



Department of War 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 War (DoW) Security Cooperation Program**
- **State Department Concurrence**
- **Managed by the National Guard Bureau**
- **Executed by the States, Territories, and District of Columbia in coordination with the GCC and Partner Nation Embassy**
- **Sourced by the National Guards (NG) of the U.S. States, Territories, and District of Columbia**



Royal Thai Air Force service members prepare for takeoff on a Washington National Guard UH-60M Black Hawk helicopter as part of Enduring Partners 2025 at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand,



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
- Includes 116 partner nations
- Will grow 2-3 partners per year from 2026-2029



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



Maj. Gen. Matthew P. Beevers and Maj. Gen. Javier Sandoval Duenas, Deputy Chief of Military Doctrine of the National Defense Joint Headquarters Staff (EMCDN) sign a letter of intent formalizing the agreement for Mexico to join the SPP.



What Does SPP Do?

Engagement Priorities:

- Military Professional Development
- Building Partner Capacity
- Cyber Security
- Preparedness

Tailored approach per country:

- Developed with GCC and Embassy
- NG Bilateral Affairs Officer at each post (Resources driven)
- Senior Leader engagements
- Subject Matter Expert exchanges
- Familiarization visits
- Cooperative training and exercises
- Co-deployments



Kansas Army National Guard Soldiers conduct medical training with Soldiers from the Republic of Armenia during Exercise Eagle Partner Aug .2025



SPP Strengths

-Building Relationships, Access and Influence-

- **Best return on investment**
 - **Less than 1% of the \$6B Security Cooperation budget**
 - **20-30% of all GCC engagements are SPP**
- **Key Leader Engagement with Presidents, Prime Minister, Minister of Defense, Chief of Defense**
- **Supports Country Team, Partner Nation and GCC 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**



116 Partner Nations

* Indicates a dormant relationship



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NORTHCOM (2)		
Bahamas	RI	2005
Mexico	CA	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	TX	2025
Uzbekistan	MS	2012
INDOPACOM (18)		
Bangladesh	OR	2008
Cambodia	ID	2008
Indonesia	HI	2006
Malaysia	WA	2017
Marshall Islands	NE/GU	2025
Mongolia	AK	2003
Nepal *		2019
Palau	GU	2024
Papua New Guinea	WI	2020
Philippines	GU/MI	2000
Sri Lanka / Maldives	MT	2020/21
Thailand	WA	2002
Timor-Leste	RI	2020
Tonga / Fiji / Samoa	NR	2014/18/23
Vietnam	OV	2012

SOUTHCOM (30 ¹)									AFRICOM (25)								
Argentina	GA	2016	Ecuador	KY	1996	Panama	MO	1996	Angola	OH	2024	Ghana	ND	2004	Rwanda	NE	2019
Belize	LA	1996	El Salvador	NH	2000	Paraguay	MA	2001	Benin	ND	2014	Kenya	MA	2015	Senegal	VT	2008
Bolivia	MS	1999	Guatemala	AR	2002	Peru	WV	1996	Botswana	NC	2008	Liberia /Sierra Leone	MI	2009 /24	Seychelles	TBD	2025
Brazil	NY	2018	Guyana	FL	2003	Regional Security System ¹	FL/VI	2006	Burkina Faso	DC	2018	Malawi/Zambia	NC	2023	South Africa	NY	2003
Chile	TX	2008	Haiti	LA	2011	Suriname	SD	2006	Cabo Verde	NH	2021	Mauritius	TBD	2025	Tanzania	NE	2024
Colombia	SC	2012	Honduras	PR	1998	Trinidad and Tobago	DE	2004	Côte d'Ivoire	PA	2025	Morocco	UT	2003	Togo	ND	2014
Costa Rica	NM	2006	Jamaica	DC	1999	Uruguay	CT	2000	Djibouti	KY	2015	Niger	IN	2017	Tunisia	WY	2004
Dominican Republic	PR	2003	Nicaragua	WI	2003	Venezuela *	FL	1998	Gabon	WV	2023	Nigeria	CA	2006			



How are Partnerships Developed?

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