

Oregon and Bangladesh with Nepal

THE SPP: PROVEN SUCCESS

- In its 20th year, SPP partnerships continue to build linkages and provide a stabilizing presence with partner militaries, as well as encourage closer relations across all levels of society.
- A third of current SPP partnerships, representing four Combatant Commands, are providing thousands of troops in Afghanistan. This success has been supported, and often enabled, by the National Guard through enduring military-to-military relationships forged through the SPP.
- Over two-thirds of SPP partner countries currently provide thousands of troops and military experts for United Nations peacekeeping efforts. These critical partner-country deployments reduce pressure on U.S. forces worldwide and hedge against the need for more direct and costly U.S. military involvement in future contingencies.



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SPP VALUE ADDED:

- Supports U.S. and partner country objectives
- Provides innovative high-impact, low-cost security engagements with a small footprint
- Develops enduring relationships, collaboration, and sustained access to enhance security needs



The National Guard: Security We Can Afford

SPP SECURITY ENGAGEMENTS

Program partners engage in a broad range of security cooperation activities to include homeland defense/security, disaster response, consequence management, border/port/aviation security, combat medical, defense reform, and interagency cooperation.



New Hampshire and El Salvador



Michigan and Liberia
Front Cover: Minnesota and Croatia

The community-based nature of the National Guard provides personnel stability that results in a high level of unit integrity and experience. The shared civil/military work force also provides broad skill sets that are ideal for fostering long-term relationships and developing trust with partner countries. All activities are coordinated through the Combatant Commanders, U.S. Ambassadors' country teams, and other agencies as appropriate to ensure National Guard cooperation is tailored to meet U.S. and international partners' objectives.

State Partnership Program



Enhancing
International
Security and Defense
through
Enduring National Guard
Relationships



NATIONAL GUARD'S STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Bolstering Combatant Commandswith activities that advance:

- Interoperability with U.S. forces
- Defense reform and military modernization
- Partnership capacity to meet 21st Century security challenges

64 State Partnerships ... and counting

USEUCOM - 22

Alabama / Romania (1993)
California / Ukraine (1993)
Colorado / Slovenia (1993)
Georgia / Georgia (1994)
Illinois / Poland (1993)
Indiana / Slovakia (1993)

Iowa / Kosovo (2011) Kansas / Armenia (2002)

Maine / Montenegro (2006)

Maryland / Estonia (1993) Maryland / Bosnia (2003)

Michigan / Latvia (1993)

Minnesota / Croatia (1996)

New Jersey / Albania (2001)

North Carolina / Moldova (1996)

Ohio / Hungary (1993)

Ohio / Serbia (2005)

Oklahoma / Azerbaijan (2002)

Pennsylvania / Lithuania (1993)

Tennessee / Bulgaria (1993)

Texas, Nebraska / Czech Republic (1993)

Vermont / Macedonia (1993)

USAFRICOM - 8

California / Nigeria (2006)
New York / South Africa (2003)
North Carolina / Botswana (2008)
North Dakota / Ghana (2004)
Michigan / Liberia (2009)
Utah / Morocco (2003)
Vermont / Senegal (2008)

Wyoming / Tunisia (2004)

USCENTCOM - 5

Arizona / Kazakhstan (1993) Colorado / Jordan (2004) Mississippi / Uzbekistan (2012) Montana / Kyrgyz Republic (1996) Virginia / Tajikistan (2003)

USPACOM - 6

Alaska / Mongolia (2003) Guam, Hawaii / Philippines (2000) Hawaii / Indonesia (2006) Idaho / Cambodia (2009) Oregon / Bangladesh (2008) Washington / Thailand (2002)

<u>USNORTHCOM - 1</u>

Rhode Island / Bahamas (2005)

<u>USSOUTHCOM - 22</u>

Arkansas / Guatemala (2002) Connecticut / Uruguay (2000)
Delaware / Trinidad-Tobago (2004)

District of Columbia / Jamaica (1999)

Florida / Venezuela (1998)

Florida / Guyana (2003)

Florida, Virgin Is. / RSS (2006)

Kentucky / Ecuador (1996)

Louisiana / Belize (1996)

Louisiana / Haiti (2011)

Massachusetts / Paraguay (2001)

Mississippi / Bolivia (1999)

Missouri / Panama (1996)

New Hampshire / El Salvador (2000)

New Mexico / Costa Rica (2006)

Puerto Rico / Honduras (1998)

Puerto Rico / Dominican Rep. (2003) South Carolina / Colombia (2012)

South Dakota / Suriname (2006)

Texas / Chile (2008)

West Virginia / Peru (1996)

Wisconsin / Nicaragua (2003)