The State Partnership Program (SPP)
What is the SPP?

- Joint Department of Defense (DoD) security cooperation program managed by the National Guard Bureau, executed by the geographic combatant commands (CCMDs), and sourced by the National Guards (NG) of the U.S. States and territories

- Links a State’s NG with a partner nation’s military, security forces, and disaster response organizations in a cooperative, mutually beneficial relationship

- Innovative, cost-effective, flexible, small-footprint program
- Supports CCMD, U.S. Embassy, and partner nation objectives
- Builds defense capability and capacity
- Fosters enduring personal and institutional relationships

The Indiana Air National Guard's 122nd Fighter Wing hosts members of Niger’s armed forces
SPP History

• Began in 1993 with the three Baltic Republics
• Expanded that same year to ten other former Soviet bloc and Yugoslav countries
• Currently 78 SPP partnerships encompassing 85 partner nations
• All 54 State and territory NGs participate
• Continues to grow by an average of two new partnerships per year

1992: Then-Chief of the NGB, Lt Gen John B Conaway, lays a wreath at the Freedom Monument in Riga, Latvia

SPP in Law and Policy

• The SPP is authorized by law (section 341 of Title 10, United States Code) and governed by DoD Instruction 5111.20

• Partnerships are established by the Secretary of Defense with the concurrence of the Secretary of State

• By law, the mission of the SPP is “to support the security cooperation objectives of the United States.”
National Guard State Partnership Program

78 State Partnerships

NORTHCOM - 1
- Bahamas RI 2005

SOUTHCOM - 24
- Argentina GA 2016
- Belize LA 1996
- Bolivia NS 1999
- Brazil NY 2018
- Chile TX 2008
- Colombia SC 2012
- Costa Rica NM 2006
- Dominican Rep PR 2003
- Ecuador KY 1996
- El Salvador NH 2000
- Guatemala AR 2002
- Guyana FL 2003
- Haiti LA 2011
- Honduras PR 1998
- Jamaica DC 1999
- Nicaragua WI 2003
- Panama MO 1996
- Paraguay MA 2001
- Peru WV 1996
- RSS FLA 2006
- Suriname SD 2006
- TrinidadAndTobago DE 2004
- Uruguay CT 2000
- Venezuela FL 1996

AFRICOM - 15
- Benin ND 2014
- Botswana NC 2008
- Burkina Faso DC 2018
- Djibouti KY 2015
- Ghana ND 2004
- Kenya MA 2015
- Liberia MI 2009
- Morocco UT 2003
- Niger IN 2017
- Nigeria CA 2006
- Rwanda NE 2019
- Senegal VT 2008
- South Africa NY 2003
- Togo ND 2014
- Tunisia WV 2004

EUCOM - 22
- Albania NJ 2001
- Armenia KS 2002
- Azerbaijan AK 2002
- Belgium MD 2003
- Bulgaria TN 1993
- Croatia MN 1996
- Czech Rep TXNE 1993
- Estonia MD 1993
- Georgia GA 1994
- Hungary OH 1992
- Kosovo IA 2011
- Latvia MI 1993
- Lithuania PA 1992
- Moldova NC 1996
- Montenegro ME 2006
- N. Macedonia VT 1993
- Poland IL 1993
- Romania AL 1993
- Serbia OH 2006
- Slovakia IN 1993
- Slovenia CO 1993
- Ukraine CA 1993

CENTCOM - 6
- Jordan CO 2004
- Kazakhstan AZ 1993
- Kyrgyzstan MT 1996
- Qatar WV 2018
- Tajikistan VA 2003
- Uzbekistan MS 2012

INDOPACOM - 10
- Bangladesh OR 2008
- Cambodia ID 2019
- Indonesia HI 2006
- Malaysia WA 2017
- Mongolia AK 2003
- Nepal UT 2019
- Philippines GUH 2000
- Thailand WA 2002
- Tonga NF 2014/18
- Vietnam OR 2012
“Mutually beneficial alliances and partnerships are crucial to our strategy, providing a durable, asymmetric strategic advantage that no competitor or rival can match.” - National Defense Strategy

- Offers tailored/expandable approach based on evolving requirements
- Matches military organizations of comparable size, focus, and mission
- Provides full spectrum of military capabilities, plus others not found in the active component
- Enhances operational skills and regional expertise of National Guard soldiers and airmen

Soldiers from Croatia and the Minnesota National Guard train together in preparation for a co-deployment to Afghanistan
Tailored approach can include:

- Senior Leader engagements
- Subject Matter Expert exchanges
- Familiarization visits
- Cooperative training and exercises
- Co-deployments

Examples of SPP focus areas:

- Disaster response / emergency response
- Leader, staff, officer & NCO development
- Aviation operations, maintenance & safety
- Cyber defense & communications security
- Infantry tactics
- Engineer activities
- Counter-terrorism
- Military medical

Soldiers from Hungary, Serbia, and the Ohio National Guard practiced small unit infantry tactics at the “Neighbours 2018” exercise in Hungary
Conclusion