for NTC fleet modernization and added up-armored HMMWVs and counter-improvised explosive device vehicles to the prepositioned fleet to more closely resemble vehicles used in theater. Additionally, FORSCOM personnel said that, in February 2007, the FORSCOM G-3 approved a plan to restructure, reduce, or modernize the JRTC prepositioned fleet to meet the Army training requirements.

In April 2008, NTC received 203 up-armored HMMWVs, and it currently maintains 300 up-armored HMMWVs along with other HMMWVs. Furthermore, JRTC expects to receive 214 up-armored HMMWVs, but does not have a delivery date for these vehicles. To ensure modernization of the JRTC prepositioned fleet, FORSCOM must ensure delivery of the remaining up-armored HMMWVs for units training for OIF.

### **Summary**

DoD policy states that training on mission-essential tasks to support the Combatant Commanders must resemble the conditions of actual operations to the maximum extent possible. To that end, equipment used in training must resemble that used in theater to ensure that ground forces are adequately trained to support OIF. However, because of competing equipment requirements in theater and by units being reset for redeployment, the CTCs encountered challenges in obtaining theater-specific equipment for training, specifically armored HMMWVs.

Although the CTCs maintained some armored HMMWVs in their prepositioned fleets, they had to modify unarmored HMMWVs and use them during theater-specific training. Unarmored HMMWVs have limited training value because they have different handling characteristics and seating configurations from the up-armored HMMWVs used in theater. Although modifying these HMMWVs helped the CTCs ensure that units trained on equipment that was as close to theater equipment as possible, the fleets of prepositioned HMMWVs should more closely resemble those in theater.