



# Department of Defense State Partnership Program (SPP)





# Mission

***Mission Statement: SPP supports the security cooperation objectives of the United States and Geographic Combatant Commands (GCC) by developing enduring relationships with partner countries and carrying out activities to build partner capacity, improve interoperability, and enhance U.S. relations, while increasing the readiness of the U.S. and partner forces to meet emerging challenges.***

- **SPP is a Department of Defense (DoD) Security Cooperation Program**
- **State Department Concurrence**
- **Managed by the National Guard Bureau**
- **Executed by the COCOMs**
- **Sourced by the National Guards (NG) of the U.S. States and Territories**



The Indiana Air National Guard's 122<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing hosts members of Niger's armed forces.



# SPP History

- **Established in 1993 to assist ten former Soviet Union and Yugoslav countries**
- **SPP is authorized by law (Section 341 of Title 10, United States Code) and governed by DoD Instruction 5111.20**
- **Focused on building partner military capacity and defense capability through relationship building**
- **Now includes 115 partner nations; growing 9 partnerships this year.**
- **Continues to grow with an average of 5 new partners per year.**



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



2018: Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner and Polish Defense Minister Mariusz Blaszczak mark SPP's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary



# What Does SPP Do?

## Tailored approach per country:

- Developed with COCOM and Embassy
- NGB BAO at each post
- Senior Leader engagements
- Subject Matter Expert exchanges
- Familiarization visits
- Cooperative training and exercises
- Co-deployments

## Historic Areas of Focus:

- 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 "Neighbors 2018" exercise in Hungary





# SPP Strengths

## ***-Building Relationships, Access and Influence-***

- **Best return on investment**
  - **Less than 1% of the \$6B Security Cooperation budget**
  - **20-30% of all COCOM engagements are SPP**
- **Key Leader Engagement with Presidents, Prime Minister, Minister of Defense, Chief of Defense**
- **Supports Country Team, Partner Nation and COCOM Objectives (5 Year Plan)**
- **Whole of Society approach (Diplomatic, Informational, Military, and Economic)**
  - **Beyond Defense**
  - **Civic Institutions (Governance, Economics, Law Enforcement)**
  - **Academia**
  - **Medical community**
  - **Humanitarian Assistance / Disaster Reduction**



# SPP Map

## National Guard State Partnership Program

115 Partner Nations



### EUCOM (29)

Albania	NJ	2001
Armenia	KS	2002
Austria	VT	2021
Azerbaijan	OK	2002
Bosnia Herzegovina	MD	2003
Bulgaria	TN	1993
Croatia	MN	1996
Cyprus	NJ	2022
Czech Republic	TX/NE	1993
Estonia	MD	1993
Finland	VA	2024
Georgia	GA	1994
Hungary	OH	1993
Kosovo	IA	2011
Latvia	MI	1993
Lithuania	PA	1993
Moldova	NC	1996
Montenegro	ME	2006
North Macedonia	VT	1993
Norway	MN	2023
Poland	IL	1993
Portugal	TBD	2025
Romania	AL	1993
Serbia	OH	2005
Slovakia	IN	1993
Slovenia	CO	1993
Sweden	NY	2024
Switzerland	TBD	2025
Ukraine	CA	1993

### Notes:

1. Regional Security System (RSS) is comprised of seven member nations: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

\* Indicates a dormant relationship



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### SOUTHCOM (30<sup>1</sup>)

Argentina	GA	2016	Ecuador	KY	1996	Panama	MO	1996
Belize	LA	1996	El Salvador	NH	2000	Paraguay	MA	2001
Bolivia	MS	1999	Guatemala	AR	2002	Peru	WV	1996
Brazil	NY	2018	Guyana	FL	2003	Regional Security System <sup>1</sup>	FL/VI	2006
Chile	TX	2008	Haiti	LA	2011	Suriname	SD	2006
Colombia	SC	2012	Honduras	PR	1998	Trinidad and Tobago	DE	2004
Costa Rica	NM	2006	Jamaica	DC	1999	Uruguay	CT	2000
Dominican Republic	PR	2003	Nicaragua	WI	2003	Venezuela *	FL	1998

### AFRICOM (25)

Angola	TBD	2024	Ghana	ND	2004	Rwanda	NE	2019
Benin	ND	2014	Kenya	MA	2015	Senegal	VT	2008
Botswana	NC	2008	Liberia / Sierra Leone	MI	2009 / 24	South Africa	NY	2003
Burkina Faso	DC	2018	Malawi / Zambia	NC	2023	Tanzania	NE	2024
Cabo Verde	NH	2021	Mauritius / Seychelles	TBD	2025	Togo	ND	2014
Côte d'Ivoire	TBD	2025	Morocco	UT	2003	Tunisia	WY	2004
Djibouti	KY	2015	Niger	IN	2017			
Gabon	WV	2023	Nigeria	CA	2006			

### NORTHCOM (2)

Bahamas	RI	2005
Mexico	TBD	2025

### CENTCOM (11)

Egypt	TX	2020
Jordan	CO	2004
Kazakhstan	AZ	1993
Kyrgyzstan	MT	1996
Oman	AZ	2022
Qatar	WV	2018
Kingdom Saudi Arabia	IN/OK	2024
Tajikistan	VA	2003
Turkmenistan	MT	2021
United Arab Emirates	TBD	2025
Uzbekistan	MS	2012

### INDOPACOM (18)

Bangladesh	OR	2008
Cambodia	ID	2008
Indonesia	HI	2006
Malaysia	WA	2017
Marshall Islands	TBD	2025
Mongolia	AK	2003
Nepal *		2019
Palau	GU	2024
Papua New Guinea	WI	2020
Philippines	GU/HI	2000
Sri Lanka / Maldives	MT	2020/21
Thailand	WA	2002
Timor-Leste	RI	2020
Tonga / Fiji / Samoa	NV	2014/18/25
Vietnam	OR	2012



# How are Partnerships Developed?

## Request

## Approval

