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CITY OF LUMBERTON, NC IS THE 2017 NASASP DONEE OF THE YEAR

Each year, the National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Property (NASASP) asks its member SASPs to nominate a donee organization for NASASP’s Donee of the Year. In addition to the nominations submitted by the SASPs, Donee Success Stories featured in a 2017 NASASP Newsletter were eligible to receive votes. In the end, the NASASP Membership committee had a total of 20 donee organizations from which to select the Donee of the Year. The field was narrowed down to three finalists: City of Lumberton (North Carolina), Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (Texas) and South Sherman Fire and Rescue (Oregon). The other finalists, along with all of the other 17 donee organizations that were in the running, are featured in this newsletter (see pages 2-6).

The North Carolina SASP nominated the City of Lumberton as the 2017 Donee of the Year. Lumberton is trying to rebound from the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew. The below narrative was written by the Deputy Director of Public Works for the City of Lumberton to Pamela Hicks, North Carolina SASP Administrator:

Pam,

The City of Lumberton is honored to be chosen to be North Carolina’s donee of the year. I would like to take this time to share with you a little back story about our city and our history.

On 8 Oct. 2016, Hurricane Mathew hit Southeastern North Carolina and no one was prepared for it. The flood waters from the Lumber River rose over 4 feet above previous record marks. By the time all was said and done half of our city was under water to include the water treatment plant, electric utilities department, public works and a multitude of our collections system lift stations. Our city was left without water for almost 30 days, and no power for 7 days. At our water treatment plant alone there was over \$2,000,000.00 in damage and lost equipment.

Through many organizations at the federal, state, and local level we have been able to come back from most of the setbacks caused by Mathew; however, it has come at a high price. We still have residents displaced from their homes today, and many many houses have been torn down and will still need to be due to mold and/or other issues.

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2017 Donee of the Year: City of Lumberton

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Most of the money to rebuild our city has not yet been reimbursed. This leaves us with the daunting task of paying for our equipment to be rebuilt and/or replaced while still operating our city on the promise of money to come. One way we have been able to overcome this challenge is through the NC Federal Surplus donation program. This program is extremely valuable to us during this critical time in our community's history. We can acquire, at extremely low cost, equipment that is desperately needed without putting us further behind in our operating budget. We are also getting equipment that allows us to be better prepared for the next event, be it a winter storm or another flood/hurricane.

Some of the equipment we have gotten was a 5 ton dump truck that is used by our streets department during paving operations; however, with this truck being a retired military truck it can serve in other capacities during extreme weather events. Such as, debris removals, high water fording capabilities, and many more functions. We also have received a 5 ton road tractor and 6000 gallon water distribution tanker that we plan to convert to a brine solution tanker for use in applying salt to our roadways during winter storms. This was a capability that we did not have prior to the federal surplus program. Another example is using a HMMWV maintenance tool body that we mounted in a HMMWV trailer for a mobile maintenance platform that does not require us to have a dedicated truck for that task. Any of our trucks can hook to this trailer and be the maintenance truck, and once the job is done they unhook from the trailer and can use the pickup as normal. Again, this was not an option prior to the federal surplus program.

The list of equipment and uses for it goes on and on from generators to E-tools used in trench boxes by our water and sewer department, but the important thing is that we are able to acquire this equipment at extremely reasonable fees to make our budgets stretch farther than they have before. And that alone is worth the fee.

Thank you,
Corey Walters
Deputy Public Works Director
City of Lumberton, NC



2017 Donee of the Year Finalist

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (Texas)



Humvee that Metro acquired in May 2016 deployed during the Hurricane Harvey response in August/September 2017.

The Texas SASP proudly nominated the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (“Metro”) for the 2017 NASASP Donee of the Year for their use of Federal Surplus Property in preparing for and responding to Hurricane Harvey, and for their continuous efforts to help their community be ready for the next flooding event. **A very special thanks goes to Jack Oviatt, Metro’s Superintendent of Support Vehicle Maintenance, for his help in putting together this article, and his continued support of the Federal Surplus Property Program.**

Hurricane Harvey was a truly historic flooding event for Texas, particularly Harris County (which includes the Houston area). That region has seen its fair share of flood in recent years, but none compare to the amount of rain that came down with Hurricane Harvey when it hit Texas in late August 2017.

Typically, hurricanes tend to weaken after making landfall, but Harvey sat over southeast Texas for over five days, resulting in nearly 50 inches of rain. One reason that the event was not as damaging and deadly as it could have been was due to the efforts of the area’s public transit system, the Metropolitan

Transit Authority of Harris County, known as “Metro.” Metro’s service area covers about four million people, and as such, Metro has plans in place to deal with emergencies like Hurricane Harvey. Part of those plans included acquiring three Humvees, and a 5-ton cargo truck in 2016. Two Metro staff members, Superintendent of Support Vehicles Jack Oviatt, and General Foreman Keith McRight, have led Metro’s efforts to acquire federal surplus. Since November 2017, Metro has acquired two more Humvees and four more cargo trucks, which is a testament to the success they had with those vehicles in navigating high water areas, but even more so to the Metro leadership’s commitment to its community to be prepared for the next flooding event. In total, Metro paid the Texas SASP \$47,200 for these ten vehicles whose original acquisition cost totaled \$545,901.00, for a savings of almost \$500,000 compared to buying brand new. According to an interview published by The American Prospect on January 12, 2018:

Although Harvey broke records, two earlier rainstorms hit Houston especially hard, with each deluge more breathtaking than the preceding one. The 2015 Memorial Day Flood (in less than 12 hours, one foot of rain fell, sparking flash floods) and the 2016 Tax Day Flood (thunderstorms stalled over the city, producing 17 inches of rain) prompted Metro officials to consider how to handle high water and protect buses, paratransit vehicles, and light-rail lines.

Those storms persuaded the transit system to add military vehicles to its fleet, which, unlike conventional buses, can navigate high water. Metro bought three Humvees and four 5-ton trucks for roughly \$35,000 through the Federal Surplus Property Program. During Harvey, transit officials worked with emergency managers and first responders to decide where to deploy the vehicles. “One of the things [Metro] can do is bring people out of harm’s way, out of high water, back to buses,” says Houston Metro President Tom Lambert. “Then buses [can] take them where they need to go.” Metro transported about 10,000 people to emergency shelters and helped move Red Cross supplies. The agency plans to purchase two additional Humvees and two more trucks through the surplus program.

Metro made other fleet decisions on the fly during the storm, making good use of its relationships with neighboring transit systems. Harris County Transit, which serves areas east of Houston, provided Metro with school buses—which actually can drive through high water, according to Lambert. With school bus drivers largely unavailable, Metro deployed its own drivers to ferry people out of flooded neighborhoods to emergency management command posts and then to shelters. “That’s never been done before in this region,” says Lambert.

Due to their planning and resourcefulness, Metro fared very well during and after the storm, with relatively little damage to their transportation network considering the nature of Harvey, and restored services to the large majority of its routes within a week of the hurricane.

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2017 Donee of the Year Finalist

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (Texas)



"Before" picture of a BMY 6x6 5-Ton Military Cargo Truck that Metro acquired from Texas SASP in May 2016.



"After" picture of that 5-ton truck with Carlester Chatmon, Metro's Master Mechanic. Mr. Chatmon drove this high-water rescue vehicle - one of their many vehicles acquired from Texas SASP. In a joint venture between Metro & Houston Police Department, he used it to perform rescues, shuttle cases of blood & medical supplies to helicopters, and transport police around the city.

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The Metro website featured the story below about Master Mechanic, Carlester Chatmon, who used a BMY 6x6 5-Ton Military Cargo Truck acquired through FSP to perform high-water rescues and deliver supplies:

When Carlester Chatmon reported to work the afternoon of Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Field Service Center in east Houston, little did he know what the next several days would have in store for him. "I knew a big storm was bearing down on the city. I'm a Houstonian – born and raised here – so I'm used to working in storms and floods," said Chatmon as he reflected on his experience. "But, in all my years of living here, I've never seen so much water." During his nine-year career at the agency, he's worn many hats. "I've worked on police cars and METROLift vans. I've towed 40-foot buses from all parts of this city," he recalled. His experience driving large trucks and his extensive knowledge of Houston-area streets would prove to be invaluable skills because on this weekend, Chatmon was assigned to operate METRO's high-water rescue vehicle, a BMY 6x6 5-Ton Military Cargo Truck. METRO had purchased this after the 2016 Tax Day Floods.

The first call came in on Sunday around 2 a.m. Soon, requests for high-water rescues began to pour in, and first responders needed all the resources they could get. Assigned to join three HPD officers, Chatmon and his new partners began a non-stop effort to rescue people and move essential supplies. "People would cry, laugh, clap when they saw us arrive. We rescued a family with a one-month-old baby from a flooded home. I remember an elderly lady who hugged one of the police officers so tight and didn't want to let go," said Chatmon. He and his navigator, HPD Officer Marcus Betancourt, had to carefully maneuver through flooded roads. Because floodwaters would often hide curbs and medians, it was hard to tell where a roadway began and ended. Everyday objects like electrical boxes and fire hydrants became underwater hazards. The hidden dangers also included a swamp of submerged cars. At one point, Chatmon recalled, water entered the cab of the truck, reaching his ankles. "We were in the Meyerland area. The flooding was unbelievable. This truck was made for high water. So, when water entered the cab, it was an uneasy feeling. I thought a lot about my family. I know they were worried for me." But the group endured. Despite obstacles and lack of sleep, they pressed on -- prepared to answer the next call. By the end, the team had trekked all over the Houston region. They rescued families near FM-1960, transported doctors and nurses from Pearland to the Texas Medical Center. They shuttled cases of blood and medical supplies to waiting helicopters. Chatmon helped the team find a route that would allow them to move dozens of police officers to a facility which housed high-water vehicles in need of drivers. "We really were a team. Those guys are my family now," said Chatmon with a huge smile.



Chester meeting up with his Houston Police Department partners after the hurricane chaos subsided.

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Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (Texas)

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HPD Sergeant Timothy Zaragoza said he was vital to the operation. "Everywhere you looked, there was so much devastation. At times, we were overwhelmed. Working with Carl made things so much easier. He knew this city like the back of his hand. We couldn't have achieved as much as we did without him." In fact, the HPD officers, affectionally nick-named the truck "Carla" in honor of its driver. The master mechanic turned unexpectant first responder says he still dreams about those long nights during Harvey. "There was a lot of joy in helping people. It was beautiful. I loved it and I'd do it again if I had to," he said.

In an area like Houston, it is not a question of "if," but "when" the next major flooding crisis will occur. Texas SASP staff have heard of countless stories from emergency management personnel and citizens of the Houston area regarding the unique ability of these military vehicles to navigate through high water when nothing else could. Metro is a wonderful example of a Texas donees who deployed those vehicles during and immediately following Hurricane Harvey. Without these vehicles, the impact of Harvey on Texans could have been much worse, therefore we would like to express our gratitude to our federal partners, including the GSA and DLA, and most of all to our resourceful and prepared donees like Metro, who make this possible!

-Submitted by Megan Sim, Texas SASP



"Before" picture of Humvee acquired from Texas SASP in May 2016.



"After" picture of the Humvee.

2017 Donee of the Year Finalist

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 savings 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.

-Submitted by Glenn R. Fluhr, Chief, South Sherman Fire and Rescue on behalf of the Oregon SASP



Donee of the Year

The following donee organizations were in contention for the 2017 NASASP Donee of the Year.

SASP	Donee	PROPERTY	Gov't Acquisition Cost	Service Fees Paid to SASP	Savings	Notes
Nominated by SASP:						
North Carolina	City of Lumberton	5 ton dump truck				used by streets department during paving operations, and during extreme weather events (i.e. Hurricane Matthew)
		5 ton road tractor and 6000 gallon water distribution tanker				applying salt to road ways during winter storms
		HMMWV maintenance tool body				mounted in a HMMWV trailer for a mobile maintenance platform
Texas	Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County	Ten vehicles, including high-water rescue vehicles and Humvees	\$545,901	\$47,200	\$498,701	Acquired as part of preparations for high water event after several major floods. Used for rescue operations and supply deliveries during Hurricane Harvey, including part of a joint operation with the City of Houston Police Department.
North Carolina	North Carolina Railway Museum	2 diesel locomotives	\$400,000	\$7,000	\$393,000	for educational display
		Maintenance Unit	\$66,695	\$2,000	\$64,695	to cut back brush to maintain railway corridors
		Loader, various tools, tires and lights, they received several generators, compressors, power units and storage containers				to help in construction of a shed being built as an antique saw mill and to keep the museum and railway fully operational and looking it's best
From the March 2017 Newsletter						
Georgia	Wayne County Board of Commissioners Wayne County EMS	Boat	\$43,846	\$3,000	\$40,846	Used for rescue operations along a 58 mile stretch of Altamaha River.
Georgia	Walker County VFD	Surplus Containers				Used to construct a 3 story burn building, to be used as a training facility for over 100 firefighters. The cost to construct the structure was approximately \$50,000, compared to similar units costing \$90,000.
Michigan	St. Clair County Road Commission	Trucks from NASASP Overseas Program:	\$224,121.40/ per truck		\$83,677.04/ per truck	The trucks are being converted into snow plows.
		2 Trucks (Gimcheon, Korea)		\$40,244.22		
		2 Trucks (Grafenwohr, Germany)		\$53,781.22		
		1 Truck (Germersheim, Germany)		\$23,758.91		
Arkansas	North Little Rock Police Department	Skywatch Frontier Observation Tower		\$6,500	\$77,100	The PD uses this observation tower for surveillance at shopping malls, football games, festivals, and special events. They spent \$4,100 on communication updates and \$2,300 to refurbish the property. To buy a new tower, they would have spent around \$90,000
Alabama	Enterprise State Community College	3 Beechcraft c-12 "King Air" Twin-engine Turboprop Aircraft	\$2,400,000	\$12,000	\$2,388,000	Used to train students to maintain and repair modern turbine engines and other more complex aircraft systems.

Donee of the Year

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From the March 2017 Newsletter						
Missouri	Spickard Fire Protection District	Stewart & Stevenson Cargo Truck			\$99,526	Used as a brush truck to fight fires. The fire district added a water tank and painted the truck.
From the June 2017 Newsletter						
Arkansas	Immaculate Heart of Mary School	Rock Climbing Wall		\$2,787	\$15,284	The school spent \$1,929 refurbishing it, by pressure washing, repainting, installing new cables and pumps, and installing two button remotes and a siren. The student body is now using the climbing wall.
Arkansas	Salem VFD	1992 M988 HMMWV		\$2,500	\$15,000	The VFD spent \$12,500 on paint, installing lights and sirens, a skid unit with a 200 gallon tank with booster line, and assorted fire/rescue tools.
Arkansas	City of Clarksville	8' x 36' Mobile Loading Ramp		\$1,900	\$10,000	The loading ramp is now being used as a bridge for their 1.9 mile nature trail. The city spent \$1,100 painting, fabricating and installing handrails, and installed solid boardwalk.
Ohio	Hancock County Sheriff's Department	2 Security Scanners	\$159,640	\$31,928		Used at the Hancock County Jail in Findlay, OH. The fair market value for the scanners is \$37,800/ each. This allowed the department to save approximately \$43,000.
Ohio	Elmwood High School	Musical Instruments	\$73,471	\$6,130		Most students at the school could not afford instruments. This helped the school make sure all their students can participate in band.
Ohio	Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics	Learjet	\$1,031,813	\$10,000		The aircraft was made non-flyable and will be used to teach airframe and engine maintenance.
Oklahoma	Grady County Fire Department	7 Freightliner Trucks	\$165,000/ truck	\$25,000/ truck	\$140,000/ truck	The trucks are being converted into pumper/ water trucks. They will replace the departments older brush trucks. The trucks can stay at fires up to 30 minutes longer, and use fewer firefighters.
Oregon	South Sherman Fire & Rescue	10 Humvees				Serve as light brush trucks
		2 Freightliners				Used as water tenders
		1 Freightliner Tractor				Pulls the surplus lowboy trailer.
		Low Boy Trailer				Used to haul the D7 Dozer.
		D7 Dozer				
		6 x 6 cargo Truck				Used as a heavy brush truck.
		Ladder Truck				Serves as the only ladder truck for the entire county.
From the October 2017 Newsletter						
Alabama	City of Huntsville Board of Education	Ambulance	\$123,197	\$13,900		The ambulance came from Korea in June 2014. The ambulance underwent some cosmetic changes and retrofitting of the inside cabin. The school system uses the ambulance as the district's lock and key service truck.
Indiana	Putamville Correctional Center	1000 Gallon Water Trailer	\$13,689.58	\$3,750	\$9,939.58	A boil water notice cause 2,000 offenders to be without water. The water trailer and water pods, provided water until the issue was fixed.
		19 250-Gallon Potable Water Pods	\$632.98/ each	\$20/ each	\$612.98/ each	
Michigan	City of Charlevoix	Buoy	\$13,000	\$1,040	\$11,960	The city uses the buoy as a static display adjacent to the Pine River Channel.

NASASP Annual Conference Update

Registration is open for NASASP's 71st Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY!

When? July 22-26, 2018

Where? Embassy Suites
501 South Fourth St.
Louisville, KY
(502) 813-3800

How to Register? The registration form, along with a draft agenda, is available at www.nasasp.org. Email the completed form to Marilyn.trachsel@nasasp.org.

Who attends? Representatives from NASASP, SASPs, federal agencies (GSA, DLA), Associate Members, and our Corporate partners are all invited to attend. The conference will include updates from the NASASP committees, along with presentations and/or discussions with NASASP, SASP, GSA and DLA staff. Whether you are new to the program or a seasoned veteran, there will be much to learn from these sessions and many networking opportunities. Also, please be sure to thank the vendors who attend for their support. Dress is business casual for all meetings

Cost? For SASPs, it is \$150 for first SASP attendee and \$100 for each additional (includes President's Banquet). Additional President's Banquet tickets are \$40 each. Federal agencies and NASASP Associate Members do not have to pay a registration fee but you will be required to pay for the NASASP President's Banquet (\$40 each), if attending.

Tentative Agenda (subject to change—full detail available at www.nasasp.org):

Sunday, July 22, 2018

3:00 - 4:00 PM Registration
4:00 PM - ? Committee Meetings

Monday, July 23, 2018

7:30 AM Registration Continues
8:00-11:30 AM Opening Session / NASASP Executive Session
11:30AM-1:00 PM Lunch (sponsored by GovDeals)
1:00-5:00 PM General Session / Introduction of Vendors / Finish Committee Reports

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

8:00-11:30 AM SASP Director and Staff Training
11:15-11:45AM GSA Office of Civil Rights
11:45AM-1:00 PM Lunch (sponsored by AssetWorks)
1:00-4:00 PM Training Continued – Federal Partners
6:30-9:00 PM President's Dinner & Swearing in of New Officers

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

8:00– 11:30AM General Session, Federal Partners Presentations & Panel Discussion
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM (on your own)
1:00-4:00 PM NASASP Executive Session Continues

Thursday, July 26, 2018

8:00– 11:30AM NASASP Executive Session

If you are interested in advertising in an upcoming newsletter, please contact Marilyn Trachsel at marilyn.trachsel@nasasp.org.

If you have a story or are interested in submitting an article for the next newsletter, please contact Megan Sim (Texas SASP) at

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Donee Success Story

Army Aviation Heritage Foundation and Flying Museum (Missouri)



On December 22, 2016, the Gateway Chapter of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation was given its credentials to be a true part of the foundation as a licensed chapter. We were given the foundation OH-58A+ as a project to make flyable based on our abilities and chapter funding. As we grew in memberships, we needed additional equipment, such as tools and storage cabinets, to store parts and equipment. As we learned to use GSAXcess, we started looking at aircraft. We were only looking for something that would truly benefit the Gateway Chapter like a UH-1H Iroquois used as the workhorse during the Vietnam era.



So, my secretary, Ken Wolff and my scrounge, Joe Stienen, called me one day and asked if had I seen the UH-1 that was just posted on the GSAXcess site. I looked, and it was listed as scrap. Being a former maintenance officer and test pilot, I called the owning organization and inquired as to the condition of the aircraft. After several calls to our chief of maintenance and the owning organization, I called Tammy Anderson and Lee Ann Braun (with the Missouri SASP) and spoke with them on the procedures to request the aircraft. As Tammy directed, I wrote the Letter of Intent to request the UH-1H from Lakehurst, New Jersey. The aircraft was not slotted to be released for several months, but we were patient. About three weeks into the process, the status was changed, and the aircraft was awarded to the Gateway Chapter.

Well, needless to say, we were so excited. We called our new found friends at Missouri Surplus Property to find out if it was true—did we really acquire the aircraft? When we were told the fabulous news, we jumped in the truck to head to Jefferson City to complete the paperwork before someone changed their mind. Being new to this procedure, we were a little fearful of the unknown—could it be reassigned? or someone change their mind? As the process started to unravel, we found that UH-1H 67-15315 was the last UH-1H to come out of the Corpus Christy Army Depot rebuild facility and was in pretty darn good shape for a scrap aircraft.



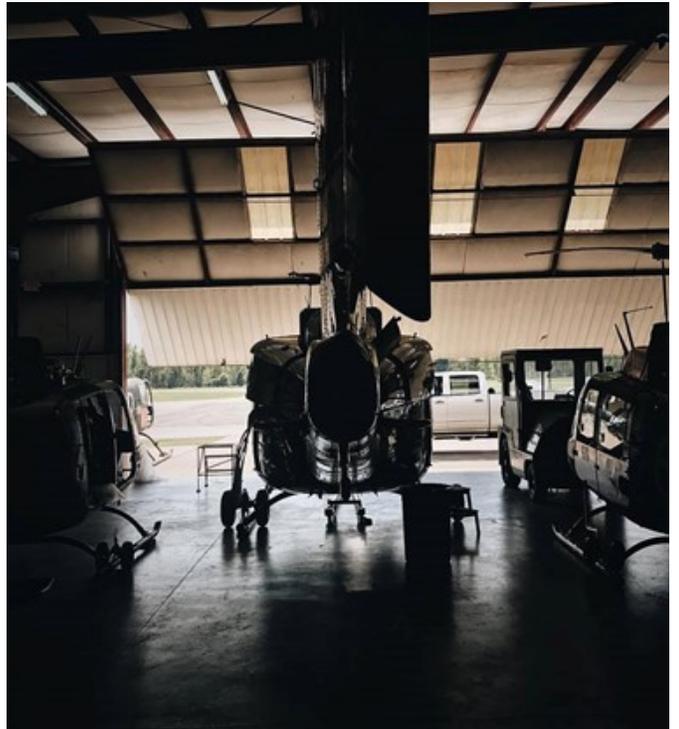
Let the fun begin!! Road Trip!! Armed with two trucks and trailers we left St. Louis at 6:15pm on a Wednesday, drove straight through to Coatesville, PA to drop our other engine off for some work, and then we were off to Lakehurst, NJ. We arrived at 8:00PM that evening. At 7:00AM the next day, we were standing on the ramp at Lakehurst awaiting transfer of 315 to St Louis. We loaded up 315 and all the components that were removed and departed by 12:00 for the long journey back to St. Louis. It was quite the trip seeing the faces staring at us as we passed through tollbooths and tunnels through the Appalachian mountains. We arrived back in St. Louis at about 12:15 on Saturday to be met by a crew from the Chapter to unload the aircraft and its components.

In all fairness, I must admit that, if it were not for our friends at Missouri Surplus Property, this would never had happened. I know they put in a good word for us and made the right calls to help us acquire this relic Vietnam era helicopter. I know it will bring closure to some Vietnam Veterans, as it has already helped so many, and bring joy to the aviation community and the State of Missouri.

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Donee Success Story

Army Aviation Heritage Foundation and Flying Museum (Missouri)



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Thank you men and women of the Missouri Surplus Property for all you have done for the Gateway Chapter of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation and Flying Museum.

The aircraft had an acquisition cost of \$922,704.00, but the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation and Flying Museum paid a service charge of \$1,000.00.

*-Submitted by Mel Keith, Chapter President
Gateway Chapter*

Donee Success Story

Benton County (Missouri)

Benton County (Warsaw, MO) acquired a motorized roller from Missouri Agency for Surplus Property in August of 2017. According to Dale "JR" Estes, "they use the roller for smashing salt for the roads and also doing the black top. David Smallwood, mentioned the roller looks like something Fred Flintstone would be driving, so he painted the cartoon theme on the back. We put around \$2,500.00 into the roller so with the service charge they have \$5,500.00 in it." They received the roller at a reduced price due to repairs needed. The acquisition cost was \$37,914.00.



Before Donation



Improvements Started



Improvements Completed!



Donee Success Story

North Carolina Railway Museum (North Carolina)



Restored Locomotive



Locomotive, Brush clearer & Storage unit



Surplus Loader in Action

The North Carolina Railway Museum (NCRM) was established in 1983 and is home to the New Hope Valley Railway. NCRM facilities include an outdoor exhibit of historic and heritage railroad equipment dating back to the 1920s, two steam locomotives, more than a half-dozen diesel engines, covered open-air excursion cars for passengers, a working garden railroad (G Scale), and numerous artifacts of North Carolina railroad history. Part of the museum's educational mission is to design the rail yard in a way showing visitors what a typical short line railroad looked like in the southern United States in the 1950s. Today, the "Triangle's Train" chugs along its historic track through the piney woods and over a trestle on an hour-long round trip from Bonsal to New Hill and back to the Bonsal depot. In addition to riding the train, event ride days often include food, drinks, music, and other entertainment for families, children and railroad enthusiasts. As an educational nonprofit, NCRM hopes to continue to share their love and knowledge of trains with future generations.

The North Carolina Railway Museum received 2 diesel locomotives in early 2017 at a service charge of \$3,500.00 apiece. With a total acquisition cost of nearly \$400,000.00, there would have been no way for NCRM to acquire these locomotives without the assistance of the Federal Surplus Property Program.

In February 2017, NCRM obtained a Railroad Right of Way Maintenance Unit used to cut back brush to maintain railway corridors. The original acquisition cost was \$66,695.00, and the unit was obtained for a service charge of only \$2,000.00. This allowed NCRM to not only maintain the safety and security of the tracks, but helped ensure the security of the maintenance budget as well.

NCRM acquired a number of additional items in 2017, only a few of which are being highlighted here. In addition to various tools, tires and lights, they received several generators, compressors, power units and storage containers to keep the museum and railway fully operational and looking its best.

In addition to just moving things around, the loader (pictured) which was acquired from NC Federal Surplus Property, is being used to help in construction of a shed being built as an antique saw mill.

Bonsal was originally formed as a point to access the woodlands of the New Hope Creek (now Jordan lake bottom lands) for cross ties to be supplied to the railroads being built in the area. This mill actually has historical ties to NCRM as the mill owner cut cross ties to sell to the railroad years ago when it was still hauling freight.

NC Surplus Property continues to help The North Carolina Railway Museum grow and flourish in many ways by keeping costs down while not sacrificing the ability of NCRM to get needed equipment and items that allow them to continue their mission of preserving the past and educating the public about this history of NC railroads and railways.

-Submitted by Pamela Hicks, North Carolina SASP Administrator

Donee Success Story

Langston Hughes Community Center (Maryland)



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June 5, 2018

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Hogan Administration Provides Computers and 100,000 Meals to Langston Hughes Community Center
Will Benefit Park Heights Community; Governor Honored With Computer Lab Dedication

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor Larry Hogan was today honored by the Langston Hughes Community Business and Resource Center, in the Park Heights community in Baltimore, Md. with the dedication of their new “Governor Larry Hogan Computer Lab.” The governor was joined by Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives Steve McAdams, Assistant Secretary for the Department of General Services Jack Howard, Langston Hughes Center President George Mitchell, as well as a number of state and local officials.

The Maryland Department of General Services (DGS), through the Federal Surplus Property Division, and with the assistance of the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI), provided 50 computers for the creation of the computer lab at the center, as well as 100,000 meals to be distributed in the community as needed. The computer lab will assist underserved individuals in the community by helping to bridge the digital-divide so they may continue to pursue 21st century career and workforce goals.



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Donee Success Story

Langston Hughes Community Center (Maryland)

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"This new computer lab will help provide critical access to technology for children, local residents, and community members," said Governor Hogan. "Our administration remains committed to finding new ways to work together to ensure that our children - and all Marylanders - have access to safe, community-driven environments and the tools and resources they need to learn and to grow. Thank you for this incredible honor."

The Hogan administration has secured more than \$3.4 million dollars in food, school supplies, computers, and other equipment for families, public schools, nonprofit organizations, and local organizations all across the state. In February, the governor announced an interagency partnership to coordinate the acquisition and distribution of approximately 500,000 shelf-stable meal kits, valued at over \$2 million, to Marylanders in need.

"The equipment for the computer lab was made possible as a direct result of the outreach efforts made by the state," said DGS Secretary Ellington Churchill. "The computer lab will be a great resource to the community for years to come."

The state will continue to provide, when available, federal surplus property, including meals, computer equipment, and school supplies, to organizations, like the Langston Hughes Community and Business Resource Center, that provide assistance on a daily basis to families and children in need across the state.

"Organizations like the Langston Hughes Community, Business, and Resource Center offer valuable services to our communities and we are honored to partner with the Maryland Department of General Services to provide important resources to help them better serve Marylanders," said Steve McAdams, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives. "Through Governor Hogan's leadership, we continue to engage with communities across Maryland, exploring new partnerships and opportunities with the mission of changing Maryland for the better."



-Submitted by Bradley Thomas, Maryland SASP

Donee Success Story

City of Marmaduke (Arkansas)



The City of Marmaduke, Arkansas received these two generators from the Arkansas SASP. The generators were installed in May 2018 as part of the City's efforts to be better prepared for disasters or other emergencies. The 30-KW unit was installed at City Hall, and the 15-KW unit was installed at the Police Department.



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In June 2018, I will be handling the loading of this unit, a Kasi Minuteman Infrared 2Ton. It is in like new condition. This unit is used to integrate a patch or repair of hot top (Tar) into the existing road pavement so the repair to the road will last longer.

This unit is going to the town of Bennington Vermont. They are planning to share this unit with surrounding towns in southern Vermont.

What an excellent reuse of government surplus property!

Thank You
Randy Main, NASASP
Overseas Coordinator



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

NASASP Legislative Report

Protecting the Federal Surplus Property Program in the Nation's Capital

By John Chwat, Director, Government Relations, NASASP

June 1st, 2018

2018 is certainly the year of “change” in Washington, D.C., much of which impacts policies and operations of SASPs in the 70+ year old Federal Surplus Property Program. The two most important federal agencies for NASASP are the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), within the Defense Department, all of which have new leadership starting this year after the US Senate approved confirmations. GSA Administrator Emily Murphy, who is familiar with NASASP and our presentations to the US Congress, has served as counsel on both the US House Small Business and Armed Services Committees. Both the DLA and DoD have new top officials, LTG Darrell K. Williams, USA, and MG Robert H. McMahan, USAF (Ret) who is Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics and Material Readiness (ASD-L&MR), which includes jurisdiction over DLA. Traditionally, new leadership in federal agencies coupled with a new Administration in the White House, produces changes in regulations and policies, as well as, funding levels and legislation impacting these agency priorities in the US Congress. NASASP is very active in interactions with all federal agencies and Executive Branch officials on behalf of the membership.

Changes are also taking place on Capitol Hill within the Congress. The next National election is less than 23 weeks away (November 6, 2018), and will determine control of the US House and Senate. Many key leaders have announced their retirement from Congress in areas which will mean changes for NASASP going forward. The Chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee (OGR) who has jurisdiction over GSA, Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-SC), will be leaving at the end of the year, bringing new leadership to that Committee. Other changes will take place as 50 House and Senate Members already have announced retirement, not to mention the “usual” turnover of new Congressman and Senators that will win in various elections. In addition, dozens of key staff within the Committees and Member offices come and go bringing new approaches to legislation and policy. These changes are being closely watched and strategy adjusted to fulfill NASASP objectives going forward.

The activities with the Defense Department and DLA have become more important the last year, as the DoD undertakes to reorganize its Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (AT&L). This reorganization, including all of DLA's operations, has been mandated by Congress to support the US “warfighter” capability into two groups, each with an undersecretary of DoD—Acquisition and Sustainment, and Research and Engineering. How this will impact SASPs is at the forefront of NASASP concerns.

Despite the changes taking place in Washington, D.C., NASASP has maintained active impact on priority issues for the membership. For example, each year the House and Senate Armed Services Committees begin considering and passing a major defense bill called, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). In the House, the bill is HR5515 for Fiscal Year 2019 (beginning October 1, 2018) and NASASP has been actively pursuing DLA issues with the Committee Members and Staff. While the process has just begun, and we are still working with the Congress on final outcomes, the House bill has a provision called, “Disposition of Excess Military Ground Vehicles,” requiring the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment in coordination with the head of DLA to report back to Congress by February 1, 2019 on DeMil requirements, including, “...the mutilation and scrapping of vehicles...” The Congressional Committee said the Report must include efforts “...to improve transparency so that State and local governments or civilian military museums have appropriate access to ground vehicles...(and whether policies)...were followed when ground vehicles previously made available to State..governments have been scrapped..” NASASP has been presenting examples to the Committees of problems in securing vehicles for the donation program.

Another key issue in the Congress is changes being proposed by NASASP to the exchange sales authority contained in Title 40, Section 503, US Code. NASASP has requested and the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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Affairs Committee has asked the General Accountability Office (GAO) to undertake a study (due out before the Fall 2018) of the increased use of exchange sale with implications to the donation program. Availability of vehicles and equipment is increasingly being threatened by the growth of the use of the exchange sale authority which has increased dramatically in the last five year. NASASP is proposing legislation that would amend Title 40 to move the exchange sale authority behind the donation program. This policy was proposed by the association in 1966 (over 52 years ago) which then passed the US Senate but was not finally approved in the House.

NASASP secured Congressional support and signature into Public Law 113-26(2013)of providing access to Federal Surplus Property for Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs), such as the VFW or American Legion. Building on this success, NASASP is supporting a bill, S.2679, the “Veteran Small Business Enhancement Act,” introduced April 16, 2018 in a bipartisan effort by Sen. Duckworth (D-IL) and Sen. Kennedy (R-LA). The bill seeks to open an opportunity for vehicles and equipment for the over 2.5M veterans who own small businesses in the US. The legislation would permit SASPs to initiate a MOU with the SBA, similar to the present 8(a) minority and women business owners, secure verification from the VA on the discharge status and business legitimacy. The bill is pending in the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee. Last Congress, a similar bill passed the Committee and was referred to the full US Senate but due to time considerations did not finally pass.

The 2nd Session of the 115th Congress, due to end this coming December, will prove to be an active remainder of the year for NASASP. Aside from the DLA, GSA issues and legislation referred to above, most of the key Committees in Congress have yet to complete their action items reflecting funding and programmatic priorities for both agencies in the Fiscal Year 2019 budgetary cycle (many times these contain directives to the agencies which impact our programs), as well as issues that might arise within the administration and Congress in separate bills or regulation changes. NASASP maintains a very strong presence in the Congress and provides a monitoring and reporting process to NASASP leadership for implementing priorities for the membership. Since this is my 46th year representing clients in the Congress and government, I can vouch that the process repeats itself again after the New Year with the start of the 116th Congress 1st Session.

From the President’s Inkwell

Well, it has been an extremely fast year, and our National Meeting is just around the corner. We have a loaded schedule and expect a big turnout! If you have not yet registered, please do so, you don’t want to miss out on the networking opportunity and information exchange.

Thank you to all of the SASPs who nominated one of your donees for the Donee of the Year Award, excellent stories and examples of how surplus government assets can be used to support the local community. Everyone who plays a part in this program should feel a strong sense of pride and gratitude for the opportunity to make a first-hand, real, positive impact in your local community. This is a team effort, from our federal counterparts, to each SASPs leadership, our Director of Government Relations in DC, Mr. John Chwat, and to the local city, county, non-profit, SBA, and veteran service organization who end up putting this property to use in their community. Thank you for all you do.

Kristy Fierro

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