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Recap of NASASP's Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA



NASASP's national meeting was held July 23-27 in Anaheim, California. Representatives from 22 SASPs attended the meeting including: Arizona, Arkansas, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virgin Islands, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. In addition, we had a large delegation of Federal representatives including General Services Administration (GSA), Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), and the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

We were privileged to hear success stories from two museums:

Justin Wehring with the Military Museum of Brazoria County, Texas

James Noriega with the Yanks Air Museum, Chino, California

Both of these museums obtain property from their SASP to help them in their educational missions. Both stories were quite impressive.

Near the end of the meeting, members discussed annual dues. Dues have been \$700 since 1999 so after considerable discussion and suggestions, members voted to raise dues to \$950 per year.

After conducting association business and meeting our corporate sponsors, Tuesday started the training part of our meeting. A variety of topics were discussed briefly and some in more detail depending on the interest expressed by the group. Formal presentations were made on topics including aircraft, weapons, fixed price vehicle program, and preparing for your agency review.

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Susanne Combs, GSA, and Dave Neill, DLA, finished the general session with discussion of changes their agencies are seeing and issues that have arisen. They also provided statistics and clarified some procedures. In addition, they answered a variety of questions and received comments from the attendees.

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NASASP Annual Conference Re-cap



To the left

Kristy Fierro presented Steve Ekin with the outgoing President's Award. Steve has served as NASASP President for 3 years. Thank you Steve for your commitment to NASASP!



To the right

New officers are: Kristy Fierro (TX) – President; Mike Harris (AR) – Vice President; Dewey Blevins (KY) – Treasurer; and unable to attend Floyd Coburn (VA) – Secretary. During the meeting, officers were given guidance from attendees on priorities for the coming year.



While the week was packed with opportunities for learning about things happening and potential changes coming to the program, we managed to squeeze in a bit of entertainment by holding our President's banquet at the Crystal Cathedral Cultural Center. For many, this was their first visit to Crystal Cathedral.



Scott Pepperman presented Steve Ekin with the President's Award. This year's President's Award was named in honor of Curtis Howard, former NASASP President and Director of the ILSASP.

NASASP Annual Conference Re-cap

It was announced the 2018 meeting will be in Louisville, Kentucky. Watch for details on our website www.nasasp.org.

NASASP is celebrating our 70th year supporting the SASPs and the donees who see the value in the federal surplus property program. The NASASP logo has not changed during those 70 years and there was discussion about updating it. The group decided to have a contest – everyone was encouraged to submit logo suggestions. At that point, the submissions and the original logo were sent to the SASPs for a vote. In the end, members voted to keep the original logo.

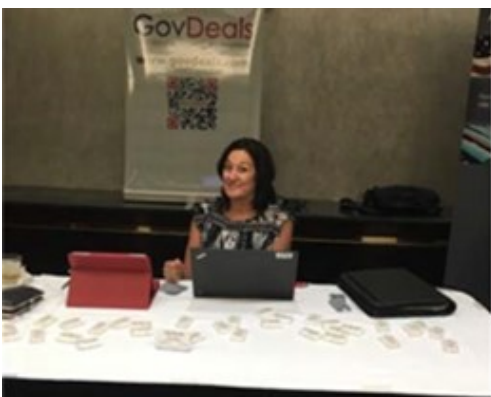


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NASASP acknowledges and offers our sincere appreciation to our corporate sponsors who attended the meeting and help support our program! Unable to attend Auctions International



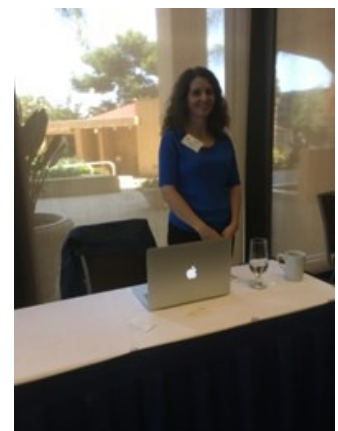
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NASASP Executive Director's Report

from the desk of the Executive Director...

FAREWELL

As I sit here writing what will be my final article for the NASASP Newsletter, the crickets are chirping outside, a sure sign that fall is coming and another season of change. As well, a season of change is coming for me and to a certain extent, NASASP. September 30, 2017, was my last day as your Executive Director.

Many thoughts have come to me as the day approaches. My first thought is thankfulness for all of the support, encouragement, input, ideas, and faith you have given me over the last eight years and three months that I have been the NASASP Executive Director. Another thought I have goes back much further, to that day in May, 1983, when I drove to work for the first time as the Supervisor of the Administrative Unit in the Pennsylvania Federal Surplus Personal Property Program (FSPP). The journey between that day and September 30th, has been amazing. I have represented the Program from New England to California, from Chicago, to Orlando, Pennsylvania to the deep south and so many points in between. The journey has taken me so many times to Capitol Hill, for over 20 years now, representing NASASP, first working as the PASASP and later for NASASP directly. Amazing places, meeting amazing people and frankly, doing amazing things.

At my first meeting as your Executive Director, a position I created when I was NASASP President in 2003, along with my fellow officers, Jim Smith and Marilyn Trachsel, I told those assembled at our national meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, that my main goal was to give NASASP and the SASPs a bigger voice in the Direction of the FSPP. Mission accomplished! So many times now I get calls from GSA, DLA, SBA, VA, and Congress, asking what the NASASP position or thinking is on so many issues. These calls have resulted in tangible changes to the FSPP, revision or reversal of Federal government policies, legislation in Congress, and partnership with agencies and organizations like the Government Accounting Office, the American Legion, the Small Business Administration, the National Property Management Association, to name just a few. I am also proud of the work and results I produced to achieve further tangible results for NASASP and the SASPs. As Chairman of the Membership Committee, for the first four years as Executive Director, we were able to go to our highest heights ever, over 1800 Associate Members; passage and the signing of Public Law 113-26, the Bill to enhance our services to Veteran Service Organizations across America; conducting training for new GSA property managers and for new Federal civilian agency property managers; meeting with not one, but two different DLA Directors, a first ever for NASASP along with the next GSA Administrator, several times, also a first for NASASP. The introduction to NASASP and subsequent hiring of Mr. John Chwat, giving us a continual presence in Washington, DC and working with me to expand our reach and success there. Working with Congress, the Members and Committees, I was able to begin the process to revise and reverse DOD and GSA policies, on issues like the release of Humvees to the public, overcoming the DOD/TACOM/EPA issue with diesel engines; overseas policies, weapon policies, civil rights policies and many more. But my greatest achievement was to educate Congress about the FSPP and NASASP and to be heard, to be asked, on record, what we want. This has produced testimony before Congress, GAO reports, three to date and counting and legislation, that has passed into Public Law, not just for Veterans, but for other eligible donees as well.

Obviously, no man is an island and as I have said for so many years, in so many meetings, we stand on the shoulders of giants. My deep appreciation of history has been no secret and my position for over 15 years as the NASASP Historian, has shown me time and again, how important our history is to us, to remember, to build upon and to preserve. I know you will going forward and use it as needed for the future.

In closing, I will not say good-bye, but so long for now. One never knows when our paths will cross again sometime. Until that time, thank you again for this incredible opportunity, best of luck with your SASPs, with NASASP, and with the passion that has been my life for the last nearly 35 years, the Federal Surplus Personal Property Program, "Pro Bono Publico!"

Executive Director Scott Pepperman

NASASP President's Inkwell

Greetings all, we had a tremendously successful Annual Meeting in California. Thanks to Chris, Marilyn, Shane, and the rest of the Planning Committee for all of their hard work. It is very much appreciated. We had an excellent turnout of state agencies, federal leadership, and vendors, which made for lively and informative discussions. I would like to thank the GSA and DLA leadership for their participation in the annual meeting, and for their ongoing support of the donation program.

As we start the upcoming fiscal year, our primary focus continues to be exchange sale and excess. The officers will meet soon to discuss the plan on the issues discussed in the meeting, and it is important to get membership feedback on topics to focus on over the next year, so please stay involved, sign up for a committee, and send the officers topics your state believes are important to NASASP.

A big thank you to Roger Stone (OK) for his continued work on the NASASP newsletter. Thank you for your commitment to NASASP. SASPs, please keep sending your success stories to Roger.

I'd also like to welcome Floyd Coburn (VA) and Dewy Blevins (KY) as the newest national officers and thank Mike Harris (AR) for his leadership as this year's NASASP Vice President! This team brings years of experience to the program and will be an incredible benefit to us. Welcome all, now let's get to work!

Kristy Fierro, NASASP President

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Donee Success Story

City of Huntsville Board of Education / Huntsville (Alabama)



Huntsville City Board of Education (City Schools) located in north Alabama acquired an ambulance from the Alabama Surplus Property Program on October 5, 2015. The ambulance came from Korea in June of 2014 with an original acquisition cost of \$123,197. The school only paid a service charge of \$13,900!

Under the approval of Mr. Louis Harris (school district supervisor), the ambulance underwent some cosmetic changes and retrofitting of the inside cabin. The school system uses the ambulance as the district's lock and key service truck, an invaluable asset to their administrative functions and vocational education program.

Submitted by Shane Bailey ALSASP



Donee Success Story

Putnamville Correctional Center (Indiana)



On August 1, 2017, a water plant operator in the employ of the Reelsville Water Authority, who supplies water to Putnamville Correctional Center, made the decision that circumstances existed to issue a "boil water order" for that facility and the surrounding community.

Two thousand plus offenders without water to drink, cook, etc. is pretty high on the Indiana Department of Corrections (IDOC) drama meter, so my group immediately put our contingency plan into effect and everything worked out well.

Vehicles to transport prepositioned equipment and water: Ten years ago we wouldn't have been able to find heavy vehicles and trailers capable of making it to

Putnamville from Westville, Madison, and Pendleton reliably. We would have been policing half of them off the road with wreckers afterwards because they were so far past their useful life and mechanically unsound they would have not been able to accomplish the mission at hand. But this time we had the correct vehicles, in excellent condition, we were able to give direction with all certainty this could be accomplished, and it was.

Needed Specialized Equipment: Aside from a semi from my Division, normally used to haul heavy equipment, all response assets had been previously obtained from IDOA Surplus. A 1000 gallon water trailer (pictured) stationed at Westville came from a military reservation in California (original acquisition cost was \$13,689.58, IDOC paid a service charge of \$3,750 which included shipping from California). 250 gallon potable water pods (pictured) came from Ft Campbell (19 obtained at an original acquisition cost of \$632.98 each, IDOC paid a service charge of \$20 each).

So three hours and forty-five minutes after the call from Putnamville Correctional Center, water (bottled and bulk) arrived at Putnamville with everything to sustain needed water delivery throughout the event. Warden Brian Smith credits IDOC but credit also goes to the Indiana Surplus Property for turning "what could have been a major dilemma into an inconvenience." Warden Smith also indicated "inmates were even asking how we were able to pull it off."

Thank you Indiana Surplus Property for your support of our Agency and what you do!

Story provided by:

Kevin Orme, Indiana Department of Corrections



Donee Success Story

City of Charlevoix, Michigan

Michigan SASP assisted the City of Charlevoix in obtaining a buoy for static display. Charlevoix is referred to as "Charlevoix the Beautiful." The City borders Round Lake, Lake Michigan, and Lake Charlevoix. With a rich history in waterways, a buoy is a fitting static display for the City. The original government acquisition cost of the buoy was \$13,000.00 and the City only paid a service fee of \$1,040.00. Charlevoix had the buoy sandblasted, primed, and painted a new shade of red. The buoy is a static display adjacent to the Pine River Channel. Pictured below on the left is the buoy before it was allocated to MISASP. The two pictures on the right are after the City of Charlevoix gave the buoy some much needed upgrades.



Hurricane Harvey Relief Story

Texas SASP

When Hurricane Harvey hit Texas in late August, the Texas SASP's warehouses were fully staffed and ready to assist with hurricane relief efforts. The GSA and DLA were very generous in giving the Texas SASP their staff's focus in ensuring that the impacted states had access to request the vehicles and supplies needed to respond to this disaster. Federal agencies from all across the U.S., as well as some of our fellow SASPs, pitched in by offering their advice, well wishes, and identifying property that Texas may need, with some agencies even offering assistance with making shipping arrangements. With their help, the Texas SASP has made available hundreds of supplies, trucks, and boats to assist with Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.

All three Texas SASP warehouses in Austin, San Antonio and Fort Worth have received large shipments of emergency supplies from federal agencies across the U.S. For example, agencies including the DOD, CDC and VA sent cots, blankets, buckets, cups, floodlights, sandbags, and wheelchairs from various locations in California, Nevada, Georgia, New York, and Kansas to the Texas SASP.

Even over a month after Hurricane Harvey hit, there continues to be demand for military style high-water vehicles, such as Humvees and LMTV (military) cargo trucks, which the Texas SASP strives to continue to make readily available through the Federal Surplus Property Program. Dump trucks, forklifts, generators, and trailers are also in demand. The Texas SASP aims to do our best to bring in the heavy equipment needed by counties, cities, and other government agencies to rebuild roads and clear debris (i.e. scoop loaders, backhoes, scrapers, rollers). **The Texas SASP would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Jim Virdell (retired Texas SASP) who came it to help us screen and keep our spirits up, and all of the federal agencies and fellow SASPs who offered their assistance and guidance during this time of need, including a very special thank you to the South Dakota SASP, Illinois SASP, and DLA staff Carol Fix and Jennifer Lobello!**

We certainly could not have done this alone, and this cooperation is a testament to the great things that can be accomplished with a little teamwork.



Brazoria County – A National Guard truck is being pulled by a LMTV truck that had been donated through the Texas SASP. The LMTV cargo trucks proved to be invaluable to the rescue efforts, and in many cases, were the only vehicles able to navigate the high waters in the affected areas.



Donation from the Texas SASP's San Antonio Warehouse to Travis County Emergency Service District #1 which included cots, tools, cargo truck, and generators.

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Texas SASP donees (including volunteer emergency services and museum volunteers) who had military cargo trucks and Humvees on hand pitched in to help rescue residents in Harris and Brazoria County during times in which many government agency vehicles were unable to reach the areas that were hardest hit. The picture to the left is an example of one of those groups of museum volunteers from the Military Museum of Texas in Houston, many of whom are veterans. They are meeting after a long day of work helping with the hurricane relief. The vehicles pictured are examples of the type of trucks they have received from Federal Surplus over the years.

The Texas SASP's parent agency (the Texas Facilities Commission) also pitched in with the hurricane relief, offering staff from other divisions to help out the Surplus Program in times of need. TFC's Minor Construction staff (pictured to the right) helped out at the San Antonio Warehouse by verifying counts of the items we received.



Pictured to the left are vehicles and supplies headed to Houston from our San Antonio Warehouse. High-water vehicles such as Humvees and LTMTV

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Texas SASP



Jefferson County Drainage District No. 6 in Beaumont loading sand bags on a truck and trailer acquired through the Federal Surplus program. Over the years, the District has been a frequent shopper at the Texas SASP warehouses. That equipment proved to be invaluable when the Beaumont area was left without clean water after the hurricane hit. The Drainage District used a pump (not pictured) that they acquired from Federal Surplus to provide clean water to the Beaumont Fire Department in the hurricane's aftermath. For a period, that pump was the only source of clean water for the Fire Department.



Hurricane relief is a 24/7 job, and the Texas SASP did our best to keep up! Above are two trucks that left the San Antonio Warehouse at 8:30PM on Wednesday, September 6th and were saving lives by 8:00AM the next morning on the east side of Houston.



Another piece of Federal Surplus in action. This picture is from Peter Davis with the Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston. They acquired this truck recently from Federal Surplus which proved to be very useful in high water.

NASASP Overseas Program

Overseas Program Updates by Randall Main

This 2005 Blue Bird Bus from DLA Molesworth, England with 47,000 miles on its odometer was shipped in May of 2017 to the Compass Rose Foundation in Florida. They govern, manage and oversee several technical educational institutions in Florida. The bus arrived in late July of 2017. The Compass Rose Foundation is now having the bus painted with their school's logo. The bus will then be used for student transportation to and from prospective employers within the community and will also advertise their schools. This is a fine example of the work of the Overseas Program back here in the States.



If you are interested in participating in the Overseas Program, please contact Randy Main at (207) 441-4044.