Army Aviation Heritage Foundation and Flying Museum St. Louis, MO

On December 22nd 2016 the Gateway Chapter of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation was given its credentials to be a true part of the foundation as a licensed chapter. We were given the foundation OH-58A+ as a project to get flyable based on our abilities and chapter funding. As we grew in memberships, we needed additional equipment like tools and storage cabinets to store parts and equipment. As we learned to use the web page, we started looking at aircraft but we only looking for something that would truly benefit the Gateway Chapter like a UH-1H Iroquois used as the workhorse during the Vietnam era.

So my secretary Ken Wolff and my scrounge Joe Stiemen called me one day and asked had I seen the UH-1 that was just posted on the GSA excess site. I looked and it was listed as scrap, being a former maintenance officer and test pilot I called the owning organization and inquired as to the condition of the aircraft. After several calls to our chief of maintenance and the owning organization, I called Tammy Anderson and Lee Ann Braun and spoke with them on the procedures to request the aircraft. So as Tammy directed I wrote the Letter of Intent to request the UH-1H from Lakehurst New Jersey. The aircraft was not slotted to be released for several months but we were patient, about three weeks into the process the status was changed and the aircraft was awarded to the Gateway Chapter.

Well needless to say we were so excited we called our new found friends at Missouri Surplus Property to find out if it was true did we really acquire the aircraft. So we were told the fabulous news so we jumped in the truck ran to Jefferson City and completed the paperwork before someone changed their mind. Being new to this procedure we were a little fear of the unknown, could it be reassigned, or someone change their mind. As the process started to unravel we found that UH-1H 67-15315 was the last UH-1H to come out of Corpus Christy Army Depot rebuild facility and was in pretty darn good shape for a scrap aircraft.

Let the fun begin!! Road Trip!! Armed with two trucks and trailers we left ST. Louis at 6:15pm on a Wednesday drove straight through to Coatesville, PA to drop our other engine off for some work and off to Lakehurst N.J. We arrived at 8:00 pm that evening, at 07:00 we were standing on the ramp at Lakehurst awaiting transfer of 315 to St Louis. We loaded up 315 and all the components that were removed and departed by 12:00 for the long journey back to St Louis. It was quite the trip and the faces staring at us as we passed through tollbooths and tunnels through the Appalachian mountains. We arrived back in St Louis at about 12:15 on Saturday to be met by a crew from the chapter to unload the aircraft and its components.

In all fairness, I must admit that if it were not from our friends at Missouri Surplus Property this would never had happened. I know they put in a good word for us and made the right calls to help us acquire this relic Vietnam era helicopter, that will bring closure to some Vietnam Veterans as it has already helped so many, and bring joy to the aviation community and the State of Missouri.

Thank you men and women of the Missouri Surplus Property for all you have done for the Gateway Chapter of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation and Flying Museum.

The aircraft had an acquisition cost of \$922,704.00, but the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation and Flying Museum paid a service charge of \$1,000.00.

Mel Keith Chapter President Gateway Chapter









Benton County Warsaw, MO

Benton County acquired a motorized roller from Missouri Agency for Surplus Property in August of 2017. According to Dale "JR" Estes, "they use the roller for smashing salt for the roads and also doing the black top. David Smallwood, mentioned the roller looks like something Fred Flintstone would be driving, so he painted the cartoon theme on the back. We put around \$2,500.00 into the roller so with the service charge they have \$5,500.00 in it." They received the roller at a reduced price due to repairs needed. The acquisition cost was \$37,914.00.



Before purchase:

Improvements started:



Improvements completed:



City of Boonville Boonville MO

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 was 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.



Helping Hands of Central MO St. Elizabeth, MO

Helping Hands of Central MO obtained numerous items such as conveyors, metal carts, wire baskets, and metal shelving from Missouri State Agency of Surplus Property during the first few months of 2017 to use in their pantry. They adjusted some of the items to make the property fit their needs. According to Diana Holtmeyer, Pantry Manager, "The wire baskets were bought to organize can goods and other food items. We sat them on wheels and they now sit high enough to be able to clean under with ease. Originally, the food items were stored in cardboard gay lords, which sat directly on the floor, so they had to be lifted with a pallet jack for cleaning underneath. There were several carts purchased, but the big cart works well because we are able to move heavy items on it. The cart originally had rust, but with some sanding and paint, it looks new. We had some accordion conveyors, so we acquired several straight conveyors from Surplus and put them in between the accordion style conveyors to make them long enough." Surplus saved Helping Hands money on every item, but one example Diane mentioned was the wire baskets. She said, "I looked on line and the same kind of baskets were going for \$300 each." Surplus has a service charge of \$20 each; therefore allowing Helping Hands to purchase twelve baskets for less than one basket would have cost elsewhere.





Missouri University of Science and Technology Rolla MO

Missouri University of Science and Technology 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.

Moberly Correctional Center Moberly MO

Moberly Correctional Center obtained a New Holland tractor from Missouri State Agency for Surplus Property in April 2017. According to Greg Brown, PPS III, "This tractor is fantastic; we use it all day, every day. It had low hours and was in good shape originally, but we gave it a new paint job and some decals. We only put \$200.00 into the tractor so with a service charge of \$5,000.00 we saved a lot. We are so happy with it; we use it for daily maintenance, blading roads, pulling tillers, picking up trash, etc. We are on a limited budget so Surplus is wonderful. They really help us out and we appreciate it very much." The original acquisition cost of the tractor was \$36,007.00.





Sunnydale Adventist Academy Centralia, MO

Sunnydale Adventist Academy obtained a commercial mixer from Missouri State Agency for Surplus Property in February 2017. According to Gary Patterson, Cafeteria Director, "This mixer really met a need; it works great and was a great value. The kids help in food processing and preparation." Sunnydale paid a \$750.00 service charge and the original acquisition cost of the mixer was \$13,900.29.



Valle Ambulance District DeSoto MO

Valle Ambulance District 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.

Webster County Marshfield, MO

Webster County obtained a Stewart Stevenson dump truck from Missouri State Agency for Surplus Property September of 2017. According to Mike Sturdefant, Road Supervisor, "The truck is working great; it is used for hauling brush, large stones, and creek gravel. We saved a lot of money and wear and tear on our new trucks by buying this truck from Surplus. We are actually thinking around the first of the year buying another one." The original acquisition cost was \$141,557.00 with a service charge of \$5,000.00.

