



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 87 SPP partnerships encompassing 95 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

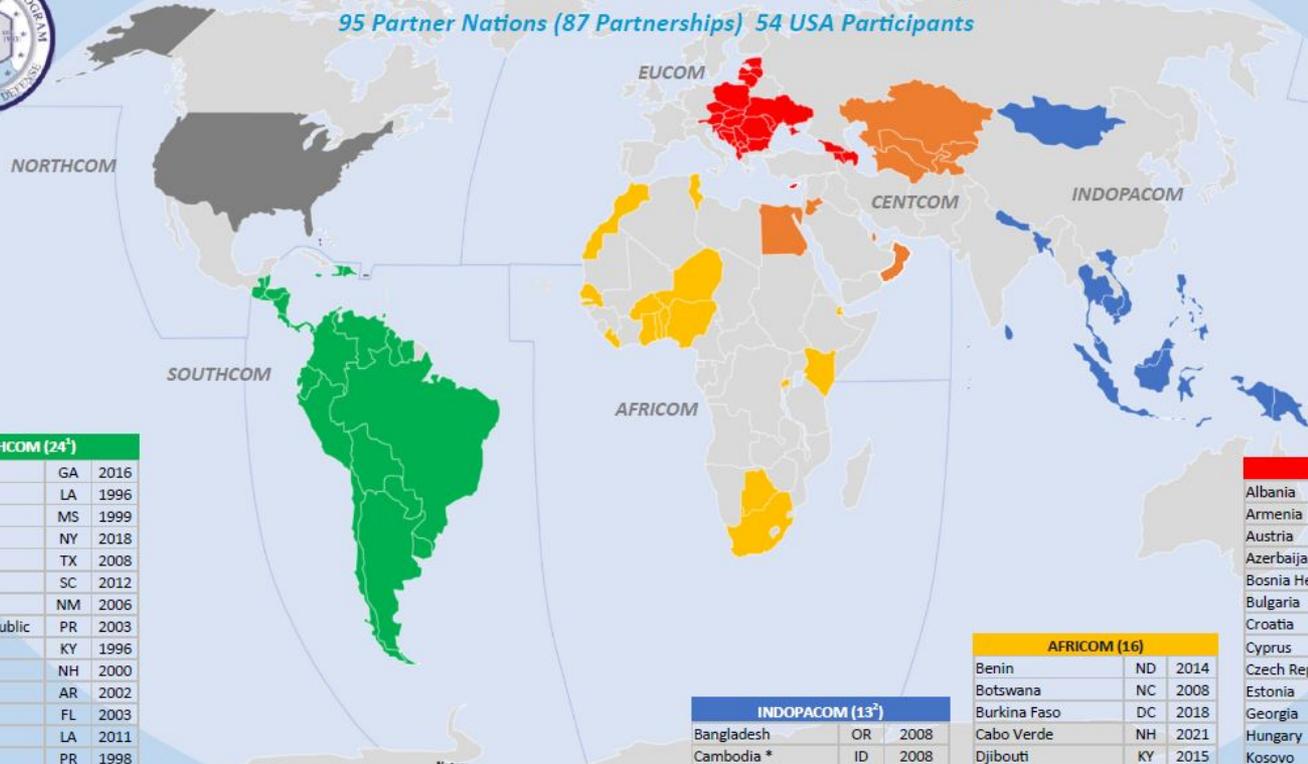


2018: Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner and Polish Defense Minister Mariusz Blaszczak mark SPP's 25th anniversary



National Guard State Partnership Program

95 Partner Nations (87 Partnerships) 54 USA Participants



SOUTHCOM (24¹)

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

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 two partner nations: Tonga and Fiji (with Nevada) and Sri Lanka and the Maldives (with Montana)
 * = dormant relationship

NORTHCOM (1)

Bahamas	RI	2005
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INDOPACOM (13²)

Bangladesh	OR	2008
Cambodia *	ID	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	NV	2014/18
Vietnam	OR	2012

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

EUROM (24)

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
Poland	IL	1993
Romania	AL	1993
Serbia	OH	2005
Slovakia	IN	1993
Slovenia	CO	1993
Ukraine	CA	1993

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.”**



Brig. Gen. Christopher Walker of the West Virginia National Guard gives a C-130 aircraft tour to Maj. Gen. Luis Gutiérrez of Peru in April 2019



Supporting NDS Objectives



“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



Soldiers from Croatia and the Minnesota National Guard train together in preparation for a co-deployment to Afghanistan

- 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

What We Do



Tailored approach can include:

- 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 "Neighbours 2018" exercise in Hungary

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