

# Purpose-Built Storage Improves Daily Workflow at a Marine Dive Training Facility

## CHALLENGE

At a Marine dive training school on the Southeast U.S. coast, instructors were operating out of a cramped multipurpose room that had become a bottleneck for daily operations. The fixed-footprint space acted as a locker room, classroom, office, and gear storage area all at once.

Without dedicated storage systems, binned gear and personal items filled every available corner. Workspaces were shared and constantly reconfigured. Equipment overflowed onto desks, limiting room for instruction. And as the school shifted more of its curriculum toward digital-first teaching, the outdated setup created even more friction.

The room couldn't support the pace or structure of modern Marine dive training. Space needed to be reclaimed, reorganized, and rethought.

## SOLUTION

The Marine dive school partnered with Patterson Pope to redesign the room from the ground up, creating a functional, flexible layout that supported both gear storage and instruction.

The first priority was purpose-built lockers, custom-designed to store uniforms, bulky dive equipment, personal items, and instructional gear. Each locker included dedicated compartments and integrated seating, allowing instructors and students to store and prep equipment without crowding the center of the room.

By moving all storage units to the room perimeter, Patterson Pope opened the center floor for actual work. The new layout supported:

- » **Height-adjustable desks** for instruction and coursework
- » **Mobile file cabinets** for shared materials and admin needs
- » **Whiteboards** for mission planning, briefings, and training
- » **Clear open space** for meetings, study sessions, and gear staging

Install crews coordinated the work between training sessions, ensuring the upgrade didn't disrupt instructor workflow or class timelines. On-site, the design team adapted in real time to adjust placement and spacing as the Marines refined how they wanted to use the room.



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## ACHIEVEMENT

The transformation made an immediate difference. The room now supports sharply defined zones: storage around the perimeter, instruction and collaboration in the center, and flexible equipment staging as needed.

The new layout increased workstation capacity, eliminated daily clutter, and gave every user a dedicated place for their gear. The space feels more professional, more organized, and far more aligned with how Marines teach and train today.

Most importantly, the modular design continues to evolve with the program. As class sizes shift and instructional styles adapt, the room can be arranged quickly without losing structure or storage.

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