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


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

USNORTHCOM - 1
Bahamas / Rhode Island (2005)

USCENTCOM - 5
Kazakhstan / Arizona (1993)
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)
Nigeria / California (2006)
Senegal / Vermont (2008)
Togo / North Dakota (2014)
Tunisia / Wyoming (2004)

USSOUTHCOM - 22
Belize / Louisiana (1996)
Bolivia / Mississippi (1999)
Chile / Texas (2008)
Colombia / South Carolina (2012)
Costa Rica / New Mexico (2006)
Ecuador / Kentucky (1996)
Guatemala / Arkansas (2002)
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)

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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

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

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

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

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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.

**By the Numbers**
70 Partnerships; 3 New Partnerships/year (Average); 700+ Engagements Annually
All 6 Geographical Combatant Commands & 54 States & Territories Participating

**Enduring Relationships**
Djibouti & Kenya – new in FY15

**Partnerships**
- **EUCOM**
  - Since 1993
  - 22 partnerships
- **CENTCOM**
  - Since 1993
  - 5 partnerships
- **AFRICOM**
  - Since 2003
  - 12 partnerships
- **PACOM**
  - Since 2000
  - 8 partnerships
- **SOUTHCOM**
  - Since 1996
  - 22 partnerships
- **NORTHCOM**
  - Since 2005
  - 1 partnership
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

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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