



NASASP NEWS

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A Message from NASASP President Elizabeth Cooper

Fall is almost here. It is hard to believe how fast this year is flying by. We held a successful teleconference a few weeks ago. For those that were not able to listen in, I will tell you that Steve Ekin was able to pull off in a couple of weeks what should have taken a couple of months. He and Marilyn Trachsel worked hard on the conference and we owe them a debt of gratitude.

I have been asked to serve as NASASP president for another year, and for that I am honored. Sam Sibert, Tim Bolles and Lee Ann Blythe have been great to work with over the past year, and I am looking forward to serving with them again. I also want to mention the NASASP committees. They help us to succeed in our mission and accomplish the goals of the organization. It is time to start volunteering for committees for the upcoming year. Please let me or Marilyn know if you would like to volunteer. If we want the organization to succeed, it is crucial that we all do our part.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work over the past year. I look forward to seeing what the next year has in store for us. Take care all!



The **NASASP officers** were re-elected recently. They will serve from 9/1/2020 to 8/31/2021. Pictured from left: Secretary Tim Bolles (MI), Treasurer Lee Ann Blythe (MO), Vice President Sam Sibert (ID), President Elizabeth Cooper (WV).

Interested in advertising in an upcoming newsletter?

Please contact Marilyn Trachsel at
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Interested in submitting a story for the next newsletter?

Please contact Megan Sim (Texas SASP) at
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Donee Success Story

Western Nebraska Community College (Nebraska)



The Nebraska SASP recently donated a General Electric T-58 Jet Engine, Cut Away Training Aid to the Western Nebraska Community College in Sidney, NE. It was acquired from DLA Carson, CO. The original acquisition cost was \$11,520. The College paid the Nebraska SASP a service charge of \$500, for a total savings of \$11,020 compared to buying brand new!

The training aid will be used by the College's Aviation Department. They were very pleased since this engine type is used in many types of helicopters. It will benefit many students for years to come.

-Submitted by Brad Frandsen, Nebraska SASP



Donee Success Story

New Life Evangelistic Center (Missouri)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, New Life Evangelistic Center (NLEC) continued its mission in caring for the homeless during these critical times.

Headquartered in the St. Louis area, NLEC's mission includes caring for the hungry and homeless in some of Missouri's largest population centers. These vulnerable individuals needed assistance, because shelters and other safe locations were closed or were full. NLEC took to the streets to address the needs.

As sanitary items (personal protective supplies) were becoming almost impossible to find, Larry Rice, Founder and Director of NLEC, began to think of ways to ensure that the homeless were getting items that could help them stay clean in an environment that was proving very difficult. NLEC even began the daunting task of making their own hand sanitizer to minimize virus spread through these vulnerable individuals.

As a frequent visitor to the Missouri State Agency for Surplus Property (MOSASP), Rice was extremely grateful when hygiene kits became available. These kits included shampoo, hair conditioner, oral hygiene supplies, hair brush and comb, shaving supplies, deodorant, tissues, body and skin care items, and hand sanitizer.

MOSASP was only offering emergency services between March 24 to May 1, which included the transfer of hygiene kits to its donees.

NLEC acquired 2,000 hygiene kits. Rice said that NLEC distributed the kits in early April to homeless individuals in St. Louis and Springfield. By Easter, he had handed out all of the kits he acquired from MOSASP.

"This is a critical time for the homeless. Not only are they facing COVID-19, but they are suffering financially as well," Rice said. He added that these individuals are in cars, tents, and derelict homes; and do not have access to proper hygiene. "It was a blessing we were able to acquire this," he said.

MOSASP is grateful that the agency was able to make such a positive difference throughout the state. When many medical items and basic care-necessities were non-existent, MOSASP was able to provide these items to agencies and organizations. "I am pleased and thankful that we were able to address many needs throughout the state of Missouri. MOSASP exists to assist our donees, especially in times likes these," MOSASP Manager Lee Ann Blythe said.



New Life Evangelistic Center acquired thousands of hygiene kits that were used to help the homeless in St. Louis and Springfield. PHOTO BY MICHELLE COLLIER

- Submitted by Lee Ann Blythe, Missouri SASP

Donee Success Story

Marion County Jeep Patrol (Oregon)

In January 2020, Marion County Jeep Patrol (MCJP), acquired a Yamaha Rhino UTV side x side from the Oregon SASP. It was missing a few key components, and it appeared it was going to take a lot of work to make it operational again. Volunteers with MCJP installed a new battery, a light bar located across the top, a new winch, and painted it in high-visibility orange paint. This UTV is currently being utilized by the agency, responding to reports of lost or injured hikers, hunters and mushroom pickers throughout Oregon. The original acquisition cost of the UTV was in excess of \$5,000. Marion County paid the Oregon SASP a service charge of \$500 for a cost savings of over \$4,500 compared to buying brand new!

- Submitted by Darren Kennedy, Oregon SASP



*Before (above) & After (right)
pictures of the Yamaha Rhino UTV*

Donee Success Story

Astegos (Idaho)

Astegos has been utilizing the Idaho Federal Surplus Property Program since 2018. We have been able to provide them with an array of property in support of their mission as a provider to the homeless. I recently reached out to their Founder, Tim Flaherty, asking if I could highlight them in a write up and he graciously provided me with this attachment praising our establishment and our staff.

- Submitted by Hattie King, Idaho SASP

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Our Non Profit Benefits from Government Surplus!



BOX TRUCK

Not many nonprofits can get a box truck with a lift gate donated for \$250! We needed a truck to help our volunteer team be more efficient in collecting food and clothing donations.

GEM CARS

Our volunteers take the donations we gathered with our box truck and distribute them to the homeless with the all electric GEM CARS we got donated for \$200 each! This is a fun way for our volunteers to serve as a family or group of friends.



LAWN MOWER

Our transitional housing program needed a new lawn mower. We called Sam down at the Surplus and he found us this Craftsman for \$50. It would have cost us nearly \$1200 brand new, so in terms of savings, we are way ahead.

Donee Success Story

Astegos (Idaho)



HANDWASHING

During the outbreak of COVID-19 our homeless population was adversely affected as the city locked all public bathrooms. Every business closed to walk ins, shelters went into lockdown. The people on the street had no place to wash their hands.

We got three portable handwashing stations from our Surplus Warehouse for \$10 each! They helped keep our Homeless population COVID-19 Free for over three months!

FOOD SERVICE

One of our main programs is feeding the homeless. The Surplus has a ton of kitchen items. Everything from drink dispensers to refrigerators. Our entire food truck for the homeless is stocked with equipment from their warehouse.



PPE

In March of 2020, COVID-19 hit our community. Everyone was scrambling to buy PPE. I made one call and had everything we needed from masks to gloves to TYVEK Suits. Our volunteers were the only ones still serving the homeless thanks to our Surplus warehouse team!

Donee Success Story

Supplies for COVID-19 Response (Florida)

Agency sends excess medical supplies to Florida

By DLA Disposition Services Public Affairs and South-East Region Staff
Fort Bragg, North Carolina, May 6, 2020 —

First responders fighting COVID-19 in Florida are receiving more than 400 types of excess items from the Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services' site at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Operations Supervisor Curtis Mitchell said Florida Department of Management Services officials plan to provide the items to law enforcement agencies and emergency management services in multiple cities and counties. The material, originally valued at over \$330,000, includes patient warming systems, masks, specialized containers and more.

Terry Harrington, DLA Disposition Services' area manager for Fort Bragg, said his team's role is integral. He praised employees' efforts, saying everyone is thrilled to provide support.

"I am always very happy and honored to be able to assist our customers in these types of situations," said Eddie Sanders, a property disposal specialist. "This time happens to be for COVID-19, but our organization always stands ready for any emergency, be it hurricanes, floods or any type of natural disaster."

Mona Gholston, who recently returned to North Carolina after a six-month deployment to DLA Disposition Services' location in Djibouti, Africa, said the Fort Bragg site also provides support to U.S. forces in the Horn of Africa, as well as relief efforts following natural disasters like last year's Cyclone Kenneth.

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Frank Swindell (right) from the Florida Department of Management Services helps Defense Logistics Agency Disposition Services Property Disposal Specialists Mona Gholston (left) and Eddie Sanders load some of the \$330,000 worth of medical equipment and supplies intended for first responders fighting COVID-19 throughout the state. The material is from DLA Disposition Services' site at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Donee Success Story

Supplies for COVID-19 Response (Florida)

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“I am extremely pleased that our organization could be there to support customers in need of supplies and equipment for the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic,” she said. “We are here to support.”



Property Disposal Specialist Eddie Sanders moves some of the \$330,000 worth of medical equipment and supplies intended for first responders fighting COVID-19 throughout Florida. The material is from DLA Disposition Services' site at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

This article appeared on the DLA website:

<https://www.dla.mil/AboutDLA/News/NewsArticleView/Article/2178387/agency-sends-excess-medical-supplies-to-florida/>

Donee Success Story

Sugar Land Fire-EMS (Texas)



Sugar Land Fire-EMS received two LMTV cargo trucks in July, 2019. The Department converted the LMTVs to brush trucks and put new paint, lights, and decals on them. The total service charges paid for these cargo trucks was \$15,000 compared to an original acquisition cost of \$243,715.00. That is a savings of \$228,715.00 compared to buying brand new!

City of Sonora (Texas)

The City of Sonora received this white Chevrolet Silverado with known electrical issues earlier this year from our program. Within a couple of months, the city was able to make the necessary repairs to get the truck running. This week the City of Sonora stopped by the San Antonio warehouse to pick up another truck and towed it with the white Silverado they received from us! The service charges paid for these two trucks totals \$4,000, compared to an original acquisition cost of \$34,321. That's a total savings of \$30,321 compared to buying brand new!



-Submitted by Megan Sim, Texas SASP

Donee Success Story

Passage of Youth Family Center (Texas)

The Passage of Youth Family Center provides child placing services in north Texas. Following the COVID outbreak, their staff was in need of equipment to help them unload trucks of food needed by the families and children that they support. The Center obtained this forklift from the Texas SASP in July 2020. Prior to obtaining the forklift, the Center's staff had to unload the trucks by hand. The forklift had an original acquisition cost of \$11,473.01. The Center paid the Texas SASP a service charge of \$1,500, for a savings of almost \$10,000 compared to buying brand new!



Community Food Bank (Texas)

The Community Food Bank in Fort Worth, TX is a long-time donee of the Texas SASP. With the economic hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, demand for their services has increased. Pictured below is a forklift obtained in November 2018 that is still in use at their warehouse. The Food Bank additionally obtained two Power Breezer fans from the Texas SASP in May 2020. Each fan had an original acquisition cost of \$6,120.84. The service charge paid to the Texas SASP was \$400/ea. That is a total cost savings of \$11,441.68 compared to buying brand new!



- Submitted by Megan Sim, Texas SASP

Donee Success Story

Martin County (Minnesota)



Left to right: Joe Grove—Minnesota Dept. of Admin (MNSASP), Pamela Powers—Deputy Secretary (acting) of the U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs, Steve Flohrs—Martin County Commissioner, Steve Chase—Martin County Veterans Memorial Committee (MCVM)

On August 1st, 2020, the official dedication of the Bell Cobra 327 was held in Fairmont, Minnesota at the County's Veterans Memorial Park. The helicopter was received by Martin County in June of 2019 from the Minnesota SASP as part of the General Services Administration's (GSA) reutilization, transfer, and donation (RTD) program.

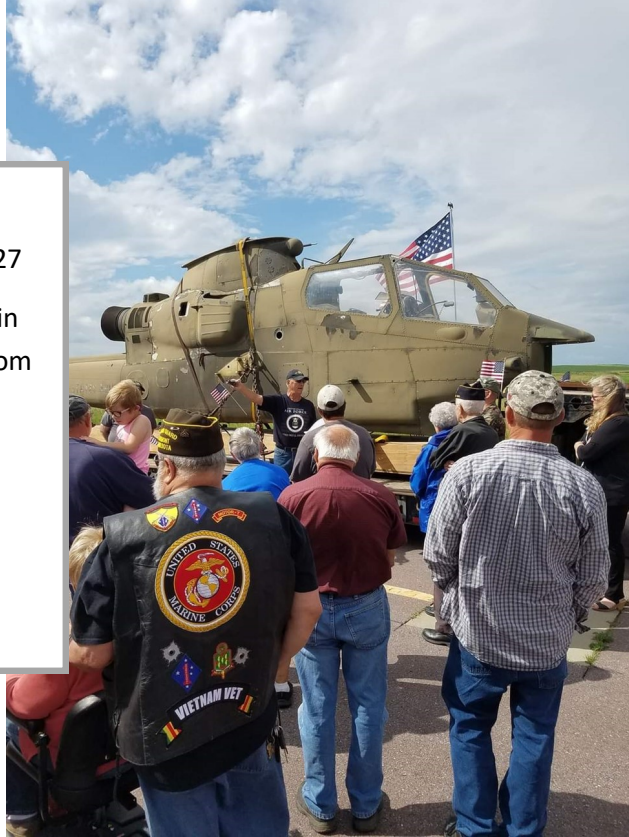
During the restoration, Steve Chase of Martin County Veterans Memorial Committee (MCVM) did some research and found that the helicopter is famous for serving the U.S. Army in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos from 1968 to 1971. In 1971, Cobra 327 saw service in Laos at the Battle of Lam Son 719, one of the deadliest battles of the war. Flying this helicopter were members of the U.S. Army, 7th Squad, 17th Cavalry, C Troop. Cobra 327 was mortally shot, and it was a ride the pilot will never forget. Yes, the pilot made it back and is alive today. The gunner unfortunately died from Agent Orange at age 37, but his family made the trip for the dedication. Many Vietnam Veterans who were with 7/17's B and C Troops made the journey to Minnesota to be part of this dedication.

The County paid Minnesota SASP a service charge of \$3,500 for the acquisition. Most of the restoration work, transportation costs, site construction and repair parts were donated by local community members and Bell Helicopter. This event and everything leading up to the dedication brought the local community together in making sure they gave their Vietnam Veterans a long overdue WELCOME HOME.

Donee Success Story

Martin County (Minnesota)

Bell Cobra 327
Just arrived in
Minnesota from
California
June 2019



Burn/char marks from
fighting fires in Kern County,
California.

NASASP Government Relations Report

Congress and Government Action High on NASASP Agenda

By John Chwat, NASASP Director of Government Relations

August is traditionally a month of summer vacations, "recess" for 30 days or more by both the U.S. House and Senate, and time off for many Federal employees. But this August and beyond, NASASP is hard at work in its efforts to protect the Federal Surplus Property Program, and to continue its focus on any actions at the national level impacting SASP operations under the leadership of NASASP Legislative Committee Chairman Sam Sibert (ID), NASASP President Elizabeth Cooper (WV), and the officers.

Coming off a very successful one hour review of top legislative and regulatory issues as part of NASASP's July 21st Virtual Meeting, the remaining months of 2020 will see critical actions impacting all SASPs. Among the federal agencies, these key actions will be coming up in the next 60 days. NASASP is focused on:

- 1) Publishing of final regulations by the Small Business Administration (SBA) for the implementation of the Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act providing access to the Federal Surplus Property Program (FSPP);
- 2) Comments on GSA-proposed changes of definitions within the Federal Management Regulations (FMR); and
- 3) DLA actions to address transfer of vehicles and equipment to Law Enforcement Agencies under the LESO/1033 Program.

NASASP is working to bring SASP concerns to the attention of the SBA and GSA regarding the next phase of the implementation of the Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act. This will include following up to the comments on the proposed rules that NASASP submitted to the SBA, establishing contact with the SBA, GSA and VA, as well as reviewing options for outreach to the Veteran and business community after the final rules are published.

NASASP has submitted comments to GSA on our concerns to their proposed changes to the FMR regarding various definitions relating to exchange/sale, state agency for surplus property, and other terms. The consolidation and deletion of terms was a concern and will be reviewed by NASASP leadership for additional actions.

NASASP has also sought to impact changes to the 1033 program that were initiated by Congress in two sets of very large bills now pending. Some areas of focus for NASASP have been to prevent DLA/DoD from considering general prohibitions on transfers of military vehicles, and specific changes to DeMil Q6 property that would reduce the amount of vehicles available for donation purposes.

In the legislative area, NASASP continues to monitor all actions by Congress that could impact SASPs and the FSPP, such as a bill introduced last month that sought to provide a "direct" route for all types of IT communications equipment, including computers, through GSA directly to veterans, schools, senior citizen entities and other groups, thereby avoiding the donation process. This bill is advocated by a group of "refurbishers." NASASP is visiting with and urging changes to the legislation with the sponsor, committee of jurisdiction and Congressional leaders to enhance donation FSPP statute and rules. NASASP will also monitor changes in Congress that will occur as a result of the November 3rd national elections. The election will impact many key Members in the House and Senate who decide GSA, SBA, DOD and other federal agency issues.

One final note, please respond to NASASP leadership's survey regarding the Federal Firefighting Program (FFP). FFP involves the Department of Agriculture (via the Forest Service) and the Department of Interior (via the Bureau of Land Management), and provides federal surplus fire trucks, fire equipment, and other vehicles directly to fire departments. The FFP, like the 1033 Program and LEEP, is a program created by Congress years ago and circumvents the Federal Surplus Property Program.

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NASASP Overseas Facilitator Report

Overseas Program is ready to assist despite recent challenges

The Overseas Program has many new challenges due to COVID-19. Despite not being able to travel and personally inspect and repair the equipment, we have been able to find creative ways to inspect the equipment and get the accurate information necessary to broadcast the equipment. In many cases, this work is being done by local mechanics at a substantially higher cost. Since COVID-19, we have screened many items and several have already been delivered. The property pictures are examples of items we have shipped and delivered over the last couple months. Please be assured the Overseas Program is still up and running despite COVID-19.

**Interested in participating in the Overseas Program?
Please contact Randy Main, NASASP Overseas
Facilitator, at (207) 441-4044 or raminc@ramincmgt.net.**





HELP US STRETCH YOUR BUDGET DOLLARS

Become a NASASP Associate Member!

The Federal Surplus Property Program needs your help and your voice. Read on to see how your organization can help.

Associate Members of NASASP are key players on the Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program team. Associate Members are typically people or organizations who receive surplus property (and thereby save money for the citizens they support) and have a keen interest in the Program. Municipalities, schools, and certain non-profit organizations receive millions of dollars' worth of heavy equipment, computers, office furniture and equipment, vehicles and much more through the Federal Surplus Property Program each year. Help us ensure the growth of this valuable program through your support of NASASP. Your \$39.00 membership fee supports the efforts of NASASP to increase the quality and quantity of surplus property available to you, and to open the program to other organizations that were not previously eligible to receive surplus property. For your \$39.00 annual membership fee, you receive:

- Certificate of membership denoting membership.
- Updates about changes to the program.
- Invitation to attend, as a nonvoting guest, the annual meeting of NASASP.
- The satisfaction of knowing that you are making a difference by joining.

NOTE: Membership in NASASP does not ensure your organization is eligible as a federal surplus donee. Only your State's SASP can determine eligibility.

Associate Membership Application

Membership is for one year from the month we receive your dues.

NAME		TITLE	
ORGANIZATION			
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
EMAIL	PHONE		

To pay by check: Complete the above information and send with your \$39 annual dues to: NASASP, P. O. Box 2134, Jefferson City, MO 65102. **To pay by credit card:** Visit www.nasasp.org and click on "Join NASASP."

If you have questions, please **contact** Karen Conn by email at AM.nasasp@nasasp.org or by phone at (806) 344-2209.

Interested in acquiring property for your organization?

Please visit www.nasasp.org and click on "Find My State" for complete contact information and a link to your state agency's website.

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