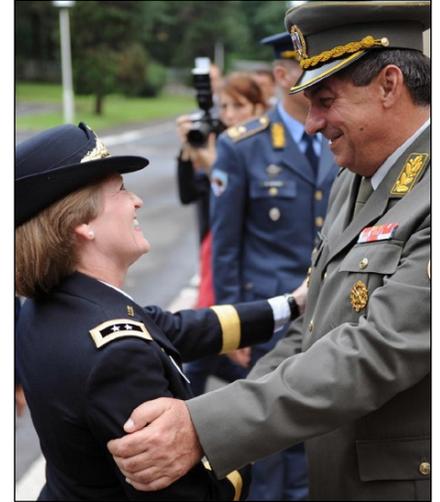




State Partnership Program (SPP)

Highlights

- The SPP has created 75 enduring, cost-effective partnerships with one-third of the world's countries. Two new partnerships will be added in 2018
- Fifteen SPP partner countries co-deployed forces with their partner State's National Guard in 79 rotations to Iraq and/or Afghanistan
- Army and Air Guard Soldiers and Airmen engaged in more than 1000 SPP events in FY 2017
- 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 effectively react to anticipated or unanticipated global scenarios as they emerge
- Geographic combatant commanders and U.S. Ambassadors strongly endorse the SPP for cultivating beneficial, long-term relationships
- The National Guard continues to work with geographic combatant commanders, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the Department of State to expand SPP partnerships



Building relationships that enhance global security, understanding, and cooperation

Mission: Support the security cooperation objectives of the United States by building enduring relationships between the National Guards of the States and territories and the militaries, security forces, and emergency response or disaster response organizations of partner nations.

Overview: The National Guard has forged enduring partnerships through the SPP for 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 75 partnerships and the National Guard of every U.S. state and territory.
- Guard members work with partner militaries to strengthen shared defenses through building partner capacity activities. Typically, Guard Airmen and Soldiers spend the majority of their careers in the same wing or unit, enabling them to develop long-term relationships, trust, and continuity with their SPP partners.
- This small-footprint program delivers a significant return on investment by broadening the pool of foreign security partners who are willing and able to help maintain global security. 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.