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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S INKWELL

"Nothing is worse, or more of a breach of the social contract between citizen and state, than for government officials, bureaucrats and agencies to waste the money entrusted to them by the people they serve."
-Bob Riley, Governor of Alabama

The state agencies for surplus property that comprise our national association stand by these words with a clear vision to conserve and protect your tax dollars. Our nation's taxpayers entrust to their public officials an obligation to strive to eliminate waste and abuse by making financial decisions based on sound business practices. Property and equipment transferred from the federal government to our states enable our communities to improve infrastructure, health and human services, public safety, and so much more. As a public servant, I can think of no greater good than reutilization of federal property and equipment by placing it into the hands of those who need it most.

I write you knowing that our states have indeed been accountable to its taxpayers producing tangible results that we believe will lead to improvements in the quality of life for the citizens of our communities. We have worked hand-in-hand joining with other national organizations who will be working closely with NASASP to effect real change in the federal government's property management system. Our goal is to maximize the use of taxpayer funded assets by extending their useful life--returning federal equipment back to our communities. In doing so, our community leaders can minimize expenditures from their equipment and commodity budgets and instead, allocate your precious tax dollars to expanding local programs and services.

As NASASP's newly elected President, I knowingly follow in the footsteps of giants--past presidents who have guided us by wisdom and hard work. Because of the leadership and results of those who came before me, permit me to summarize the successes recently achieved by NASASP:

NASASP's Leadership was successful in testifying before Congress (Feb, 2008) in support of legislation (HR752) regarding the transfer of computers through the states into under-served rural communities;

The NASASP Overseas Committee was successful in returning 87 loads of Federal Surplus property from Iceland to states and communities nationwide: trucks, road graders, forklifts, an ambulance, to name a few, that otherwise would have been stranded in foreign countries;

Opportune Lift, a transportation system run by the U.S. Navy, enables our states to return Federal Surplus from overseas locations at no cost. This means direct savings in related transportation expenses to our states;

NASASP was successful in encouraging FEMA to send more than 6,000 travel trailers and mobile homes through the donation program rather than disposing of them by public auction for pennies on the dollar.

Those before me set the bar high: the challenges are enormous, the stakes are high. I pledge to work and live up to the expectations before us. Please take a moment to look through this newsletter and see how states across the nation benefited from Federal Surplus property and equipment. And the next time you see a fire truck rushing to the scene; or the next time you see a vehicle transporting seniors, perhaps it was placed into service because of this program. If we fail to effect change now--today, perhaps "next time" it won't be there.

Pro Bono Publico,
Curtis A. Howard
NASASP President

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This Latin phrase is found on the insignia of the National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Property (NASASP). Literally, it means “for the public good.” Expanded meanings include “for the welfare of the whole.” That is the mission of the 56 State Agencies for Surplus Property (SASPs) that comprise NASASP, Inc. The goal of the SASPs, in partnership with the US General Services Administration, is to save taxpayer dollars. Saving taxpayer dollars by extending the useful life of federal excess/surplus personal property assets is “for the public good” and it serves “the welfare of the whole.”

NASASP, Inc believes that once property has been declared surplus to the needs of the Federal Government, the highest and best secondary utilization is by public and private organizations of the United States of America that are dedicated to the education, training, health, civil protection, safety, and other public benefits of our citizens. As you view our newsletter, you will discover how your state upholds this mission.

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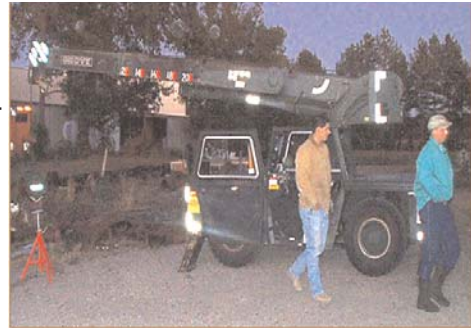
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ARKANSAS DONATIONS



FORT SMITH JOINT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM OBTAINS GROVE DECK CRANE

The Fort Smith Joint Apprenticeship Training Program has used toy cranes, fishing poles and lots of imagination over the years to train apprentices in rigging and safety classes that are required as part of the training and advancement toward being a fully rounded and qualified Journeyman plumber, pipe fitter, or certified welder. This training reached a higher plateau after the Program obtained an 8.5 ton Grove Deck Crane from Arkansas SASP. Rigging and Rigging Safety are taught with "hands on" experience now, instead of the toys and imagination used in the past. The apprentices get to use the signals for moving loads



from the incoming or storage area to the installation area. Learning this with hands on experience serves to train each apprentice to be more safety conscious and to use the proper signals for the jobsite construction, thereby ensuring safety of the lives of workers on the job.

HSRC DORMS GET A FACE-LIFT

A longtime need has become a reality as the Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center is in the midst of an extreme dorm makeover. Arkansas Department of Workforce Education (DWE), Division of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) and the Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center administrators and Federal Surplus Property (FSP) helped secure five semi-truck loads of lightly-used dorm room furniture to place in 130 freshly-painted rooms. "This is a very uplifting, exciting time for us," Center Administrator Barbara Lewis said. Dorm furniture - some dating back to the 1930s - is finally being replaced thanks to the hard work of many, including some major hustle from Federal Surplus Property. This furniture was found in Oklahoma City. The solid wood/sturdy property, which includes beds with drawers, dressers, entertainment centers, desks, chairs, lamps, mattresses and nightstands - all in outstanding condition - was formerly used in Air Force barracks. The only expense in the entire process was the cost of getting the furniture transported to Hot Springs. "Through the dedication and generosity of our sister division, Federal Surplus Properties, HSRC received a valuable shipment of first-rate dorm furniture," Treviño said. "We want to have a nice, well-maintained facility so we can provide state of the art educational training for our students. It's exciting and we're excited about where we are going and what we are doing to help the environment for the students." said Director Walker. Ms. Lewis said, "I realize how valuable and available Federal Surplus Services were to us." The quality of the furniture and the timeliness of it all is just amazing. I'm really appreciative of everyone at Federal Surplus Property for taking on this project and having the support of Director Walker and Commissioner Treviño in helping make this a reality. And I greatly appreciate the efforts of the HSRC staff and students on working diligently on this project."



CALIFORNIA DONATIONS



As Senior Federal and State Reuse Specialist for California, Department of General Services, Dan Larsen has been instrumental in donating property to Cities, Counties, Public Agencies, State Agencies, SBA's, Homeless Shelters, etc. Placing retired animals that serve time with the United States Military is especially important to Dan. The Federal Surplus Program has donated retired military horses, goats, and now Dolly and Max (mules).



American Service Horse Rescue (ASHR) specializes in the retirement of government-relinquished horses and mules - including those used by the military and the mounted police, state and federal park visitors and guides, and more.

The American Service Horse Rescue Zoo treats these veterans with honor. Not only are they pampered, but they become a shared part of history. The zoo provides children with a unique opportunity to view and interact with horses and mules who have been a part of our national heritage and history. The children learn exactly what the animal's job duty was while protecting our country.

The American Service Horse Rescue Zoo wrote:

Dear Dan,

We can not thank you enough for all the work and time you put into getting Max and Dolly into our hands. It was a long ride for them from Fort Hood, Texas, to our sanctuary in northern California, but we believe they felt it was well worth the trip.

They served their country with stubborn mule pride in the 1st Calvary Detachment at Fort Hood, and so highly deserve the retirement they now enjoy.

Your special effort to give these two deserving mules a lifelong home is very much appreciated. If they could, Max and Dolly would thank you from the bottom of their hearts, but we will have to do it for them. Thank you Dan, for your kindness.

CALIFORNIA DONATES WEAPONS:

City of Davis Police Department: The Davis Police Department received firearms from the California SASP and distributed the firearms to agency personnel. These firearms were quite adequate for duty use. As such, approximately \$20,000 in savings from acquisition of these firearms has freed considerable general fund money for other necessary departmental purchases.

As stated by the Police Chief, "in these days of tight budgets, any savings are most beneficial to this agency, not to mention that perfectly good weapons originally paid for by taxpayer dollars, have been successfully redistributed within government service. This is a win-win for both the City of Davis and the citizens of the State of California."

Simi Valley California Police Department: The City of Simi Valley California Police Department's Lieutenant and SWAT Commander, said: "Today the Simi Valley Police Department took possession of three M-79, 40mm grenade launchers that were surplus property from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The Lieutenant extended sincere thanks for all of the assistance provided in processing the requests and ensuring receipt of the weapons in a timely manner. If it had not been for (GSA's) help, the Department would not have these weapons today. The existence of the surplus Firearms Transfer Program is truly a great asset to the law enforcement community."

LOUISIANA DONATIONS



The town of Leonville, utilizing the Louisiana Surplus Program:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for your assistance over the years. As you know, I've been visiting your facility for the past 23 years.

I've been able to get items such as filing cabinets, map cabinets, desks and chairs, computers, trucks, welding machines, equipment for maintenance for the fire department, and numerous other items at a fraction of what it would cost in stores.

I guess the best purchase I made through your organization is the 14 X 65 ft. mobile home that was converted into a utility department office building. For less than \$5500, I was able to purchase, haul, and set up on site my new office. It would have cost the town in excess of \$30,000 to purchase and set up a similar office building.

Attached are some pictures showing how I converted the 3 bedrooms into offices, the kitchen and living room into a multi-functional meeting area, map viewing area, and break room. The washer/dryer area now is the file cabinet location.

Thank you again for the fine organization you have. It helps the towns and nonprofit organizations save money.

Bobby Degueyter
Town Manager
Town of Leonville



Leonville Utilities Office



Town Manager's Office



Hallway with fileing cabinets



Handicap Bathroom



Supervisor's Office/ Map/leing Office



Secretaries office



Kitchen/meeting room

MISSOURI DONATIONS



TRAVEL TRAILERS AT WORK FOR THE SAFETY OF MISSOURIANS

Missouri State Agency for Surplus Property (MOSASP) obtained FEMA travel trailers in 2007. Missouri donees acquiring the travel trailers include Cities, Counties, Fire Districts and State Agencies.

Christian County in Ozark, Missouri obtained this 2006 R-Vision trailer, which was in like new condition. The trailer was obtained for use as a mobile command center for their Local Emergency Planning Committee. By purchasing this trailer through the MOSASP program, the County was able to save thousands of dollars. They were able to acquire the trailer from the program for only \$3,500.00, yet it is valued well over four times that amount.



The County created a radio/communications area by removing the existing table and couch and replacing them with a long command table and the communication equipment, i.e. radios, network, TV, cameras and printer/fax. A 50' extendable antenna was also attached. A conference area was formed in the bedroom by moving the couch from the living room and adding a dry erase board and a table.



A majority of the travel trailers obtained by Missouri donees are being used for emergency purposes similar to this. Others are being used by County Health departments as mobile health clinics. MOSASP also acquired mobile homes which are being used for a variety of purposes including classrooms, offices, and temporary housing.

Show-Me Success....

College of the Ozarks (Point Lookout, MO), Maintenance Crew, acquired an Eagle Bobtail Chevrolet aircraft tug for only \$750 from Missouri SASP. The Crew extended the frame by 18" and the back portion of the tug by 30". Completing this work in-house during the Crew's down time made it a perfect student training project.

The modifications were made so a salt spreader could be added to the tug. Later, a plow was also attached to this piece of equipment; which converted the tug into a winter wonder!! The College was able to begin using it during the heavy snow and ice storms this past winter. To obtain a vehicle as heavy duty and durable as this tug on the common market would cost approximately \$20,000. This single purchase from MOSASP saved the College thousands.



(pictures provided by Ron Sooter)



TEXAS DONATIONS



On January 09, 1996, Texas State Agency for Surplus Property (TXSASP) donated a Huey helicopter to **Texas Air Command** which is a 501(c) museum in Arlington, Texas. The museum is dedicated to restoring aircraft and other military equipment and educating others about the use of such equipment in the defense of our freedom.

Col. David Clark USAFR, and President of TAC said "The Huey was the first piece of equipment that the museum acquired from TXSASP." The rest of his Board of Directors, which were mostly fixed wing fighter pilots themselves thought Clark was crazy for getting a Huey helicopter. Little did any of them know what a major role this helicopter would play in educating America, and healing wounds left from the Vietnam War. Since receiving the Huey TAC spent many hours and dollars refurbishing and maintaining the Huey, "091" as she is called now, which are the last 3 digits of her tail number.



Because of what 091 represents she has also become known as "America's Huey." February 10th, 2004, from Fort Worth was the "Final Journey Home". Bell Helicopter was a fitting place for 091 to launch this last mission, because it was the very place where it was built in 1965.



Over the years, TXSASP has donated many pieces of surplus property to various cities, counties, state agencies, 501(c) organizations, schools, universities, and museums through the General Services Administration (GSA) utilization and donation program.

Most donations are made to help save money, but the donation of what has become "America's Huey 091" reaches beyond the monetary and tangible. The work and sacrifice that has been put forward to secure this piece of history is to be commended. The educational aspect to America and the healing process to veterans that this Huey has brought are priceless.

NASASP CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS

On Tuesday, September 16 and Wednesday, September 17, 2008, members of NASASP, accompanied by several representatives of our donee organizations traveled to Washington DC for meetings with Congress. The highlight of our visit was the NASASP sponsored Congressional breakfast on Wednesday, September 17th at the Rayburn House Building. The breakfast was made possible by the direct support of Congressmen John Boozman and Mike Ross from Arkansas.

The two days of meetings were very successful. Members of NASASP were able to meet directly with more Congressman, Chiefs of Staff, and Legislative Directors than we have over the past several years. Everyone was very positive and supportive of NASASP and our goals. The number one topic was the Exchange Sale Authority and its affect on the Federal Surplus Property Donation Program. NASASP carried the banner, along with our donees, that we want Congress to send a message to the GSA Administrator supporting our points of emphasis to amend the Exchange Sale Authority. Ultimately we want to provide legislation to change the law and push the Exchange Sale Authority to the end of the line, behind Excess and Surplus.



Those attending our breakfast and the offices they represent included:

Mr. T.J. Lee, Congressman Ross (AR)	Ms. Maria Fernandez, Congresswoman Boyda (KS)
Ms. Megan Sigel, Congressman Feeney (FL)	Mr. William Jusino, Majority Counsel for House Government Oversight Committee
Mr. Patrick Large, Congressman Sullivan (OK)	Ms. Saidah Hort, Congresswoman Moore (WI)
Mr. Scott Thompson, Patton Boggs LLP (FL)	Ms. Kristi Guillory, Congressman Carson, (IN)
Mr. Zack Hartman, Congressman Boozman (AR)	Mr. Thomas Schelby, Congresswoman Wilson (NM)
Mr. Tom Dorney, Congressman Lewis (GA)	Mr. Mark Stephenson, Counsel for House Government Oversight Committee
Mr. Patrick Ives, Congressman Hodes, (NH)	Ms. Sarah Beatty, Congressman Conaway (TX)
Ms. Andrea Woleber, Congresswoman Sutton (OH)	

Following is a list of donee representatives who made the trip:

Ms. Veronica Post, Mayor of Altus (AR)
Mr. Bill Youngblood, Executive Director, McCandless Township Sanitary Sewer Authority (PA)
Sheriff Larry Amerson, Calhoun County Sheriff (AL)
Chief Jeff Bock, Chief of Murphysboro Police Department (IL)
Hereford Fire Marshal Dean Turney (TX)
Dr. Sandy Ellis, North Chicago Public School District (IL)

We sincerely thank all of our donees for their words, their work, and their willingness to attend these important events and support NASASP.

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NASASP CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS (continued)



Pictured are donee and NASASP representatives who attended the Congressional breakfast

The following NASASP representatives were there to head up our efforts from NASASP:

Mr. Curt Howard (IL)	Mr. Jim Smith (AR)
Mr. Scott Pepperman (PA)	Mr. Chris Barela (NM)
Mr. Jerry Holland (OK)	Mr. Wilbur Giles (DC)
Mr. Shane Bailey (AL)	Mr. Greg Conn (TX)
Mr. Luis Arellano (TX)	

We were honored to meet or stop by the following offices for a visit:

Congressman Mike Rogers (AL)	Congressman Paul Kanjorski (PA)
Congressman Artur Davis (AL)	Congressman Bill Shuster (PA)
Congressman Mac Thornberry (TX)	Congressman Brian Bilbray (CA)
Congressman Pete Sessions (TX)	Congressman Dan Lungren (CA)
Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX)	Congressman John Boozman (AR)
Congressman Danny Davis (IL)	Congressman Mike Ross (AR)
Congressman Dan Boren (OK)	Congressman Vic Snyder (AR)
Congresswoman Kay Grainger (TX)	Congressman Spenser Bachus (AL)
Congressman Ciro Rodriguez (TX)	Senator Hutchinson (TX)
Senator Specter (PA)	Senator Pryor (AR)
Senator Durbin (IL)	Senator Coburn (OK)
Senator Landrieu (LA)	Senator Obama (IL)

At each office, we either met with someone or at least left a packet of information about our issue, our Association, the Federal Surplus Property Donation Program, and our success stories. As I mentioned, we invited some of our very best donees to assist us with our Wednesday morning presentation and many of them went along with us to the Congressional meetings.

While it appeared to be a successful trip based on the support we gained, NASASP learned some key lessons during our two days in Washington, DC. Our top priority now is that we need to have one of our supporters draft legislation now as our support is universal in Congress. We also need to plan to sponsor a breakfast on the Senate side of the Hill as soon as possible to keep this issue rolling!

Scott E. Pepperman, NASASP Legislative Committee Chairman
Federal Surplus and Law Enforcement Property Division/PA Department of General Services

OVERSEAS PROPERTY IN KUWAIT



NASASP is wanting to ensure U.S. surplus is brought back to American soil, and is preparing for when the U.S. pulls out of Kuwait. There are billions of dollars worth of U.S. Federal property in Kuwait at the present time and to bring it back to the States takes careful planning and coordination.

Curtis Howard (NASASP President) and Randy Main (NASASP Overseas Facilitator) visited Kuwait earlier this year to discuss environmental issues concerning import/customs and to determine procedures needed to accomplish the tax saving task of transporting the property back to the U.S. Ultimately, this will make this valuable property available for transfer to eligible donees nationwide. Having this ample supply of surplus returned to the U.S for the state surplus donation program will save thousands, and potentially even millions of tax dollars.

Knowing problems will exist at the ports, the meetings in Kuwait should help with coordinating and removing the property through the proper methods. Mr. Main and Mr. Howard met with DRMO Staff, Host Nation Affairs, and Kuwait Customs Manager to discuss these coordination efforts. They do not believe we have to go through the Kuwait Ministry to get approvals, therefore, coordination and release of the property will be much smoother than originally planned, which is a huge win for NASASP donees.

As further details are concluded and we get closer to resolving issues in Kuwait, we will keep everyone posted, but it looks as if we are moving in the right direction in keeping the communication and momentum flowing. God Bless!

Efforts to Restore a Worthy Program - Fighting Exchange Sales by Saving with Overseas Property

Fire Marshal Dean Turney was one of the donees that went to Washington, D.C., in an effort to salvage a government surplus property program. Turney has saved local taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars by buying government surplus vehicles and equipment from the TXSASP.

Congress recently changed the program so private companies could obtain the surplus items and then sell them back to local governments and make a profit. That, Turney said, not only raised the price of the items, but it also had taxpayers paying for the same thing twice. "It already belongs to the taxpayers. Why should somebody be able to make a profit off of what's the taxpayers' already?" he said. The program was set up so that state and local governments could acquire surplus equipment from the federal government for free. All they would need to pay is shipping and handling fees. That allowed Turney to purchase several trucks for the fire department at a greatly reduced price. As an example, an ambulance that normally would have cost \$100,000 coming to Hereford for \$20,000. The truck was in **Germany** and had only 4,000 miles on it. After shipping it here and having it repainted and outfitted, it cost the department \$80,000 LESS than if it had been purchased new. "They let agencies sell to dealers up front for cash with no oversight to where the money goes," Turney said. "The Congressmen are looking at legislation to get this stopped!"



The three towers were built for multi-purpose operations. The needle shaped tower provides electricity to the suburbs in Kuwait. One tower stores up to one million gallons of water. The towers were damaged heavily by the Iraqis during their occupation of Kuwait from 1990 to 1991.

ASSOCIATE Membership



Did you know that municipalities, schools, and other non-profit organizations receive millions of dollars worth of heavy equipment, computers, office furniture, office equipment, and vehicles through the Federal Surplus Property Program each year? Help us ensure the growth of this valuable program through your support of NASASP.

The National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Property (NASASP) is comprised of representative agencies from each state and U.S. territory. NASASP works to improve the distribution of federal property and to increase communication between its member states and the legislature. Now you are invited to help us share in these goals. As an Associate Member of NASASP, you can become an active participant in the continued growth of the Federal Surplus Property Program. Associate Members are typically organizations that receive surplus property, saving tax dollars for the citizens they support.

There are a number of benefits in joining the Associate Membership Program. For a small annual fee of \$39.00 payable to NASASP, you will receive:

- Certificate of membership and Lapel Pin denoting membership
- NASASP newsletter with emergency notification of any critical legislation
- Invitation to attend, as a nonvoting guest, the annual meetings of NASASP.

Your \$39.00 membership fee supports the lobbying efforts of NASASP to increase the quality and quantity of surplus property available to you, and to open the program to other non-profit organizations that were previously not eligible to receive surplus property.

Your support through Associate Membership will make a difference. Please complete the coupon below and return it to our offices to join now.

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Organization: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____
_____ Telephone Number: _____

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