



NASASP NEWS

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NASASP'S 2020 Annual Meeting Canceled

The NASASP Planning Committee, in conjunction with the Officers, made the difficult decision to cancel our 2020 meeting in Boise, Idaho due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While we all trust that it will have passed by then, and all SASP and Federal attendees will be back to work, making all the final arrangements usually happens in April and May. The decision was not made lightly, but all felt like it was the only decision that could be made knowing that State and Federal budgets will be extremely tight and getting permission to travel could be difficult for many. The survey we took in April confirmed that very few thought they had even a remote chance to attend.

We appreciate all the effort that has already gone into planning the meeting, especially Hattie King and Sam Sibert from Idaho SASP. While we will not be meeting this year in person, we will plan a conference call for the SASPs to discuss various matters. We will try to take care of as much NASASP business as we can via email so watch for those this summer, and please respond to them.

NASASP would like to send well wishes to all of our SASPs, federal agency partners and donees!

We hope you stay safe during this time, and look forward to seeing everyone at NASASP's 74th Annual Meeting, July 25-29, 2021 at the Embassy Suites Grand Rapids Downtown in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



From 2019's Annual Meeting in Richmond, VA

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

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

Supplies for COVID-19 Response (South Dakota)

On March 10, 2020, South Dakota had its first confirmed positive COVID-19 case. Already, based on what was happening in other States, South Dakota had begun taking action to prepare for a possible outbreak. Public and private entities quickly began stocking supplies to protect staff and continue performing their duties. Many of the South Dakota SASP's public and non-profit eligible organizations, including the South Dakota Department of Health, turned to the South Dakota SASP for needed items. Many of these items had been on the shelves for some time but had not been in high demand – until now. Items issued through the South Dakota SASP Federal Surplus Property Program in the month of March and into the beginning of April that were directly related to the COVID pandemic included:

Hospital beds - 4 each	Medical face masks - 130 boxes
Body bags - 298 each	Rubber gloves - 563 boxes
Military cots - 62 each	Digital thermometers - 990 each
Hand sanitizer - 538 boxes	Personal hygiene kits - 240 each
Pillows - 270 each	Sleeping systems/bags - 213 each
Numerous chemical suits & hoods	

Just as the virus hit South Dakota, the South Dakota SASP received 20 Ancillary kits. Each kit consisted of miscellaneous office supplies as well as safety glasses, rubber gloves, Tyvek coveralls, biomedical waste signs, biohazard garbage bags, cardboard trash receptacles, and shrink wrap. These are in the process of being distributed as complete kits to various counties, hospitals and other eligible organizations.

Additionally, the South Dakota SASP issued a total of four (4) Alaska AMEDD Medical Shelter Tents (20' x 19.5') to two counties and the Dept. of Health to expand hospital space or to be used as needed for related purposes.

Outdoor garbage cans received from the South Dakota SASP became drop boxes for two County Courthouses that were closed to the public. The swinging garbage lids were altered to become secure mail slots. Pictured is one that was acquired and altered by Grant County.

The Federal Surplus Property Agency (South Dakota SASP) under the Bureau of Administration was deemed essential as work schedules and locations were being altered. The South Dakota SASP has since adjusted their work schedules and are only half staffed on site each week, but are still there to try to meet the needs of their communities throughout South Dakota. That is why this Program was created and what the South Dakota SASP does every day!

-Submitted by Kaelene Borkowski, South Dakota SASP



Donee Success Story

Supplies for COVID-19 Response (Florida)

The Florida SASP worked with the Department of Management Services (DMS) and Florida Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to donate 135 adjustable hospital beds and IV poles to the State Logistics Response Center (SLRC) in Orlando, FL to assist with COVID-19 response efforts. The beds had a total original government acquisition cost of \$56,848.50. All service charges were waived saving the DEM \$6,075.00.

The Florida SASP also donated to the following counties providing COVID-19 assistance.

Marion County Sheriff's Office

- 20 masks
- 49 boxes of lab coats
- Total original government acquisition cost of \$2,052.38.
- All service charges were waived with a savings of \$340.00.

Marion County Department of Health

- 148 IV Poles
- 1000 infectious waste bags
- 55 lab coats
- 20 masks
- 168 oxygen regulators
- 21 oxygen manifold
- 31 hospital cabinets
- Total original government acquisition cost of \$28,647.36.
- All service charges were waived with a savings of \$4,774.16.

Bradford County Sheriff's Office

- 2 freezers
- Total original government acquisition cost of \$8,127.50.
- All service charges were waived with a savings of \$1,000.00.

Although our warehouse is closed, Florida SASP will continue to provide property (service charge waived) to agencies that need assistance related to COVID-19.

-Submitted by Kelly Ferrel , Florida SASP

Donee Success Story

Village of North Bennington Highway Department (Vermont)

The Vermont SASP received the following letter from longtime donee, Normand Leblanc who is the Highway Superintendent for the Village of North Bennington, Vermont.



Hello,

My name Norm Leblanc. My friends call me Uncle Norm. I was in the Navy Seabees for 24 years. I retired at the rank of Senior Chief and took a job with the Village of North Bennington Highway Department in Vermont. It is a pretty nice place to work. It is a very small community, and when I started they did not have a whole lot of equipment to work with. I started investigating the Federal Surplus Property Program for the first time in 2009. During my time in the Navy, I was overseas many times depositing equipment into warehouse and depot spots so that other government agencies could pull out the used equipment.

When I was asked if I could write a little story about what the best piece of equipment we had ever received, it took me about two weeks to sit here and think about it because in my 10 years, I have more than likely pulled out well over 50 pieces of equipment and requested 3 times that amount from this program. So what is my favorite piece? My favorite piece is the next one! Here in the Village of North Bennington we are small, have a very limited budget, and do without most times.

When I got here, we didn't have a street sweeper, we didn't have a chipper, we only had one good dump truck and one crappy one. Now, through the use of the Federal Surplus Property Program, we have had three wood chippers, two street sweepers, a hydro vacuum excavator to clean out my manholes, two skidsteers, and an infrared pot hole patcher. I'm on my third road grader, fourth dump truck, and second sander. We have also acquired a whole host of smaller equipment such as tables, chairs, and office furniture that we would have had to budget for and taxpayers in our community would have had to pay for.

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Donee Success Story

Village of North Bennington Highway Department (Vermont)

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The Federal Surplus Property Program is probably the best hidden secret that anyone in my position would want to know about. Lots of people call my office—Federal, State, and local—and I help each and every one. The government surplus equipment is taxpayer funded, so you have already bought it, and it is time to get it back into the hands of the taxpayer! So as I stated earlier, my favorite piece is the next one. It is when I look on the GSAXcess site, I find something that I can use for a specific project, I can get the project done, and I save money for everyone

Thank you very much,
Normand Leblanc
North Bennington
Highway Superintendent



- Submitted by Terry Lamos

Donee Success Story

Department of Corrections (Georgia)

Surplus Property Donations Aid Water Crisis in Summerville

Being prepared for the unexpected is not uncommon for the Georgia SASP. That was demonstrated recently when the Georgia SASP's employees were notified of the need for bottled water in Summerville, Georgia.

Having provided water last fall to the non-profit Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless and to first responders through the New Ventures organization, the Georgia SASP was prepared to step in at a moment's notice to assist. This time, the request was urgent. In January, water samples at the Raccoon Creek water treatment plant in Summerville did not pass federal regulations, prompting a drinking-water health advisory.

The Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) contacted Georgia SASP Director Steve Ekin to secure available bottled water for Hays State Prison located in the Summerville community. Ekin informed key personnel with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which had thousands of surplus bottled water, of the urgent appeal.

With the Georgia SASP staff working collaboratively with FEMA and the U.S. General Services Administration, the request was expedited and approximately 30,000 bottles of water were donated within 24 hours.

"This was an urgent need and a perfect opportunity where everything fell into place," says Ekin. "To us, this is what the surplus program is all about."

GDC Commissioner Timothy C. Ward expressed gratitude for the effort. "We appreciate the swift action by our federal partners, and we continue to supplement the bottled water donation with 10-gallon coolers in each dorm and a 6,500-gallon tanker truck with portable water for use in food preparation," says Ward. "The donation of bottled water for Hays State Prison will have a significant impact on our efforts to ensure we are maintaining a healthy environment for more than 300 staff and approximately 1,000 offenders affected by the situation."

Similar to other water donations, the Georgia SASP waived all fees for the transaction.

"We are always eager to assist in any way we can to benefit the community and are extremely pleased to bring resources supporting the city of Summerville during this critical time," Ekin added.

-Submitted by Steve Ekin, Meshelle Freshwater & Kenya King, Georgia SASP

Donee Success Story

Department of Natural Resources (Illinois)



Last year, the Illinois SASP helped place a bison from the Federal Surplus Property Program into Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR) parks program. Below is a write up that the Illinois SASP received from the DNR program:

THUMBS UP: A match made in nature at Buffalo Rock

THUMBS UP TO... a perfect pair. While it may be too early to declare the new two-bison coupling at Buffalo Rock State Park a flawless experiment, early returns last week were positively glowing. The sadness was palpable earlier this year when Illinois Department of Natural Resources officials made the difficult decision to euthanize Holly, the 20-year-old who was the park's first bison in 2005. That left Holly's 14-year-old daughter, Pebbles, alone at the park for the first time in her life. But she's got company as of Thursday afternoon, which is when DNR officials brought in a 2-year-old bison from Midewin Tallgrass Prairie in Wilmington. Although Pebbles initially appeared to view her new younger friend as a foe, the two stately animals eventually met in the middle of the pasture and appeared to quickly respect and enjoy each other's company. Buffalo Rock Site Superintendent Dan Bell said the new bison — a name will be chosen — was available at no cost because Midewin had a surplus in its herd restoration effort. Bison most definitely belong at Buffalo Rock, as an attraction for visitors and a way to bring the site's history to life. We wish Pebbles and her new friend many happy years together and thank everyone involved in making these arrangements.

- Submitted by Joshua Foster, Illinois SASP

Donee Success Story

Tremont High School (Illinois)



The Illinois SASP donated a sousaphone to the Tremont Hight School band. The service charge paid by the school was \$400, while the original government acquisition cost was \$4,301.40, for a total cost savings of almost \$3,900 when compared to buying brand new! Band Director, David Hillrich, sent the following note to the Illinois SASP:

Good Morning!

I wanted to take a minute and thank you again for working out that silver sousaphone before the band trip to Florida! I wanted to send a few pics along as well.

While down there I met another band director from Illinois - and I mentioned how helpful the program has been for my band. Adam from Libertyville was there and had just as amazing things to say about you and the program! We had a good time talking about what we have been able to get for our programs and how helpful you have been.

Thanks Joshua!

- Submitted by Joshua Foster, Illinois SASP

Donee Success Story

Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District (Texas)



Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District received this diesel pressure washer and 400-gallon tank from the Texas SASP in February 2020. The pressure washer came from DLA DS Susquehanna and was brand new in its original box! The District used the two items to build a skid mount for one of their trucks. The combined original government acquisition cost was \$24,955.35. The total service charge paid by the District was \$3,400 for a total savings of \$21,555.35 compared to buying new!

City of Alto Fire Department (Texas)

The City of Alto Fire Department received this John Deere Gator 6x4 vehicle from the Texas SASP in April 2020. The Gator was in good shape when it arrived at the Texas SASP from U.S. Customs & Border Patrol in El Paso, TX. The original government acquisition cost was \$11,000. The service charge paid by the City was \$1,500 for a total savings of \$9,500 compared to buying new!



-Submitted by Megan Sim, Texas SASP

Donee Success Story

Mustang Special Utility District (Texas)



Since joining the Federal Surplus Property Program in July 2019, the Mustang Special Utility District (SUD) has received 74 items with a total original government acquisition cost of \$3,003,403.16. For those items, Mustang SUD paid the Texas SASP only \$130,285 in service charges for a total savings of over \$2.87 million compared to buying new!

Pictured are four examples of items received—a pump, trailer and two trucks—all painted in the District's signature blue. Pictures provided by Chris Boyd, Mustang SUD.

-Submitted by Megan Sim, Texas SASP

Donee Success Story

Jefferson County Drainage District No. 6 (Texas)



Jefferson County Drainage District No. 6 is a longtime donee of the Texas SASP and one of its most resourceful donees when it comes to repurposing Federal Surplus Property. Since 2009, the District has received 537 items from Federal Surplus with a total original government acquisition cost of almost \$6.3 million dollars, but paid only \$344,660.50 in service charges to the Texas SASP for a cost savings of over \$5.9 million compared to buying new.

The District is located in southeast Texas and often deals with muddy terrain and flooding. The District picked up this 1995 Little Sioux Prairie Crane from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation in New Mexico in September 2019. The crane had low hours on it, but it had sat in the same spot cleaning out debris from a dam for years. The District spent about \$20,000 on repairs, including replacing all the tracks and hoses. They also reworked the clutch and brake linings to make the crane fully operable. It is the first crane that the District has had on tracks and has big capabilities over their rubber tired machines. These pictures show the District staff using the crane to disassemble old bridges. The shackles on the ground in the picture to the left also came from the Federal Surplus Property Program.



The District paid a service charge of \$10,000 for this crane. The original government acquisition cost was \$251,005.42. Taking into account the \$20,000 that the District spent on repairs, they saved over \$221,000 compared to buying new!

NASASP President's Inkwell

Happy Spring everyone! Hope you are all staying healthy and safe. I can honestly say that I never thought I would see anything like this in my lifetime. But even though the pandemic has most of us quarantined, NASASP is still working for you. I want to take this time to thank the other officers, Marilyn, John Chwat and the committee members that are still working during this very difficult time.

I'm not sure how the rest of you are adjusting, but for me, being thrown into working from home and becoming a teacher of four children has been a bit of an adjustment. I originally thought I would do an update on some of the things that we have been working on, but John Chwat does a great job of keeping everyone informed with his articles. I decided instead to offer some basic tips on teleworking that have been working for me. I must admit; I did not come up with all of these on my own. Many came from FEMA, but they are helpful.

First things first, you should get ready for work. This one took me a while. I love the idea of being in my PJ's all day but getting dressed does seem to help you focus. No need to put on that suit but get out of those PJ's. Fidget a little. Yes, you read that right. Tapping your feet or bouncing your legs keeps your blood pumping and is beneficial to your heart. Take breaks and keep to a set schedule. When the day is over, turn the computer off and spend time with your family. Use commuting time to exercise and stand for calls. Schedule your lunch break and have healthy snacks on hand. It is a little too tempting to run to the refrigerator when it is only a few steps away. And lastly, do something nice for yourself. Put away the gas money that you are saving by not having to drive to work. When this is all over, take that money and buy yourself something. You have earned it!

Elizabeth Cooper, NASASP President / West Virginia SASP

NASASP Government Relations Report

Federal Issues and Actions Impacting NASASP Continue Despite Coronavirus!

By John Chwat, NASASP Director of Government Relations

Beyond the media's headlines on COVID-19's impact around the country, Washington, DC continues unabated in its work on policies and projects that relate to SASPs and NASASP. Last month, NASASP, after soliciting comments and recommendations from SASPs around the country, submitted comments to the Small Business Administration (SBA) regarding their proposed regulations implementing the Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act, which was supported by NASASP. The SBA will be working with NASASP, GSA, and VA to finalize rules on how veteran small business owners can access the Federal Surplus Property Program. In addition to submitting recommendations and comments to SBA, NASASP has been networking with our supporters of this law on Capitol Hill to keep them informed of all actions relating to this issue, especially the Senate sponsors, Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA), both of whom serve on the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee.

NASASP will be assisting SASPs in responding to these veteran small business owners going forward. NASASP will also recommend ways to follow-up with groups that represent small businesses and veterans. Some of the targets for outreach in each state that will be provided to each SASP will include:

- Officials from business groups in the state, including the Chamber of Commerce, whose members might have veteran small business owners;

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- State Commanders of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and other veteran groups that may have veteran small business owners as members; and
- Other targeted groups or recommendations for outreach within each state.

The implementation of this provision, passed by Congress and signed into law by the President, is the second successful passage of a law targeting veterans access to the FSPP--the first one was to provide opportunities to Veteran Service Organizations (VSO), such as the American Legion, VFW, and Disabled American Veterans, to access federal surplus property through SASPs.

Congress recently passed a "stimulus" bill of over \$2.2T, with another being considered this month through a process that permits passage with only the leadership in attendance via unanimous consent. It will be a very unusual period for Congress and the Federal government, with most offices undertaking work assignments and project interaction from home, rather than in the office. Congressional public hearings have been delayed, and it is not yet scheduled when Congress will convene back in Washington, DC (the US House has delayed this decision as April 20th was the return target date). Despite these uncertainties, NASASP is monitoring actions in Congress and the government including:

- Congressional legislation continues to be introduced by leadership on behalf of Members in the House and Senate who are not in DC. Any bill that impacts Title 40 (GSA), Title 10 (Department of Defense), or any other relevant part of the US Code is monitored and influenced if appropriate;
- NASASP has maintained communications and email contact with key Congressional staffs and top level government officials via email and phone. This includes offices that are closed, but maintain contact from their home settings; and
- The House and Senate Armed Services Committees have been proceeding to consider the next large military funding bill—National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2021—via email networking, and may start to finalize these provisions in May and June. NASASP monitors all Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) provisions or any that impact DoD surplus property.

Going forward, NASASP is preparing and implementing outreach requests relating to its major initiative in this Congress to change the priority in Title 40 in favor of donations before Exchange or Sale provisions, and to address other key issues that will enhance the Federal Surplus Property Program for SASPs. Another issue that NASASP is reviewing on a Federal level is the US Department of Agriculture's Forest Service and US Interior Department's Fire Fighting Program (FFP) transferring federal surplus property directly from agencies to the fire community.

Congress has a very important role to allocate funding and determine policy (either by legislation or regulations) that impact the Federal government agencies that are so key to the Federal Surplus Property Program. While we do know that eventually vaccines and other health solutions will assist the US to return to a positive situation, it is still very much unresolved on the way forward for Congress to conduct its business. Funding bills will be passed, policies will be initiated, and NASASP will be vigilant in making sure that the Federal Surplus Property Program is supported as events go forward.

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NASASP Overseas Facilitator Report



Shipment from South Korea to Georgia

This scoop loader was recently shipped from DLA Gimcheon to Georgia. Before shipping, Randy Main's team replaced a leaking brake line at DLA Gimcheon. The acquisition value was \$246,604.00 for this 2005 Hyundai HL770-7 (5 CUYD) loader with only 2,500 hours. It is a very nice piece of equipment, therefore the NASASP Overseas Program received several requests from SASPs. Ultimately, it went to a Georgia SASP Donee, the City of Camilla.

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





HELP US STRETCH YOUR BUDGET DOLLARS

Become a NASASP Associate Member!

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

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

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

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

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

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