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Donation of Historical Aircraft to Tarrant County College

Beechcraft Plane was last aircraft flown by aviation pioneer and WASP Founder Jackie Cochran

The Tarrant County College (TCC) District has been using the Texas Federal Surplus Property Program since the 1970's. Since they started using the Program, the College has received 17 items, including tools, containers, a baggage tug, and even two airplanes. The service charge paid totals \$17,457, compared to an original government acquisition cost of \$2,246,307. That's a total savings of \$2,228,850 compared to buying brand new! Recently the Texas SASP staff became aware of the remarkable history behind a 1985 donation to TCC. The story is a testament to the ongoing value and unique ability of the Federal Surplus Property Program to play a small but critical role in preserving historical artifacts for future generations.

One of the airplanes that TCC received from the Texas Federal Surplus Property Program is a Beechcraft E185-9700, BA-31, N13JC. The Beechcraft was the last aircraft that aviation pioneer Jacqueline "Jackie" Cochran owned and operated. Jackie created and directed the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) and was the first woman to break the sound barrier. She was a true innovator in the field of aviation, an icon for future and current female aviators, and one of the most



Jackeline "Jackie" Cochran

prominent racing pilots of her generation.

The WASP was a civilian women's pilot organization created to train women in the aviation field. Their goal was to free up male pilots for combat roles during World War II. After only four months of training, 1,074 WASP became the first women to fly American military aircrafts. *Continued on next page...*



Jackie Cochran and Brigadier General Stearley reviewing WASP target-towing squadron.

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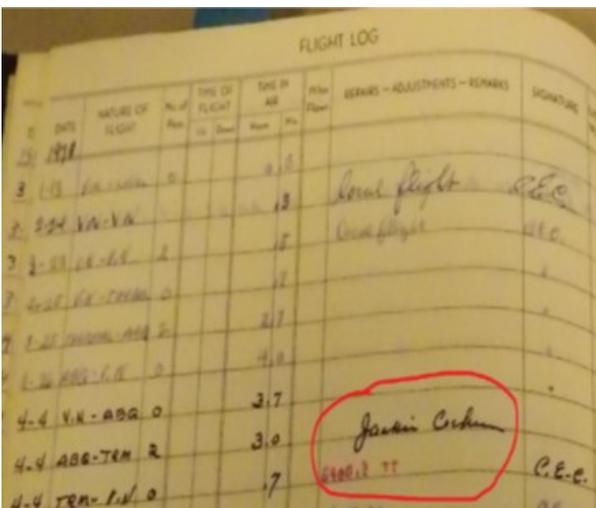


Beechcraft E18S-9700, BA-31, N13JC

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The WASP flew over 60 million miles assisting missions during WWII. Thirty-eight WASP lost their lives during their service. Despite being considered civilians during their service, the members were finally granted veteran status in 1977 and awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2009.

The Beechcraft E18S-9700 is believed to be the last plane that Jackie flew, since she signed her full name in the flight log instead of the way she typically initialed the log. Unaware of the aircraft's ties to Jackie, TCC received the plane in 1985 from U.S. Customs through the Texas SASP to use as a teaching implement in their Aviation Department. Darrell Irby, TCC Aviation Department Coordinator, shared with the Texas SASP staff about the plane's history and the impact Jackie's plane has made on TCC's Aviation Program. Darrell was a student when the school received the plane in 1985. After his career as a pilot, he returned to TCC and had the honor of teaching with the same aircraft that he was able to learn from as a student. He explained that having the plane at TCC was a great incentive for students, particularly women, to join the program.



Flight Log with Jackie's signature from what is believed to be her final flight April 4, 1971.

TCC knew at the time they received the aircraft in 1985 that it was previously owned by Merv Griffin. In fact, it was the first of many aircraft owned by Merv Griffin. During his ownership, the plane had a glamorous life in Hollywood, carrying numerous celebrities like Clint Eastwood and Gene Hackman. However, it was only 8 years ago that TCC discovered that the plane once belonged to the legendary Jackie Cochran. In an article written by TCC's Darrell Irby, he said, "You tell an average person Merv Griffin owned the Beechcraft E18S and about all the celebrities it hauled, they show interest. You tell an aviation person Jackie Cochran owned it and I often hear 'Wow!'"

TCC made it their goal to not only use the plane as a teaching tool, but to restore the plane to flying condition to display at airshows. Restoration on the aircraft started in 2012.

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TCC received donations from businesses and had volunteers working on the project but struggled to find the financial backing that was needed to get the plane where it needed to be. The restoration team was able to show off their progress in 2016 at ceremony held to honor the WASP. Due to the lack of funding and the declining use of the plane as a teaching source, TCC decided to donate the plane to the Vintage Flying Museum in Fort Worth, TX (who coincidentally is also a participant in the Texas Federal Surplus Property Program). While TCC was not able to finish the restoration themselves, TCC was able to get 34 years of teaching from the plane, nearly doubled female enrollment in the Aviation Program, and complete close to 40% of the restoration.



TCC Restoration Team and WASP members during 2016 WASP Reception. WASP from left: Pauline "Polly" White, Kay Hilbrandt, Nell Bright, Florence "Shutsy" Reynolds, Shirley Kruse.

The Vintage Flying Museum also benefits from the savings FSP has provided to their program. The Museum has received 73 items, paying a total service charge of \$5,408, compared to an original government acquisition cost of \$131,104. That's a total savings of \$125,696 compared to buying brand new! The Museum, alongside TCC volunteers, will fully restore the plane to the original colors and ensure that it can be flown and displayed for the public to enjoy. The Beechcraft E18S-9700 has done incredible things and been a meaningful part of many people's lives – from Jackie Cochran and Merv Griffin to Darrell Irby and his students at TCC and now the Vintage Flying Museum. The Texas SASP is incredibly proud to have been a small part of this incredible piece of history. We look forward to seeing what is in store next for the Beechcraft!



Donee Success Story

Oregon Health Administration / Oregon State Hospital (Oregon)

In July 2019, the Oregon SASP transferred a fuel tank trailer to the Oregon Health Administration (Oregon State Hospital). Below is a recap of that transaction, and the steps they took to rehabilitate the trailer. According to Calvin Kenney, Physical Plant Director for OHA/OSH:

“Shortly after I accepted the position of Physical Plant Director for the hospital, I couldn’t help but notice the time spent by staff purchasing diesel fuel for our equipment (tractors and remote generators) in 5 gallon jugs at a time. This started me on a search for a fuel trailer that I could afford within my budget of \$2000 to help lower labor costs and to be able to purchase non-road taxed fuel in bulk.

I found this trailer on the Oregon SASP’s website, and working with the agency salesperson Joe Mannion, (acquired) the trailer. I knew at the time of the (transfer) the trailer needed some attention before putting it into service. After having the tank professionally cleaned of residue and inspected, I turned this into a teambuilding project with my staff of talented craftsmen. The parts for the brakes and tongue, which couldn’t be found for purchase, were fabricated on site by staff. In addition, the parts needed to complete the project included two new springs, a new solar powered pump with hose, fresh paint and new decals.”

Between the initial cost of the trailer, professional cleaning and inspection of the tank, and all necessary parts and materials, the total for this project came to \$1,650, which was \$350 under budget. The service charge for the trailer was \$600, and the original acquisition cost was \$10,000. In total, OHA/OSH saved over \$8,350 compared to buying brand new.

Mr. Kenney stated “The dollar value does not reflect the boost in moral to my team in working together to get this fuel trailer ready to use and it gave us a trailer to help cut costs, saving taxpayer dollars in labor.”

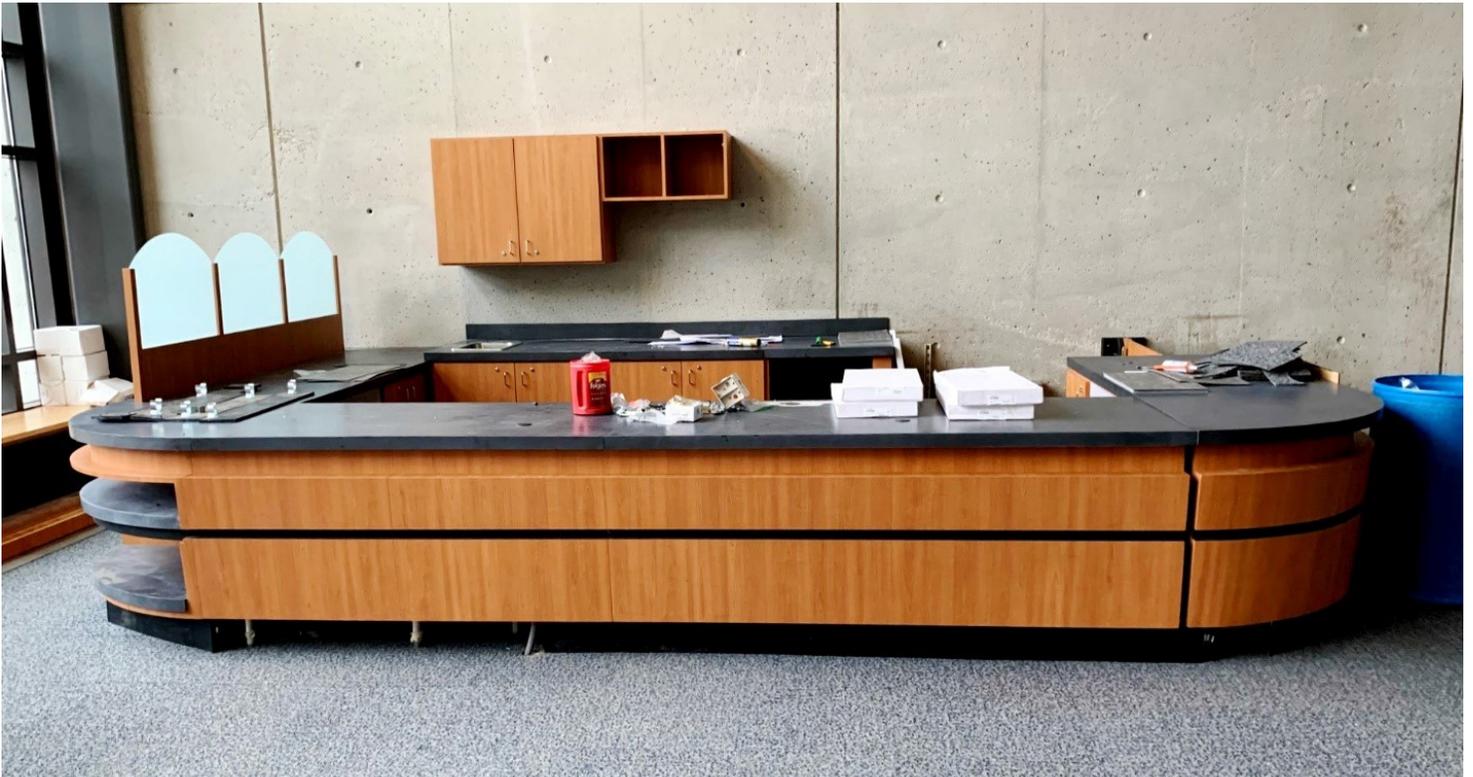
-Submitted by Darren Kennedy, Oregon SASP

*Before (below) & After (right)
pictures of the fuel trailer*



Donee Success Story

Oregon Commission for the Blind (Oregon)



The Oregon Commission for the Blind acquired a system of institutional counters and cabinets from the Oregon SASP. These items were brought into the Oregon SASP from Veterans Affairs Health Care System in Palo Alto, CA. The items were screened and arrived in several very large wooden crates, as they were “new old stock.” The mission of the OCB’s Business Enterprise Program is to promote independence by providing business opportunities in food concessions to Oregonians who are legally blind. Once a suitable location was found, the OCB uncrated the items and configured them into a working concession stand, which will serve to train clients wishing to re-enter the workforce.

The original government acquisition on the items was \$20,000, and the service charge paid by OCB was \$2,500. The OCB saved \$17,500 when compared to buying brand new. The picture above shows the nearly completed project.

-Submitted by Darren Kennedy, Oregon SASP

Donee Success Story

Missouri Department of Transportation (Missouri)



Thad Coons, mechanic at the Missouri SASP, tries out the Kut Kwick mower before transfer to the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Missouri SASP saves Missouri agency thousands of dollars

The Missouri SASP assisted in saving the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) thousands of dollars this summer on an incline mower.

In July 2019, MoDOT’s Central District acquired a Kut Kwick mower by utilizing the services of MOSASP.

“One of my coworkers called me one day to tell me about this mower available at Surplus. We have always wanted one, especially with all the mowing that we do in the capital city (Jefferson City),” MoDOT Maintenance Supervisor Kyle Fischer stated.

Jefferson City highway banks are very challenging to mow because of the terrain. Fisher stated that typically these areas are cut using weed eaters, in addition to utilizing incarcerated labor from the local prison.

MoDOT jumped on the chance on acquiring this mover. The Missouri SASP was able to save MoDOT more than \$30,000. Brand new, the mower would cost around \$47,729, but the Missouri SASP was able to transfer the mower to MoDOT for \$10,000.

“We at surplus love helping state agencies and eligible organizations to save money,” Missouri SASP Manager, Lee Ann Braun stated.

“By being able to use this mower in these locations, we were able to reduce the incarcerated crew by half. Using a machine over hand work is safer,” Fischer stated. “This saves time and money for the taxpayers of Missouri. MoDOT has some of these mowers in other parts of the State, which has really cut down the mowing time. The places this mower can go, and the slopes it can safely navigate is unreal.”

-Submitted by Edward Lang, Missouri SASP



The Missouri Department of Transportation uses the mower on one of its high banks in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Donee Success Story

Montcalm County Road Commission (Michigan)

The Montcalm County Road Commission is one of the Michigan SASP's most active donees. Over the years they have received multiple trucks and trailers to utilize throughout the county. The Montcalm County Road Commission maintains 1,500 miles of primary and local roads. The Road Commission also maintains 160 miles of State Trunkline Roads as a contract county with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

- Submitted by Stephanie Boehmer, MISASP



Before & After Pictures of the Truck Tractor

Donee Success Story

Georgia Military College (Georgia)

This cart was donated to the Georgia Military College by the Georgia SASP. The original government acquisition cost for this cart was listed at \$6,132.78. The DLA listing described the cart as in 'scrap' condition (which was also confirmed by custodian) resulting in a reduced service charge of \$100 paid by the College.

Per Richard Knapp with Georgia Military College, "The cart was picked up from Federal Surplus at the Charleston DLA location for a \$100 service charge. It was a 48V electric 6-seater with a blue body. Almost the entire electrical was missing (batteries, controller, charger...), and the frame was badly rusted because of the proximity to salt water. We ended up doing a frame up restoration, which included a lot of welding and replacing large portions of the frame. We put in new batteries, controller, wiring harness, charger, lights, gauges and switches. We recycled a red body kit and seats from another cart, lifted the cart, and put new rims and tires on it. You would not be able to recognize it as the same cart. We had a local maintenance shop complete about 60% and we did the rest. We invested about \$1,800 in total, which is a fraction of what even a used cart would cost us. "

-Submitted by Steve Ekin & Harris Sullivan, Georgia SASP



"After" picture of the cart that was once labeled as "scrap." A wonderful example of the Federal Surplus Property Program finding more useful life in what otherwise might be considered trash.

Donee Success Story

University of Wisconsin-Madison (Wisconsin)

In November 2018, the University of Wisconsin-Madison Engineering Laboratory received a fume hood with industrial exhaust system from the Wisconsin SASP's Federal Surplus Property Program.

Prior to this allocation, the lab was storing chemicals in wooded cabinets that were rotting, had very dirty, old perchloric acid ducting, and a rusty chemical stained hood.

The new hood includes brand new ducting. The cabinet the hood came with was repurposed to be a new sink base, and a properly ventilated acid storage cabinet was used for the hood base. The new hood has properly protected circuitry for lab work, and the blower fan shutoff has been removed from the face of the fume hood. The new hood is more energy efficient – the motor has been configured to run at 100 cfm with the sash at operating level while the old fume hood was running at 220 cfm.

All in all, a huge upgrade for this little corner of the lab. It's now the newest looking place in the lab!

- Submitted by Nadine Malm, Wisconsin SASP



*Before (above) & After (right)
pictures of the Lab*

Donee Success Story

Jonesboro City & Water Department (Arkansas)

Jonesboro City and Water Department reached out to the Arkansas SASP and inquired about obtaining more of the steel power poles like they had received previously. Jonesboro City and Water needed the poles due to their deteriorating infrastructure that was in desperate need of repair. The Arkansas SASP was unable to supply the poles they requested, but after doing a little research, found out that Alabama SASP actually had some of the poles available. The Alabama SASP reached out to them about possibly helping Jonesboro City and Water.

Working together, the Alabama SASP and Arkansas SASP decided that Jonesboro City and Water would acquire the poles directly from Alabama, and Arkansas SASP would perform the compliance checks on the poles. Jonesboro City and Water acquired 414 poles for \$750 each, for a total of \$310,500. The retail price of the poles is well over \$2 million and the ratepayers of Jonesboro City and Water were able to save over \$1.9 million by utilizing the Federal Surplus Property Program.



Hygiene Kits for Homeless & Impoverished (Arkansas)

The Arkansas SASP has also been looking at ways to be more proactive in helping the homeless and impoverished within the state. They got that opportunity in August and September of 2019. The SASP had recently acquired 491 personal hygiene kits so they reached out to several organizations within the state that help the homeless and impoverished. The SASP had responses from 15 different agencies and was able to donate the hygiene kits at no cost to the recipients!

-Submitted by Chris Reynolds, Arkansas SASP

Donee Success Story

City of Doland (South Dakota)



Before (left) and After (right) pictures of the tanker truck

This donation's story began in January 2018 when it was donated to the City of Doland from the South Dakota SASP. This 2008 AM General M920 Truck Tractor originated from Fort Jackson, SC, and had only 144 miles on it at the time of donation. The truck had an original government acquisition cost of \$74,288. The City paid the South Dakota SASP a service charge of only \$8,500 for the truck, saving the City over \$65,000 compared to buying brand new! When the SASP staff checked in with the City in October 2019, the City was still proudly using the truck! Below is a recent letter to the South Dakota SASP the Doland Fire Department's Secretary Lille Bucholz entitled "Our Journey to a Tanker:"

"The Doland Fire Department needed to get a new tanker. The old tanker's frame had been stressed and was not able to handle the amount of water we put in the tank for much longer. We started looking for a replacement. One of our firemen works for RDO Equipment of Redfield. There was an opportunity to apply for a grant, which we received. The balance of the truck has been paid for by the Doland Fire Department and the Fire Association.

We looked at the Federal Surplus Store in Huron. They had a truck that we would be able to use for a tanker. After (acquiring) the truck, we contacted Oscar's Machine Shop in Clark to see if he could take the old tank off our tanker and put it on the new truck. He said he could. Buster put the tank on the new truck, and we then brought it home to make sure it fit in our building. It worked. Buster finished securing the tank, added a ladder and a place for our portable holding tank to go. After much calling around, we found a gentleman in Watertown that did some painting. Although we still have the lettering to put on this truck, it is a great addition for our Fire Department."

-Submitted by Kaelene Borkowski, South Dakota SASP

Donee Success Story

Miner County (South Dakota)



Before (left) and After (right) pictures of the roller

Miner County Highway Department acquired a Hyster C766B roller from the South Dakota SASP in May 2019 for a service charge of \$6,500. After a few electrical repairs, new paint, and lights the unit is looking great!

South Dakota was issued 4 presidential disaster declarations in 2019 due to severe storms and flooding. Damage to roads was severe in a large number of counties and repairs are still needed in most of those areas. Any savings the county road departments and townships can realize are of great benefit.

-Submitted by Kaelene Borkowski, South Dakota SASP

Donee Success Story

Stratford Community Fire Department (South Dakota)



The Stratford Community Fire Department acquired this 1997 Stewart Stevenson M-1078 Cargo Truck through the South Dakota SASP in June 2016. It is still in use over 3 years later which is a testament to the long-term value of the Federal Surplus Property Program. The Department paid the SASP a service charge of \$3,800 for this truck which had an original government acquisition cost of \$104,626. That is over \$100,000 in savings compared to buying brand new! Per Fire Chief Loy Stange, "Looks kind of funny with the tank all the way to the back but that is what it took to get the weight distribution right. Several members of our department work in the truck equipment industry and value a proper weight distribution and low center of gravity. (It can carry) 800 gallons of water in a custom stainless tank. (In total, it is) 24000 lbs. with a 12/12 split. We put SCBA seats up front. Briggs powered volume pump to run booster reel , manifold, and monitor. Plenty of 12 volt access inside for radios and lights, etc. High pressure pump to the reels on back for mop-up. As you can see we moved the batteries, air tanks, and exhaust as the space was more valuable to us as toolboxes and pump box. All come out on top. There is space between the toolboxes to safely carry a crew short distance without fear of falling off. I am quite pleased with this unit and would like to have another when our cash reserves recover."

-Submitted by Kaelene Borkowski, South Dakota SASP

Donee Success Story

Milburn Price Culture Museum (Texas)



DLA Disposition Service at Susquehanna, GSA and Texas SASP work together to donate granite slab

The **Milburn Price Culture Museum** recently acquired a large piece of granite through the Federal Surplus Property (FSP) Program. The slab is 15' long, 7'7" tall and 28" thick, and weighs 45,000 lbs. It had originally been used as a precision granite measuring table. This one had a track in it so it could be rolled along and measure various spots. They are absolutely flat and level, do not vibrate and usually hold a constant temperature and steady shape, and therefore are very useful in measuring precision components for areas such as aerospace. The Museum picked it up from DLA Disposition Services at Susquehanna (Pennsylvania) this past summer and used it to create a beautiful sign. The Museum is located in Vega, TX on the historic Route 66.



Also pictured is a tan 25-ton truck mounted crane that the Museum acquired through the Texas SASP in October 2018 from DLA DS Bliss in El Paso, TX. The Museum used the crane to unload the granite. A local towing service company (K3 Towing) also pitched in and donated the use of their wrecker to stand the granite up and put it in place.



The backstory on this granite is a great example of how good lines of communication and strong relationships between the DLA, US General Services Administration (GSA) and FSP can accomplish amazing things. Earlier this year, FSP staff was coordinating a pickup from DLA Disposition Service at Susquehanna, and one of the site staff, Cynthia Anderson, happened to mention that the location also had a large piece of granite that they were looking to dispose of and wondered if the Texas FSP may have a need for it. After gathering some information and pictures from the DLA staff, FSP staff then reached out to the Museum to see if they might be interested. The donation was then approved by the GSA on a manual transfer order (SF123) saving time and resources for all involved. Per Cassandra Gilbert, who works in the DLA DS Reutilization/Transfer/Donation Office, "This took coordination not only between DLA and the Texas SASP but GSA as well. Due to the size of this granite and the type of forklift needed to lift it, we requested approval from GSA prior to even being brought on record.

Donee Success Story

Milburn Price Culture Museum (Texas)

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The site did not want to handle this piece of granite twice. Cynthia Anderson definitely went above and beyond to make this work for all parties involved, including the turn in customer." If not for the open lines of communication and good working relationship between the DLA DS Susquehanna, GSA and FSP, this donation might never have happened.

Per Greg Conn, Director of the Milburn Price Culture Museum, "To me it was the perfect example of how DLA, GSA & (FSP) work together to reutilize surplus property. Communication is key with all donations." Mr. Conn also emphasized how this project would not have been affordable without the Federal Surplus Property Program - "To put some numbers to this donation, I talked to a rock company and to outright buy a piece of granite the size of this, it would cost over \$32,000 just for a quarry cut piece of granite. The federal government's original acquisition cost for this granite was \$80,000. The transportation costs were just over \$3,500 (which was donated by a local person). FSP's fee was \$300. The Wrecker company costs for setting up the granite would have been about \$2,500 (but was also donated). The metal work that we used to make the sign and the painting was \$1,200. We also spent about \$400 in concrete for a base to set the granite on. If we had to pay real money for this sign, it would have been around \$40,000 which we would have never been able to afford. The Museum out of pocket expenses, after donations and a \$1,000 grant from our local Chamber of Commerce, was only around \$1,200." The sign looks great! Congratulations to Greg and the rest of the Museum staff and volunteers!

-Submitted by Megan Sim, Texas SASP

NASASP President's Inkwell

Happy New Year everyone. I hope you had a great holiday and that you are ready to begin a new decade. Here in West Virginia, we have made a lot of changes to our facility, and we have some more changes coming soon. We want our current customers and donees to enjoy their shopping experience, but we want more. We want more donees. If you are like us, you find it difficult to get the word out about the program, especially when operating on a tight budget.

Marshall Tullos of Indiana recently did a survey to get an idea of what SASPs are doing to promote the Surplus Property Program. Some of the ideas that he received include having an online inventory, doing e-mail blasts for featured property, maintaining want lists, getting donees signed up on GSAXcess and sending out newsletters and flyers. In addition, some SASPs have reached out to their State SBA offices to get a list of 8(a) organizations. These are some great ideas that cost little if anything but time. Newsletter and flyers can be sent electronically to further reduce costs.

Many SASPs are getting out of the office and doing live presentations. In West Virginia, we schedule live presentations at State-owned buildings. We send out e-mail invitations to potential donees. The turnout has been good, and we do not have to pay for use of the facilities since they are State-owned. An incentive for attendance is to see if your presentation may qualify for continuing education credits. If you cannot get out on the road, you may consider doing a webinar. In addition to presentations, consider setting up a vendor booth at conferences. It may be a county official conference, a State agency conference or even a non-profit conference. Go anywhere you can to get the word out.

While the ideas mentioned are not all inclusive and may not work for everyone, hopefully there is something that will help you. The good news is that they are inexpensive or free to try. One last piece of advice is to take care of your donees. So much can be accomplished by word of mouth. Sometimes the best advertisement is a happy customer!

Elizabeth Cooper, NASASP President / West Virginia SASP

NASASP Government Relations Report

Keeping Vigilant: Protecting the Federal Surplus Property Program in 2020

NASASP and SASP Resources in the Nation's Capitol

By John Chwat, NASASP Director of Government Relations

Change is inevitable. I know this from over four decades of experience. The key for organizations such as NASASP is to make sure that change brings positive actions to protect the seventy year old Federal Surplus Property Program (FSPP), to enhance the ability of tens of thousands of donees to obtain the property that they need, and to support SASPs in gaining timely access to more and more federal surplus property. All of this is possible with NASASP advocating for the FSPP nationwide and in the halls of the US Congress.

The US Congress is key for policy objectives that impact all SASPs:

- First, by funding all agencies that NASASP follows—General Services Administration (GSA), Department of Defense (DoD) and Small Business Administration (SBA) for example. Congress sets priorities and directives as well as funding for these offices. The \$1.3 trillion budget just passed for Fiscal Year 2020. The budget cycle for FY2021 (beginning September 30, 2020) is underway;
- Second, thru legislation, hearings and direct contact, Congressional officials—especially in the Committees—impact most agency policies. This interaction takes place all thru 2020; and
- Third, with national conventions in July/August and the November elections quickly approaching, much of the work of the 2020 Congress's is "front loaded," meaning a lot of work will be underway behind the scenes prior to the summer. NASASP has the experience to know where and when to "pull the curtain back" at the right time!

You might ask yourself—"Why should I care about the "Swamp? Nothing will get done in Washington, D.C. in 2020 anyway. I'm too busy with my own priorities." Sound familiar? NASASP leadership knows three "truth's"--First, there are governmental and private entities that challenge the FSPP each day. Many would like nothing better than to eliminate its positive aspects completely. Second, the US Congress "rediscovers the wheel" each year with seemingly new ways to cut into the FSPP's statute and rules without knowing we exist. Third, knowing the right decisionmakers to contact at the right time to protect the FSPP can have lasting impact for SASPs that care and the donees (present and future) who need the surplus to protect lives and property.

This year, NASASP's priority in Washington, D.C. is to continue efforts to influence the US Congress. One of these efforts include the introduction of changes to Title 40, US Code to prioritize SASPs over Exchange/Sale provisions in the law. Exchange/Sale actions by federal agencies continue to be a major impediment for SASPs' access to surplus property. Additionally, some Members of Congress are interested in introducing a bill to expand access to federal surplus property for "Service Educational Activities" (such as Boys and Girls Clubs, Scouts) beyond the DoD. This would require change to Title 10, US Code.

Regardless of the headlines about impeachment and apparent deadlock between the parties, NASASP will continue to work to advance the interests of the FSPP. Below are some examples of priorities for NASASP in 2020 that we will move forward this year:

- NASASP is working with the Small Business Administration (SBA) and SASPs to finalize rules to implement the "Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act" (Public Law 115-415), which was signed into law by the President last January. This was a hard fought effort to pass a series of laws opening up opportunities for 2.5M+ Veteran small business owners to access the FSPP through SASPs. Rules will be out early in 2020. Once these opportunities are open, it should also expand interaction between SASPs, Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) and business organizations.

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NASASP Government Relations Report

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- Some Congressional officials just do not understand, nor know about, the FSPP. As the only national group advocating for it, NASASP will continue to inform the 535 elected officials and thousands of staff on its positive "good works" for donees, as well as work to prevent duplication of statutes. For example, in the week before Christmas, a Congressman introduced a bill duplicating agency submissions to educational institutions for federal "excess" property. NASASP has identified these bills and intervened with Congress members to prevent duplication. Last year, there was a similar effort to direct the DoD to provide surplus to farmers.

Change, as I stated above, is inevitable. The same is true for Congress, who impacts NASASP priorities within the major agencies we "watch" - SBA, DoD and GSA.

The Chair of the House Oversight and Reform Committee, Rep. Cummings (D-MD), passed away at the end of last year. The new Chair is Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY). New leadership will mean new priorities, especially relating to GSA. A new SBA Administrator—Jovita Carranza from Illinois—was approved by the US Senate this month, and will also impact many of the FSPP objectives in the coming months as we interact with SBA. Furthermore, the new leadership at DoD will have critical implications on our Fiscal Year 2021 priorities addressing issues with DLA and the Pentagon.

NASASP provides an "advanced warning" system from Washington, D.C. for its member SASPs. NASASP monitors, reports on, and attempts to influence the Congressional Committees with jurisdiction over policies and funding for GSA, DoD, SBA and other agencies who impact the FSPP. I have one small request to SASP's in this upcoming national election season—if the opportunity permits, share the good works you are doing for donees under the FSPP with your Congressional officials in both the House and Senate. Contact me if you have questions on how best to do this. 2020 plans to be a VERY active year for NASASP in the nation's capitol.

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NASASP Overseas Facilitator Report



Shipment from Korea to Alabama SASP

NASASP Overseas Facilitator recently prepared a shipment of a container of the items pictured above for the Alabama SASP from Gimcheon, Korea. Per Randy, "We were tasked with disassembling eight portable light units to allow for all eight to fit in one forty-foot container. I worked with a local mechanic, Vernon and a DLA forklift driver for most of one day taking these units apart and positioning them for loading. The next day it took the mechanic, Vernon, myself, two truck drivers and two forklift drivers four hours to load this container. We were all proud to have accomplished this shipment."

If you are interested in participating in the Overseas Program, please contact Randy Main, NASASP Overseas Facilitator, at (207) 441-4044 or raminc@ramincmgt.net.

NASASP Historian's Report

Project Homerun - 1969

Project Homerun Returns War Goods

More than \$7 million worth of Vietnam war goods was brought back to the United States through the Port of Houston last month and a ceremony to observe the occasion was held at the Port's City Dock 17.

The goods, which arrived on the S/S *AMERICAN CORSAIR*, a Lykes Bros. Steamship Co., Inc. chartered ship, were part of more than \$62.5 million in war goods returned from the Vietnam conflict to date under a two-year-old program called Project Homerun which is tied to the wind-down of military activities in Southeast Asia.

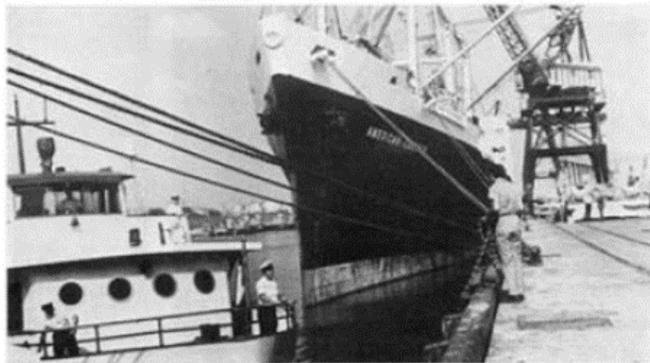
The idea behind Project Homerun is to return military equipment and supplies to the U.S. for civilian use and training. In many previous wars equipment was often scrapped or left to rust. One large item, for example, a huge earth scraper, will be used to train heavy equipment operators at Texas A&M University.

The 140-piece Sam Houston High School Band played at the ceremonies, attended by Port, city and county officials and high echelon members of the U.S. Departments of Defense, and Health, Education and Welfare, which were under the direction of Arthur F. Sampson, head of the General Services Administration.

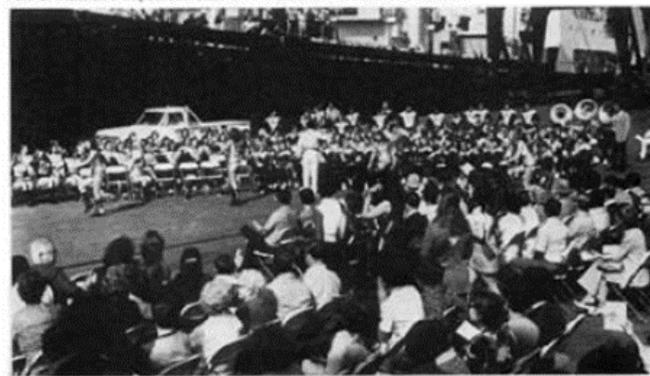
The shipment through the Port of Houston was the largest in dollar value and volume of five such shipments back to the U.S. thus far in the Homerun Project. The goods, ranging from baseballs to body armor and from Monopoly sets to weed cutters and thermometers, were donated, after screening, for domestic use in Federal agencies, schools, hospitals and other eligible state and local agencies through the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The only cost to recipients was that of shipping.



Troop 750 of the Houston Area Boy Scouts were color guard as the Sam Houston band played the National Anthem. On the platform for the Port of Houston were Commission Chairman Festus Brocewell, Commissioner W. D. Haden, II, and Port Executive Director George W. Altvater. The Reverend Sam Duree, executive director of the Houston International Seamen's Center, delivered the invocation.



Dignitaries including Congressman William R. Archer; Assistant Secretary Rodney H. Brady of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Assistant Secretary of Defense Barry J. Shillito, and Acting Administrator Arthur F. Sampson of the General Services Administration arrived aboard the Port of Houston's inspection vessel SAM HOUSTON for the ceremonies.



The Sam Houston High School band, replete with baton twirlers, kept a large crowd entertained prior to the unloading ceremonies of the Project Home Run material.

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Project Home Run returned more than \$60 million in excess military supplies and equipment from the Pacific and Southeast Asia made available due to President Nixon's phase-down on Military activities. Returned items were stored in Edison, NJ; Gadsen, AL; Baton Rouge, LA; Fort Worth, TX; and Oklahoma City, OK. Individuals were tasked to physically screen property in Vietnam, Korea, the Philippines, and Germany. During this time, regular boat shipments were returning property.



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