

Armory Storage Overhaul Improves Access, Visibility, and Accountability at a Southeast U.S. Facility

CHALLENGE

At a small-arms armory in the Southeast United States, daily operations were slowed by a storage setup that hadn't changed in over 15 years. The armory supported training, maintenance, and weapons accountability for a high-tempo team, but the space wasn't built for efficiency.

Gear was stored in mismatched hard cases stacked on aging wooden shelves. Foam-filled bins had broken down over time, and rifles were often piled on top of one another. Finding a specific serial number meant digging through case after case, dragging gear out, and repacking it again.

"If you needed one particular item, you were moving ten cases just to get to it," said the Gunner's Mate who managed the space. "It slowed everything down."

The layout offered no clear visibility, no labeling, and no logical flow. Routine inventory checks took hours. Inspections were stressful. Even simple maintenance tasks were harder than they needed to be.

Everyone agreed it was time for an upgrade. But they weren't sure where to begin.

SOLUTION

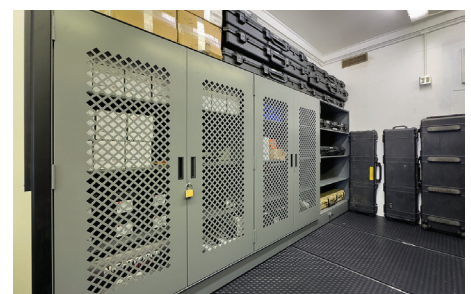
Once the decision was made to modernize, the team partnered with Patterson Pope to redesign the armory around visibility, security, and speed.

Patterson Pope handled everything from the initial concept layouts to the final installation. Because the armory operated out of a container-style footprint, every inch mattered. The new design included:

- » **A high-density mobile weapons storage system** for secure, clearly visible rifle and gear organization
- » **Workbenches and maintenance stations** that kept tools accessible and reduced clutter
- » **Freestyle lockers and modular shelving** to store accessories, optics, parts, and consumables
- » **Logical labeling and structured zones** to support accountability and faster inspections

"They handled all the planning, the layout, the renderings – everything," said the Gunner's Mate. "We just told them what we wanted, and they made it work."

The install finished in just four days, ahead of schedule. Any damaged components were replaced quickly. When the team walked back in, the space looked and functioned like a completely different armory.



ACHIEVEMENT

The difference was immediate and measurable. Inventory checks that once took two hours now take just 30 minutes. Instead of digging through stacked cases, the Gunner's Mate can walk down a clear aisle, match a serial number at a glance, and retrieve or return equipment with confidence.

"Everything's more visual now," he said. "I can walk in, look at a list, grab what I need, and be out. No digging. No stacking. No second-guessing."

Audits and inspections run smoother. The team even created a layout guide to help new personnel learn the space quickly, something that wasn't possible before.

Feedback from across the organization has been overwhelmingly positive. "One of our contractors said it was about time," the Gunner's Mate added. "He remembered what the place looked like 12 years ago. Now it looks like it should."

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