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NASASP's 2018 MEETING DEEMED A SUCCESS!

Downtown Louisville, Kentucky was the location of NASASP's 2018 meeting July 22-26. The following States had representatives in attendance: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and West Virginia.

In addition to conducting NASASP business, attendees were updated by some of the Federal agencies that work with the SASPs. Federal agencies represented included Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), General Services Administration (GSA), GSA Office of Civil Rights, GSA Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA Office of Fleet Management, and NASA.

This year, attendees were encouraged to attend a "Surplus Derby." While the purpose of it was to give everyone a chance to mingle, it was also a learning opportunity. Teams answered surplus property and Kentucky Derby-related questions. Correct answers moved the team's horse forward. In the end, two teams ended up one point apart. These two teams are pictured to the right.



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There was also a contest for the best dressed man and woman (Derby themed outfits). Pictured below are the contestants (left) and the winners (right).



Our President's Banquet was held on the Mary M. Miller Riverboat. Awards were presented at the banquet including awards for Associate Membership.

The 2018 President's Award was named in honor of Gary Ellerkamp, former Program Coordinator of the Kentucky SASP. Gary retired in 2010 and unfortunately died in February of this year. Several of Gary's NASASP friends told stories about him which brought laughter and tears. Accepting the award in Gary's behalf were his coworkers from the Kentucky SASP (below left).



The 2018 President's Award was presented to Kristy Fierro (above right). Kristy has served as a National Officer for several years and is finishing a year serving as President. A very emotional Kristy accepted her award from Steve Ekin, NASASP Past President. Kristy stated that the award meant so much that it was named in honor of someone who was so highly thought of as Gary.

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Officers for 2018-2019 were installed at the President's banquet. Effective September 1, NASASP's officers are: Chris Barela (NM) President; Kristy Fierro (TX) Vice-President; Dewey Blevins (KY) Treasurer; and Roger Stone (OK) Secretary. Installing the new officers was Curtis Howard, former NASASP President and retired Illinois SASP director.

- Submitted by Marilyn Trachsel, NASASP Fund Administrator



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Including **Compass Auctions & Real Estate** who was unfortunately unable to attend.



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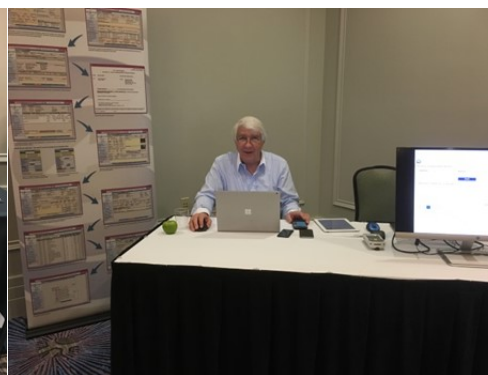
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Thank you from the Kentucky SASP

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the Kentucky Division of Surplus Property, I would like to thank each of you for allowing our Great state to show you a little bit of Heaven that we call home. Hopefully upon your departure from Kentucky each of you will be ambassadors for our state, and will return at some point for pleasure instead of work.

If there is anything that we can do for you in the future, please don't hesitate to contact any of us at Kentucky SASP.

I would like to thank the delegates from Idaho, Maryland, Nevada, and Oregon for stopping by our facility on Thursday following the conclusion of the NASASP conference for a visit.

Gary Thornton, Assistant Director

Division of Surplus Properties



2017 Donee of the Year

City of Lumberton, North Carolina



Mayor Davis & Corey Walters (City of Lumberton)

On July 12, Steve Ekin (Georgia SASP & NASASP Past President) presented the 2017 Donee of the Year Award to the City of Lumberton, NC and Mayor Bruce Davis. Also in attendance for the city:

- City Manager, Wayne Horne
- Director of Public Works, Rob Armstrong
- Deputy Director of Public Works, Corey Walters

On behalf of NASASP, Steve also recognized the North Carolina SASP with a plaque awarded to Federal Surplus Property Administrator, Pam Hicks. In attendance for the North Carolina SASP:

- NC Dept. of Administration, Deputy Secretary of Service Operations, Marqueta Welton
- Division of Surplus Director, Robert Riddle
- Asst. Federal Surplus Property Administrator, Charles Browning

Congratulations to the City of Lumberton and North Carolina SASP! Thank you for your participation in the Federal Surplus Property Program!



Robert Riddle (NC SASP), Pam Hicks (NC SASP), Marqueta Welton (NC SASP), Steve Ekin, Charles Browning (NC SASP)



Mayor Davis, Robert Riddle (NC SASP), Steve Ekin

Donee Success Story

Milburn-Price Culture Museum (Texas)



The Milburn-Price Cultural Museum is a relatively new donee to the Texas Federal Surplus Property Program, but the people involved have a long-standing history. Museum Director Greg Conn has been involved with the program since 1980. Greg started out as a donee when he worked for the City of Vega and quickly saw the benefits of the program.

In 2001, Greg started as the Assistant Manager at the Texas SASP warehouse in Lubbock, TX. In 2002, Greg began managing the Fort Worth warehouse. After managing both the Fort Worth and Lubbock warehouses, Greg then moved to the Texas SASP's Austin Administrative Office to become the Lead Manager of the Federal Surplus Property Program. Greg's wife Karen is also involved in the Federal Surplus Property Program as NASASP's Associate Member Coordinator. After Greg retired from the Texas SASP, he moved back to Vega and started the Milburn-Price Culture Museum in 2014.

The Museum is funded by generous donors. In fact, the Museum is named after one of those donors, Wanda Milburn. Wanda donated the building that houses the Museum. Her donations also fund a large part of the Museum's operating costs. Wanda is seen to the right looking through one of the Museum's newest exhibits that they received from the FSP Program. The Museum was able to get that 1973 Vietnam War Era Military Scope for a handling fee of only \$120 compared to the original government acquisition cost of \$5,051.

Vega, the county seat of Oldham County and the home of the Milburn-Price Culture Museum, is a town of about 900 people located on the famous Route 66. The Milburn-Price Cultural Museum is open 5 days a week and sees around 3,000 visitors a year. Many of these visitors are from all over the United States, and even all over the World, due to the Museum's location on Route 66. In fact, 95% of the Museum's visitors are from overseas. Greg referred to the Museum as a "touch museum," because he wants people to be able to fully experience the Museum and see how everything works.

The Museum is filled with items representing Oldham County, and the culture of the people in the area. The Museum has received a large number of items from the FSP Program. The Museums has received \$1.1 million worth of property (in terms of original government acquisition cost) but paid the Texas SASP only \$30,000 in handling fees. Greg uses the items as museum exhibits, as well as to maintain and run the museum behind the scenes. A big attraction at the Museum is the Humvees. Greg left the Humvees in their current condition, so that people could see their original state.



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Donee Success Story

Milburn-Price Culture Museum (Texas)



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Museum Director Greg Conn is seen to the left with the XIT branding iron that he made. Greg made this brand using federal surplus property. It took Greg roughly 20 hours to make it. The surplus materials used to make it cost the Museum \$350 versus the \$5,000 it

**Background on the XIT Ranch taken from Ivan Cates' "The XIT Ranch: A Texas Legacy (2008)." In 1879, the 16th Texas Legislature appropriated 3 million acres of land to finance a new state Capitol building and appointed a Capitol Board composed of the governor, comptroller, treasurer, attorney general, and land commissioner to sell the land and contract for the building. The destruction of the old capitol building by fire on November 9, 1881, made construction of the new building urgent, and early in 1882 Mathias Schnell of Rock Island, Illinois, accepted the contract in return for the land. In turn, Schnell transferred three-fourths interest to Taylor, Babcock, and Company of Chicago, which organized the Capitol Syndicate, in which Charles B. Farwell, John V. Farwell, Col. Amos C. Babcock, and Col. Abner Taylor of Illinois were leading investors. Several months later Schnell assigned the rest of his contract to the syndicate after rumors surfaced that he had bribed one of the capitol commissioners and had tried to bribe designing architect Elijah E. Myers. Since the land that the syndicate was to receive as payment was in the unsettled Panhandle area, the syndicate established the XIT Ranch to utilize the land until it could be sold. Total cost of erecting the state capitol, which was completed in April 1888, was \$3,744,630.60. Of this amount, the Capitol Syndicate's expenditures were \$3,224,593.45; about \$500,000 was assumed by the state.*

would have cost him if he got the materials elsewhere. When you pull your car up to the brand at night, your lights cast the brand's shadow on the mural on the side of the museum.

Per Greg Conn, "(It is) the World's Largest Branding Iron, 12 ft long x 5 ft tall x 22 ft long weighing in at just under 3000 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."



Greg is hoping to continue expanding the Museum and wants to use FSP to help in those efforts. He screens property weekly for the Museum and other surrounding organizations. Greg is looking to find a 10,000 lbs. forklift, sandblaster, engraver, and locomotives to expand the railroad portion of their exhibit. The Texas SASP looks forward to helping Greg grow the Milburn-Price Culture Museum in the future.

-Submitted by Courtney Jackson, Texas SASP

Donee Success Story

Nueces County Emergency Services District #4 (Texas)



Nueces County Emergency Services District (ESD) #4 was recently featured on a local news station, KRIS, regarding a new Zoll AutoPulse machine they received from the Texas SASP as part of the Federal Surplus Property Program. The ESD paid the Texas SASP a service charge of only \$150 for this machine which had an original acquisition cost of over \$10,000.

Per Diana Bluntzer, EMS Chief, "Our 911 EMS service covers over 200 square miles of rural Nueces County. The ambulance is staffed 24/7 with two EMS personal. When the ambulance service gets a call requiring CPR; only being staffed with two personnel of which one person has to drive the ambulance, up to 35 miles to a definitive chest pain hospital, patient management is challenging. The Zoll Autopulse that was purchased through the Surplus is a **LIFE SAVER**. The Autopulse is an automated CPR device. Once the patient is placed on the Autopulse the patients receive high-quality uninterrupted compression even during patient movement to and from the ambulance, and transport. This frees up the one medic in the back of the ambulance to concentrate on airway management and medications. With this acquisition through the surplus program we are saving lives. **PRICELESS**"



Texas SASP staff had the pleasure of speaking with several of the ESD's staff, including Chief Lloyd Bluntzer, EMS Chief Diana Bluntzer, and Administrator Jamie Bluntzer, recently at the annual TEEX Municipal Fire School in College Station, TX. Nueces County ESD #4 has been a member of the Texas SASP's Federal Surplus Property Program for well over a decade. The Bluntzers also participate in the Federal Surplus Property Program through the Boy Scout Troop that they are involved in.

Since October 2009, Nueces County ESD #4 has received 575 items with an original government acquisition cost of almost \$840,000 but paid the Texas SASP only \$68,203.53 in service charges. Items range from tools, medical supplies, generators, exercise equipment, lawn equipment, and a few vehicles.

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Nueces County Emergency Services District #4 (Texas)

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Additionally, Nueces County ESD #4 has used surplus property for public relations and community outreach purposes. With these items, the ESD was able to set up events in the fire station on Halloween and National Night Out, in which they hand out hot dogs, popcorn and kool aid. Per Diana Bluntzer, EMS Chief, "This is great public relations that doesn't cost a fortune because all the equipment that makes it possible came through Surplus." Some items obtained from the Texas SASP are pictured and listed below.



Trash cans, soap dispenser, paper towel dispenser, sink, refrigerator & storage cabinet



Popcorn poppers, folding tables and chairs, cups, paper plates & ice chest



Hot dog roller & two wheeled carts



AED, coffee maker, tables & chairs, 2 storage cabinets, 3 glass wall-mounted display cases, trash cans, paper towel & soap dispensers



Tables, 5 boardroom chairs, 30 matching stackable chairs, American flag, 2 white boards, storage cabinet, ice chest & pull down screen

The ESD also used surplus property to set up a meeting/ training room at Station One. This room and the property in it also benefits others in the community. It is also used by the 4H, Boy Scouts of America, election polling place, and various county agencies, not just the volunteer fire department.

*-Submitted by Diana Bluntzer,
Nueces County ESD #4 &
Megan Sim, Texas SASP*

Donee Success Story

City of North Little Rock & City of Jonesboro (Arkansas)



The North Little Rock Electric Department and Jonesboro's City Water & Light utility have scored deep discounts on hundreds of new, 70-foot-tall, high-voltage electric steel poles from the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management's Federal Surplus Property division. The Federal Emergency Management Agency surplus equipment, valued at about \$5,000 per pole, was made available in Arkansas for a short while at \$500 each.

Ron Osborne, North Little Rock Electric's director of operations, said that when he heard the price, he quickly contacted department and city government officials to clear the purchase of 244 of the poles. North Little Rock's cost came to \$122,000, instead of what normally would have been \$1.22 million. The poles are now stored behind a substation at 1701 Arkansas 391. "It was a shock to me," Osborne said of the call he received to see if he was interested in the poles. "We had a short window we had to work with. The government only turned loose so many to Arkansas.

"For freight and everything to my place would come to \$500 a pole," Osborne said he was told when he asked the price. "So we pulled the trigger. We thought, 'Yeah, we need to do this.'" Jonesboro's municipal utility bought 342 poles, also for \$500 apiece, Adam Saulsbury, general operations director for the utility. That's \$171,000 for \$1.71 million in poles. "We received a call that there were steel poles for sale at the North Little Rock surplus location," Saulsbury said. "We sent somebody down to look at them and we could definitely use them. We saved our ratepayers about \$1 million and these poles will last a really long time," he said.

The federal surplus property site on in North Little Rock handles excess federal and military property and will either sell or donate items from bulldozers to trailers. The items are made available to municipalities, nonprofits, schools and volunteer fire departments, for example, but not to individuals. "The metal poles sold to North Little Rock and Jonesboro were excess poles FEMA had acquired to ship from Florida to Puerto Rico after last September's Hurricane Maria," said Michael Harris, development director for the state's Emergency Management Department, which oversees federal surplus acquired by the state. Hurricane Maria, a Category 4 storm, caused the largest blackout in U.S. history. It wasn't until early last month that power was reported to have been fully restored in Puerto Rico. An updated count released last week put at 2,975 the number of fatalities resulting from the hurricane.

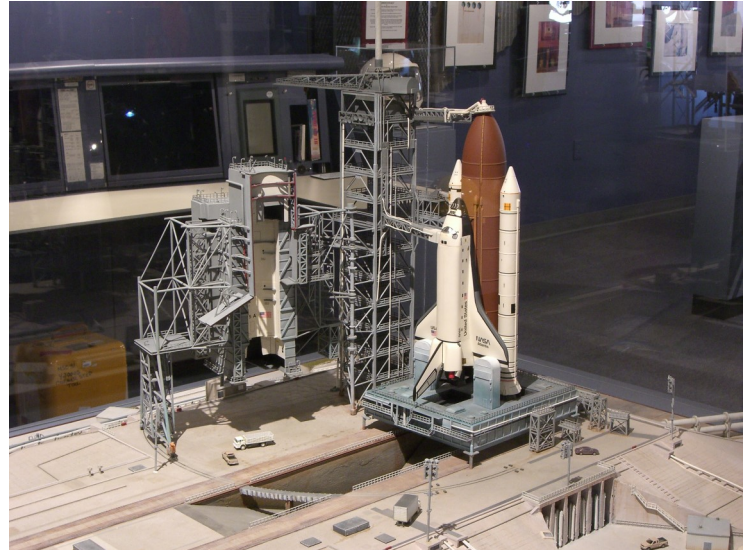
"We were able to acquire some of them," Harris said, explaining that the poles are counted in "loads" of nine. "Federal surplus is turned in every day. We find property over the Internet and on-site. I have a person who screens for surplus eight hours a day and then surveys the state [for potential needs]." Saulsbury said the poles Jonesboro's utility acquired will be substituted for wooden poles. "This was a good opportunity for our [utility]," he said. "They will be used to install new transmission lines and will be used to replace wooden transmission lines as needed. They'll be used for any line we construct moving forward or for wooden poles that need replacing."

"The North Little Rock utility will be installing the metal poles on upcoming projects and also will replace poles that woodpeckers damage near the new substation off Arkansas 391," Osborne said. "Because the metal poles come in two pieces, some poles in that area will be replaced with just the top 45-foot sections," Osborne said. "We have a lot of woodpeckers," Osborne said. "The woodpeckers are eating up the wood poles. We hope to use [the metal poles] to replace those. Wooden poles are usually purchased by a truckload of 30, Osborne said. The utility buys a load of several different sizes at various times through a year, he said. "But they're becoming real expensive and hard to come by," Osborne said of wooden poles. The new metal ones, he said, "They'll last forever. When we need them we'll have them and if we need to modify them we'll modify them for what we need," Osborne said. "The money for them, it was just too good of a deal to pass up."

- Story by Jake Sandlin & Photograph by Thomas Metthe
Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette, September 2, 2018
<http://m.nwaonline.com/news/2018/sep/02/2-cities-pick-up-poles-for-a-song-20180/>

Donee Success Story

The Grissom Center (Missouri)



The Grissom Center is now open. These six words belie the effort and dedication required to make that statement a reality. The Grissom Center is a fulfillment of 15 years of hard work, planning, persistence, assistance by those who believe in what we are doing, selfless volunteer effort and a lot of divine intervention. It represents the essence of the type of spirit and thinking that allowed our species to place a human on the Moon in a single decade. This brand of effort can and will allow any significant enterprise to succeed and therefore this principle can be applied to any life ambition. The Grissom Center and its staff attempt to infect every visitor with this idea so that together we might engineer a brighter tomorrow.

Our comprehensive artifact collection is at the heart of our endeavor. It declares in vivid detail how the improbable can become the possible and how a dream can awaken to reality. Even if you find little interest in space exploration, Missouri citizens can be very proud of our state and the seminal role it has played in changing the course of history and continues to play in our further conquest of space. These connections are heralded as the visitor scouts the historic trail represented in the museum's world class exhibits. Placards are placed at strategic locations that have a connection with Missouri. Ultimately the visitor will be able to scan a QR code with their smart phone (compliments of space exploration) and get detailed information of that connection. They will quickly realize how many of those vital connections Missouri claims.

Our expanded facility also provides the necessary venue to continue our devotion to educational outreach. We entertain, inspire and educate thousands of students each year in our on and off site programs. STEAM has become a byword for the museum and at every opportunity we wish to advance those essential skills that will restore and maintain our nation as the technological leader of the world. We plan on adding regular after school programs and renew our Family Nights that not only promote family bonding but help educate as well.

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Donee Success Story

The Grissom Center (Missouri)



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Our ambition is to continue to develop the facility and grow it into a destination of which Missouri and our region can be proud. Success will depend largely on the continued support of those who now hold a key role in our current achievements. Not the least of these is the Missouri State Agency for Surplus Property and their dedicated and gracious staff. If it were not for their assistance in acquiring NASA artifacts, we could not have built the credibility we now enjoy. The \$20,000,000 of historic NASA artifacts in the museum collection places us on par with any other institution of this type. We depend on the support of far sighted individuals and

agencies like the Missouri SASP that can appreciate what it is we do. However, the Museum Board of Directors would not ask others to do what we have not been willing to do ourselves. Very large and unselfish personal contributions of time and money have been made by the principles of our organization to make this public asset a reality. Because of their devotion, the renovation of the Grissom Center has been accomplished for just under \$40,000 despite the original professional quote of \$170,000. The final cost represents material only. All of the labor (almost 4 years of it) has been provided by the Board members themselves along with the assistance of other volunteers. We ask nothing in return and consider the payback to be the inspiration we have shared with our future thinkers and leaders. If even one of them has been inspired to one day develop a solution to a pressing human problem then all our effort has been justified. Not only do we feel that space exploration holds great promise for the continued stimulation and survival of our species, we are also convinced that the type of thinking required to get us there will make all the difference as we face the challenges of the future. We take for granted the numerous spinoffs of space exploration that daily enhance our lives.

If this has reached the eyes of individuals of influence, we humbly request that you use that influence to insure our continued success. Our goals are high but attainable. Help us to continue the American Dream. What can be imagined can be achieved with the right level of ambition, dedication, and hard work and with a little assistance provided by those who can give it! We consider The Space Museum and the Grissom Center to be our gift to Missouri and the Mineral Area. All we ask is the opportunity to see it not only survive but flourish into all that it can become. This survival depends on continued support, and we trust that the leaders of our state will appreciate the value of what has been started and not only continue but potentially expand that aide as we strive toward our vision. If you have not visited, we encourage you to do so. You will see that our claims are not without substance and that our goals are noble. We continue to dream.

- Submitted by Earl Mullins, The Space Museum

Donee Success Story

City of Boonville (Missouri)

City of Boonville obtained a dump truck from Missouri State Agency for Surplus Property November 2016. According to ML Cauthon, Public Works Director, "the truck is in good condition and has been working perfectly for us. We started it at Surplus and were able to drive it back. We only put about \$200 into the truck when we replaced the batteries. The truck did not fail us; it was just time to replace the batteries due to corrosion. We fixed a switch on it and did not have to replace that. The truck must have spent most of its life in the desert, it does not have much rust for a 1971. We use the truck to haul trash from illegal dumpsites." The original acquisition cost was \$100,887.00, but through Surplus, the service charge was \$4,500.00.



Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri)

Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, MO obtained a band saw from Missouri State Agency for Surplus Property April 2017. According to Dewayne Phelps, Senior Lab Mechanic, "We use the saw in the shop for everything. We cut metal, repair equipment, and graduate students use it in research projects. The only money we had to put into the saw was blades." Surplus service charge was \$300.00, and the original acquisition was \$11,602.67.

Valle Ambulance District (Missouri)

Valle Ambulance District in DeSoto, MO obtained a medication pump from the Missouri State Agency for Surplus Property in December 2017. According to Jesse Barton, Chief, "The pump is used to dispense medication in drip form. The only money we had to put into the pump was adding a battery. We probably saved \$1,500.00. Surplus is a great program and it is nice they are available for us to use." The original acquisition cost on the pump was \$34,012.00 with a service charge to the ambulance district of \$10.00.

NASASP Historian's Report

A look back at the history of the NASASP Annual Conference

History of the NASASP Conferences

NASASP was conceived in Cleveland, Ohio in September 1947. A National Meeting was then called for all states and held on October 6, 1947 at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C. Annual conferences were held in Washington, D.C. until 1955 when various SASP Directors and other state officials began sponsoring them at various locations as listed below:

Seattle, Washington. . . . .	.1955
Miami Beach, Florida . . . . .	.1956
San Francisco, California. . . . .	.1957
Lake Placid, New York. . . . .	.1958
Grand Teton Park, Wyoming. . . . .	.1959
New Orleans, Louisiana . . . . .	.1960
Phoenix, Arizona . . . . .	.1961
Hot Springs, Arkansas. . . . .	.1962
Louisville, Kentucky . . . . .	.1963
New York City, New York. . . . .	.1964
San Francisco, California. . . . .	.1965
Mackinaw Island, Michigan. . . . .	.1966
Las Vegas, Nevada. . . . .	.1967
Jefferson City, Missouri . . . . .	.1968
Cape Canaveral, Florida. . . . .	.1969
Denver, Colorado . . . . .	.1970
Biloxi, Mississippi. . . . .	.1971
San Francisco, California. . . . .	.1972
Hot Springs, Arkansas. . . . .	.1973
San Antonio, Texas . . . . .	.1974
Boston, Massachusetts. . . . .	.1975
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina . . . . .	.1976
Salt Lake City, Utah . . . . .	.1977



The first NASASP conference was held in Washington, D.C., October 6, 1947. Annual conferences were held in Washington, D.C. until 1955.

NASASP Overseas Coordinator Report



This Pierce Fire truck was turned in by the HAP Program in Livorno, Italy. I traveled to Livorno earlier this year to screen this unit, and try to start it up. After many years of sitting in the HAP yard, I was not able to start this unit - not even the dash would light up, so I could not provide the mileage on this unit. However, I was sure this would be a good truck for donation. In May, I traveled back to Livorno with Steve Ekin, Georgia SASP. I carried several parts from the USA in hopes of getting the unit running. Working with Clinton from the HAP program and Steve, we were able to get this unit running and provide the mileage. In June, I traveled to Livorno for the third time, replaced additional batteries, and arranged for shipping to Nebraska. The truck recently arrived in Nebraska. Another great use/reuse of overseas equipment.

Thank You
Randy Main, NASASP Overseas Coordinator

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

NASASP Legislative Report

Be Aware! Be Active! Protect the Federal Surplus Property Program

By Mike Harris, Committee Chairman & John Chwat, Director, Government Relations, NASASP

September 2018

Coming off NASASP's Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, the attendees and leadership were presented with a host of Congressional and federal government actions that will take place in the next 120 days and will have long-term impacts on SASP operations as it relates to Federal surplus procedures and donee relationships. It is imperative that SASPs be aware of, and when possible, take action in response to, challenges that are brought to your attention by NASASP. It is only by your involvement and vigilant response to threats on the FSPP that NASASP can make its voice heard as the only national organization supporting the 70+ year old process to provide for surplus property to thousands of donees. Your involvement in this effort is critical.

An example of the importance of being aware of actions that impact the Program occurred just before the Annual Meeting. Two bills were introduced in Congress that merit our concerns. The first bill, S.3251, "Federal Acquisition Savings Act," was introduced July 19, 2018 by Sen. Peters (D-MI), cosponsored by his GOP colleagues, Sen. Lankford (R-OK) and Sen. Paul (R-KY). These three senators are all members of the key Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee with jurisdiction over FSPP and GSA policy. The bill requires that by 180 days after passage, federal agencies and state and local governments should lease or rent equipment or vehicles to save money rather than acquire these properties. Another bill, HR6407, "Computers for Veterans and Students," was introduced July 17, 2018 by Rep. Garrett (R-VA) with bipartisan cosponsors. The bill mandates surplus federal computer property, including all IT-related devices, go from GSA directly to "members of the Alliance for Technology Refurbishing and Reuse." Other efforts in the past six months have included many groups that seem to be unaware of the FSPP, including Congressional staffs and members. For example, an amendment by Rep. Yoho (R-FL) in the NDAA bill aimed to provide Federal surplus property for veterans who are "farmers." While these bills are "interesting," it shows that groups are out there advocating for their own access to surplus property. NASASP will be monitoring these bills and others relating to the FSPP.

Congress returns from their summer "recess" September 4th and will be very active through the beginning of Fiscal Year 2019 on October 1st, 2018. Since they usually leave most legislation until the end of a Session, Congress will be working until the end of this year. Changes will be determined after the national election in November, as some of the Committees with GSA-related or funding-related areas have chairpersons retiring this year. For example, Rep. Gowdy (R-SC), Chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee with jurisdiction over GSA and Title 40, will retire end of this year. Work will be very active until the end of the year. The new 116th Congress will convene after the New Year. In early February, the process starts all over again with a new Fiscal Year 2020 bill presented after the President's State of the Union, and then a new FY2020 NDAA and on and on... Being vigilant never ends...

The FSPP is not just impacted by legislation, but also actions now taking place in federal agencies. For example, actions by the DoD and DLA are of major concern to NASASP. Contained within the newly signed National Defense Authorization Act (HR5515 – now Public Law PL 115-232 as of August 13, 2018), there are directives to the DLA to provide Congress, by February 1, 2019, a report on the disposition of DEMIL policy, scrapping of vehicles and "measures taken by the Disposal Services program to improve transparency so that State and local governments or civilian museums have appropriate access to ground vehicles." On top of this requirement, for the next year (or two), the DLA is involved in a major restructuring of the DoD elements that work with our FSPP.

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NASASP Legislative Report

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Before the end of this Congressional Session, NASASP has a series of legislative priorities to communicate to Congress and seek their support for passage. These include a change in Section 503 of Title 40 “Exchange or Sale of Similar Items” providing priority for the donation process to SASPs before exchange sale authority. Additionally, NASASP is seeking support for our proposed bill, S.2679 “Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act,” which would expand SASP support for 2.5 million veterans who own small businesses. NASASP sees this as the next natural step after our successful passage of Public Law 113-26 in 2013 providing Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) access to the FSPP, such as the American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Other legislative activities will be presented to Congress relating to GSA, DLA, SBA and other agency issues.

All SASP’s who are permitted to contact their elected officials are urged to become involved. We can make this happen as example after example proves that we can make a difference if the right person is contacted at the right time with the right message. For those not able to do so, please ask your donees to support the FSPP by contacting Congress.

From the President’s Inkwell

The more things change the more they stay the same —Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr

For those of you who may not know, this is my second time around as President of this great organization. I am humbled and honored to be able to serve in this capacity again. With this being my first article this term, I took the opportunity to go back and read past articles I had written from 2011 thru 2014. At that time, our biggest focus was on concerns over losing visibility of property right here in our backyards, and DoD pushing property straight to sales without an opportunity to have it screened properly. Fast forward to today, and our biggest concerns are still the same - less and less property being reported through GSA, and the better items going for exchange/sale rather than donation. This will be the officers’ number one priority this year. GSA has worked hard at “educating” us that exchange/sale isn’t new, and it is a viable way for federal agencies to return revenues to acquire new property. We agree! We don’t want exchange/sale to go away, but what we do want is for donation to be moved above it in the order of disposing of property. Our position is that our tax dollars are best utilized when our local public entities and non-profits have an opportunity to reuse this property, extending the life of it and providing our towns and villages property that they could otherwise not afford. We have proposed legislation that would move the pecking order in which property is processed. It will move donation above exchange/sale where it belongs, and we are going to push as hard as we can to make that happen. We are going to need all of you to help in this effort. We all need to work together and get involved to make it happen. Here’s a little food for thought: NASASP, like a chain, is only as strong as its weakest link. Let’s all work together to make a strong chain, and together we can make the changes we know need to happen. Please get involved! NASASP is your organization and it works for you! Thank you all for everything that you do for the donation program.

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