



The State Partnership Program

What is the State Partnership Program (SPP)?



- **Joint Department of Defense (DoD) program managed by the National Guard, executed by the geographic combatant commands (CCMDs), and sourced by the National Guard (NG) of the partner States**
- **Links a State's National Guard with the partner nation's military/ security forces in a cooperative, mutually beneficial relationship**
 - Supports CCMD and Embassy security cooperation objectives
 - Innovative, cost-effective, small footprint security cooperation program
 - Cultivates enduring personal and institutional relationships that enhance influence and promote access
 - Indirect training benefit for NG Title 32 and Title 10 missions



A delegation from Qatar visits West Virginia to commemorate the newest SPP partnership and learn more about WVNG capabilities



Senegalese President Abdoulaye Wade, Vermont Gov. Jim Douglas, and then-Vermont TAG Maj. Gen. Michael Dubie meet at Vermont NG headquarters



Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner presents a 25th anniversary plaque to Poland Defense Minister Mariusz Blaszczak

SPP History



- SPP began in 1993 with partnerships between the NG of designated US States and newly independent Eastern European countries, in coordination with US European Command
- SPP celebrated its 25 anniversary of forging enduring relationships in May 2018
- SPP has grown significantly since then, with 75 partnerships across all six geographic CCMDs
 - Two new partnerships will be added in 2018



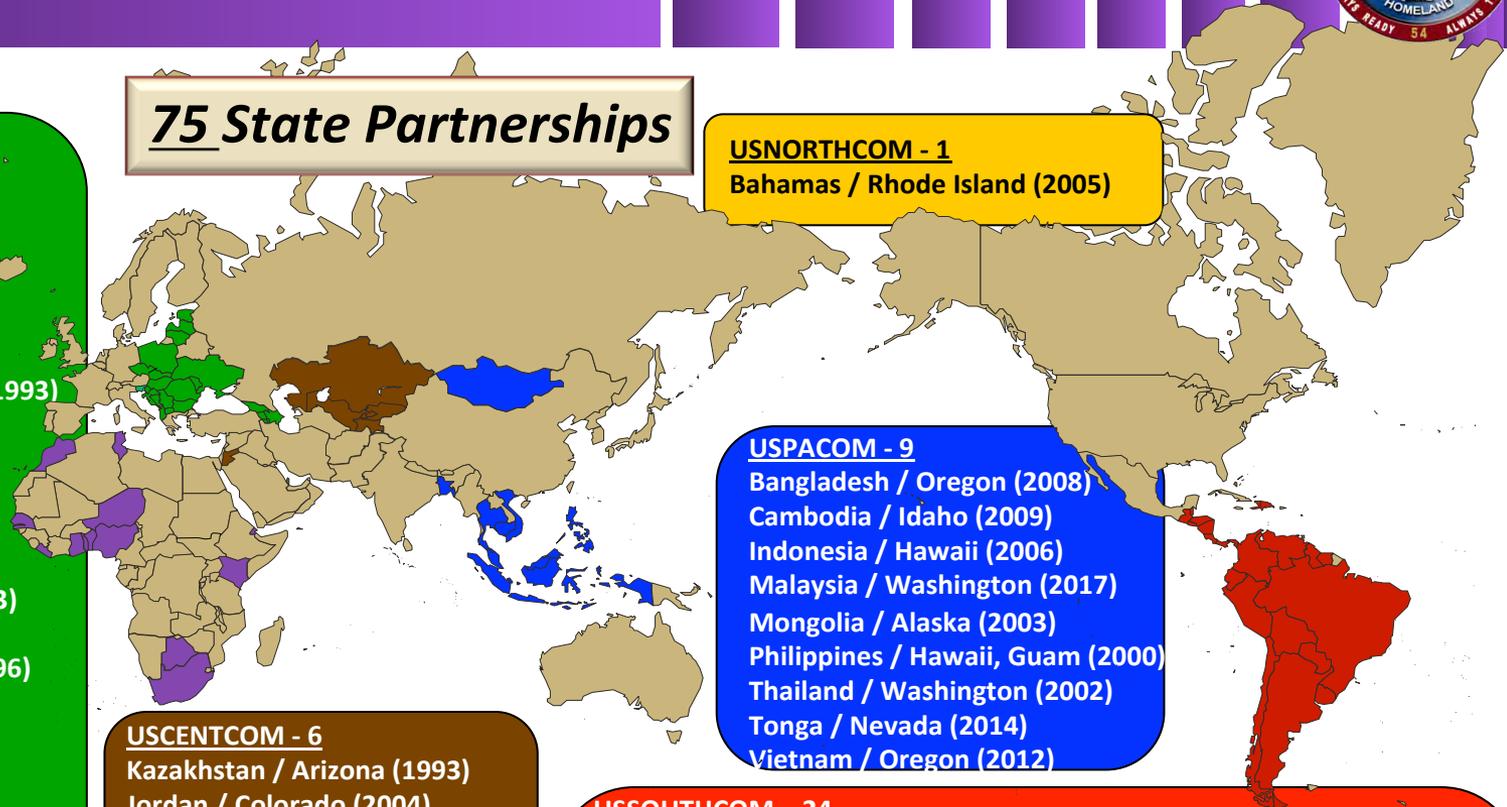
Former Chief, National Guard Bureau Lt Gen John B Conaway lays a wreath at the Freedom Monument in Riga, Latvia, during the first National Guard delegation visit to the Baltic region, November 1992



State Partnership Program



75 State Partnerships



USEUCOM – 22

- Albania / New Jersey (2001)
- Armenia / Kansas (2002)
- Azerbaijan / Oklahoma (2002)
- Bosnia / Maryland (2003)
- Bulgaria / Tennessee (1993)
- Croatia / Minnesota / (1996)
- Czech Republic / Texas, Neb (1993)
- Estonia / Maryland (1993)
- Georgia / Georgia (1994)
- Hungary / Ohio (1993)
- Kosovo / Iowa (2011)
- Latvia / Michigan (1993)
- Lithuania / Pennsylvania (1993)
- Macedonia / Vermont (1993)
- Moldova / North Carolina (1996)
- Montenegro / Maine (2006)
- Poland / Illinois (1993)
- Romania / Alabama (1993)
- Serbia / Ohio (2005)
- Slovakia / Indiana (1993)
- Slovenia / Colorado (1993)
- Ukraine / California (1993)

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- Bahamas / Rhode Island (2005)

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- Bangladesh / Oregon (2008)
- Cambodia / Idaho (2009)
- Indonesia / Hawaii (2006)
- Malaysia / Washington (2017)
- Mongolia / Alaska (2003)
- Philippines / Hawaii, Guam (2000)
- Thailand / Washington (2002)
- Tonga / Nevada (2014)
- Vietnam / Oregon (2012)

USCENTCOM - 6

- Kazakhstan / Arizona (1993)
- Jordan / Colorado (2004)
- Kyrgyzstan / Montana (1996)
- Qatar / West Virginia (2018)
- Tajikistan / Virginia (2003)
- Uzbekistan / Mississippi (2012)

USAFRICOM - 13

- Benin / North Dakota (2014)
- Botswana / North Carolina (2008)
- Djibouti / Kentucky (2015)
- Ghana / North Dakota (2004)
- Kenya / Massachusetts (2015)
- Liberia / Michigan (2009)

- Morocco / Utah (2003)
- Niger / Indiana (2017)
- Nigeria / California (2006)
- Senegal / Vermont (2008)
- South Africa / New York (2003)
- Togo / North Dakota (2014)
- Tunisia / Wyoming (2004)

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- Argentina / Georgia (2016)
- Belize / Louisiana (1996)
- Bolivia / Mississippi (1999)
- Brazil / New York (2018)
- Chile / Texas (2008)
- Colombia / South Carolina (2012)
- Costa Rica / New Mexico (2006)
- Dominican Rep. / Puerto Rico (2003)
- Ecuador / Kentucky (1996)
- El Salvador / New Hampshire (2000)
- Guatemala / Arkansas (2002)
- Guyana / Florida (2003)
- Haiti / Louisiana (2011)
- Honduras / Puerto Rico (1998)
- Jamaica / District of Columbia (1999)
- Nicaragua / Wisconsin (2003)
- Panama / Missouri (1996)
- Paraguay / Massachusetts (2001)
- Peru / West Virginia (1996)
- RSS / Florida, Virgin Is. (2006)
- Suriname / South Dakota (2006)
- Trinidad-Tobago / Delaware (2004)
- Uruguay / Connecticut (2000)
- Venezuela / Florida / (1998)

Typical SPP Activities



- Disaster response/emergency response
- Aviation operations, maintenance, and safety
- Leadership/staff/officer/NCO development
- Military medical and engineer activities
- Surface maintenance and logistics
- Engineer/engineering operations
- Cyber defense and communications security
- CBRNE operations and decontamination



North Carolina NG Public Affairs officer and Moldovan Ministry of Defense officers discuss key points of effective public relations



Colombian army leaders observe a live-fire exercise during an SPP exchange with the South Carolina National Guard



North Dakota NG and visiting Ghanaian dignitaries tour flood protection facilities, including an AquaFence in Fargo, ND

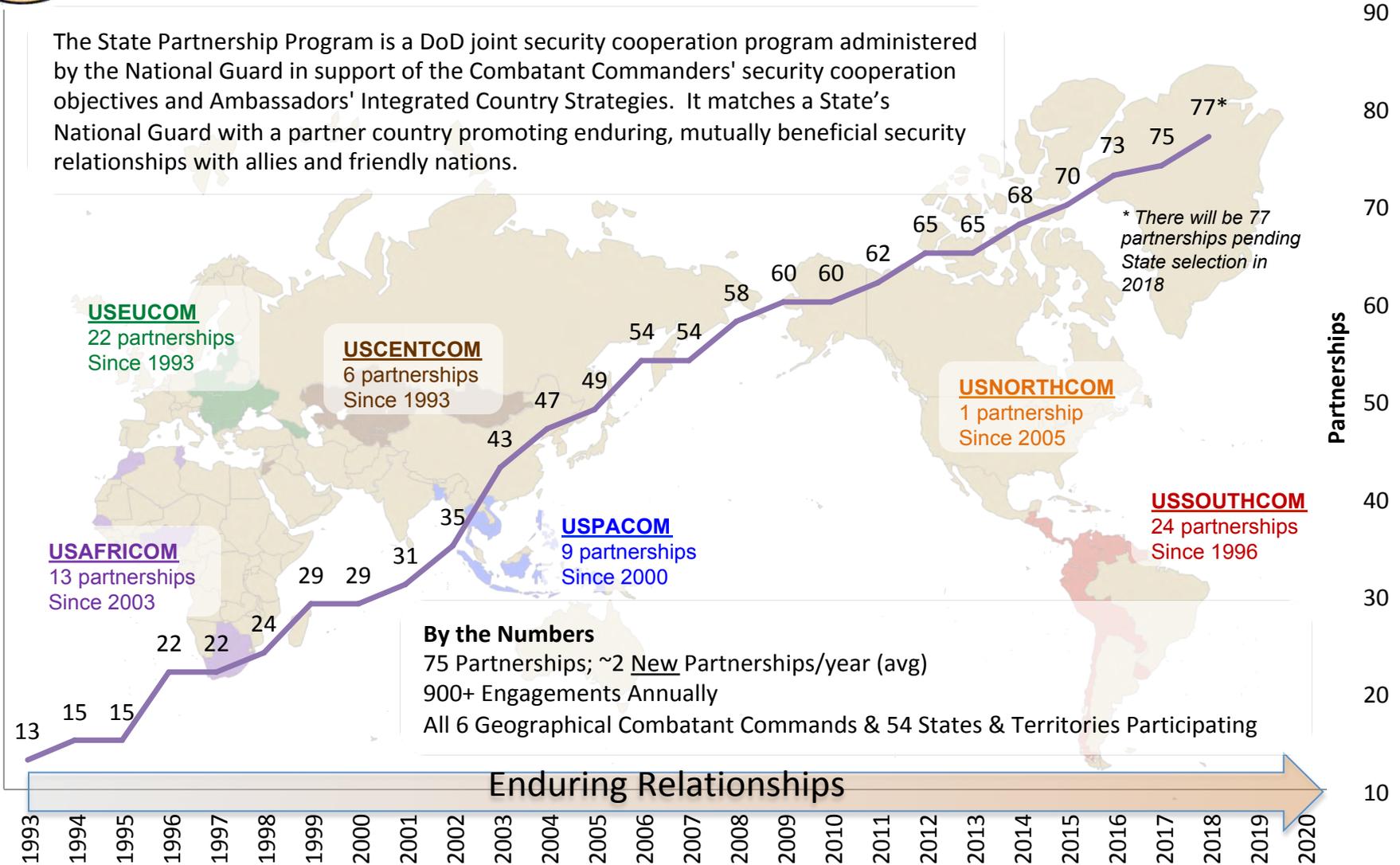


Colorado National Guard members demonstrate CBRN capabilities with their SPP partner in Jordan

SPP Program Growth



The State Partnership Program is a DoD joint security cooperation program administered by the National Guard in support of the Combatant Commanders' security cooperation objectives and Ambassadors' Integrated Country Strategies. It matches a State's National Guard with a partner country promoting enduring, mutually beneficial security relationships with allies and friendly nations.



SPP's Unique Benefits



- **Builds enduring personal and institutional relationships through repeated engagements**
- **Offers expandable engagement approach**
 - Senior leader visits
 - Exchanges and familiarization visits
 - Cooperative training and exercises
 - Co-deployments
- **Matches military organizations of comparable size, focus, and mission**
- **Provides full spectrum of military capabilities, plus others not found in active component**
 - Disaster response/emergency response
 - Border, port, and aviation security



General L'ubomir Bulik and Mayor Milan Ftachnik present MG R. Martin Umbarger the key to the city of Bratislava and honorary Slovak citizenship



Washington National Guard members hone their port security and emergency response skills with their partner in Thailand

Conclusion



- SPP is in its third decade of forging unique partnerships, built for success on enduring relationships that enhance influence and promote access
- SPP continues to evolve to meet Combatant Commanders' security cooperation objectives and U.S. national security goals while maintaining relationships with some of our staunchest allies and partners in every corner of the world
- Many have proven ready and willing to share the burden of maintaining international and regional security and stability

