

## **NASASP NEWS**

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#### Thomsen Foundation is NASASP's Associate Member of the Year!



The building pictured above is actually three metal storage containers that were acquired from the Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program. The Thomsen Foundation put them together to serve as office, restroom and storage areas.



NASASP is proud to announce that the 2015 Associate Member of the Year is the Thomsen Foundation from Texas. The Thomsen Foundation has been very active in Texas's Federal Surplus Property Program since joining in 2006. Over the years, the Thomsen Foundation has acquired a variety of items from the Texas State Agency for Surplus

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Property, including trailers, tents, containers, landscaping equipment, camping gear, and all kinds of tools. Through the Thomsen Foundation's dedication to the principles of conservation through reuse, in addition to their creativity in looking for "non-traditional" uses for items, they have proven to be an outstanding donee worthy of the Texas SASP's nominee for Associate Member of the Year for 2015. The items that the Foundation acquires, while not always very photogenic, play a critical role in achieving the Foundation's mission of education.

The Thomsen Foundation operates a 600-acre nature preserve located in rural Montague County, TX. Their mission is to provide educational and research programs, with a focus on place-based environmental education for students, educators, and adults. Of particular interest are studies pertaining to native habitats and providing quality science instruction for school age children. The preserve attracts an average of 1,000 visitors per year. The Thomsen Foundation never charges a fee for their services, which includes hosting field trips for area school children, facilitating research of native habitats, serving as an outdoor laboratory for college students, providing education to adult visitors pertaining to native plants and habitat management, as well as serving as a Dark Night Sky for the Fort Worth Astrological Society.

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Because of the Foundation's emphasis on environmental responsibility and promoting conservation, they want to practice what they preach. Instead of purchasing an item brand new, the Foundation would rather reuse and repurpose surplus equipment in unique ways. Foundation staff tries to find non-traditional uses for property obtained from the Texas State Agency for Surplus Property (SASP), including providing field experiences for visitors of all ages. Tools obtained from the Federal Surplus Property Program are now being used for building structures and trailers on the preserve. Metal containers have been converted into offices and restrooms. Trailers have been converted into habitat stands for Cross Timbers of Texas, and mobile kitchens into trailers for field trips.

Since late 2009, the Thomas Foundation has received a total of 468 items with a total original acquisition cost (OAC) of \$490,523.02 but paid only \$9,651.08 in handling fees to the Texas SASP. Recently, the Thomsen Foundation acquired tent repair kits for a service charge of only \$25 (which had an OAC of \$634.67), and various toolkits for fees of \$100 or less (with OACs of over \$1,000/each). These kits will be used in workshops for children who have spent most of their lives living in the city, never having had the experience or opportunity to handle tools and learn how to use them.

Thomsen Foundation Executive Director, Dr. Lisa Bellows, has been a strong supporter of Federal Surplus Property Program (FSP), including serving on the Texas SASP's Donee Advisory Committee. (In fact, she also participates in FSP through her job as a professor at a local college.) According to Dr. Bellows, the cost savings has been tremendous, and without FSP, the Foundation would not have been able to acquire the property they have obtained through the Texas SASP. Texas SASP Warehouse staff member Margaret Cason reports that "If there is one donee that stands out among all the donees I've encountered in my short time with Texas Facilities Commission Surplus Property Program in Fort Worth, it would hands down have to be Lisa Bellows with the Thomsen Foundation. Lisa is a regular at our warehouse, and when I see her walking through the door, I know that there is going to be quite a bit of property leaving with her. Lisa doesn't just come into our warehouse, browse to kill some time, and then leave. Because she knows the value that she will get when she shops in our warehouses for the Foundation, she comes in with a purpose in mind and a unique perspective of how to reuse and or repurpose the things that she sees. It's her unique and creative approach that made me want to nominate her and the Foundation for the 2015 NASASP Associate Member of the Year. I once asked Lisa how she was going to use property that she was getting from us, and the ideas that came from her were like a light bulb going off in my head. As impressed as Lisa is with Federal Surplus Property Program, one thing is sure; she has certainly made a lasting impression on me."

Thank you to Thomsen Foundation and Lisa Bellows for your continued support of the Federal Surplus Property Program!

#### 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## Mark your calendars! NASASP Conference July 24-28, 2016

NASASP's Annual Conference will be held July 24-28, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel & Conference Center in Buffalo, New York. 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 Monday night will be at Niagara Falls! For hotel reservations, please call the hotel at (716) 855-4950 and ask for the NASASP rate of \$169 per night. Because of the higher room rate, there will be no registration fee, but you will still 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!

DRAFT AGENDA (subject to change)			
Sunday, July 24 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Monday, July 25	Registration, Committee & National Officers Meetings	<u>Tuesday, July 26</u> 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	SASP Director & Staff Training Training Cont'd – Federal Partners from GSA, OCR & SBA
7:30 AM	Registration Continues	Wednesday, July 27	
8:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Opening Session / NASASP Executive Session begins	8:00 AM – 11:30 AM	General Session - Federal Partners Presentations - GSA & DLA
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	General Session / Introduction of Vendors / Awards Presentations	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	NASASP Executive Session
6:30 PM- 8:00 PM	President's Dinner at Niagara Falls**	<u>Thursday, July 28</u> 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM	NASASP Executive Session

<sup>\*\*</sup>NOTE: You MUST reserve your spot for the President's banquet in advance.





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#### NASASP President's Inkwell

Wow, seems like we're blowing right through spring because the Annual Meeting in Buffalo, NY (July 24-28) is just around the corner. I can't stress enough to our members the importance of attending this meeting. While we've made tremendous strides with Congress and others in D.C., there is still a lot of work to be done and we need all of the states' support. Also, there are significant changes in weapons accountability and other controlled items that will be discussed. This is your opportunity to hear the information first hand and get answers to your questions. Too often there are communication "gaps" in these important policy discussions that can only be solved through first hand participation.

I'd also like to remind all of the SASPs about using the DLA DSD contacts for any issues involving their sites. Again, we've made progress in improving communications with our GSA and DLA partners over the past two years. If you're having a problem at a specific DRMO and aren't able to resolve it with the staff there, contact the appropriate DSD immediately. If the DSD isn't available or able to assist, then contact Battle Creek. When this happens, please send a note to Mike Harris (Mike.Harris@adem.arkansas.gov) so we can track the actual issues. Furthermore, during our bimonthly conference calls, we will then have the facts to discuss. Our scheduled conference calls are an open forum for any issues, and I strongly encourage all SASPs to participate in them. Together, we've implemented working controls to help ensure the equitable and appropriate allocation of surplus. It isn't perfect and yes, items can (and do) still get past your best screening efforts. But we can't continue to improve the process without documenting and correcting specific issues as they occur.

I hope to see everyone in Buffalo!

Steve Ekin, NASASP President

#### **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.

July 31 Deadline for stories & articles for next quarterly newsletter

Mid-August Quarterly Newsletter goes out

October 31 Deadline for stories & articles for next quarterly newsletter

Mid-November Quarterly Newsletter goes out

If you have a story or are interested in submitting an article for the next newsletter, please contact Megan Sim, Texas SASP at (512) 463-4551 or <a href="magan.sim@tfc.state.tx.us">megan.sim@tfc.state.tx.us</a>.

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

## NASASP Executive Director's Report

...from the desk of the Executive Director

#### Work on Veteran's Bill of 2013 Continues

During 2013, NASASP worked on correcting a technical glitch for a bill passed into law in 2010 called the For the Vets Act of 2010. This Bill allowed, for the first time ever, Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) to acquire Federal surplus personal property. The subsequent issue was that GSA had to decide where to fit them into Title 40 and existing Federal management regulations. The decision was made to include them in the non-profit, tax-exempt health or education organization category. The glitch occurred because, in doing so, it required VSOs to prove they had a licensed, accredited or approved educational or health program. Most VSOs are not set up to deliver these types of programs, so many of them did not qualify. Another concern from the SASPS was how to make sure these programs were truly qualified educational or health programs.

Given the reasons above, NASASP made it a priority in 2013 to correct these issues and thus allow VSOs to acquire any justifiable property for service to Veterans. We were successful in finding a champion in Dr. Daniel Benishek, U.S. Representative from Michigan, to sponsor our Bill for Veterans. After a very short introduction time, the Bill was voted on in the House and Senate in July 2013 and passed. Subsequently, the President signed the Bill into Law on August 9th, 2013. A very successful effort by NASASP, and the first Bill produced by NASASP to become law, ever!

On the heels of this success, NASASP has come to realize that, although the access for thousands of VSOs to the Federal surplus personal property program is now possible, very few are taking advantage of this resource. The question therefore becomes, what can we do to help ensure that not only are the VSOs aware of our Programs, but how do we get them to use the Program?

I want to report to all of you that the effort does continue. Since early 2014, I have been meeting with a variety of VSOs as we continue to work on the our second Veterans' bill - the Veteran's Small Business Enhancement Act. In these meetings, we also go back and revisit our previous effort. I have attempted to educate the VSOs again on this resource and explain how it works. In the nearly one dozen VSOs I have visited, I have offered to write articles, attend meetings, and do whatever we can reasonably do to get these now eligible organizations to reach out to the SASPs and become active donees.

I would like to inform all of the SASPs that my latest efforts have been to secure a list of all of the American Legion State Adjutants for distribution (the American Legion is by far the largest VSO in America). The State Adjutants are the permanent employees of each state's American Legion Office. They are key in the hierarchy to getting local Posts to participate. Each SASP can soon expect an email from me with the details. Subsequently, I will be contacting every State Adjutants' Office to advise them of the POC for every state for the Federal surplus personal property program and urging them to contact your SASP for further information.

I hope that this and other efforts, as well as the successful passage of our second Veterans' bill, will produce the desired results - the use of your SASP as a resource for the thousands of VSOs across the country. Please stay tuned for further updates on this effort.

Best wishes and as always if you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 717-389-5100 or email at <a href="mailto:ExecutiveDirector@nasasp.org">ExecutiveDirector@nasasp.org</a>.

## NASASP LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Committee is responsible for monitoring activities on Capitol Hill and reporting back to the Association. Additionally, the Committee also tracks any legislation that may affect the Donation Program. We push the NASASP agenda in Washington D.C. and beyond. Members of this year's Committee include Chairwoman Kristy Fierro (TX), Dewey Blevins (KY), Holly Gustner (MN), Butch Campbell (AR), Tony Johnson (MD), Marvin Manassa (DC), Floyd Coburn (VA), Steve Perica (AZ), and Chris Barela (NM). All National Officers are also ex-officio members of the Committee.

The Committee has been working in Washington, D.C. in 2016 on several key issues. These issues include challenging the exchange sale authority, amending Title 40 requirements for Service Educational Activities, the Veteran's Small Business Enhancement Bill, responding to Program changes under S2509/HR4655, and GSA proposed changes to Title 40. Here's an update on each issue:

- Exchange Sale Authority The Committee held several key meetings on this subject with Congress and DOD. In Congress, we met with both the House Oversight and Governmental Reform Committees, and in the Senate, with the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committees. In the DOD, we met with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Transportation and Logistics. In all meetings, we have advocated our viewpoint that the Exchange Sale Authority needs to follow the RTD process, not precede it. It is disposal, not procurement. Our objective over the next several months is to continue to meet with all members of the Committees of jurisdiction and look to the fall of 2016 to propose legislation.
- Service Educational Activities (SEAs) This became our second recommended amendment to Title 40. We are seeking to make SEAs eligible to receive both DOD and Federal civilian agency property. Our efforts with this issue mirror our work with the Exchange Sale Authority, since the Committees of jurisdiction are the same. Our objective is to advocate the change to Title 40 by meeting with all members of the Committee and then go back to the counsels of the Committees in the fall to attempt a legislative change to Title 40.
- <u>S1400/HR2221</u> The Veteran's Small Business Enhancement Act. Support for these bills continues to grow. Currently, the Senate version of the Bill has passed through the subcommittee and is ready to be put forth on the floor of the Senate for a vote. In the House, our Bill has been recently endorsed by the American Legion, and we are anticipating VFW letters of support any day. Meanwhile, we continue to push the bills with Committee members and look forward to passage during the current Congress.
- S2509/HR4655 Congress recently put forth amendments to Title 40 as it concerns real property. Embedded in this Bill were changes to the eligibility for museums. These changes, if passed, would reverse the requirements of being open to the public a minimum of 1000 hours per year and having a full time (or full-time equivalent) curator. If passed, new regulations will be forthcoming from GSA. NASASP took a position that was favorable to the changes, realizing that there may be some pitfalls as well.
- GSA Title 40 Proposal There is a GSA proposal, but it is unclear whether or not it has made its way to the Office of Management and Budget yet, however, it definitely has not made it to Congress. The proposal would give GSA greater input on the disposition of Federal government property before it becomes excess. This could mean that they would have greater influence on property going to sale through the Exchange Sale Authority. It would propose to add a Section 520 to Title 40. GSA already has this authority on Federal government property, after it becomes excess property. This means they can assist and influence property being transferred, reutilized or donated. NASASP took the position that we strongly disagreed with this GSA proposal. We have been generally assured that this proposal will not make it to Congress and therefore should not pose any threat to the Federal Surplus Personal Property Program.

As always, if you have any questions about the above subjects or other legislative efforts, do not hesitate to call on your national officers or Executive Director.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Fierro, Chairwoman, NASASP Legislative Committee

## Pima Air & Space Museum (Arizona)



C-27 cargo aircraft
"crossing the street"
from the 309<sup>th</sup>
Aerospace
Maintenance and
Regeneration Group
(AMARG), more
commonly known as
the "Bone Yard" at
Davis-Monthan AFB,
to its new home at the
Pima Air & Space
Museum in Tucson, AZ.

#### C-27 Lands at Pima Air & Space Museum

This C-27 Cargo Aircraft recently arrived at the Pima Air & Space Museum in Tucson, Arizona. The C-27 joins over 325 other aircraft on static display of which at least 40 were acquired through the Arizona SASP and the Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program. The Museum has also acquired rare, critical aircraft ground support and safety equipment necessary to run the Museum, including fall protection systems, tugs, access stands, and tooling, through the Donation Program. The Museum, located across the street from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and the 309<sup>th</sup> Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (AKA 'The Boneyard') in Tucson, has been participating in the Donation Program since it opened on May 8, 1976 – turning 40 this year!

Situated on 136 acres and with over 325 aircraft on display, the Pima Air & Space Museum is the second largest and one of the most diverse aviation museums in the world. Annually, the Museum hosts over 185,000 visitors (not including 28,000 school children and local service groups that are admitted for free). It is open to the public every day of the year except Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Museum also operates the Titan II Missile Museum in Green Valley, AZ. This facility is a retired Titan II ICBM silo complex site and is home to one of the last remaining Titan II missiles. This facility is open to the public. Tours of the silo and surrounding launch facility are offered on a daily basis and sees over 50,000 visitors a year.

In the photo, the C-27 is "crossing the street" from storage at AMARG to its new home at the Museum. The aircraft tug that is painted to look like a wild animal, as well as the tow bar pulling the aircraft and the utility cart in the foreground, were also acquired through the Donation Program. The Museum has also acquired numerous other support items through the Donation Program including materials handling equipment, office furniture, shop tools, restoration equipment and other items to assist in the restoration, preservation and display of aviation heritage.

The mission statement of the Museum is "Creating unlimited horizons in aerospace education through the preservation and presentation of the history of flight." The Arizona SASP is proud to have been a partner with the Museum for over forty years helping them to acquire aircraft and support equipment through the Federal Surplus Property Donation Program. We look forward to working with the Museum for the next forty years as they continue to present the history of flight to future generations.

#### Missouri State Highway Patrol (Missouri)

Did you ever get a Christmas present and Santa had forgotten to include the batteries? Your excitement turned quickly to disappointment because here in your hands was your shiny new toy, and you had no way to make it do all the wonderful things you knew it could. This was the situation facing the Missouri State Highway Patrol Bomb Squad recently when Santa (the Department of Defense) had delivered a shiny, new (okay, used and sorta dirty) MarcBot observation robot.



The MarcBot is an observation

robot built on a radio controlled vehicle platform that allows the user to remotely drive around a scene and observe from a safe distance. Using off-the-shelf components for ease of maintenance, the MarcBot looks like a big R/C pickup with a camera on a moveable arm. Having the MarcBot allows the Bomb Squad to maneuver in and out of places their larger robot could never go. It also can be deployed quickly and search an area for anything from bombs to bad guys.

Unlike our Christmas day example, the MarcBot came with a set of rechargeable batteries. Very expensive military rechargeable batteries that can only be charged on a very expensive military battery charger which we did not get. All of a sudden our "free" robot was starting to sound like it was going to be very expensive to maintain. After much searching and many calls to manufacturers and suppliers, nothing was going to be affordable. It appeared our robot was going to have a very short service life with our squad.

Every good story has to have a hero, and here is where Victor and the crew at Surplus Property come in. After explaining our dilemma to Victor, he was able to work his magic just as if we had gone and asked Santa for his help. In a very short time, Victor located the exact make and model of battery charger we needed. In fact, the charger came equipped with the proper adapters to fit the model of battery we had.

Our MarcBot has been in full service now for several months, and we continue to find more and more ways it can benefit our squad. We are able to train with it and use it on a regular basis, safe in the knowledge we can keep the batteries fully charged and ready for service at all times. As is often the case when we are in need of something odd or obscure, we can always count on Victor and the entire Surplus Property crew to save the day.

#### Friends of Army Aviation Museum (Alabama)



The Alabama State Agency for Surplus Property (SASP) obtained this AH1F Helicopter for the Friends of Army Aviation Museum in Ozark, Alabama. The Museum is located next door to the Ozark-Enterprise Community College Aviation School, so the two Alabama State Agency for Surplus Property (SASP) donees often work on projects together. After the Museum obtained this helicopter in 2009 out of Washington State, they worked on it and eventually got it ready for the students to paint. The students painted it and mounted it on this pedestal at the Aviation School where it can be enjoyed by both Museum and School visitors.

Pictured above are some of the students who worked on the helicopter. The photo below was taken during the ceremony held earlier this year to recognize the efforts of both the Museum and School in finishing the display.

The Friends of Army Aviation-Ozark is dedicated to preserving the legacy of Army aviation not only by static displays, but by a future ride program whereby the public will be able to experience the thrill of flying in an authentic and historical Army aircraft. To find out more about the Museum, visit their website: www.friendsofarmyaviationozark.org



## Museum of the American G.I. (Texas)



Wrecker Truck acquired by Museum from Texas SASP

Handling fee paid by Museum = \$4,000

Original Acquisition Cost = \$168,960



The Museum of the American G.I. in College Station, Texas hosted a Living History Weekend in early April with several thousands of people in attendance. The Living History Weekend featured a variety of special events including the largest World War II Battle Reenactment in the South. Other activities available to guests included the opportunity to ride in a WWII tank or Huey Helicopter, a "Junior G.I. Zone" for children, historic weapons demonstrations and living history displays. One of the activities in the Junior G.I. Zone featured mine detectors that the Museum acquired from the Federal Surplus Property Program. To find out more about the American G.I. Museum, please visit their website:

http://americangimuseum.org/

-Submitted by Steve Hickman, Museum of American G.I. & Megan Sim, Texas SASP

(Left) A member of the Corps of Cadets from Texas A&M University demonstrating to kids how a mine detector (acquired from the Federal Surplus Program) works as part of the Museum's Living History Weekend.

(Below) Living History Weekend crowds.





## Floyd County Board of Commissioners (Georgia)



Before

The Floyd County Board of Commissioners acquired this HMMWV ("Humvee") through the Georgia SASP so that it may be used by their Corrections Department. To the left is a "before" shot of the vehicle as it looked at the time of transfer.

The Board of Commissioners paid the Georgia SASP a handling fee of only **\$3,500** for this vehicle which cost \$41,061 when it was originally purchased by the federal government.

-Submitted by Lisa Moghazy, Georgia SASP



#### After

The paint job, maintenance and repair were completed by inmates as part of the Corrections Department's training programs.



#### Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 274 (Michigan)



This past April, the Michigan SASP assisted the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 274 with acquiring convection ovens to better their baking process of a Michigan staple—the pasty. Pasties are handheld pot-pies that miners in the 1800's ate for lunch or dinner while working in the mines. Having a hearty pie wrapped in a crust to eat on the go was an ideal meal for the miners hard at work, deep in the mines of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. VVA Chapter 274 sells pasties to raise money for their organization and other charitable efforts that better their community.

Terry Jozwiak, a member of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 274 had this to say about the new ovens:

"Once a month on the 3rd Friday, our Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter does a pasty sale. For a one-day sale, we make 400 pasties. It is a three-day process. Day 1 is peeling and chopping vegetables, Day 2 is making the dough and assembly, and Day 3 is baking and sale day. It takes approximately twelve dedicated members to complete the process. We sell them at our Chapter building all day and in town at a local market. The profits pay our overhead and, most importantly, fund our charitable efforts helping Veterans and other community projects. Our pasties are well-known in the area, and we generally sell out quickly. Good thing, because these sales are the lifeblood of our cash flow. With the new double convection oven we acquired through the Government Surplus Program our process just became easier and more efficient. These surplus programs can be a great asset to VSO groups. A huge shout out and thank you to our pal, Stephanie Clark at the DTMB in Michigan."

-Submitted by Stephanie Clark, Michigan SASP



#### St. Tammany Parish Fire District 9 (Louisiana)



St. Tammany Parish Fire District 9 is located in Bush, Louisiana. They obtained this HMMWV and trailer from the Louisiana Federal Property Agency on January 30, 2015. The original acquisition cost of both was \$52,330. They paid a service charge of \$3,000 - a savings of approximately \$9,000 compared to buying it on the open market.



Chief Scott Brewer with the St. Tammany Parish FD 9 said "Our HUMVEE has been used not only for rescues, but is also used for recruiting our new members. It's always a major draw at any community event as it goes to any festival, fair or car show in our parish. People always tend to flock to the big red HUMVEE. Our membership and our youth fire corps have grown just by putting this vehicle out in the public. Without this asset, we couldn't have rescued over 100 people this last flood, we couldn't have grown our department, and our youth would not have been attracted to our fire department. This vehicle has and DOES make a difference in our community. Thank you for allowing this to happen."

# **Department of Corrections** (Indiana)

<u>OAC</u> = Original government acquisition cost when item was initially purchased.

<u>Savings to Taxpayer</u> is calculated based on the market value of a similar used item.



## Forklift from DLA Letterkenny in Chambersburg, PA.

Handling fee paid by DOC = \$2,000

OAC = \$72,370

Savings to taxpayers = \$15,137



#### Shipping Containers from Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio.

Handling fee paid by DOC = \$625

OAC = \$21,649.04

Savings to taxpayers = \$4,501



#### Five new (still in the box) Security Devise Systems from Bureau of Prisons in Terre Haute, IN.

Handling fee paid by DOC = \$200/ea.

OAC = \$2,700/ea.

Savings to taxpayers = \$2,060







#### Four forklifts from DRMS Barstow in Barstow, CA. From left to right:

- Handling fee paid by DOC = \$2,777.50. OAC = \$43,250. Savings to taxpayers = \$7,464
- Handling fee paid by DOC = \$2,800. OAC = \$70,000. Savings to taxpayers = \$13,776
- Handling fee paid by DOC = \$2,667.50. OAC = \$70,000. Savings to taxpayers = \$13,908.50
- Handling fee paid by DOC = \$4,835. OAC = \$43,250. Savings to taxpayers = \$5,406

## NASASP HISTORIAN'S REPORT



## Phoenix Rising - How the US Coast Guard will at last be represented in the Smithsonian Air & Space Collection

Human flight is inherently amazing. For people looking to satisfy their wonder, or to simply bask in astonishment at accomplishments in the history of aviation, there's no better place than the Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia. The Museum includes representative aircraft from every U.S. military branch, with the exception of one — the U.S. Coast Guard. The life-saving service famous for hoisting survivors at

sea to its helicopters doesn't yet have one on display there, though that's about to change.

As the companion facility to the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum in Washington, the center includes two enormous hangars — the Boeing Aviation Hangar and the James S. McDonnell Space Hangar — where visitors can find thousands of aviation and space artifacts that tell fascinating stories of women and men taking to the skies and stars. Visitors stand awed before sights like the actual B-29 Enola Gay (the first aircraft to drop an atomic bomb) and the space shuttle Discovery (world record holder for most spaceflights). Soon to join the ranks of these relics is the Coast Guard HH-52A Seaguard helicopter. The helicopter is scheduled to become a permanent exhibit at the Museum in the spring of 2016 — a highly-anticipated event for both the Coast Guard and the Smithsonian, which coincides with the centennial anniversary of Coast Guard aviation.

The story begins with a donation under the Federal Surplus Personal Property Program. A museum-quality helicopter was identified at the North Valley Occupational Center in Van Nuys, California. The HH-52A Seaguard 1426 was donated by the Coast Guard and flown to the school in 1989. There it served as a classroom aircraft where students learned and practiced aviation maintenance for 25 years. As a result, the helicopter was in good shape. However, the Coast Guard couldn't just buy the helicopter back from the school — that would violate policy — so Coast Guard and GSA personnel worked together to find a way to accomplish the goal. Military services are allowed to trade assets or artifacts with other organizations after considering market value of the objects in question. If what the military wants to give in trade exceeds the value of what the military hopes to get in exchange, that object of lesser dollar value must be determined an historical artifact significant to the military, and the transaction must be approved at several levels. It just so happened, the Coast Guard was retiring the last of its HU-25 Falcon jets, and the school agreed to trade one for its HH-52. The instructors agreed the HU-25 was a better teaching subject for students preparing for careers with airlines. The determination was made that the Coast Guard helicopter was in fact an historical artifact that would well-represent the Department of Homeland Security and Coast Guard's humanitarian missions. After working out specifics of the trade with the school, the helicopter was transported to the Aviation Logistics Center at Base Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Though it took a decade, the people behind the project could not have selected a better aircraft to symbolize Coast Guard aviation, nor people to get the job done. The hard work and dedication will result in honor and preservation of the service's rich history for the enjoyment of future and current Coast Guard aviators and those who admire them.

## NASASP Overseas Program

Last year the NASASP Overseas Program Manager, Randy Main, arranged for nine Freightliner 916A3 truck tractors to be shipped to New York. All of them were scheduled to be transformed into snow plows with sander units. The towns involved expected to save \$100,000 per truck (as compared to buying the same unit brand new). Per Town of Hartland Highway Superintendent, Keith Hurtgam, "We have \$150,000 in the truck total with cost of truck, shipping, frame lengthening, paint, plow equipment. That does not include my town labor stripping off the military stuff and moving the truck to different vendors who did the work. Any chance more would be available I would like another one."



The photos are "before" and "after" shots of the truck that went to the Town of Hartland, NY. This is a great example of federal property reuse resulting in taxpayer savings. It also demonstrates the value of the NASASP Overseas Program's new procedure, which was set in place a few years ago to enable donees to pay NASASP directly in advance of shipping, thereby allowing donees in states that have no funds to participate in the NASASP overseas program. Until recently, New York had not participated for several years. Now they are regular participants in the Overseas Program. What a great success!

Before (above) and After (below) pictures of a truck acquired by the Town of Hartland, NY through NASASP's Overseas Program. -Submitted by Randy Main, NASASP Overseas Program Manager



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