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President's Inkwell

Hello SASPs!

I hope everyone is having a great spring so far. We have been enjoying some beautiful spring weather here in Michigan.

Speaking of Michigan, the NASASP annual conference is just a couple months away. If you haven't registered yet, please do so as we have a lot to discuss this year. You should have received the registration form but if you didn't, it is available on our website at www.nasasp.org. SASPs and Associate Members are encouraged to attend. On the next page, you will find an agenda summary. The detailed agenda is on our website.

It is a great opportunity to hear information first-hand from our federal partners, receive training from GSA, network and trade ideas with other SASPs, interact with vendors, and provide your input for the direction of NASASP.

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.

I hope to see you all in July.

Thank you,
Tim Bolles
NASASP President
Director, Michigan SASP

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

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NASASP Annual Meeting

July 15-19, 2024

Embassy Suites Grand Rapids Downtown
710 Monroe Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503

Agenda Summary:

Monday, July 15 – Travel Day and Committee Meetings

Tuesday, July 16 – NASASP Executive Session (Committee Reports and open discussion on topics or issues to present to Federal Partners) and General Session (Introduction of Corporate Sponsors)

Wednesday, July 17 – General Session Continues (Federal Partner Presentations and open discussion) and Presidents Banquet (The B.O.B, 20 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI)

Thursday, July 18 – General Session Continues (GSA will provide training on Eligibility, Compliance, & State Review) and (Awards and open discussion)

Friday, July 19 – Executive Session, Morning Only (Discuss 2025 conference, Long Term Planning, Summary Reports and Views, Priority of Action Items and Follow Up Items, Meeting Wrap-Up, Review of Assignments, and Adjournment) and Travel Day



Picture from our 2023 President's BBQ held at the IDSASP!

**There is still time to register for NASASP's 2024 Annual Meeting.
All the information you need can be found on our website www.nasasp.org or
contact marilyn.trachsel@nasasp.org**

Donee Success Story

Disabled American Veterans KEL-LAC Chapter 114 (Texas)

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Kel-Lac Chapter 114 supports disabled veterans and their families by providing free, professional assistance in obtaining federal benefits and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other government agencies. In 2017, DAV Kel-Lac Chapter 114 obtained this portable building through the TXSASP. The local chapter transported it from a federal holding location, completely remodeled the interior, added a door, and painted the outside of the building. Crews also built a two-ramp custom deck to ensure easy access.

At the end of summer 2021, as COVID-19 cases were on the rise, Chapter 114 partnered with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District to offer vaccinations at the DAV facility. Chapter Commander Luis Cortes said the clinic was a more convenient way to offer the vaccinations to veterans and their families that had difficulty traveling to where vaccines were delivered. This COVID-19 vaccine clinic provided nearly 100 shots during the two-day event. Commander Cortes told program staff, "This building is helping hundreds of veterans in Helotes/San Antonio. Thanks to the Federal Surplus Program and their staff, our disabled veterans and their families are able to obtain their VA benefits and live better lives."



The total service charge paid for this portable building was \$2,500 compared to an original acquisition cost of \$15,968.78.

That is a savings of \$13,468.78 compared to buying brand new!

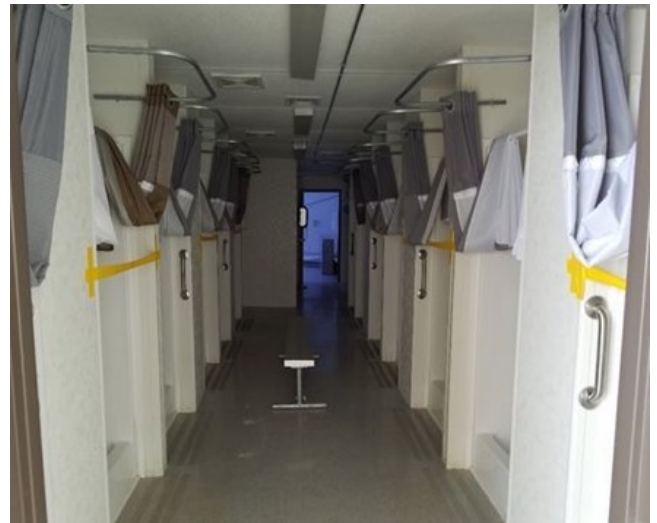


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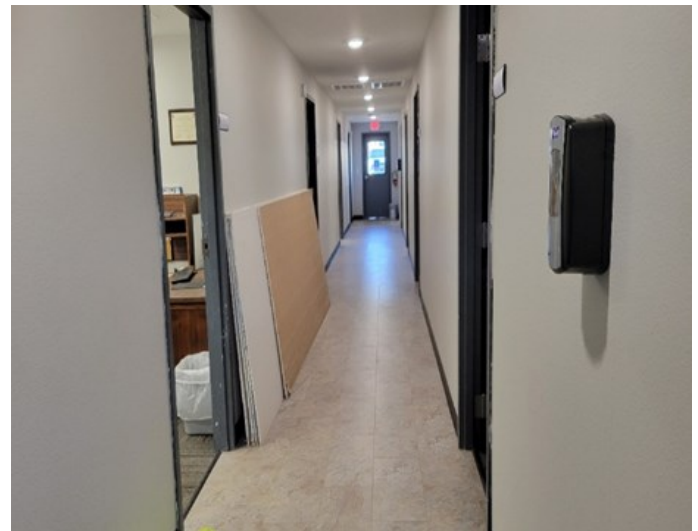
Arkansas Department of Transportation (Arkansas)

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) acquired this portable modular shower building from the ARSASP (ARFSP) for \$20,000. It was converted into office space and training rooms for ARDOT's bridge maintenance and dive team members. ARDOT spent an additional \$50,000 to update the A/C system, electrical system, along with the interior refurbishment and exterior ground work. The original acquisition cost was \$197,000, overall savings of \$127,000. With the astronomical cost of building new, this was a huge savings for ARDOT. They were able to take that savings and purchase new updated dive equipment.

Before



After



Submitted by Chris Reynolds, (ARSASP)

Donee Success Story

Groton Area Fire Protection District (South Dakota)

Groton Area Fire Protection District acquired this 2004 6x6 Freightliner with 9,000 miles on it from Federal Surplus for \$19,000 dollars. It came with a flatbed on it. (top picture)

We had a local shop paint the truck and put larger mud tires and rims on it.

From there it went to Hyman Fire for installation of the apparatus. It now has a 2,000 gallon poly tank, with a 24 HP 350 pump. They also installed a front monitor and ground sprayers to the front that can be operated from the cab. All lighting meets NFPA standards. It is also equipped with a 10 inch electric dump valve on the rear of the truck. We have about \$150,000 invested in this truck. To purchase this truck new, we would be looking at around \$300,000 plus. This truck will be at our station 2 located in Bath S.D.



We also have a 2008 Freightliner 6x6 with the same options, that we bought from Federal Surplus with a 3,000 gallon stainless steel tank. It had 1,900 miles on it when acquired. This unit is located at station 1.

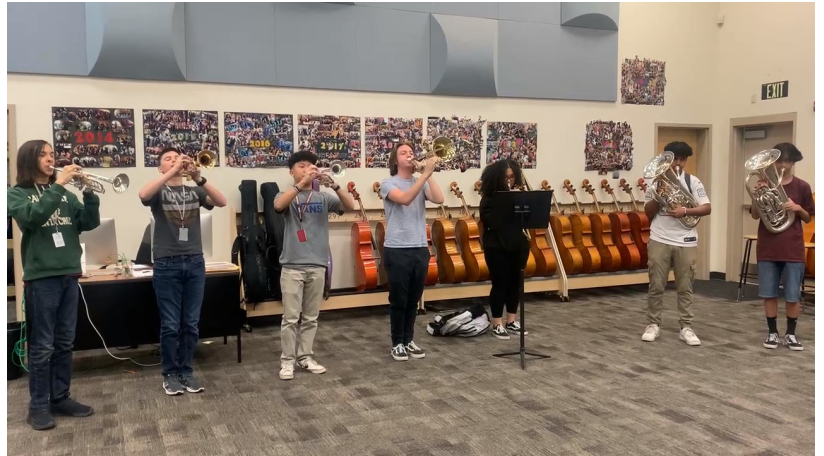
Both trucks will be tankers, and also grass or brush units.

- Submitted by Dale Ringgenberg Treasurer of District, Fire Fighter, EMT

Donee Success Story

Desert Oasis High School (Nevada)

Desert Oasis High School, Las Vegas, obtained musical instruments through the NVSASP. They received 1 piccolo, 1 French horn, 2 euphoniums, 3 trumpets, 2 trombones, and 2 guitars. The school sent the instruments off to be cleaned and after receiving them back, found they sound beautiful. In all, they received 11 instruments for a service charge of \$638.39. The instruments came from DLA DS Susquehanna Pennsylvania and DLA DS Columbus, Ohio. "They (students) and I are so very thankful." Pictured are band members with most of the instruments and links to music being played with the instruments.



Playing their fight song

Playing their new guitars



- Submitted by Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Keith Archibald, Instructor, Army JROTC, Desert Oasis High School

Attention SASPs: Remember the Technology Committee is looking for donee videos and ideas for marketing on the social media pages. Please submit to Kelly Ferrel at Kelly.Ferrel@dms.fl.gov

Donee Success Story

City of West Plains (Missouri)

Timing was everything when the City of West Plains needed to furnish at least five city offices with furniture. Not only was the Missouri State Agency for Surplus Property able to assist the community, but it was able to provide almost everything that they needed. This was a huge achievement since the journey to MOSASP took 3.5 hours.

West Plains is located in the south Missouri not far from the Arkansas border. Instead of purchasing office furniture from a nearby store (at a cost estimated to be around \$6,000), they knew that MOSASP could provide the necessary furniture after communicating with MOSASP team members. Timing was also everything as MOSASP was in the process of obtaining office furniture from the Kansas City FBI Field Office.

On May 7, city officials brought two trucks, one with a trailer, to haul back the cabinets, desks, chairs, and other office furniture that would adorn the new offices. In addition, West Plains also acquired a 14-foot conference table. They had a total service charge of \$1,435.

All hands were on deck to help load the furniture...making sure it would make the journey safely back.

"I am excited that our agency was able to furnish the offices of a community so far away. Our team is always wanting to help and when we have donees come after a long journey, we want to make sure their trip was worth it," MOSASP Manager Lee Ann Blythe said.



- Submitted by Lee Ann Blythe (MOSASP)

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NASASP Government Relations Report

The U.S. Congress, Federal Surplus Property Program and Your Future SASP Operations

NASASP stands as the single most important association of STATES to preserve and protect the Federal Surplus Program that has been around for 80 years. This program is constantly under the microscope of federal agencies, who have created policies, rules, and regulations over time that have impacted the availability of federal surplus property for reutilization; as well as impacting how the program functions. The U.S. Congress is instrumental in NASASP efforts to monitor and influence any changes to the Program, and to defend the original purposes (Pro Bono Publico - "For the Public Good"). The impact of the U.S. Congress is paramount to NASASP's on-going efforts in a very complex and ever-changing environment on Capitol Hill. NASASP is also one of the few associations that has successfully created expansion of the Federal Surplus Property Program to provide access to over 1.74M Veterans who own small businesses.

The U.S. Congress recognized the importance of STATES in disposing of surplus war property, at the end of World War II in 1944, with the passage of the Surplus Property Act. This legislative body, in concert with the Executive Branch, White House, and Federal agencies, has created a very unique federal-state partnership that has benefitted millions of citizens over the 80-year period. No other Federal program can boast such longevity and support from Congress. After World War II ended in 1949, the U.S. Congress again directed that the STATES have priority in the final reutilization of federal surplus property with the creation of the State Donation Program. **Every SASP**, and those who administer and receive federal surplus property have and continue to be impacted by policies and requirements with jurisdiction by the U.S. Congress. The Federal Surplus Property Program is impacted by the General Services Administration (GSA), but also programs and regulations flowing from many other federal agencies such as the Defense Logistics Agency of the Department of Defense and the Veterans Small Business Program run by the Small Business Administration (SBA).

In 2024, until the end of the 118th Congress on December 31st, NASASP has a huge task to monitor all legislation or proposals for policy initiatives that can impact the Federal Surplus Property Program. These efforts could include the introduction by a House or Senate member of a bill, and as of mid-May 2024, there have been OVER 8,368 U.S. House and 4,315 U.S. Senate bills introduced for consideration. NASASP targets these bills for any that affect GSA, DoD, SBA or any part of rules or policies impacting federal surplus property. These bills are referred to 23 U.S. House Committees, with further review by 104 Subcommittees and in the U.S. Senate, 17 Committees with 70 Subcommittees. Much of the details on these efforts to prevent, amend, or support legislation go through committees, and NASASP is very active in reviewing all Committees with special attention to U.S. House Committees that oversee GSA (House Oversight and Accountability Committee, DLA (House Armed Services Committee and the DoD Appropriations Subcommittee) and SBA (House Small Business Committee), as well as the key funding Subcommittee for GSA and SBA (House Financial Services Appropriation Subcommittee). Similar committees and subcommittees are on the Senate side, with GSA reviewed by the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

Aside from legislation, NASASP interacts with the Members and professional staff of the U.S. House and U.S. Senate, who are critical in decision-making efforts on bills, or policies that impact the Program. In the U.S. House, there are over 1,305 key top staff that work for the 435 Members and over 300 for the 100 U.S. Senators. There are over 2,000 Committee staff for the entire Congress and for the leadership that "run" Congress, about 370 top staff. While not all staff or Members are influenced, all efforts on matters that impact the Federal Surplus Program require constant vigilance; contacting the right person, with the right message, and at the right time; in support of NASASP and the SASPs.

When a federal agency, such as GSA, DLA, or SBA; decides to create regulations or propose changes to laws or oppose/support legislation impacting the program, these efforts all must be monitored and influenced. Every day the Federal government publishes in a *Federal Register* all proposed rules and regulations that impact its programs. This is very true for the State Donation program and NASASP has what is called a "canary in the coal mine;" watching, reporting and seeking positions on rules changes that directly impact the SASPs. Positions on policy and programmatic problems are also outreached to federal agencies, especially in details on implementation of the program. These agencies most directly impacting State Donation are very large. For example, GSA has a present (Fiscal Year 2025 starting October 1, 2024 or when ever it is signed into Public Law by the President) budget request for \$655M with a line item for Disposal of Surplus Real and Related Personal Property expenses over \$10.8M of that amount. In the SBA, their Fiscal Year 2025 budget request being considered by Congress is over \$1.46B, with expenses for the Veterans Small Business Outreach Program over \$28M and for their certification of Veteran Small Businesses in this budget over \$27M. The DLA budget request is over half a billion dollars. Again, in the federal agency actions at any given time, efforts might be made to significantly impact the State Donation program and SASP operations and NASASP is vigilant to these efforts and responsive to influencing them for the benefit of all.

In the remaining months of this year, Congress will be impacted by the Federal November 5th election cycle, which, of course, will impact NASASP, especially going into the next administration and 119th Congress which will be organized early this winter. As of mid-May, over 48 U.S. House members, that is over 10% of the 435 Members of the U.S. House, are retiring and with the elections, this will pose a huge change coming up—and with change comes new policies and legislation in the process of Congress. Similar retirements are evident in the U.S. Senate, with 10 Senators retiring. Changes bring new professional staff and other initiatives that need to be watched carefully.

No matter when legislation, regulation, policy, or any other action item impacts State Donation, NASASP is there. SASPs can be helpful in providing NASASP with an updated list of donee recipients (a listing of groups by subject matter such as education, City or county, veteran...) and to work with NASASP in identifying key Donee recipients willing to support our goals.

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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.

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

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