

National Guard State Partnership Program



The State Partnership Program

What is the State Partnership Program (SPP)?



- Joint Department of Defense (DoD) program managed by the National Guard and executed by the States
- Links a State's National Guard with a partner nation's military/security forces in a cooperative, mutually beneficial relationship
 - Supports CCMD and Embassy security cooperation objectives
 - Innovative, low-cost, small footprint security cooperation program
 - Cultivates enduring personal and institutional relationships that enhance influence and promote access
 - Trains National Guardsmen for Title 32 and Title 10 missions



Ohio National Guardsman provides oversight as Serbian soldier fires an M-240B machine gun during an SPP exchange

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Senegalese President Abdoulaye Wade, Vermont Gov. Jim Douglas, and Vermont TAG Maj. Gen. Michael Dubie meet at Vermont National Guard headquarters



North Dakota National Guard and visiting Ghanaian dignitaries tour flood protection facilities, including an AquaFence in Fargo, ND

SPP History



- SPP began in 1993 with partnerships between US States and newly independent former Soviet republics, in coordination with US European Command
- SPP has grown significantly since then, with 70 current partnerships worldwide
 - Two new partnerships have been added in 2015



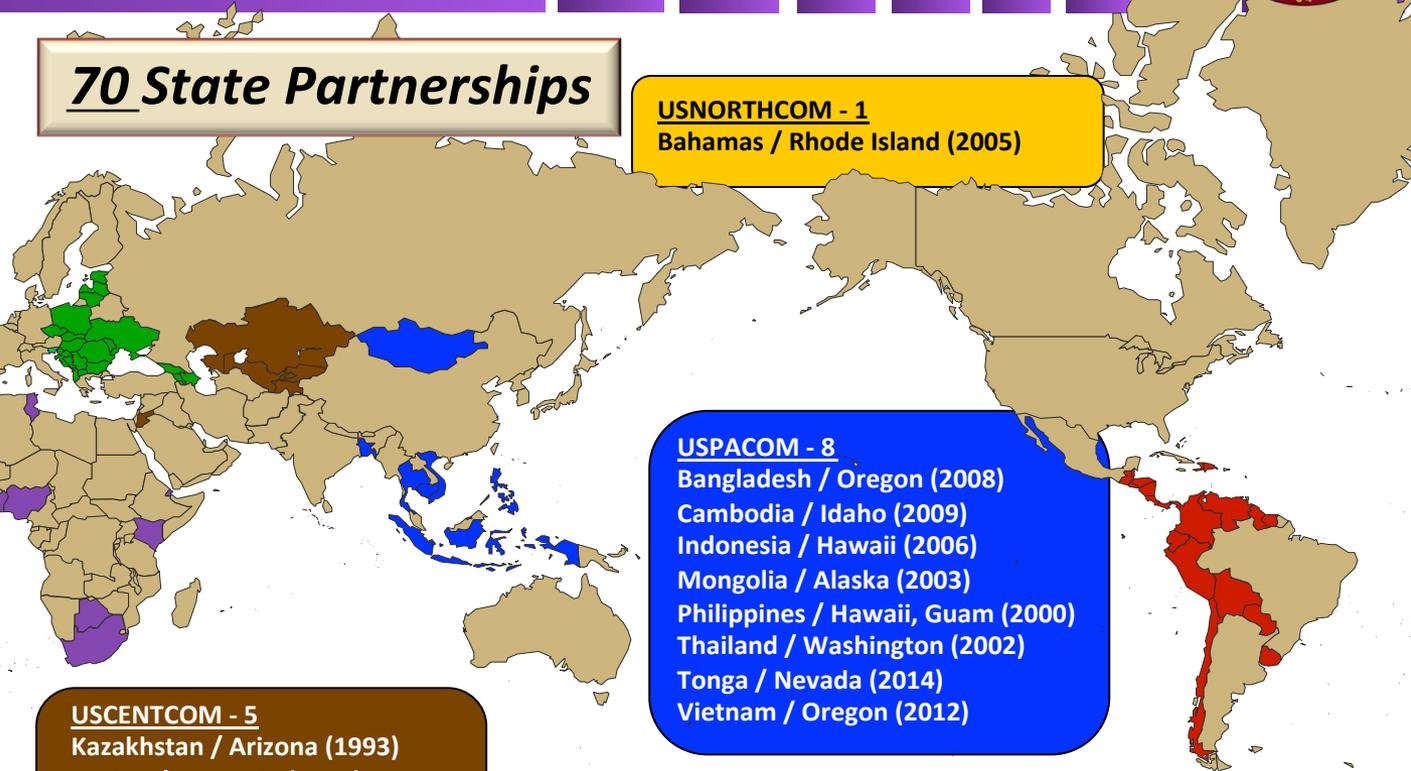
Former CNGB Lt Gen John B Conaway lays a wreath at the Freedom Monument in Riga, Latvia, during the first National Guard delegation visit to the Baltic region, November 1992



State Partnership Program



70 State Partnerships



USEUCOM - 22

- Albania / New Jersey (2001)
- Armenia / Kansas (2002)
- Azerbaijan / Oklahoma (2002)
- Bosnia / Maryland (2003)
- Bulgaria / Tennessee (1993)
- Croatia / Minnesota / (1996)
- Czech Republic / Texas, Neb (1993)
- Estonia / Maryland (1993)
- Georgia / Georgia (1994)
- Hungary / Ohio (1993)
- Kosovo / Iowa (2011)
- Latvia / Michigan (1993)
- Lithuania / Pennsylvania (1993)
- Macedonia / Vermont (1993)
- Moldova / North Carolina (1996)
- Montenegro / Maine (2006)
- Poland / Illinois (1993)
- Romania / Alabama (1993)
- Serbia / Ohio (2005)
- Slovakia / Indiana (1993)
- Slovenia / Colorado (1993)
- Ukraine / California (1993)

USCENTCOM - 5

- Kazakhstan / Arizona (1993)
- Jordan / Colorado (2004)
- Kyrgyzstan / Montana (1996)
- Tajikistan / Virginia (2003)
- Uzbekistan / Mississippi (2012)

USAFRICOM - 12

- Benin / North Dakota (2014)
- Botswana / North Carolina (2008)
- Djibouti / Kentucky (2015)
- Ghana / North Dakota (2004)
- Kenya / Massachusetts (2015)
- Liberia / Michigan (2009)
- Morocco / Utah (2003)
- Nigeria / California (2006)
- Senegal / Vermont (2008)
- South Africa / New York (2003)
- Togo / North Dakota (2014)
- Tunisia / Wyoming (2004)

USNORTHCOM - 1

- Bahamas / Rhode Island (2005)

USPACOM - 8

- Bangladesh / Oregon (2008)
- Cambodia / Idaho (2009)
- Indonesia / Hawaii (2006)
- Mongolia / Alaska (2003)
- Philippines / Hawaii, Guam (2000)
- Thailand / Washington (2002)
- Tonga / Nevada (2014)
- Vietnam / Oregon (2012)

USSOUTHCOM - 22

- Belize / Louisiana (1996)
- Bolivia / Mississippi (1999)
- Chile / Texas (2008)
- Colombia / South Carolina (2012)
- Costa Rica / New Mexico (2006)
- Dominican Rep. / Puerto Rico (2003)
- Ecuador / Kentucky (1996)
- El Salvador / New Hampshire (2000)
- Guatemala / Arkansas (2002)
- Guyana / Florida (2003)
- Haiti / Louisiana (2011)
- Honduras / Puerto Rico (1998)
- Jamaica / District of Columbia (1999)
- Nicaragua / Wisconsin (2003)
- Panama / Missouri (1996)
- Paraguay / Massachusetts (2001)
- Peru / West Virginia (1996)
- RSS / Florida, Virgin Is. (2006)
- Suriname / South Dakota (2006)
- Trinidad-Tobago / Delaware (2004)
- Uruguay / Connecticut (2000)
- Venezuela / Florida / (1998)



Typical SPP Activities



- Disaster preparedness and crisis management
- Military medical and engineer activities
- Leadership, officer, and NCO development
- Defense reform and military modernization
- Aviation logistics, maintenance, and safety
- Border, port, and aviation security
- Critical infrastructure and resources protection
- Deployment planning and family support



Kansas National Guard combat engineer partners with an Armenian Peacekeeping Brigade soldier during a demining exercise



North Carolina National Guard PAO describes the key points of public relations for officers from the Macedonian Ministry of Defense



New Hampshire National Guardsman observes as members of Salvadoran Army practice mountain casualty evacuation

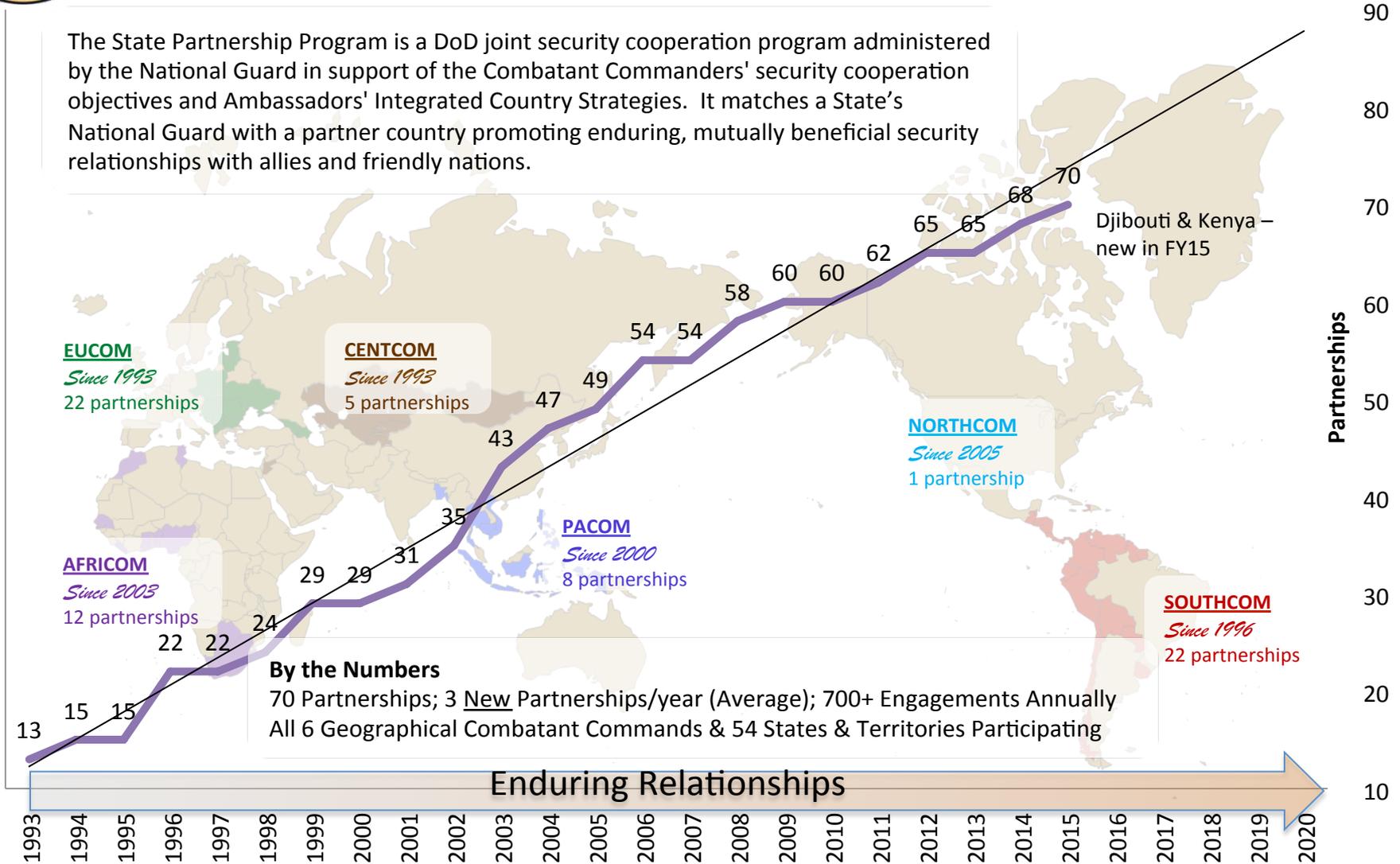


Wisconsin National Guard Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph Rosemore talks to Nicaraguan military members during a leadership exchange at an NCO academy in Managua, Nicaragua

SPP Program Growth



The State Partnership Program is a DoD joint security cooperation program administered by the National Guard in support of the Combatant Commanders' security cooperation objectives and Ambassadors' Integrated Country Strategies. It matches a State's National Guard with a partner country promoting enduring, mutually beneficial security relationships with allies and friendly nations.



SPP – Pilot Light of Security Cooperation



Enduring
Relationships

Ability to engage
with non-MOD
personnel

SPP's Unique Benefits



- **Builds enduring personal and institutional relationships through consistent engagement**
- **Offers expandable engagement approach**
 - Senior leader visits
 - Exchanges and familiarization visits
 - Cooperative training and exercises
 - Co-deployments
- **Matches military organizations of comparable size, focus, and mission**
- **Provides full spectrum of military capabilities, plus others not found in active component**
 - Disaster response and consequence management
 - Border, port, and aviation security
 - Counternarcotics trafficking



General L'ubomir Bulik and Mayor Milan Ftachnik present MG R. Martin Umbarger the key to the city of Bratislava and honorary Slovak citizenship



Illinois National Guard soldier trains with his counterpart from the Polish Land Forces during a joint pre-deployment exercise

Conclusion



- SPP is in its third decade of forging unique partnerships, built for success on enduring relationships that enhance influence and promote access
- SPP continues to evolve to meet Combatant Commands' security cooperation objectives and national security goals while maintaining relationships with some of our staunchest allies and partners in every corner of the world
- Many have proven ready and willing to share the burden of maintaining international security and stability

