



NASASP NEWS

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NASASP's 2019-2020 Officers & Committee Chairs



The newly elected NASASP officers officially began their term on September 1, 2019. Pictured from left to right:

- Secretary Tim Bolles (MI)
- Treasurer Lee Ann Braun (MO)
- Vice President Sam Sibert (ID)
- President Elizabeth Perdue (WV)

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Interested in submitting a story for the next newsletter?

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Donee Success Story

Fort Worth ISD (Texas)

Fort Worth Independent School District received 30 instruments, including saxophones, trumpets, piccolos, clarinets, flutes, an euphonium, drums, and a trombone from the Texas SASP. The service charge paid totaled \$10,100, and the original government acquisition cost was \$131,750. That's a total savings of \$121,650 compared to buying brand new!



Randolph Field ISD (Texas)

Since joining the Texas SASP's Program in October 2013, Randolph Field Independent School District has received 106 items, including musical instruments, technology equipment, lighting, kitchen appliances, medical supplies, tools, and tents. The service charge paid totals \$16,565, compared to the original government acquisition cost of \$161,455. That's a total savings of \$144,890 compared to buying brand new!

Lueders-Avoca ISD (Texas)

Lueders-Avoca Independent School District acquired a school bus through the Texas SASP. The service charge paid by the District was only \$2,500!



Sandy Harbor Volunteer Fire Department (Texas)

Since joining the Texas SASP's Program in July 2017, Sandy Harbor VFD has received 42 items, including tools, medical supplies, pumps, tires, an expandable shelter, and a 2.5 ton truck. The service charges paid totaled \$8,993, compared to the original government acquisition cost of \$135,293. That's a total savings of \$126,300 compared to buying brand new! Below are the before and after photos of the 2.5 ton truck received by Sandy Harbor VFD in March 2018. What a transformation!



-Submitted by Megan Sim, Texas SASP

Donee Success Story

City of Port Arthur (Texas)



The City of Port Arthur received two 2.5-ton trucks from the Texas SASP. The service charge paid totaled \$10,000, compared to the original government acquisition cost of \$220,265. That's a total savings of \$210,265 compared to buying brand new! Port Arthur is located close to the Gulf of Mexico, leaving the city susceptible to hurricanes and flooding. When Hurricane Harvey hit the coastline a few years ago, an estimated 80% of the City's households were affected. Included is a story featured on www.kfdm.com regarding the acquisition:

Port Arthur police chief makes purchase of high-water rescue vehicles a priority

by Angel San Juan | Monday, January 7th 2019

Port Arthur — Port Arthur Police Chief Tim Duriso made the purchase of high-water rescue vehicles a priority when he became police chief in August 2018.

On Monday, he and his staff unveiled one of two monster military trucks purchased from a federal surplus supply.

Each truck cost the city \$5,000.

On hand for the unveiling, Detective Mike Hebert, who recalls the daunting task first responders faced during Tropical Storm Harvey in the summer of 2016.

Detective Hebert said police had to rely on Good Samaritans to rescue more than 150 elderly Southeast Texans stranded in two nursing homes in Port Arthur.

Many of police and city vehicles, including dump trucks were destroyed in Harvey floodwater.

Hebert said, "If we would have seen these high-water vehicles coming that would have been an amazing sight to see from our point as we were in the nursing homes."

PAPD Deputy Chief Michael Fratus said, "These are large enough where you can transport a number of people on here, whether they're mobile or whether they have to lie down."

In case of a storm, the large trucks will be pre-positioned in Lumberton, then driven into Port Arthur to begin rescue operations.

In addition to the two trucks, PAPD has also purchased two drones. "The main thing is to get to places where we can state out of harm's way and still have eyes on situations."

Donee Success Story

Huron County Road Commission (Michigan)

Two truck tractors acquired through the Federal Surplus Property Program by the Huron County Road Commission were on display at the County Road Commission Superintendents Seminar in Frankenmuth, Michigan on October 9th. The Michigan SASP's Federal Surplus Program employees Stephanie Boehmer and Camie Miller were in attendance and received many positive comments about the Federal Surplus Program and the way it has helped various road commissions replenish fleets at a lower cost. Road commissions make up a large number of Michigan's active donees, and truck tractors are always a highly sought after item.

-Submitted by Camie Miller, Michigan SASP



Before & After Pictures of the Truck Tractor

Donee Success Story

New Ventures, Inc. (Georgia)

The Georgia SASP donated twenty-five pallets of Dasani Water from FEMA to New Ventures Inc., in LaGrange, GA for a service charge of \$500. Those 25 pallets amounted to 16,800 bottles of water which this non-profit agency was able to utilize in the dogdays of summer for their local community.

New Ventures, Inc. (NVI) is a non-profit organization that provides work-based training to teach basic soft skills needed for a successful career. Founded in 1972, New Ventures, Inc. initially served adults with developmental disabilities providing programs of work and leisure activities. In response to growing community needs, the program has expanded over the years to include work evaluation, work adjustment, and job placement for persons with disabilities, as well as individuals with other barriers to employment. Per the organization's website (www.newventures.org), NVI provides both on-site and off-site production services for several local industries, as well as services for the state and federal governments. NVI can produce significant cost savings and other benefits to a business by providing services including, but not limited to, the following: Cost Effective Packaging, Skilled Assembly & Disassembly, Efficient Collation, Detailed Inspection, Trained and Supervised Personnel, Facilities modified to meet individualized needs of contracts, and Guaranteed Quality.

Below is a testimonial provided to the Georgia SASP by NVI staff:

"New Ventures was grateful for the opportunity to acquire pallets of water during the hottest months of 2019, using the water to keep their own trainees and employees hydrated while also sharing it with other community agencies. New Ventures was able to donate entire pallets of water to the community's first responders—LaGrange Police Department, LaGrange Fire Department, as well as the Troup County Sheriff's Office. They were also able to support major community events, such as the Annual Fourth of July Parade and Harmony House Domestic Violence Shelter's Annual Dragon Boat Race, by supplying enough water to keep thousands of community members cool and hydrated in the summer afternoon heat. This has truly been the gift that keeps on giving for the LaGrange community, providing water to local soup kitchens, the high school band programs, Troup County Parks and Recreation, as well as a Christian summer camp for youth called Camp Viola."

-Submitted by Harris Sullivan, Georgia SASP



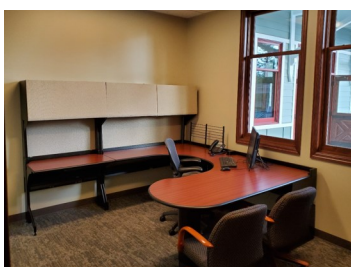
Donee Success Story

City of Granite Falls (Washington)



City Repurposes Surplus FAA Furniture for use in new City Hall/Civic Center Building

In April 2018, the City of Granite Falls received an email from the Department of Enterprise Systems (Washington SASP) about a large amount of office furnishings that were being surplused from the former FAA office building in Renton WA. With plans for a new City Hall and Civic Center building going out to bid that month, City Staff traveled to the FAA facility in search of furniture that might be of use in the new building. What they found were enough desks, chairs, lobby seating, and conference tables, etc. to furnish the entire building. The City purchased everything from a refrigerator to garbage cans in an effort to reuse as much as possible from the Federal office space.



Per Brent Kirk, City Manager of Granite Falls, “We are very conscious of how we utilize public funds in our small City, and this was a golden opportunity to repurpose some really nice furniture from another government agency at a fraction of the cost of purchasing these items new.”

The City used labor from the State Department of Corrections to minimize the cost of moving. The furnishings were stored in a Public Works facility for a year until construction of the new City Hall was completed.

The City moved into the new building in September 2019, and the furniture was a perfect match for the color scheme in the new building. By moving everything out of the existing FAA building directly to the City, it also saved DES the cost of transporting and storing all of these items at the state surplus facility.

“The retail cost of all of this furniture new would have been well over \$100,000. By (acquiring) everything through the Federal Surplus program, we were able to obtain everything we need to furnish our new building for a little over \$5,000,” said Kirk.

-Submitted by Angie McLane, Washington SASP



Donee Success Story

Logan Volunteer Fire and Rescue (Alabama)



Logan Volunteer Fire and Rescue acquired a utility truck from the Alabama SASP in October of 2018 for \$1,500. The rescue squad needed an additional brush truck specifically for grass and forest/wood fires in their service area. With the original acquisition cost of this truck at approximately \$41,000 and \$100,000+ price tag for a new fire-fighting vehicle, Chief Toby Bates said it only made sense to utilize the Alabama Federal Surplus Property Program.

The squad outfitted the truck with emergency lights, sirens, equipment boxes and skid unit with a 100 gallon water capacity. Those upgrades totaled \$5,000. This vehicle has the capability to navigate a myriad of terrains—get off road and in tight spots—without the worry of stalling or getting stuck, which has been somewhat of an issue with the squad's other brush truck.

Per Logan Volunteer Fire and Rescue's Chief and other volunteers, the option of having federal surplus property from Alabama SASP saved the squad and the surrounding community in the ballpark of \$90,000 – an amount which would have easily hindered any operating budget. The Alabama Surplus Property Program is an asset to organizations across the state.

-Submitted by Shane Bailey, Alabama SASP

Donee Success Story

Town of Southeast (New York)



In New York State, the Town of Southeast received a Pump Truck with an original acquisition cost of \$205,157.37 for a service charge of only \$10,257.87 plus the cost of transporting it from California.

The Town contributes storm water flow into 6 surrounding waterbodies that are currently impaired. Five of these waterbodies are part of the NYC watershed and are known as the Croton Watershed System. Concerns of the health of these waterbodies, and for the millions of residents downstream, prompted the Town to develop a new storm water management program to help reduce pollutants flowing into these fragile watersheds. This truck is one part of that plan. It will be used to clean storm drains thereby reducing pollutant loads that are carried off with stormwater. This will help to reduce pollution and protect these precious watersheds for future generations.

-Submitted by Art Hasson, New York SASP



NASASP Historian's Report

SASP Hurricane Relief Efforts



1969: Hurricane Camille

- Second-most intense tropical cyclone on record to make landfall in the U.S. One of only 5 hurricanes to make landfalls in U.S. as a Category 5 storm.
- In 1971, the Governor of Mississippi thanked the SASPs for the supplies made available stating it was, "one of the finest examples of intergovernmental cooperation that I have ever seen in my life."



2017: Hurricane Harvey

- Alongside Katrina, costliest tropical cyclone, on record to make landfall in the U.S.
- Federal agencies and SASPs from all over the country offered supplies for the impacted states. Texas SASP received 226 truckloads of property from August-October 2017.



These examples are just two of the many disasters that SASPs have provided property for in their state.

NASASP Overseas Facilitator Report



Property at DLA Guam

Over the past few years, the Marines have moved many troops from Japan to Guam. As a result, a lot of desirable property has been received at DLA Guam in recent months. The NASASP Overseas Program has shipped many items to several SASPs, including dump trucks, tank trucks, sewer trucks, truck tractors and earth moving equipment. I expect a constant trickle of highly desirable equipment from DLA Guam. The cost to ship from Guam is high compared to other DLA sites due to the location, and there are few shipping choices. SASPs can expect to pay around \$20,000 or more to ship an item from Guam. Therefore, please look closely at these items as they come up. As many SASPs have decided, some of these items are worth the additional expense. Please note that all items in Guam are listed in GSAXcess, therefore, SASPs must request the items in GSAXcess. NASASP does not have authority to allocate items in Guam; although, I do have a screener and can provide screening, shipping quotes and ship from Guam.

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

NASASP President's Inkwell

Greetings all. I would like to start by saying that I am honored to serve as President of NASASP. Doing so has given me even more respect for those that have served in this capacity before me. They were fighting for the same issues that we are still fighting for today. We want more property reported through GSA, we want good pictures, and we want better items going for donation rather than exchange/sale. How do we accomplish this? We accomplish it by getting involved and working together. It may be something as simple as responding to an email or participating in a conference call, but everything that you do or "don't do" affects the organization. I would like to thank all that have stepped up and volunteered for committees or positions. The other officers and I are holding monthly conference calls to discuss any pending issues. Please let us know if there is anything that you would like us to discuss. Let's make this a great year for NASASP and our donees. To quote Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Elizabeth Perdue, NASASP President / West Virginia SASP

NASASP Government Relations Report

The "End Game" of 2019 in Washington, DC-Impacting SASPs and NASASP

By John Chwat, NASASP Director of Government Relations

NASASP continues its vigilance in monitoring and impacting key issues in the Nation's Capital surrounding the Federal Surplus Property Program. Challenges appear daily in what most feel is a U.S. Congress and government focused entirely on impeachment and other larger issues—but that is not the entire picture. For example, Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD) passed away recently. He was chairman of the U.S. House Oversight and Reform Committee, which is one of the key Committees influencing Title 40 and GSA statutes and regulations regarding SASP. Whomever the House Democratic Leadership appoints as the new Chair of this Committee composed of 42 House members—perhaps Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Rep. William Clay (D-MO) - will determine positions and policies that can impact NASASP. In particular, the new Chair's decisions could impact legislative proposals that NASASP is pursuing. If it relates to the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) of DoD and could impact a variety of surplus property policies, the House and Senate Armed Services Committees actions are reviewed. The Ranking Minority (Republican) member of the House Armed Services Committee, Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX), announced last week his plans to retire next year. It is widely believed that Rep. Michael Turner (R-OH) will take his place. If the GOP "flips" the House next November and captures the majority, he will become the new Chair—again, with new policies and positions.

Many of the changes now taking place within Congress and federal agencies can impact the Federal Surplus Property Program. For example, the head of the Small Business Administration (SBA) resigned several months ago, and the President recently nominated Jovita Carranza, former Treasurer of the U.S., to take over as the Administrator. The nomination requires final approval by the U.S. Senate. The SBA will be instrumental in implementing the regulations and program resulting from Public Law 115-416. This law represented a successful legislative effort last year by

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NASASP to provide access to the Federal Surplus Property Program for the over 2.5M veterans who own small businesses around the country. Additionally, SBA's support for 8(a) company access to FSP is critical to SASPs. Major changes are also underway within the Pentagon which impact DLA operations and officials, as well as at the top echelons of the Defense Department. Twenty five U.S. House and six U.S. Senate members will not be returning after the November 2020 elections. Issues relating to "control" of the U.S. House and the Administration will be decided in the next twelve months in our national elections. Presently the breakdown in the House is 234 Democrats, 197 Republicans, 1 independent and 3 vacancies. If 17 seats go from Democrat to Republicans, the GOP takes control of the House. As of today, there are over 35 House seats "in play" meaning that they are too close to call with opportunities for a Republican "take back." In the U.S. Senate, there are 53 Republicans, 45 Democrats, and 2 Independents with 34 seats up for election in 2020. NASASP will be watching these elections to determine who will be in leadership positions and how best to take advantage of changes to garner support for the Federal Surplus Property Program's continuity for the next 72+ years.

Congress is scheduled to be in session through Christmas 2019 with several weeks of recess surrounding the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. While there is little time left in the next 60-70 days and even less for legislative business, there are still key issues facing the U.S. House and U.S. Senate, including the major appropriations bills for all agencies and programs. This funding "Omnibus" bill, that in past sessions has been thousands of pages long and contains over \$1.2 trillion of allocations, many times contains directives to agencies for implementing policies. This is especially true for the defense funding bill, and NASASP will be reviewing these actions for any potential impacts on the program. Several years ago, DLA was directed to provide a report to the Armed Services Committees on destruction of military vehicles with special emphasis on state agency access to surplus vehicles. NASASP is also hard at work during this "End Game" timeframe to ensure that the SBA's proposed rules on veteran-owned small business access to federal surplus property will be disseminated for public comment and receive maximum support. NASASP will also reach out to veterans and veteran service organizations. Furthermore, NASASP is utilizing this period to urge Congress to introduce a change in the statute that would permit state agency donations to take priority over exchange or sale of federal surplus property. This is a key issue that impacts the SASPs' access to vehicles and other property that otherwise would be "taken" by exchange or sale.

The "End Game" from Washington, DC is one of the most dangerous times in the Congressional legislative process. Late at night, the "must pass" bills are considered. Amendments might be offered that have not gone through the committee process. Huge bills are combined into larger bills and most Congressmembers and staff have no idea what is in them. Provisions come and go with the speed of light. HOWEVER, NASASP will remain vigilant in responding to these challenges and protecting the Federal Surplus Property Program.

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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.

Associate Membership Application

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

NAME _____		TITLE _____	
ORGANIZATION _____			
ADDRESS _____	CITY _____	STATE _____	ZIP _____
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To pay by check: Complete the above information and send with your \$39 annual dues to: NASASP, P. O. Box 2134, Jefferson City, MO 65102. **To pay by credit card:** Visit www.nasasp.org and click on "Join NASASP."

If you have questions, please **contact** Karen Conn by email at AM.nasasp@nasasp.org or by phone at (806) 344-2209.

Interested in acquiring property for your organization?

Please visit www.nasasp.org and click on "Find My State" for complete contact information and a link to your state agency's website.

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