

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



Parachute storage hits the mark

CHALLENGE

The Parachute Storage Facility at Ft. Bragg serves the world-famous 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army. In a space that measures 140 x 65 ft., T-11 main and T-13 reserve chutes were kept in wire cages stacked as many as four high. Over time, those cages began to show wear. Metal edges became bent and were getting snagged on

parachute material, leading to tears. In addition, just getting to the baskets was no easy task, as it required moving them with a forklift just to be able to access the right equipment. Tags which showed which basket of chutes was next up to be used were difficult to read given the often haphazard way the baskets were oriented.

SOLUTION

Necessity is often the mother of invention. The critical importance of ensuring the integrity of the equipment – and ease of access – got the creative minds at Patterson Pope and Spacesaver thinking. The result was a combination of an existing product and a new product that accomplished the mission perfectly.

The newly designed, lockable Spacesaver Parachute Container – made with heavy-duty welded steel and offering perforated sides for inventory visibility and ventilation – stores 42 mains or 150 reserves. The smooth

interior assures snag-free storage. Dozens of these containers are stored on shelves easily accessed via forklift. The shelves are part of a Spacesaver powered ActivRAC® Industrial High Density Mobile Storage System loaded with safety features.

Containers can easily be loaded onto a flatbed truck, strapped down, and brought to a C-130 airplane or training drop zone.



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ACHIEVEMENT

Easy to use and move. Improved efficiency. A more economical use of space. All of these things are the well-earned results of the new installation at Ft. Bragg. Today, the space stores 20,000 mains and 15,000 – 18,000 reserve chutes.

"Having been here since 2000, and seeing the way it was before, I'm just really amazed by the transformation," said Chief Warrant Officer-3 Terry Wright. "It may seem like a simple thing, but it really is thrilling to see

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The new installation helps the personnel at Ft. Bragg continue to train new soldiers serving our country. The tradition continues.

