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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from NASASP!

The following success story is one that deserves the front page of our newsletter and especially so at this time of year! So with this, we wish all a Merry Christmas and a happy, health, and prosperous 2026!

WV Department of Human Services (West Virginia)

A local little girl is loving her new tricycle, thanks to WV Surplus!

The federal government needed to dispose of some property, including this hand-pedal tricycle. WV Surplus helped coordinate the donation to a child with a disability, with assistance from the West Virginia Department of Human Services.

This is the value of WV Surplus. Yes, we save the taxpayers money. Yes, we increase the buying power of state agencies. **But changing lives…that is priceless.**

- Submitted by Jessica Burns-McDonnell (WVSASP)

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

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NASASP President's Inkwell

Holiday Greetings NASASP Family!

Fall has transitioned into winter and now we are heading into greatest time of the year, in my opinion, the Holidays! I love this time of the year. Whether it be the gatherings; the food; the friends and family; or the turning weather, this time of year is the best for me. Sadly, it's also the time of year that I myself turn another year older. I wish I could say I become wiser as I grow older, but I don't think that actually happens in my case. It seems that my phone is never where I "left" it; my keys seem to move; and no one seems to remember the reason I came into the room looking for them.

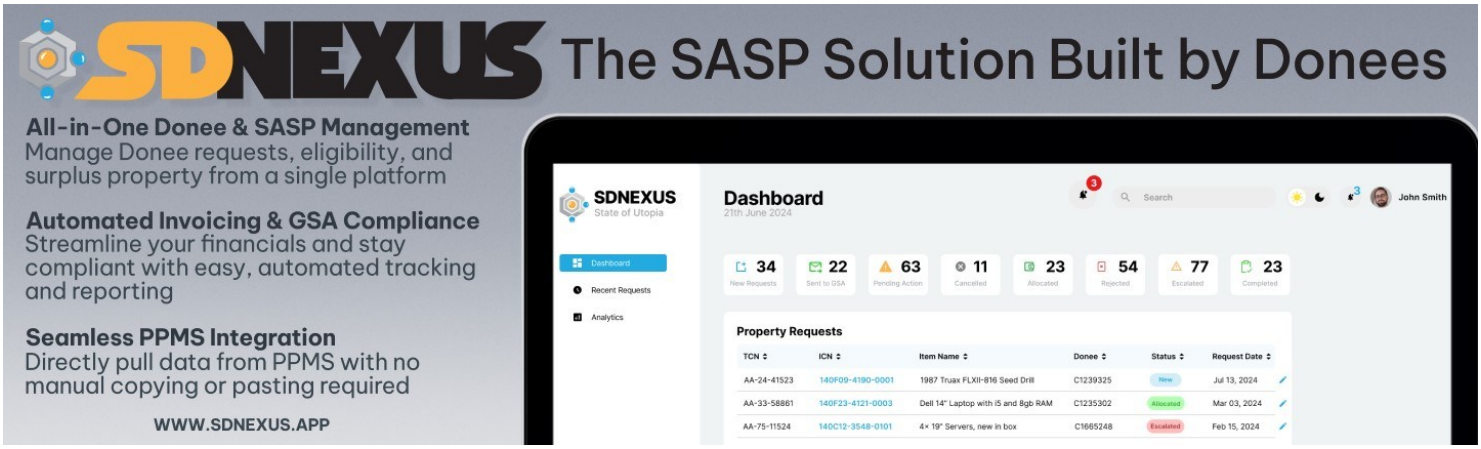
As this year closes and we gear up to start a new year, I like to reflect back on some of the best things that the year brought us. It could be a new addition to your family, a new car, your favorite sports team having a winning season! No matter how small it was, it made you smile for a moment and that is what matters. But I'm also sure each one of you has your moments that you would rather not remember as I do, but I have to remember the hard times because it makes me appreciate the good times even better.

The officers and I have a lot on our plates this coming year and we are ready to get to work. I can tell you the work will not be easy, and it will not be glamorous, but we need each of you to give us your feedback, ideas, and input to make this association strong and working for the SASPs and Donees. We can't make all the decisions or come up with all of the ideas on our own. We are so much smarter and more effective when we have everyone participating and engaged.

I plan on having a series of SASP-only meetings once a quarter starting in January. This will be in addition to the quarterly GSA/DLA calls that we try to schedule. Soon after the first of the year, I will be asking for topics from the SASPs on the items or issues that you want to discuss prior to bringing to GSA or DLA and I need your input. I have said repeatedly that the times have changed and the way we have always done things needs to change. I always go back to the line from the movie National Treasure when the character Patrick Gates says the line "The status quo has changed, son." Indeed, it has. We will not make changes by ourselves; we need everyone contributing to the success and the efforts of NASASP.

Speaking of changes, I have some good news and some bad news to report. Good news is our Vice President Nichole Alexander is now Nichole Tierce as she recently got married! Congratulations Nichole. The bad news is that our Vice President Nichole Tierce has announced her resignation from the Mississippi SASP along with her resignation from NASASP, effective December 5, 2025. Nichole has served as Secretary for two years and just started her tenure as Vice President. I want to personally thank her for the time she has given to NASASP as well as for her friendship and support over the years. She will be missed!

As I close this message, I truly wish everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!
Chris Reynolds
NASASP President
ARFSP Program Director



Donee Success Story

City of Canton (Missouri)

Our item from the Missouri State Surplus Store, a 10K diesel powered generator made it possible for the City of Canton to provide a recycling program for the City of Canton and the surrounding area. The Recycling Center collects over 200,000 pounds of materials annually. For a City of 2,500 people this is quite an accomplishment.

The generator allows for running a baler to bale the materials. The location of the Recycling Center does not have 3 phase power and the installation of 3 phase power was a barrier and the generator from State Surplus has allowed the Recycling Center to exist and sustain 3 part time jobs. The City is actually on its second generator from the State surplus store.

- Submitted by Cindy Kell (City of Canton)

We are deeply grateful to our 33 state agencies for their partnership and support. Thank you for choosing us as your trusted surplus platform!

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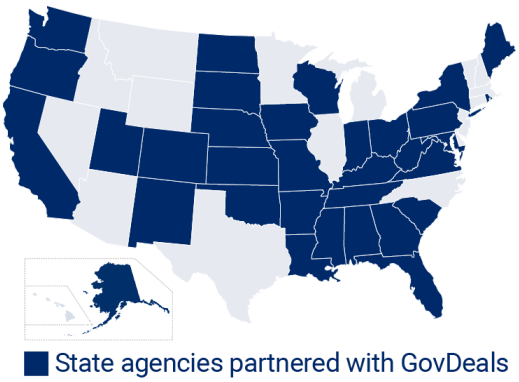
State agencies partnered with GovDeals

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Boy Scouts of American Capitol Area Council (Texas)

The Boy Scouts of America Capitol Area Council supports Scouting programs in 15 Central Texas counties. Since 2020, the council has received over 285 items from the TXSASP including a 400-gal. water tank trailer, a minivan, first-aid kits, tools, sleeping bags, tents, tarps, cooking equipment, hydration systems, and much more.

Executive board member Greg Johnston mentions that many items are used for demonstration purposes by the BSA Council's Disaster Preparedness Committee, and says, "It has allowed our Scout units to attract and retain young people to the program to learn more 'timeless values' and have that 'mountaintop experience' of how to live, thrive, work and have fun outdoors."

The total service charges paid for all items was $7,603.50 compared to an original cost of $61,085.58 when purchased brand new.

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- Submitted by Elyzabeth Perkins (TXSASP)

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Freedom Snow Plowing, LLC (Illinois)

ILSASP's VOSB donee Dan Wiltberger, owner of Freedom Snow Plowing, LLC, hasn't even been in the program a year and has been able to really benefit from the federal surplus property program. Before he got in the program, he had 15 plow contracts and in a short time now has 85. He's also been able to bless four other veterans by giving them jobs. Dan's an amazing representative for ILSASP and been able to even bring other donees into our program.

- Submitted by Joshua Foster (ILSASP)

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NE-Leigh Farm, LLC (Nebraska)

On behalf of my wife Stephanie and myself, I would like to extend our deepest appreciation to the staff of Nebraska Federal Surplus Property for the tremendous support you have provided to our farm, NE-Leigh Farm LLC, in Neligh, Nebraska.

As a veteran-owned small farm business, we have faced many challenges in establishing our operation. Through the assistance of Federal Surplus Property and your dedicated staff, we were able to access resources and equipment that have directly contributed to the growth and success of our farm. These assets have strengthened our ability to raise and provide pasture-raised chickens and pigs, while also advancing our mission of regenerative and conservation-based agriculture.

What has made this journey even more meaningful is the way your staff has always treated us — with kindness, encouragement, and genuine interest in our success. Each interaction felt like we had a team of people cheering us on in our business adventure. That spirit of support has given us confidence to move forward, even when challenges felt overwhelming.

Your program, and the people who make it work, have not only helped us build a stronger, more sustainable farm, but also allowed us to demonstrate what is possible for other veteran farmers who aspire to return to the land and serve their communities in a new way. The support we have received from your staff has been instrumental in transforming our vision into a thriving business that contributes to both local food security and the well-being of our rural community.

We are proud to represent the success that comes from collaboration between veterans and Nebraska Federal Surplus Property, and we are honored that our story will be shared at the upcoming national conference. Please find attached several photos of equipment in use, which help illustrate the impact of your program and staff on our daily operations.

We hope our story shows the incredible value of your staff's dedication, not just to us, but to every veteran and community you serve. Please feel free to use the photos and wording in whatever way works best for your presentation.

With sincere gratitude,
Gus & Stephanie Leigh

- Submitted by Marie Leedom (NESASP)

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Donee Success Story

Bates Family Farm (Idaho)

Bates family farm is a small veteran owned farm located near Potlatch, Idaho. We produce hay, beef, pork, eggs, and rabbits on 67 acres. When we started this farm in 2019, we had very little equipment and infrastructure. Being able to access surplus items has significantly increased efficiency, productivity, and capabilities. It has also allowed us to expand our operations to properties outside of our small farm. We are now able to build proper infrastructure and grow our operation using construction materials, farm equipment, earth moving equipment, and material handling equipment, all acquired through Idaho Surplus.

This program has saved us significant time and money, which is very important to our small business. Access to this program has made a huge positive benefit on our small farm and we would not be where we are today without it!

- Submitted by Sam Sibert (IDSASP)

Donee Success Story

Scott Baker Farms (Wisconsin)

This tractor was allocated to my VOSB farm in July of 2024. It came from Fort Hancock, TX and had an original acquisition cost of $35,237.95 but I got it for a service fee of $1,761.90. It was listed as salvage because it would not start or run. The administrator at Fort Hancock said that when it last ran the engine would run but the tractor would not move and had no hydraulics or power steering. I had it shipped to my farm in Wisconsin and put it in my farm shop and started working it.

All 4 tires were flat and not holding air so I bought 4 new tires and one rear rim. I put a new battery in and cleaned electrical connections to starter and all ground wires and cables. Tractor would crank but not start because no fuel was getting to the engine so I removed fuel pump from fuel tank. Found that the tank was full of diesel bacteria that grows in fuel when sitting for long periods of time and water in fuel. The bacteria produces as sticky sludge that sticks to all metal like thick paste. So I replaced pump and cleaned fuel tank, fuel lines to injection pump on engine, and replaced fuel filter. Fuel then pumped out of tank to injection pump but no fuel pumped out of injection pump so I removed injection pump, injection steel lines to injectors and injectors from engine. Average cost of injection pump rebuild is $2,500 so I bought a rebuild kit and did it myself for about $100. I cleaned all internal parts and replaced worn and damaged parts, then reinstalled injection pump, lines, and injectors. Tractor started right up and engine runs wonderful, but tractor would not move when put in gear, no power steering and all hydraulics would not function. Checked hydraulic fluid level and it was good. Removed the 3 hydraulic filters and they were empty instead of full of hydraulic fluid which means hydraulic pump is not working or is not getting fluid from the hydraulic fluid reservoir. Start by draining the hydraulic fluid and checking the screen between the reservoir and the pump and have never seen one this bad. No fluid could be sucked out of reservoir through the screen. Another trip to the John Deere Dealer to buy a new screen. Cleaned reservoir, replaced screen and filled reservoir with 13 gal of new hydraulic fluid. Also replaced all 3 hydraulic filters. Started tractor and now tractor moves, steering works and hydraulics function.

I used the tractor all summer and fall making hay, planting some grass and cover crops, and with a brush mower to maintain the edges of fields, fences and along woods. Tractor is running great and I hope to paint it later this winter. There are several other items I have had to fix on the tractor: air conditioning, leaking steering cylinders, replaced hydraulic couplers and repaired lights. Most of these problems that I fixed are caused by a piece of equipment sitting too long without being used. When the equipment sits, the elements start to work on the metal, rubber and plastic pieces and they become corroded, weathered and brittle. When the equipment is being used, the movement of parts and regular care keep that from happening. My 83 year old father, who is also a Veteran, likes driving this tractor raking hay because it has AC and an air ride seat. He does not go fast but he enjoys being involved and still doing what he loves making hay. This summer we made over 200 tons of dry hay. That is 400,000 pounds of hay cut, raked and baled into over 400 3x3x8 foot big square bales of hay, over 200 4x5 big round bales and 1500 small square bales. This tractor allowed us to do more faster with less down time. Thanks for helping my small family farm grow and improve.

- Submitted by Scott Baker and Nadine Malm (WISASP)

BEFORE

AFTER

NASASP Government Relations Report

New GSA Administrator Soon to Take Over with New Policies and Officials for 2026

by John Chwat, NASASP's Director of Government Relations

On December 4, 2025 the U.S. Senate Majority Leader sought to have 97 nominees by President Trump approved "en bloc" or "as a group." With Democrats objecting, it is anticipated that these nominees will be approved before the end of this year. Included in the group is **Edward Forst**, the official selected by the President to be the **next GSA Administrator**. Forst was nominated July 31st and had a very positive public hearing on October 23rd before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over GSA. During this hearing, Forst emphasized his private sector experience focusing on the federal real property portfolio, encouraging small businesses to secure government contracts, and using technology to streamline GSA operations. He was approved unanimously by the Committee and now much secure final approval by the U.S. Senate.

NASASP follows closely all Congressional and government developments relating to GSA, as operations in State donation and daily rules for SASPs are critical for the Federal Surplus Property Program's long record of service to the American people since 1947 (some say 1944 in the passage by Congress of the "Surplus Property Act" in that year). Edward Forst was selected by President Trump due to his extensive real estate and private corporate experience. A graduate of Harvard and the Wharton School of Economics, he held positions with Goldman Sachs from 1994 until he became President and CEO of Cushman and Wakefield in 2013 where he positioned this worldwide global real estate firm for extensive profitability. During the Public Hearing in the Senate Committee, many of the Senators supported his review of the GSA real property holdings and leases, as well as policies and sales to the private sector of Federal holdings. One Senator said, "..sell baby sell…" It has been reported that the Administration is considering the sale of 67% of the government's offices to reshape the GSA real property portfolio. This also is reported to include up to 75% of the Federal government's leased spaces around the country. During the hearing, over 45 major Federal offices, representing millions of square feet in dozens of states, were identified as seeking buyers.

For Administrator Forst, the GSA policies and funding decisions by the U.S. Congress are fast approaching final resolution. The GSA appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026 has yet to be approved. All policies and funding for this agency are within the House and Senate Financial Services Appropriations legislation. This FY26 funding bill was approved in the House Committee September 3, 2025 and by the Senate Committee November 24, 2025. Funding bills must be approved in Congress by January 30,2026 or face another shut down unless another option is decided upon. But all of these decisions in the next 30-60 days will impact GSA and the Forst Administration. It is also anticipated that Administrator Forst will bring with him new leadership within GSA at the Headquarters and perhaps restructure existing programs. NASASP will outreach to this new leadership as soon as the officials take full control and begin their operations. One of the key priorities of NASASP this coming year, will be to meet with Edward Forst and his GSA officials on issues relating to the statute, rules and operations of the Federal Surplus Property Program. NASASP continues to maintain vigilance on all GSA related policies and funding as they relate to SASP operations.

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- Updates about changes to the program.
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