

From the Desk of:

Our weekly update focuses on new discussions, content and members. The Ammo CoP offers members a chance to connect and collaborate with, quality content and discussions available, all specifically for all professionals who work with and/or around ammunition (Military, Civilians and Contractors alike)! Pass this newsletter on to your friends and peers that may not have heard about the Ammo CoP and invite them to join us at: <https://acc.dau.mil/ammo>

Feature Requests...

In a continued effort to improve on this Newsletter and make it serve the purpose of the CoP, if you have something you would like to see highlighted in this newsletter (people, activities, ammo items, etc...), or if you have any pictures and/or bits of information you would like to include in future newsletters, please send them to me.



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Questions and Answers



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Do you have questions for your peers and fellow Ammunition Professionals? If so logon to: <https://acc.dau.mil/ammo> and post your question so that our members can share their experience, knowledge and expertise with you. Before using the "Ask an Expert" feature please table your questions in the forum.

What is a FARP?

A **forward arming and refueling point (FARP)** is a temporary arming and refueling facility that an aviation unit commander organizes, equips and deploys to support combat tactical operations.

FARPs have four areas that require explosives safety consideration:

- Refueling/Rearming Pads
- Ready Ammunition Storage Area (RASA)
- Ammunition Holding Area (AHA)
- Fuel Storage

Read more about FARPs in [Tactical Explosive Safety, Ammo – 106](#) and [Tactical Explosive Safety, a Quick Reference Guide.](#)

Missile Stockpile Reliability Programs (SRP) Shelf Life Status and Projections

Two of the slides summarize current and projected [shelf life extensions](#) for fielded out-of production missile inventories by model/variant.

Future shelf life extensions that are **LIKELY** to occur, based on current data and SRP funding, are listed as 'Projected'.

Future extensions that will not occur in the near future, or are at risk (unfavorable data, funding shortfalls, etc) are listed as 'Potential'. Contributed by Mr. Garcia

[Afghanistan Culture Smart Book 3rd Edition](#),
TRADOC Cultural Center,
January 2011

Remember this forum is for collaboration and knowledge sharing among all of us within the ammunition community. If you have a question that we may be able to help you answer, or if you have developed an SOP, best practice, or TTP that helps you do your job, post it to Ammo CoP. The few minutes you take to upload something could save someone else hours of work. If you're not sure how or need assistance just send me a note or visit the user training site available at: <https://acc.dau.mil/usertraining>

Don't Mix Blank Ammo with any other Type of Small Arms Ammunition (SAA)

Follow all ammunition mixing rules and never mix live and blank ammunition. Soldiers have been hurt by mistakenly firing combat ammunition they thought was blank.

Learn more about handling ammo at [Soldier Safety-Ammo Handling](#) and [TB 43-0250, Ammunition Handling, Storage and Safety](#).

[DA PAM 385-63](#), 4-3. Small caliber dummy, drill, and inert ammunition - The dummy, drill, and inert (DDI) cartridges are designed to aid in easy identification of inert ammunition to prevent injury caused by any mix-up with live service ammunition during training. The DDI are completely nickel plated with the 9mm DDI having two holes drilled in the cartridge case, while the 5.56, 7.62, and .50 caliber DDI have fluted cartridge cases to aid tactile identification in darkness. For the Army, the nickel plated DDI will be the only DDI inert small caliber cartridges authorized for classroom training and weapon cycling functioning for weapon maintenance, or other situations when inert cartridges are needed.

[GTA 09-15-001, Small Caliber Dummy Ammunition, 5.56MM M199A1, 7.62MM M63A1, .50 Caliber M2A1 and 9MM M917A1](#) - At all times dummy ammunition will be kept separate from live ammunition when stored on Training Ranges.

[Rules to Prevent Tragedy, PS 674, dated January 2009](#) – Make sure you know what ammo you are shooting. Assume there could be live rounds were they shouldn't be. Lay out all dummy ammunition and check for live rounds.

[SB 742-1, Appendix E](#), Small Arms - Conduct a 100-percent visual inspection of all rounds prior to linking, clipping or carton packing and another 100-percent inspection before final packing to assure that only blank ammunition has been linked/clipped or packed in cartons.

MIN 16-21,

CONSOLIDATED TOW SHELF LIFE, AND SHELF LIFE EXTENSION FOR SELECT SERIAL NUMBERS OF U.S. ARMY TOW MISSILE TOW-2B (DODIC PV82) LOCATED IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (FRG).

Request this [MIN](#) be disseminated to all Army personnel involved in ammunition and explosive operations.

MIN 16-22

PATRIOT ADVANCE CAPABILITY - 2 (MIM-104) AND PAC-3 (MODEL M91) MISSILE HUMIDITY LEVEL RECORDING

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This MIN rescinds and updates the guidance given on MIN 16-19.

Patriot Missile Reliability / Performance can be degraded due to exposure to humidity and temperature. The Patriot missile humidity reading (litmus paper humidity indicators / digital humidity indicator device (DHID)) will be recorded in MHP for the Patriot items listed in this MIN.

To preclude the mixing and issue of other types of SAA with blank ammunition, the minimum precautions listed in [SB 742-1, Appendix E](#) will be taken. Follow the five unique safety precautions in paragraph E-2 b.

Don't Forget...

This is our community and it'll only be as good as we make it. I'm always interested in hearing any ideas you may have in reference to suggested improvements to this newsletter or the CoP– if you have any suggestions, please send them to me.

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