



# Department of Defense State Partnership Program (SPP)





# Mission

***SPP supports the Security Cooperation Objectives of the Combatant Commands (COCOM) and the Country Teams by creating strategically aligned relationships which posture the United States to maintain our global advantage in Strategic Competition.***

- **SPP is a Department of Defense (DoD) Security Cooperation Program**
- **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 thru relationship building**
- **Now includes one-third of the world's countries and every U.S. State and Territory**
- **Continues to grow with an average of two 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



# SPP Map

## National Guard State Partnership Program

88 Partnerships with

100 Partner Nations



SOUTHCOM (24 <sup>1</sup> )		
Argentina	GA	2016
Belize	LA	1996
Bolivia *	MS	1999
Brazil	NY	2018
Chile	TX	2008
Colombia	SC	2012
Costa Rica	NM	2006
Dominican Republic	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
Regional Security System	FL/VI	2006
Suriname	SD	2006
Trinidad and Tobago	DE	2004
Uruguay	CT	2000
Venezuela *	FL	1998

CENTCOM (9)		
Egypt	TX	2020
Jordan	CO	2004
Kazakhstan	AZ	1993
Kyrgyzstan	MT	1996
Oman	AZ	2022
Qatar	WV	2018
Tajikistan	VA	2003
Turkmenistan	MT	2021
Uzbekistan	MS	2012

2023 NEW		
Gabon	TBD	2023
Malawi / Zambia	TBD	2023

Undergoing Pairing Process

**Notes:**  
 1. Regional Security System (RSS) listed as one partnership, but the RSS comprises seven member nations: 1) Antigua and Barbuda, 2) Barbados, 3) Dominica, 4) Grenada, 5) Saint Kitts and Nevis, 6) Saint Lucia, 7) Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  
 2. Two partnerships include more than one partner nation: Tonga/Fiji/Samoa (with Nevada) and Sri Lanka and the Maldives (with Montana)  
 \* = dormant relationship

NORTHCOM (1)		
Bahamas	RI	2005

INDOPACOM (13 <sup>2</sup> )		
Bangladesh	OR	2008
Cambodia	*	2008
Indonesia	HI	2006
Malaysia	WA	2017
Mongolia	AK	2003
Nepal	UT	2019
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	14/18/23
Vietnam	OR	2012

EUCOM (25)		
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
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
Romania	AL	1993
Serbia	OH	2005
Slovakia	IN	1993
Slovenia	CO	1993
Ukraine	CA	1993

AFRICOM (16)		
Benin	ND	2014
Botswana	NC	2008
Burkina Faso	DC	2018
Cabo Verde	NH	2021
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	WY	2004



# What Does SPP Do?

## Tailored approach per country:

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



Soldiers from Hungary, Serbia, and the Ohio National Guard practiced small unit infantry tactics at the "Neighbors 2018" exercise in Hungary

## 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



# 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**



# How are Partnerships Developed?

## Request

## Approval

