"Building Relationships that Enhance Global Security, Understanding, and Cooperation"

**Vision:** National Guard State Partnership Program: expanding and strengthening U.S alliances and partnerships around the world -- partner focused, strategically aligned.

**Mission:** The SPP supports the security cooperation objectives of the United States and the 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. access and influence while increasing the readiness of U.S. and partner forces to meet emerging challenges.

**Overview:** The SPP is a DoD security cooperation program, managed and administered by the Chief National Guard Bureau, executed by the GCCs, and sourced by the National Guard of the States and Territories. The SPP supports the security cooperation objectives of the appropriate GCC and U.S. Chief of Mission.

**Codified in Law:** In Section 341 of Title 10, United States Code, Congress authorized the Secretary of Defense to establish a program of activities “to support the Security Cooperation objectives of the United States, between members of the National Guard of a State or territory and any of the following: a) the military forces of a foreign country, b) the security forces of a foreign country, c) governmental organizations of a foreign country whose primary functions include disaster response or emergency response.”

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**Highlights**

The National Guard has forged enduring partnerships through the SPP for more than 25 years while helping to build U.S. and partner capacity to meet 21st century security challenges. Beginning as a program designed to assist countries emerging from behind the Iron Curtain, the SPP now involves one-third of the world’s countries and the National Guard of every U.S. state and territory. Most of the earliest SPP partner countries in Europe have gone on to become U.S. allies in NATO, and many of them credit the SPP and their National Guard state partners with helping make that possible.

- The SPP has created 78 enduring, cost-effective partnerships. The most recent partnership from 2019 is Rwanda
- The SPP is strategically important to our national defense. National Guard service members’ efforts make vital contributions to the Joint Force, executing our national defense strategy by advancing multinational understanding and support
- 15 SPP countries deployed forces alongside their U.S. National Guard partners in over 80 rotations to Iraq and/or Afghanistan
- Army and Air Guard Soldiers and Airmen engage in more than 1,000 SPP events annually
- At any one time, up to 48 SPP partner countries provide more than 35,000 personnel to all 14 active United Nations peacekeeping operations
- The SPP helps position the U.S. to react effectively to anticipated or unanticipated global scenarios as they emerge
- GCCs and U.S. Ambassadors strongly endorse the SPP for cultivating beneficial, long-term relationships
- This cost-effective, small footprint program delivers a significant return on investment by broadening the pool of foreign security partners

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