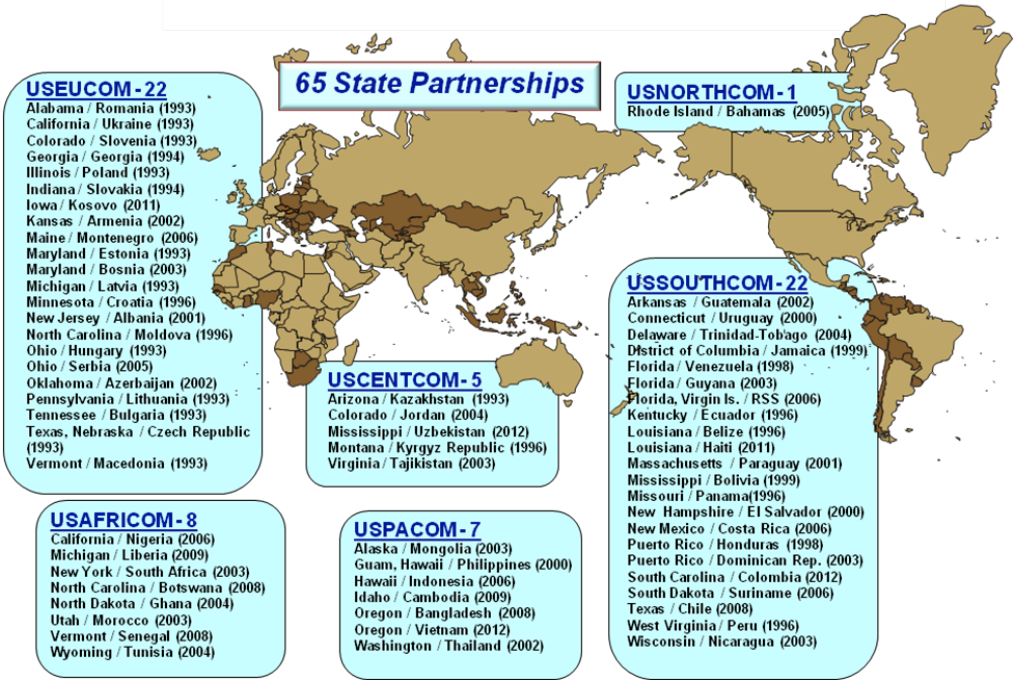
STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Building Relationships that Enhance Global Security, Understanding & Cooperation

Mission: Support Combatant Command security cooperation goals and objectives by providing a consistent and stabilizing presence abroad, reinforcing deterrence, building capacity of US and partner countries for internal and external defense, strengthening alliances, and increasing US influence.

Overview: The program's goals reflect an evolving international affairs mission for the National Guard emphasizing its unique state-federal and civil-military characteristics to interact with both the active and reserve forces of foreign nations, interagency partners, and international non-governmental organizations.

Program partners engage in a broad range of security cooperation activities to include homeland defense/security, disaster response/mitigation, consequence/crisis management, interagency cooperation, border/port/aviation security, fellowship-style internships, and combat medical events that lead to training and exercise opportunities. Activities are coordinated through the Combatant Commanders, U.S. Ambassadors' country teams, and other agencies as appropriate to ensure National Guard cooperation is tailored to meet U.S. and international partners' objectives.



Value

- Ability to focus a part of the Department of Defense—a state's National Guard—with a single country or region in support of U.S. and partner country objectives.
- Concentrated focus encourages international cooperation, understanding, and the development of enduring relationships while building mutual capacity to tackle the World's toughest challenges.
- Optimum partnership is one in which: The partner country professes genuine interest in a partnership; U.S. national and regional security cooperation objectives are satisfied; the force protection risk is acceptable; a minimum of additional resources is required to execute engagement; and National Guard core mission areas, particularly homeland defense and support to civil authority are fully incorporated.

Locations

Today, 49 US states, two territories, and the District of Columbia are partnered with 71 countries around the world in 65 SPP partnerships

US European Command: 22

US Central Command: 5

US Southern Command: 22

US Pacific Command: 7

US Africa Command: 8

US Northern Command: 1

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