National Guard
State Partnership Programs (SPP)

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“Where possible, U.S. strategy is to employ indirect approaches – primarily through building the capacity of partner governments and their security forces – to prevent festering problems from turning into crises that require costly and controversial direct military intervention.”

“...various initiatives are under way that will better integrate and coordinate U.S. military efforts with civilian agencies as well as engage the expertise of the private sector, including nongovernmental organizations and academia.”

Robert M. Gates
Secretary of Defense
SPP – Partnerships Historical Context

• 62 partnerships • since 1993

- 1989: Fall of Berlin Wall, Panama Invasion
- 1990: Operation Desert Storm, USSR Collapses
- 1991: Gulf War, Berlin Wall falls
- 1992: Nelson Mandela Freed
- 1993: SPP partners join NATO
- 1994: NATO bombing campaign begins to end repression in Kosovo
- 1995: World Trade Center Bombing, Rwanda Civil War
- 1996: Tokyo sarin gas attack, Israeli Prime Minister assassinated
- 1997: US embassy bombings in Kenya & Tanzania
- 1998: NATO bombing campaign against Yugoslavia
- 1999: Slobodan Milosevic voted out in Yugoslavia
- 2000: British hand over Hong Kong to China
- 2001: 9/11 Terrorist Attacks
- 2002: Bali bombings, SPP partners
- 2003: Operation Iraqi Freedom begins
- 2004: Madrid terrorist attacks, Indian Ocean Tsunami
- 2005: Operation Iraqi Freedom continues
- 2006: First nuclear test in North Korea
- 2007: Madrid terrorist attacks
- 2008: Operation Iraqi Freedom ends
- 2009: Berlin Wall fall anniversary
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MISSION

Enhance US Government’s ability to establish enduring civil-military relationships that improve long-term international security while building partnership capacity across all levels of society
SPP – Building Partnership Capacity Across the Spectrum of Cooperation

- Emergency Preparedness & Disaster Response
- Military exercises & Peacekeeping Operations
- Border, Port, & Aviation Defense & Security
- Leadership, Officer & NCO Development
- Military Media Relations
- Medical
- Defense & Democratic Institutions Reform
- Natural Resources Protection
- Economic Security
- University & Education Exchange Programs
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