



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



SPP Map

National Guard State Partnership Program

116 Partner Nations



EUCOM (30)		
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
Greece	TBD	2026
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	IL	2025
Romania	AL	1993
Serbia	OH	2005
Slovakia	IN	1993
Slovenia	CO	1993
Sweden	NY	2024
Switzerland	CO	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



CAO: 21 Jan 2026

SOUTHCOM (30 ¹)						
Argentina	GA	2016	Ecuador	KY	1996	Panama
Belize	LA	1996	El Salvador	NH	2000	Paraguay
Bolivia	MS	1999	Guatemala	AR	2002	Peru
Brazil	NY	2018	Guyana	FL	2003	Regional Security System ¹
Chile	TX	2008	Haiti	LA	2011	Suriname
Colombia	SC	2012	Honduras	PR	1998	Trinidad and Tobago
Costa Rica	NM	2006	Jamaica	DC	1999	Uruguay
Dominican Republic	PR	2003	Nicaragua	WI	2003	Venezuela *

AFRICOM (25)						
Angola	MO	1996	Angola	OH	2024	Ghana
Benin	MA	2001	Benin	ND	2014	Kenya
Botswana	WV	1996	Botswana	NC	2008	Liberia /Sierra Leone
Burkina Faso	FL/VI	2006	Burkina Faso	DC	2018	Malawi/Zambia
Cabo Verde	SD	2006	Cabo Verde	NH	2021	Mauritius
Côte d'Ivoire	DE	2004	Côte d'Ivoire	PA	2025	Morocco
Djibouti	CT	2000	Djibouti	KY	2015	Niger
Gabon	FL	1998	Gabon	WV	2023	Nigeria
						Rwanda
						Senegal
						Seychelles
						South Africa
						Tanzania
						Togo
						Tunisia
						Vietnam



How are Partnerships Developed?

Request

Requests State Partnership

Endorses partnership concept

Endorses partnership concept & provides request(s) to OSW/JS

Selects which country(ies) and forwards to CNGB

Provides information and nomination packets to the states



Approval

Approves of state partner – Partnership activities begin

Endorses partner selection & notifies requesting country

Endorses partner selection & coordinates with US Ambassador

SECWAR ICW SECSTATE Makes Selection and Tasks States

Coordinates w/ OSW(P) & JCS J5; Performs selection analysis and nominates state partner