

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



NAS Dive School

Rust Proof Lockers Protect Military Dive Team's Gear Against Saltwater's Bite

CHALLENGE

The right idea...the wrong lockers. After having a new set of powder-coated personal lockers installed for its dive school instructors and students, this military unit discovered the corrosive effects of salt water on the lockers themselves, gear and equipment after just a couple of years. What's more, the old lockers needed to have wooden shims put underneath them to keep them even. Eager to find a replacement for the 60-plus lockers that housed everything from masks, tanks, regulators and fins to general supplies and other equipment, they began a search for a product that would protect their gear while enhancing the look of their available space.

SOLUTION

Teaming with Patterson Pope a second time to find a workable alternative, the unit liked what it saw in the SharkCage product. Unlike powder-coated personal lockers, the galvanized steel of the SharkCage is guaranteed rust-resistant for 20 years. Once selected, the military unit's resource manager worked with Patterson Pope to configure the lockers into two different sizes – one for instructors, and one ideal for both students and other supplies.

ACHIEVEMENT

The 1,500 square foot space now features properly aligned SharkCage lockers. One of the unit's instructors – also its resource manager – cites the improved security, ventilation and stellar durability of the new SharkCage product. The lockers' sizable interior allows for not only adequate space for equipment, but even a dash of personal organization, as well. The strength of the lockers also means that they keep their structural integrity over many feet of distance, preventing misalignment of doors, which might otherwise lead to difficulty opening or closing. The end result is an ordered collection of sturdy lockers that are as functional as they are well-attuned to the environment.



"I've been around the military for a long time, and for me, the quality of the [SharkCage] product has been outstanding. Maybe the best I've ever seen."

– Dive School instructor and resource manager

