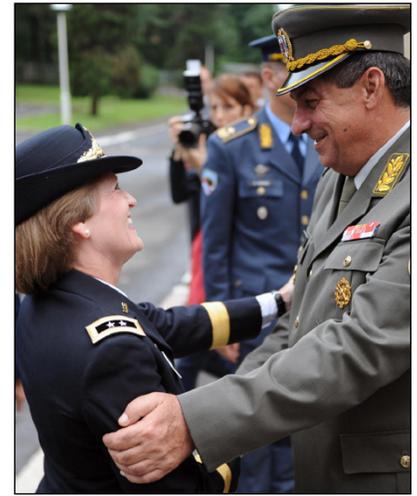




State Partnership Program

Highlights

- The SPP has created 68 enduring, cost-effective partnerships with 74 nations, one-third of the world's countries
- Fifteen SPP partner countries co-deployed forces in 79 rotations to Iraq and Afghanistan
- Army and Air Guard Soldiers and Airmen engaged in more than 700 SPP events in 2013
- Currently, 48 SPP partner countries provide more than 35,000 personnel to all 14 active United Nations peacekeeping operations
- The SPP helps to position the U.S. to effectively react to anticipated or unanticipated global scenarios as they emerge
- The National Guard continues to work with combatant commanders and the State Department to expand SPP partnerships at their request, especially within the U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Pacific Command AORs
- Combatant commanders and U.S. Ambassadors strongly endorse the SPP for cultivating beneficial longterm relationships with partners



Building relationships that enhance global security, understanding, and cooperation

Mission: Enhance combatant commanders' ability to build enduring mil-to-mil and civil-military relationships that improve long-term international security while building partnership capacity across all levels of society.

Overview: The National Guard has forged enduring partnerships through the SPP for more than 20 years while helping to build U.S. and partner capacity to meet 21st century security challenges.

- From a program designed to assist countries emerging from behind the Iron Curtain, the SPP now involves 74 nations and the National Guard of every U.S. state and territory.
- Guard members work with partner militaries to strengthen shared defenses through building partner capacity activities. Typically, Guard Airmen and Soldiers spend the majority of their careers in the same wing or unit, enabling them to develop long-term relationships, trust, and continuity with their SPP partners.
- This cost-effective, small footprint program delivers a significant return on investment by broadening the pool of security partners who are willing and able to maintain global security. Most of the earliest SPP partner countries in Europe have gone on to become U.S. allies in NATO, and many of them credit the SPP and their National Guard state partners with helping to make that possible.