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The City of Abbeville is NASASP's Donee of the Year!



Pictured L to R: Steve Ekin, NASASP President; Mayor Michael Estes, City of Abbeville; Lisa Moghazy, GA SASP; Fire Chief Larry Brown

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The City of Abbeville, County Seat of Wilcox County, GA, has a total area of just over 3 square miles, a population of

approximately 3000, and a budget that according to Mayor Michael Estes, "Would not allow us to replace tools needed for the maintenance shop."

Abbeville has been a surplus property donee for several years but once used the program rarely, making only 14 request for property from its enrollment in 2009 through 2015. However, "new blood" sparked new enthusiasm in 2016 and Abbeville began more fully realizing the benefit of making Surplus their first source of supply.

In 2016 Abbeville made 49 requests for Surplus Property and received 40 allocations. They embraced the opportunity to screen GSAXcess, evidenced by the fact that nearly 60% of their requests were "self-screened." The original acquisition cost of property they received topped \$915,000, but cost the City less than \$42,000; that's a 95% savings versus buying new.

Through their efforts, Abbeville has bolstered its maintenance shops with tools and equipment, the Police Department with firearms, and most notably its Fire Department with the receipt of a 1998 Pierce Ariel Ladder Truck received through the Overseas program out of Japan. The original acquisition of the ladder truck was \$446,000. The cost to Abbeville was \$26,000.

Donee of the Year

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The ladder truck will protect Abbeville's three story buildings, including their historic courthouse and antebellum homes. As well as providing for the safety of citizens in the City and surrounding area, the Ariel Ladder Truck impacts the health and economic stability. It will serve to protect a peanut processing factory and cotton gin within the county – major sources of employment. Additionally, it has increased the ISO Insurance Public Protection Classification, which the Abbeville projects will draw more business to the area.

"We would never have been able to purchase the things we have now without the Surplus Property Program," the Mayor said. "People have commented that the streets even look cleaner, and that's because of the sweeper we got. We also just picked up a maintenance stand that will keep us safe when we hang our Christmas lights and working up high on anything. We get things for pennies on the dollar. It's tremendous! Just Outstanding!"

- Submitted by Steve Ekin, Georgia SASP

Port of Toledo, Oregon

The Port of Toledo is situated on the Yaquina River, about 7 miles inland from the city of Newport and the Pacific Ocean. The Port of Toledo, Oregon, encompasses 443 square miles, including the cities of Toledo and Siletz, as well as a large area of unincorporated Lincoln County with facilities located along the Yaquina River. The Port offers a wide variety of services to develop, promote, and sustain the economic base of the area, including the Port of Toledo Boatyard as well as recreational facilities. One in six jobs are tied to Oregon Ports, creating over 4.5 billion dollars in wages annually.

The Port has been an Oregon SASP Donee since 2007. The Port acquires a large variety of equipment to serve its needs, from plate metal and welders to high lift equipment and hand tools. In 2016 alone, the Port acquired \$200,000 (original acquisition) worth of property from the Oregon SASP for a little over \$18,000. As of March 2017, the Port has already exceeded that amount. The Oregon SASP based its decision to nominate the Port of Toledo on several factors, but the main reason was to showcase how Donee participation in the Federal Donation Property program benefits certain regions of the state, as well as the state as a whole.

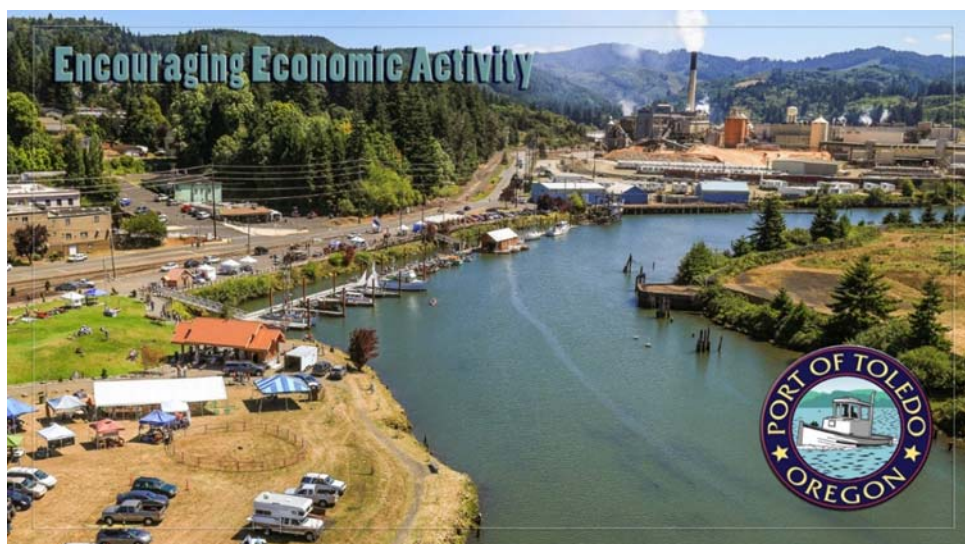
The Port currently employs 25-30 full-time positions, from shipbuilders to administrative staff. According to port director Bud Shoemake, the boatyard “started from nothing” and has turned the previously unused property into a thriving repair facility. As one of the only boatyards on the central Oregon coast capable of lifting a boat out of the water, they have an almost constant backlog of work, and primarily service fishing vessels and pleasure craft from Alaska and all of the west coast on a regular basis. This has created an infusion to the local economy with living wage jobs and employment opportunities, as well as continual plans to upgrade and expand operations.

The Port has proven how programs such as this serve to spur economic growth and vitality in a region where shrinking timber revenues have resulted in an economic downturn for the area. Through the use of the Donation Program, as well as diversifying and reinventing the way business opportunities are conducted, the Port serves as a model of ingenuity and fiscal responsibility. According to Mr. Shoemake, “there is no way we could have done any of this without the Federal Donation Program. All the tools and equipment we’ve received from the program would have been impossible to purchase on the open market, and still remain economically solvent”.

The Ports Mission Statement reflects this as well:

“We are stewards of the public trust who:

- *Create economic development and quality jobs by retaining and growing businesses,*
- *Maintain and add waterborne and land transportation infrastructure that attracts new businesses,*
- *Build our port’s financial strength, increase and diversify our operating revenue sources,*
- *Protect and enhance the special quality of place and the quality of life for our port district’s citizens, and*
- *Make the highest and best use of our financial tools, people, and property assets.”*



Port of Toledo (continued from previous page)



Additional list of property that was acquired through the Donation Program

Recently acquired 600 ton capacity Boat Hoist

Same as above, transporting large vessel to the repair area

Fishing vessel "Redeemer" being repaired and enlarged. This vessel is being featured on the Discovery Channels "Deadliest Catch".

Taylor-Dunn yard cart and Miller welder (one of several) purchased from the Donation program.

Air compressor, welders and shelter (one of several) purchased from the Donation program.

Worker masking a boat to be painted, using scissor lift (one of several) purchased from the Donation program.

JLG boom style lift, one of several purchased from the Donation program, with "Majestic" in the background.

Finishing up repairs on the "Majestic" fishing vessel.

Scissor lift purchased from the Donation program being used to mask off a fishing vessel "Kylie Lynn".

Crane purchased from the Donation program

Copy of article from *Fisherman's News* regarding Port of Toledo boatyard operations

Military Museum of Brazoria County, Texas

The Military Museum of Brazoria County was another nominee for the Donee of the Year. Since joining Federal Surplus Property (FSP) in 2013, the museum has been very active in the program, receiving hundreds of items including military trucks, two aircraft, tools, heavy equipment, and military/camping gear just to name a few. For that property, the Museum has paid a little over \$245,000 in service fees for property with an estimate fair market value of almost \$2 million. The Museum has put FSP to good use educating the public through the museum itself, the many events they participate in, as well as providing emergency services and support in times of crisis for Brazoria County.

From our San Antonio Warehouse Manager, Jon Smart:

“When I first met (Museum President) Justin Wehring, I thought, that’s great we have another museum donee. But Justin has a different kind of Museum, it is interactive with the community, county and State. Justin has a theory that he should never charge to see his museum or should I say participate in it. The average visit to the Military Museum of Brazoria County usually starts out with a ride in an armored personnel carrier through the woods and mud and you end up driving! Then on to the tour of the many other running vehicles such as Hemmit’s, LMTV’s, HMMWV’s, Heavy haulers and even helicopters. Then if you are really lucky (and of age) you will end up on the shooting range with a full on machine gun in your hand!

Now that all sounds very fun and is but there is a serious side to this Museum, they save lives. Justin gained a contract with the county to help provide his vehicles and talent to save his neighbors from the many disasters that hit the gulf coast frequently. The most recent was flooding of the Brazos where the vehicles and the members of the museum were on 24hr ops in conjunction with the county getting to places normal vehicles could not reach to save lives.

The other serious side is the giving back to our honored veterans, he will go almost anywhere, anytime if it’s a vet event that truly honors the vet. He will donate his time and vehicles to give rides and bring a little healing to those who need it most.

When we all come to work at TFC on Monday morning, it is not unusual to have an email from Justin loaded with pictures and commentary about the latest exploits of the Military Museum of Brazoria County. Whether its veterans’ parades or just plain folks driving out to see the museum, they will be entertained, and they will leave with a smile and a new sense of pride in their country instilled by the museum and the man who runs it.”

In 2016, the Museum applied for and was granted dual eligibility as a nonprofit educational organization and an emergency services provider for Brazoria County. The Museum and its property has already proved to be a very valuable resource for the citizens of Brazoria County during times of crisis. As mentioned above, in June 2016, Brazoria County experience an unprecedented and truly historic degree of flooding. The Military Museum of Brazoria County worked to help their local community prepare for and subsequently save them from this terrible event. Per Justin Wehring, Museum President, their activities included:

- Building a berms around homes before the flood water arrived. One house currently had 25” of water completely around their berm but the house was safe and dry. This home would otherwise have over a foot of water inside.

- Running roving patrols to communicate door-to-door the imminent severity of this flood

- Providing high water rescues and evacuations after the flood waters arrived. They moved people and an assortment of animals to include dogs, cats, bees, hamster, miniature donkeys, pet armadillo.

- Provided transportation to supply runs in affected areas.

- They rescued, on three different occasions, other rescue teams that got into trouble. One team of six damaged their inflatable rescue boat and were caught in a strong current. The other team sunk an airboat and were in 4’ of water 3 miles from dry land. The third was a National Guard unit that stuck their FMTV truck in a ditch while turning around on a road which blocked relief efforts. Because the museum staff also runs and understand these trucks, they were able to educate the team on the proper use of the all-wheel drive function of the transmission controller allowing them to drive the truck out of the situation and clear the road.

Per Mr. Wehring, “Museum staff worked around the clock that weekend to rescue both people and animals. The 48 hour weekend total numbers rescued with ONLY OUR MUSEUM VEHICLES were 64 people and 67 animals. We are proud to be good stewards to our community and serve as an integrated part of the Brazoria County Emergency Management solution and we are here to stay. Please know that our united success and the lives saved are a direct reflection of a very successful reutilization program with excellent staff working to make it happen”.

Donee of the Year Nominees

Military Museum of Brazoria County (continued from previous page)

The pictures below are from the flood, and include FSP at work helping to save lives and property.



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Military Museum of Brazoria County (continued from previous page)

The Museum has used FSP, including the trailer pictured below, to transport equipment to participate in community events that help educate people about the military and support veterans. For example, these three pictures are from a veteran's awareness event in March 2017 for their local chapter of Mission 22. It was a rainy day but still a good turn-out with over 250 people in attendance.



Submitted by Megan Sim & Jon Smart, TX SASP

Donee Success Story

Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Arkansas

Immaculate Heart of Mary School, located in North Little Rock, Arkansas, obtained a climbing wall for \$2,787. They spent \$1,929 refurbishing it, by pressure washing, repainting, installing new cables and pumps, and installing two button remotes and a siren. Their student body is now using it. They estimate their savings at \$15,284 by using the donation program vs. buying elsewhere. Submitted by Allan Banaszak (501)240-2007 on behalf of AR SASP



Salem Volunteer Fire Department, Arkansas

Salem Volunteer Fire Department, Salem, Arkansas obtained a 1992 M988 HMMWV for \$2,500. They spent another \$12,500 on paint, installing lights and sirens, a skid unit with a 200 gallon tank with booster line, and assorted fire/rescue tools. They estimate their savings at \$15,000 by using the donation program vs. buying elsewhere. Submitted by Gil Carpenter (501)249-1108 on behalf of AR SASP

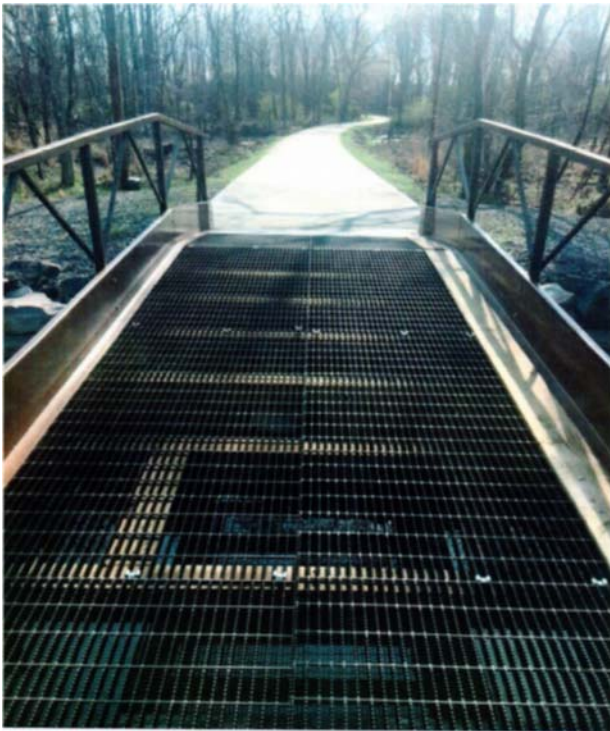


Donee Success Story

City of Clarksville (Arkansas)

City of Clarksville – Obtained an 8'x36' mobile loading ramp for \$1,900. They spent another \$1,100 painting, fabricating and installing handrails, and installed solid boardwalk. The property is now being used as a bridge for their 1.9-mile nature trail. The City estimates their savings at \$10,000 by using the donation program vs. buying elsewhere.

-Submitted by Mayor Mark Simpson (479)754-6486



Donee Success Story

Hancock County Sheriff (Ohio)



Ohio Federal Surplus Program recently assisted the Hancock County Sheriff's Department in Findlay, Ohio, with acquiring two security scanners (pictured) from TSA in Arlington, Virginia. The scanners had an original acquisition cost of \$159,640 and a market value of \$37,800 for each one. The Sheriff's Department paid \$31,928 for the pair saving them approximately \$43,000! They are currently in use at the Hancock County Jail in Findlay, Ohio.

-Submitted by Amy Rice, OH SASP



Donee Success Story

Elmwood High School (Ohio)



Elmwood High School, Bloomdale, Ohio obtains musical instruments from Ohio Federal Surplus Property to keep their band program strong. Band Director, Justin Brinkman continues to score great instruments for very little cost. Since January 2015, the band has obtained 31 musical instruments with an original acquisition cost of \$73,471. They paid service charges of approximately \$6,130 saving the school over \$11,000 compared to buying used on the market! Like most schools, not all students can afford to buy their own instruments, so being able to obtain used instruments is essential to making sure all students can participate in band!

Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics (Ohio)



This Learjet was acquired from NASA for the Youngstown branch of the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics. The original acquisition cost was \$1,031,813 and was obtained from the Ohio Federal Surplus Property program for \$10,000. The aircraft was made non-flyable and will be used to teach airframe and engine maintenance.

Submitted by OH SASP

Donee Success Story

Grady County Fire Dept. (Oklahoma)



Before (above) and After (below) pictures of a truck acquired by the Grady County Fire Dept., Grady County Oklahoma



Grady County Fire Department received 7 Freightliner truck tractors at a handling/service charge of \$25,000.00 per truck tractor from the OK SASP. The trucks cost the federal government over \$165,000.00 each. These trucks are being converted from a regular truck tractor to a pumper/water truck. These Freightliners will replace several of their older brush trucks that have mechanical issues. This also cuts down on the amount of trucks needed to fight fires. Because of the size of tanks, these trucks can carry the firefighters, can stay at the fire up to 30 minutes longer, and use fewer firefighters.

-Submitted by Roger Stone, OK SASP

Donee Success Story

South Sherman Fire & Rescue (Oregon)

Federal Surplus property has enhanced South Sherman Fire and Rescue's ability to serve our community and surrounding communities by providing the necessary equipment, so volunteers can perform their duties safely and effectively.

Currently, South Sherman has 10 Humvees that serve as light brush units, 2 military surplus freightliners that serve as water tenders and 1 freightliner tractor that pulls our surplus low boy that hauls our surplus D7 dozer. We also have one 6x6 that has been converted to a heavy brush truck and one ladder truck that serves as the only ladder truck for the entire county.

South Sherman serves 387 sq miles of Sherman County or approximately 47% of the county. South Sherman has mutual and automatic aids with all of the other districts within Sherman County and also belongs to a regional mutual aid agreement throughout the Columbia Gorge.

South Sherman has astonishing volunteers who sandblast and paint, install all lights and other emergency equipment including tanks, pumps, hose etc., saving taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars. When you include the federal surplus property, the saving are hundreds of thousands of dollars.

South Sherman operates on a \$50,000 annual budget and simply does not have the funds to purchase new equipment. Without the Federal Surplus Property Program, the potential for catastrophic loss of property and life would be much greater than it is. The Federal Surplus Property that we have assigned to our district serves well beyond our district's boundaries as on many occasions we have sent that property elsewhere to combat fires.

In closing, South Sherman Fire would not be able to protect its own district, or provide mutual and auto aid to several surrounding agencies without the Federal surplus property it has.

Glenn R. Fluhr

Chief, South Sherman Fire and Rescue on behalf of the OREGON SASP



Donee Success Story

Somerset Vol Fire Dept., City of West University Place, (Texas)



Above :Somerset Vol Fire Department's Humvee

Below: City of West University Place's LMTV Truck



The Texas SASP exhibited at the 2017 Texas Emergency Management Conference which took place May 16-19, 2017 in San Antonio, TX. This annual event is a weeklong gathering of thousands of emergency management professionals from across the State of Texas. It is hosted by the Texas Department of Public Safety's Emergency Management (TDEM), and attracts attendees from state agencies, local governments, emergency services districts, schools, and the private sector. The picture to the left is a snapshot of the Texas SASP's exhibit space before the exhibit hall opened. Each year, the conference highlights various emergency vehicles, boats and equipment that is being used by emergency management staff from state agencies, cities, counties, schools and other organizations from all over Texas. This year, the Texas SASP featured a Humvee that was transferred through the Federal Surplus Property Program to Somerset Volunteer Fire Department in 2015. Somerset VFD paid the Texas SASP a handling fee of only \$7,500 for this Humvee which had an original value of \$41,061. The Texas SASP would like to extend a special thank you to Chief Eddie Dugosh and his staff for their assistance with the display, and allowing the Federal Surplus Program showcase the vehicle.

Another vehicle that came through Texas SASP was also featured at the conference in a photo contest voted on by conference attendees. Chief Aaron Taylor from the City of West University Place submitted this photo of their LMTV truck that was used as a Special Response vehicle during the 2016 Tax Day Floods in the Houston area. The City of West University Place paid the Texas SASP a handling fee of only \$7,500 for this vehicle which had an original value of \$104,626. With this vehicle alone, the City saved their taxpayers over \$97,000 when compared to buying it brand new!

With the variety of vehicles, heavy equipment, medical supplies, generators and trailers that are available through the Federal Surplus Property Program, TDEM's events are a natural fit for the Texas SASP. These events offer the Texas SASP the opportunity to connect with the public agencies and nonprofit organizations that need this equipment to provide emergency services in their communities. Accordingly, the Texas SASP has exhibited at TDEM's annual Texas Emergency Management Conference for the past 5 years. TDEM graciously offered the exhibit space for free (which is greatly appreciated by the Texas SASP as it is entirely supported by program revenue)! Additionally, Texas SASP staff have given presentations for TDEM's G-610 Emergency Management Workshops for more than 6 years. This relationship between TDEM and the Texas SASP is a good example of state agencies working together toward a common goal. In this case, it is getting the necessary equipment into the hands of the emergency management staff that need them!

Submitted by TX SASP

NASASP President's Inkwell

WIIFM?

Last week, I had the pleasure of presenting the 2016 Donee of the Year Award to the City of Abbeville, GA. Abbeville is a small community in rural south Georgia with a population of about 3000. They were selected by the committee because of their program use and how it has positively impacted their city. They actively screen and request property, then use everything they get. Besides the obvious cost saving to the city, it actually helps them develop their economic base, as well as provide vital community services. The mayor took us to their maintenance facility and proudly showed us how everything they received is being used and how it benefits them.

If you ever wonder why NASASP works so hard to promote the Federal Surplus Program and if it's worth the effort, I'll be happy to send you the mayor's contact info. He and others in his community and thousands of other donees like them in your state are making a difference. But for the program, many in your community will go without. If you can, hop in a car and go meet your donees in their community. I'm willing to bet that you find the visit very rewarding.

As I reflect on my years with NASASP, I'm excited about how far we've come. At many meetings, we would say; "if we can just get to Senator X," or "get a voice on such-and-such committee." Now we say we are meeting with Senator X and working with various committees. Unfortunately, nothing ever happens as quickly as we'd like. This all takes time, patience, persistence, and participation.

Not everyone has to be an officer. Simply participating on conference calls or committees, responding to surveys, reaching out to neighboring SASPs will go a long way to promote the Federal Surplus Program. Just get involved. What's the old saying? "The more you put into it..."

Unless the Nomination Committee has a surprise for me, this will be my final Inkwell article as the NASASP President. I think I've been an officer for 7 years, the last 3 as President. My predecessor, Chris Barela (NM) told me that after he stepped aside (he too served 3 consecutive years) that it was suddenly very quiet. He went from being in the middle of a lot of activity and information to nothing. I'm sure I'll enjoy a lull for a while then like Chris, be ready to jump back into some supporting role.

The association's success is predicated on the members' and officers' support and couple of very special folks, Scott Pepperman and Marilyn Trachsel. You make it look easy and it simply wouldn't happen without you. Thank you both. And thank you to all the members for your support, patience and efforts. It has been a pleasure serving NASASP.

President's Inkwell
Steve Ekin

Mark your calendars! NASASP Conference July 23-27, 2017

NASASP's Annual Conference will be held July 23-27, 2017 at the Double Tree by Hilton in Anaheim, California. It is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the program and network with other SASPs, federal agencies, and our vendor partners. As a bonus, the President's banquet on Tuesday night will be at the Crystal Cathedral (Culture Center 3rd floor)! You need to register so we know how many will be attending the meeting and banquet. Please refer to the NASASP website under the 'What's New' tab for more information as it becomes available. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday, July 23

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Registration, Committee & National Officers Meetings

6:30 PM- 8:00 PM President's Dinner at Crystal Cathedral—Culture Center 3rd Floor / Awards Presentation

Monday, July 24

7:30 AM Registration Continues
8:00 AM – 11:30 AM Opening Session / NASASP Executive Session begins
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM General Session / Introduction of Vendors

Wednesday, July 26

8:00 AM – 11:30 AM General Session - Federal Partners Presentations - GSA & DLA
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM NASASP Executive Session

Tuesday, July 25

8:00 AM – 11:30 AM SASP Director & Staff Training
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Training Cont'd – Federal Partners from GSA, OCR & SBA

Thursday, July 27

8:00 AM – 11:30 AM NASASP Executive Session ends



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NASASP Code of Ethics, Beliefs, Purpose, and Principles

Code of Ethics

We, the members of the National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Property, do ordain and declare that this Code of Ethics is a true expression of the desires, attitudes and objectives which govern the activities of all representatives of State Agencies for Surplus Property. We, the members of the Association, further proclaim that we will give first consideration to the expressed purposes of this Association's constitution and the beliefs, purposes and principles of this Code of Ethics.

Beliefs

Excess Federal property, before being declared surplus, should be utilized to the fullest extent practicable in these United States of America by the Federal Government. 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 this nation that are dedicated to the education, training, health, civil protection, safety and other public benefits or our people. Only after these requirements have been satisfied, should surplus property be disposed of by other means.

Purposes

We dedicate ourselves to the purpose of accomplishing the will of Congress through fair, honest and unbiased execution of the duties and responsibilities entrusted to us. Fully recognizing the responsibility that is ours, we accept the call to duty with a sense of humility, and with the firm resolve to give our best efforts at all times to those tasks that are inherent in the Surplus Property Donation Program.

Principles

Individually as members and collectively as an Association, we subscribe unreservedly to the following principles to motivate and guide us in the proper conduct of the affairs of the Surplus Property Donation Program:

to be guided by honor, honesty and integrity in order that we may merit the respect and confidence of our associates and the public whom we serve; to hold as dishonest any personal gain or profit obtained through abuse of our public trust; to decline personal gifts or gratuities which might influence strict impartiality that must prevail in all business relations; to foster and promote fair, ethical and legal business practices; to measure each transaction on its own merit; and to grant all eligible organizations equal consideration; to conduct all public relations and business affairs without prejudice; and to disavow all political, religious, or racial bigotry or bias; to be willing to submit any major controversies to arbitration; to respect the policies of our immediate superiors; and to advise them on problems and progress of the program; to counsel and cooperate with our membership; to subscribe to the Association's objectives; to respect State boundaries in the screening of property; and to promote a spirit of unity among member States; to promote the maximum utilization of surplus property through an educational program for all eligible organizations; to maintain minimum service charges by the elimination of all unnecessary practices and procedures that do not directly benefit those we serve; to accord prompt and courteous treatment to those transacting legitimate business missions; to recognize and appreciate the total problem of surplus property disposal; and for this purpose, to cooperate with Federal holding, custodial and disposal agencies; to maintain professional attitudes at all levels of State Agency service.

Newsletter Schedule

Deadlines to Submit Donee Success Stories

For all SASPs, please remember to submit donee success stories as they become available. Below is a tentative schedule for the upcoming newsletters and the deadline for submitting stories.

June 30	Quarterly Newsletter
August 31	Deadline for stories & articles for Sept. Newsletter
Nov 30	Deadline for stories & articles for Dec. Newsletter

If you have a story or are interested in submitting an article for the next newsletter, please contact Roger Stone, Oklahoma SASP at (405) 425-2700 or roger.stone@omes.ok.gov.

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for complete contact information and a link to your state agency's website.

NASASP Executive Director's Report

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, REPORT IT!

from the desk of the Executive Director...

If you have traveled recently, you may have seen posters in airports or heard announcements that say the same thing as the title of this issue's report. In those cases, personal security and the security of all passengers and employees is paramount. It appears that terrorists of all kind seem to want to target the airline industry.

For the purposes of NASASP however, it also seems to be an appropriate title and more than just this, a call to arms! What we mean is if you see abuses or fraud or waste or just what you believe to be violations of regulations, you must report it to the appropriate NASASP officials. We cannot expect the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) or the General Services Administration (GSA) to "carry our water", it's up to us!

Let me give you an example-you may have participated this past year in one of the DLA-GSA-NASASP conference calls. On those calls, any number of states will express concerns they are having with the system, with either DLA, GSA or even another Federal agency or customer. You may be thinking, "hey, I had that problem too, but I didn't know what to do about it?" Well, what you can't do is nothing - do something! That something is to contact the national officers, appropriate committee chairs, myself, Marilyn Trachsel or Randy Main. If it concerns DLA, also contact your DSD, who is listed on the POC listing that President Steve Ekin has sent out to the states on numerous occasions. Any and all of these actions are important. Don't forget, if this is DLA related to send to Mike Case, from Nebraska, the Chairman of our Property Oversight Committee.

So, what's the point you may ask? Well, the point is that we listen, record and put the concerns together with other concerns across the country and then approach the appropriate Federal agency and quite possibly Congress with our concerns especially if we don't feel they are being properly and promptly addressed.

The other thing we do is put together information and even evidence to approach the Federal agencies and Congress about modifying, revising or even reversing Federal government policy on the disposal of personal property. Currently there are any number of policies that are in this category, both domestically and overseas. Some of these include the Exchange Sale Authority, the number of pick up days for property, both in the United States and abroad, DEMIL policies and codes, GSA and DLA policies on DTID restarts and property for abandonment and destruction and much more, including systems problems. If your SASP is experiencing difficulties in any of these areas, or others, please let someone know, it counts!

Regarding the Federal Surplus Personal Property Disposal Program, I have always said, that what is good for one state, is good for another and vice-versa. Problems and solutions affect all of us and there is indeed strength in numbers. When I speak to a Congressional Office, I tell them I am speaking for all 56 members of NASASP and the approximately 67,000 donee organizations that we collectively represent. That's the way it should be and the way it needs to be to be most effective.

So, the next time you are online, or out screening and you see something that isn't right, or at least you think it's not right, let someone know. And don't forget to keep all the pictures and documentation that you have on the incident, it will be needed later.

One final and important thought on this subject. I am contacting SASPs to request assistance in putting together donee lists, success stories and a list of possible infractions from your state. I am doing this after or before meeting with your legislative delegation. It's important, it keeps you out of trouble with your state, and it supports NASASP. Please respond to me when I make a request and as promptly as possible. It is all priority and it's the water that we carry each and every day!

As always, let me know if you have any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions. Call me at 717-389-5100 or email at ExecutiveDirector@nasasp.org.

- Scott Pepperman, Executive Director of NASAP

NASASP Legislative Committee Report

CHANGES ARE COMING, NASASP IS READY

January 2017 saw a new Administration sworn in to lead the country. Every American knows this fact by now. However, with the new Administration also comes lots of other changes. At the highest levels there are changes happening with the Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA), the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), the leader of the Small Business Administration (SBA), and most other Federal agencies as well. These changes are also reflected in Congress where new leaders have been elected and appointed. With these new changes at the top come changes below as well. Many of the staffs and departments have been affected, including those we work with on a daily basis in our jobs.

NASASP leadership has been working, since last Thanksgiving, to meet the new arrivals as soon as possible and to lay out our 2017 agenda and priorities. This work has resulted in meetings, with the new staff of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, including the office of the new Chairman of the Committee, Congressman Rowdy (R-SC). We have also met with the new staff of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and their new Ranking Member's Office, Senator McCaskill (D-MO). In every case, new requests have been made of NASASP and given. Both of these Committees are key because they provide GSA oversight and budgeting.

Concerning our Veteran's Bill, we are also working with new and former supporters to help gain momentum in 2017. These include Senator Duckworth (D-IL), Congressman Cook (R-CA). Another new supporter, Congresswoman Murphy (D-FL) is also helping to support our efforts. Additionally, we have scheduled a meeting with the office of the new Chairman of the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurial Committee, Senator Risch (R-ID).

We continue to meet with members of both the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) and the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC). There are numerous changes in Committee assignments and also staffs. Both of these Committee oversee DLA actions and funding.

Perhaps the biggest efforts being made are meeting with the new heads of GSA, DLA and SBA. These three agencies are the ones we work with on a daily basis. Currently we have a request pending to meet with the Acting Administrator of GSA, Mr. Tim Horn. We will make a similar request to meet with the new Director of DLA, Lt. Gen Williams, USA who must be confirmed by the United States Senate first. However, we are meeting with leadership of DLA on the NASASP DLA issues, as well as the head of the DLA DEMIL office. Finally, we are already accepted for a meeting with the Director of the SBA Veteran's Business Outreach Center Program. We will continue to work for a meeting with the new head of the SBA.

The world will change our world. In fact, it already has. As you can tell, NASASP leadership has been preparing for some time to meet with new leadership in Washington, DC and our preparedness has already paid off with positive action on our behalf. We hope by aggressively being prepared and meeting early in the term with these many new offices, they will continue to favor our requests and issues.

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1033 Program - S. 1087

Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA) recently introduced Senate Bill 1087, titled "Lifesaving Gear for Police Act". This Bill would reverse actions taken by the previous Administration in May 2015 to seize lifesaving equipment from Police Departments around the country in order to preserve the "public trust". Many of the seized items included such things as riot helmets and vests, vital to protecting law enforcement officers during times when crowds hurl bottle, bricks and glass at them. Also covered under the previous Administration's Act were armored vehicles, such as the ones used in the Orlando nightclub terrorist attack to rescue hostages in June 2016.

Senator Toomey's proposed Bill would not only reverse the previous Act but it would require the Federal government to return to law enforcement agencies any seized property under the previous Act. Senator Toomey's proposed Bill is supported by numerous national law enforcement agencies and the New York City Sargent's Benevolent Association.

This Bill is one of several introduced during 2017 which would serve to reverse actions taken during the last Administration, which restricted the types and amounts of property issued under the 1033 Program. Representative David Ratcliffe (R-TX) introduced H.R. 426, in January 2017, which would do almost the same thing as Senator Toomey's Bill. It would reverse the seizure of law enforcement property under the previous Administration and forbid any further legislation to again make such seizures.

NASASP visited with Congressman Ratcliffe's Office in January to review the Bill, just introduced at that time. The staff there told us that the Bill would be introduced, only if President Trump did not do the same thing with an Executive Order. To date, there has been no Executive Order. These two Bills however, demonstrate that Congress is intent on reversing previous orders where it concerns the 1033 Program and opening the possibility of issuing more property in the future. While the Bills only address essential lifesaving equipment, there really is no definition of this property or what is determined to be lifesaving property. (i.e. a bulldozer to build a target range?)

NASASP has expressed our concern to Congress, to the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) and to the General Services Administration (GSA) about issuing non-controlled property through the 1033 Program. The current Administration favors Law Enforcement, but so does NASASP, ever since 1976, when these organizations were first authorized to acquire Federal Surplus Personal Property. What we do not favor is issuing uncontrolled property to them through the 1033 Program. All uncontrolled property needs to flow through the State Agencies for Surplus Property (SASPs).

NASASP has taken numerous actions and held numerous meetings on the above subject. These include asking DLA to reverse their policy on uncontrolled property and making Congress aware of our concerns and requests to DLA. Now we are considering language that could be added to the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act, to further reinforce our stance. Meanwhile, we continue to actively educate Congress about the issue.

To be perfectly clear, we are not advocating for the elimination or even less property going to the 1033 Program across the country. What we are advocating is for all uncontrolled property to flow through the SASPs and controlled property only to flow through the 1033 Program.

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