



# NASASP NEWS

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## President's Inkwell

Hello SASPs! I want to start my first newsletter message by saying thank you for the trust and the opportunity to serve as your NASASP President for the next two years. I am humbled and honored and I will do my best not to let you down! My first order of business as the new President is, on behalf of all the SASPs, to say thank you to Sam Sibert for his leadership over the past two years. Sam, we appreciate what you've done for the Association, and I appreciate (in advance) your guidance over the next two years.

It was great to see everyone at the conference in Boise. A big shout out to Hattie King, Camie Miller, Marilyn Trachsel, and the entire Planning Committee for a great conference. We had a packed agenda and many great speakers. Also, thank you to our corporate partners for their continued support of our annual conferences. Camie and I are looking forward to hosting the conference in Michigan next July. The work has already begun, and I think you will all enjoy Grand Rapids!

On page 14 of this newsletter is our committee list for our new year. It is not too late to join a committee, let Marilyn know if there is a committee you want to participate in. An up-to-date list will always be on our website.

Congratulations to Chris Reynolds (Vice President), Kristy Fierro (Treasurer), and Nichole Lemacks (Secretary) on being elected to their Officer positions. I am excited to work with you and see what we can accomplish over the next two years.

As reminder to everyone, the Officers are here to serve the association and provide any assistance to the SASPs that we can, so if you have any questions or concerns, please let one of us know.

Thank you,

Tim Bolles, NASASP President  
Director, Michigan SASP



New Officers pictured (l-r): Nicole Lemacks (MS), Chris Reynolds (AR), Tim Bolles (MI), & Kristy Fierro (TX)

Interested in submitting a story for the next newsletter, a topic, or advertising in an upcoming newsletter?

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# NASASP Annual Meeting Recap

Idaho SASP promised to host a meeting that would be remembered for years to come and they delivered on that promise during NASASP's July 2023 annual meeting. The meeting was held in Boise, Idaho, July 17-21 with representatives from Arkansas, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin. For a number of these, this was their first NASASP meeting.

Thanks to the Civil Air Patrol, Nampa Nighthawks Composite Squadron who presented the colors. (pictured right)

Tuesday was spent on Association business and introduction of corporate sponsors.

Wednesday morning, attendees heard from GSA's Office of Governmentwide Policy – Bill Garrett; GSA's Central Office - Christina Shaw; Defense Logistics Agency - Cassandra Gilbert; NASA – Sharrief Wilson; GSA Fleet – Aysha Johnson & Avital Luny. All talked about things currently going on and potential issues coming up. Of course, there were many questions from the group which were answered.



Some pictures of attendees during the meeting:





# NASASP Annual Meeting Recap (continued)

Guest speakers included Bob Geddes, Dan Bitton with 5366 Logistics Corp a VOSB in Illinois; Tim Flaherty with Astegoes a provider of assistance to homeless in Idaho; and Frank Bradley with Boy Scout Troop 118 a SEA in Idaho.

Officers are pictured being sworn in by out-going-president Sam Sibert (ID). Officers for the NASASP fiscal year beginning September 1 are Tim Bolles (MI) President; Chris Reynolds (AR) Vice President; Kristy Fierro (TX) Treasurer; Nicole Lemacks (MS) Secretary. During the meeting, officers were given guidance from attendees on priorities for the coming year.



While the week was packed with opportunities for learning about things happening and potential changes coming to the program, several took evening opportunities to enjoy the many trails in Boise. In addition, the IDSASP hosted a BBQ at their facility, which gave everyone the opportunity to see their operation. And we were able to take a group picture while there!



Awards were presented on Thursday morning. The President's Award was given to Kaelene Borkowski (SD) for her many years of chairing and serving on committees (pictured right).



This year's President's Award was presented in honor of Ed Nunez (MD) who retired last year. Pictured left is Bradley Thomas (MDSASP) accepting the award for Ed.



The Daryl Haeder Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Steve Ekin, retired GASASP director, who served on many committees, chaired several over the years, and served as an officer for many years. Pictured bottom left is Tashika Wells, Harris Sullivan, & DeAndrea Camp (GASASP) who accepted the award on Steve's behalf.



Sam Sibert was presented with the out-going President's plaque (pictured right).

# NASASP Annual Meeting Recap (continued)

Several other awards were presented. 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the associate membership awards went to Arkansas for the 14<sup>th</sup> year in a row (Chris Reynolds accepting the award right). Some new awards given this year included:

Best Use of Donated Property by an Associate Member to Milburn-Price Museum, a Texas donee (see story on the following pages).

Most Property Received \$109,500,367 to Florida SASP.

Most Property Donated to Public Agencies \$47,524,497 to Florida SASP.

Most Property Donated to Non-Profit Agencies \$28,715,366 to Florida SASP.

Most Property Donated to SBAs, VOSBs, SEAs, VSOs \$74,809,107 to Texas SASP.

It was announced the 2024 meeting will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan July 15-19, 2024. Watch for details on our website [www.nasasp.org](http://www.nasasp.org).

The 2025 meeting was discussed with several suggestions being made. Officers and the Planning Committee will start looking at some of the suggestions and send out a survey soon.



## Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors

NASASP acknowledges and offers our sincere appreciation to our corporate sponsors who attended the meeting and help support our program. Links to their contact information can be found on our website [www.nasasp.org](http://www.nasasp.org) on the home page.

2023 sponsors are:



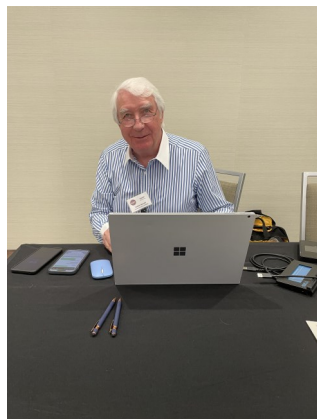
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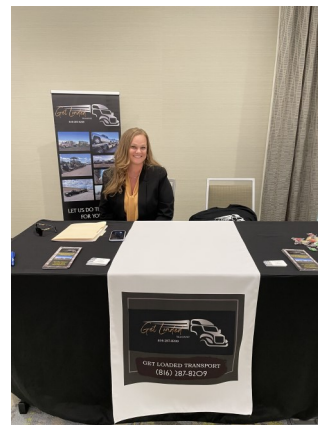
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## Donee Success Story

### Best Use of Donated Property Winner:

The Milburn-Price Culture Museum was nominated for Best Use of Donated Property in 2022 by the Texas SASP. Pictured is Kristy Fierro, TXSASP accepting the award on behalf of the museum.

The museum is a local history museum located on Historic Route 66 in Vega, Texas. Vega is a small rural town and has a population of almost 900. The museum originated after its Director, Greg Conn, transformed an old hardware store in the town into a local tourist attraction where visitors could see, and interact with, items of historical and cultural significance to Oldham County.

Many of the exhibits are centered around the Old West and the peak of Route 66, such as the world's largest branding iron, a 1923 Ford Model T, an elongated penny machine, and various pieces of military property.

The museum brings in approximately 3,000 visitors from around the world every year that are traveling down Route 66 looking for fun local attractions. The museum is a big source of tourism to the area. In fact, 95% of the museum's visitors are from overseas. The museum is proud to utilize surplus property whenever feasible.

Museum Director Greg Conn has been involved with the program since 1980. He started out as a donee when he worked for the City of Vega and quickly saw the benefits of the program. In 2001, he began working as the Assistant Manager at the Texas SASP warehouse in Lubbock, TX. In 2002, he began managing the Fort Worth warehouse. After managing both the Fort Worth and Lubbock warehouses, Mr. Conn then moved to the Texas SASP's Austin Administrative Office to become the Lead Manager of the Federal Surplus Property Program. After retiring from the Texas SASP, he moved back to Vega and started the Milburn-Price Culture Museum in 2014.

Since joining the Federal Surplus Property Program in 2016, the Milburn-Price Culture Museum has received numerous items from the Texas SASP, paying about \$175,000.00 for items valued at over \$4,000,000.00. The Texas SASP staff is consistently impressed by Mr. Conn's innovative use of federal surplus property to benefit the museum and its community. Per Mr. Conn, "Many of the projects that the museum has undertaken would never have been possible without the donations from the Texas Facilities Commission's Federal Surplus Property Program. The museum has saved thousands of dollars utilizing the program but most importantly has been able to better meet its goal of telling the stories of Oldham County as part of this great state of Texas."



# Donee Success Story

## Milburn-Price Culture Museum (continued)

Here are some examples of surplus property that the museum was able to find creative uses for that now bring in visitors from all over the world:



The museum's main sign was created using a large piece of federal surplus granite. Per Mr. Conn, "Because signage is such a huge part of directing the public to any location the museum was fortunate to be able to receive this large piece of granite from the Federal Surplus Property Program to create our main museum sign. The granite surface plate was located in Susquehanna in Pennsylvania at DLA. After putting the granite in place, the museum commissioned a young local high school artist Dakota Walker to paint a mural on the back side of the sign / granite to help tell the story of Billy the Kid being in Oldham County in the late 1870's. Now we not only have an outstanding sign for the museum, but a photo op for our visitors to step back in time and have a picture taken with the famous outlaw. Tour groups, school children and families can make a great memory of being in the same county where Billy the Kid once roamed with his gang."



A big attraction is the Humvees. The Humvees were left unaltered so that visitors could see their original condition. The guests get to see the exterior and the interior features, and love to pose in them.



Many of the visitors go to see the world's largest branding iron that was made using federal surplus property. Per Mr. Conn, "(It is) the World's Largest Branding Iron, 12 ft wide x 5 ft tall x 22 ft long weighing in at just under 3,000 lb. This is part of our XIT display that will help us tell the XIT story and our connection to the Texas State Capitol building. The letters were made from 2 sheets of 2-inch steel plate that came from DCMA Albuquerque (Boeing) and the ring for the handle was made from a couple of large shackles that we picked up from the Fort Worth warehouse. The only thing that is not surplus is the 3-inch pipe we use for the handle". The surplus materials used to make it cost the museum \$350 versus the \$5,000 it would have cost to get the materials elsewhere. It took roughly 20 hours to make it.





# Donee Success Story

## Milburn-Price Culture Museum (continued)



To commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9-11, the museum built a 9-11 memorial to display at on its grounds. According to Mr. Conn, "Vega, Texas is a long ways from New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania but we are still one America, One Nation under God. The memorial is 12 1/2 feet tall and weighs 5,200 lbs. It sure doesn't seem like it has



been 20 years. As the memorial says, 'WE MUST NEVER FORGET 09-11-01.' The twin towers are surplus 10-inch tubing (5/8" thickness) that we got from the VA in Spokane, Washington, the angle iron and Pentagon shape was also part of that same surplus, the 5-inch (4 ft x 4 ft) plate that makes up the base was federal surplus from Pantex in Amarillo and donated to the museum from a scrap dealer."

The newest attraction on Route 66 is "Hank", the 21-foot long 5,180-pound Ankylosaurus dinosaur. Hank is made entirely out of surplus property received by the museum. The dinosaur's body was made using a sheepsfoot roller (typically used in road construction), the head was made using an excavator bucket, the tail was made using a large shackle from a shipyard, and the circles used for the dinosaur's head armor were made with a 150-ton mechanical press that was also obtained from TX SASP's Federal Surplus Property Program. Mr. Conn's message to locals and world travelers is to, "Enjoy Hank; climb on him, pat him on the head, and take a picture with him!"



(150-ton Mechanical Press used to make Hank's head armor)



(Sheepsfoot roller used for the body)



(Excavator bucket used for the head)

- Submitted by Abianna Daugherty

# Donee Success Story

## ReconCraft (Oregon)

ReconCraft, Clackamas, OR, is a State of Oregon donee that is a Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) that regularly receives property from the Oregon SASP. ReconCraft has recently expanded their operations that allows them to construct vessels up to 120' and features over 40,000 square-feet of secure climate-controlled manufacturing space, a 125-foot indoor test pool, and over 3-acres of paved laydown area slated for further expansion.

ReconCraft specializes in watercraft for military use, as well as law enforcement and repair and maintenance. Current vessel programs include the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, specialized Department of Defense entities, and various state and local government organizations. They manufacture watercraft in over 52 different configurations, including patrol boats, offshore and coastal interceptors, landing craft, riverine, rigid hull inflatable, work barge/workboats, and bridge inspection boats.

Property acquired through the ORSASP includes such items as high/scissor lifts, cranes, forklifts, storage containers, stainless steel plate and grinders, just to name a few. Since becoming an Oregon donee in April, 2022, ReconCraft has had property transferred with an original acquisition of \$982,315.00 for a service charge of only \$72,616.00.

<https://reconcraft.com/>



- Submitted by Darren Kennedy, ORSASP



# Donee Success Story

## City of Friona (Texas)

The City of Friona has been asking its residents to "Keep Friona Clean" since 1999 when it started a scrap metal recycling program. Over the years, the program has evolved into a community drop-off recycling center, which added tires and used motor oil to the list of items residents can recycle through the city. In December 2022, the city received four large dumpsters from FSP to make cardboard recycling available to its residents. City Manager Lee Davila had this to say about the recent acquisition.

"Those are just a handful of smiles the receptacles have brought to our community. We are a small town of 4,123; we don't have the financial means to purchase dumpsters. Through your program, you have helped us achieve the last waste management pillar in our Keep Friona Clean campaign. We are truly grateful to you all!"

The total service charge paid was \$800 compared to an original acquisition cost of \$27,065.32.  
**That is a savings of \$26,265.32 compared to buying brand new!**



*Dumpsters obtained December 2022*



*Reconditioned dumpsters for cardboard recycling*



*Cardboard recycling ribbon cutting*

# Donee Success Story

## Family Initiative (Florida)

Family Initiative is a nonprofit serving Southwest Florida to support children diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum or engaged by the child welfare system in Cape Coral, Ft. Myers, Sarasota, Miami, and Saint Petersburg. Driven by compassion and innovation, David Brown, MSW, and Anjali Van Drie, MA, MSW, BCBA wanted to build an organization that would challenge traditional thinking and provide more effective support and hope to Florida families seeking help.

Hope, love, change, improvement, transparency, acceptance, progress, and understanding – these words helped define their belief system. And a desire to make a difference helped bring David and Anjali’s creation – Family Initiative – to life.

Their vision was to bring something different to our region — a cutting-edge approach to supporting both children and young adults on the spectrum by offering a family-centered approach that meets the needs of everyone in the household.

They were very excited to obtain the vehicle pictured. They tweeted “Thank you to @FloridaDMS for their support of FI & special needs families across Florida! We’re grateful for their State Agency for Surplus Property program which let our nonprofit acquire this truck to support families during emergency situations and championing autism acceptance.”

- Submitted by Kelly Ferrel, FLSASP



## Crocker R-2 School District (Missouri)

Crocker R-2 School exemplifies what it means to utilize the Missouri State Agency for Surplus Property (MOSASP) to the fullest. Not only are they a frequent visitor, but they have also been a strategic partner to the surplus program. This partnership has benefited students and teachers alike, providing a vital learning experience on a tight budget.

Crocker School sees value in MOSASP as it continues to utilize the services of the program. For example: to enhance the learning opportunities of their students, they have acquired musical instruments from MOSASP so their students (who can't afford them) can try them out for their band program. Furthermore, they utilize MOSASP for much of their furniture and tool needs as well. This has proved vital for school programs that have utilized these tools and equipment to grow the students' knowledge of that particular field of study. The school is a model of making sure that all education programs have access to MOSASP. Making sure that all school needs are covered has proved beneficial and cost effective. For example: the FFA or music program knows what is available so they can make educational and cost cutting decisions through the utilizing of the Federal Surplus Property Donation Program.

Since the beginning of 2022 they have spent \$2,672 in services charges while saving “thousands” of dollars compared to buying new. They may not be in the running for the highest amount of acquisitions, but they showcase the drive to utilize the surplus program to the fullest for the betterment of their students and staff.

We appreciate this meaningful partnership and look forward to many more years of providing services to better the education of one of our many schools.

- Submitted by Edward Lang (MOSASP)



# Donee Success Story

## 5366 Logistics (Illinois)

Dan Bitton, owner of 5366 Logistics Corp. was one of Illinois SASP first active Veteran-Owned Small Businesses in the program. He has since become one of their most active donees across all types. Not only does 5366 acquire property for their construction services, part of those business services include disaster relief, which he has acquired and utilized GSA Federal Surplus Property for. Not only has the GSA property helped his business, but he and it is also making an impact in our communities.

ILSASP, along with Senator Tammy Duckworth, recently hosted a Surplus Summit where they invited VOSB's to learn more about the GSA Federal Surplus Property Program. Dan was gracious enough to be our guest VOSB speaker and talked to the VOSB's about his experience, the property that is available, and recommendations that he has for getting started. The feedback from the event shows that Dan by far was the highlight of the event. Not only did Dan provide valuable information during the Summit, but he also provided his contact information to the VOSBs to contact him regarding the process, even knowing that some may end up competing against him for property allocations. 5366 Logistics has also assisted other donees that is in his area with transporting property that has been awarded to them through the GSA program. His willingness to help is inspiring.



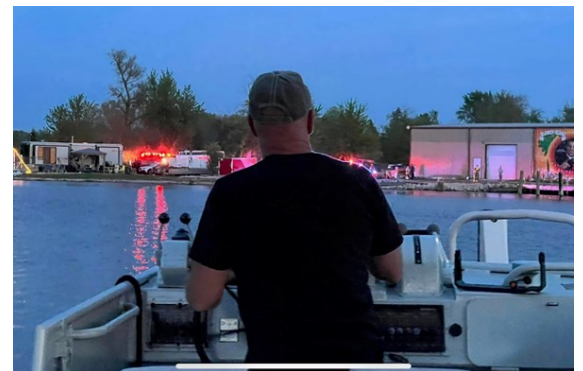
Dan sent these before, during, and after repair pictures and said, "This unit arrived a few days ago, they said it was salvage. I replaced the tires with GSA obtained rubber, my guys welded the frame wishbone (using your welder, welding sticks, forklift, and chains. New batteries, oil, hydraulic fluid using all GSA supplied tools. And all filters were replaced with GSA supplied fuel, oil/water separator, hydraulic and oil filters. A week later, fully in use! Purrs like a kitten! Thank you GSA!"

Dan also sent these pictures and explanation for a bridgeboat they received:

"First workout for one of the Bridgeboats...a boat on fire on grass lake...asked by police to tow to shore under escort. Extinguished some and large fire department did the rest at shore — Mike Hogan (employee) Operator.

GSA provided:

- Bridge Boat
- 2 replacement Engines
- Fuel lines
- Hydraulic lines
- Chains
- Lights
- Trailer
- Seating
- Hose clamps
- Tow rope
- All Tools for repairs
- Community, no-charge service. "



## Donee Success Story

### Pearl Beach Construction Co (Michigan)

Pearl Beach Construction Co., located in Clinton Township, Michigan, is owned by Karl Domburg. They provide affordable solutions for marine construction projects; roofing/construct/demo; historic building restoration; water/sewer/storm water services; and flood & fire remediation. Pearl Beach Construction is a VOSB that has been utilizing the Michigan donation program since 2022 and has already acquired over \$550,000 in Federal property based on the original acquisition cost. He has been compliant and responsible in his use of the property and has made up about 90 percent of MISASP's program revenue for FY'23. He is passionate about the work that he does and has stated on multiple occasions that he is incredibly grateful for the program and what it offers.

- Submitted by Camie Miller (MISASP)

#### *Interested in acquiring property for your organization?*

*Please visit [www.nasasp.org](http://www.nasasp.org) and click on "Find My State" for complete contact information and a link to your state agency's website.*

## Outgoing President's Message

Hello fellow NASASP members and association partners,

As my year as association president ends, I will finish my year the way I started, feeling blessed and honored to have served you as president of this magnificent, long standing, association! It still amazes me when I reflect on how privileged we all were to celebrate this association's Diamond Jubilee, an honor most organizations never get to see.

My term as president has seen this association, as well as the SASPs, accomplish many things. And NASASP has endured many changes, some good, some not so good. Everyone is aware of our accomplishments and challenges so I'm not going to list them. What I do want to accomplish with this article is to provide my sincerest thanks to everyone involved in these successes.

Thank you to the association officers, committee members, the individuals who stepped up to lead committees, the SASPs that participate and especially our association staff (Marilyn, John, and Karen). Without everyone's hard work NASASP would not have made the strides we have made to expand access to the much-needed surplus property.

I would also like to thank our partners in the Federal government, Congress and private business that has supported NASASP and the Federal Surplus Property Donation Program. The magnitude of support to local government, non-profit organizations, service educational activities, veterans and the citizen taxpayers of this great nation is beyond what I can find the words to express. The fact that I watched on the national news recently, surplus Department of Defense trucks being used by local government to save lives in the aftermath of a hurricane is just one example of probably millions now, to the benefits this program has provided in the past 76 years.

Now everyone knows that I can't speak to a group or write a newsletter article without stressing the importance of getting involved. So, I'm going to leave you all with one last "foot stomp" of **please volunteer and join a NASASP committee**. I am excited to see what our excellent panel of newly elected officers will accomplish but they cannot do it all alone. **It takes the association to make the association!**

Thank you,  
Sam Sibert



# NASASP Government Relations Report

## NASASP-Proud Heritage with Congressional and White House Support

By John Chwat, Director of Government Relations

One of the oldest and most unique associations in the United States is NASASP which was established in 1947, devoting its energies and focus for the U.S. public good (Pro Bono Publico). State Agencies have provided billions of dollars of federal personal property to be reutilized by untold numbers of taxpayers and American citizens including educational, health, local governments, and a variety of nonprofit groups around the country.

Two little known aspects, however, of this long history and positive heritage in federal-state cooperation, remain a proud mark for NASASP. The Association was established **before** the U.S. Congress passed, and President Harry Truman signed into Public Law on June 30, 1949, the bill, "Federal Property and Administrative Services Act", authorizing the General Services Administration, better known as the "GSA." NASASP recognized in 1947 that three years earlier, during battles being fought in Europe and Asia during the Second World War, that the U.S. Congress had debated and focused on how best to prepare for distribution of the wartime personal property utilized in war and to be reused in peacetime pursuits. This was before GSA, before even the beginning of NASASP, and Congress was influenced and supportive of the pre-eminence of States to receive and distribute federal personal property for the betterment of Americans.

At that time, a powerful Congressman William Colmer, Chairman of the House Post-War Economic Policy, and Planning Special Committee, studied and presented a draft bill to the House funding committee (at the time, Committee of Expenditures), a SURPLUS PROPERTY ACT, which was passed by the House barely two months after D-Day, 22nd of August, 1944 and changed with its own version three days later. Many of the provisions at the time were controversial, especially on how best to distribute over 90 billion dollars initially, and later much more of war surplus—who would receive it and how best to provide for distribution. During the Senate debate on the bill, it was clear that the disposal of surplus property to STATES and political subdivision be given PRIORITY over ALL other disposals of property. This concept of disposing of federal personal property to the states was incorporated into the final version of the Surplus Property Act, signed into Public Law by President Franklin Roosevelt on October 3, 1944.

When the bill was debated in the U.S. Senate, concerns were expressed that corporations and industries would secure undue advantages to obtain federal war surplus, and since the States were left behind during the War and did not receive priority for obtaining government property, now the States should be preeminent in the disposal order. The Senate at the time insisted that states be the second priority after federal agencies to receive surplus property. In the bill finally worked out between the House and Senate, the language was clear. "The disposal of surplus property...to STATES and political subdivisions and instrumentalities thereof shall be given PRIORITY over ALL other disposals of property..." In 1944 some of the groups lobbying at the time included states, as well as farmers, returning veterans, small businesses, medical groups, educational institutions, and non-profits. When the bill reached a conference committee it was sent to the U.S. House, where it passed 174-91 and in the U.S. Senate by voice vote. Three years later, in 1947, NASASP was founded and has sought to continue in this historic priority example.

Over the years, since the 1949 creation of GSA by Congress, the STATES have sought to protect the Federal Surplus Property Program from threats to its historic roots. Many of the issues faced by SASPs in 2023 have appeared in the past. NASASP historically has ventured to Congress to seek support. Twice in many years past, NASASP testified in Congress on the Surplus Property Program. In 1965 before the U.S. Senate, Government Operations Committee, held a series of hearings during the summer months on the Surplus Property Program at the urging of SASPs and NASASP, "...complaining ...around the growing tendency of the Government to sell more and more property. Diminishing both the quality and quantity of property available for donation to the States." (Senate Report 1356, 89th Cong. 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, June 30, 1965, Report to accompany S.2610) During the Senate hearings, the President of NASASP was Robert H. Arnold. He was accompanied at the time by the Texas and California SASPs. During his testimony he stated that over \$5 billion worth of Federal surplus property had been received by eligible donees from 1946 to 1965, which encompassed a range of properties such as, "...aircraft, bulldozers, cranes to nuts and bolts..."

Again, NASASP traveled to Capitol Hill on July 29, 1981, and testified on "Donable Federal Property," before the U.S. House Government Operations Committee. State Surplus Property Agencies had their own panel of witnesses in which Richard Evans, President of NASASP, testified. He was accompanied by SASP Directors from Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, New York, Utah, and Washington State. NASASP delivered to Congress positions that echo today. President Evans said, "Perhaps nowhere else in government annals can there be found a better example of federal-state cooperation than in the donation program...because it is people oriented-people serving people..." During the same hearing, GSA testified on the donation program. Their representative said "...this program provides an outstanding example of intergovernmental operation and cooperation through federal, state and local participation cooperation." The reason for the hearing and presence in 1981 was the same as we face today. While we all know that history repeats itself, and the other adage is those that do not learn from the past are bound to repeat it. NASASP has priorities in the 2023 U.S. Congress to protect and enhance the federal surplus program that was begun at the end of World War II. SASPs and donees are urged to support NASASP as they did in times past.

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