



# National Guard State Partnership Programs (SPP)

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## **Building Partnership Capacity**

"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."

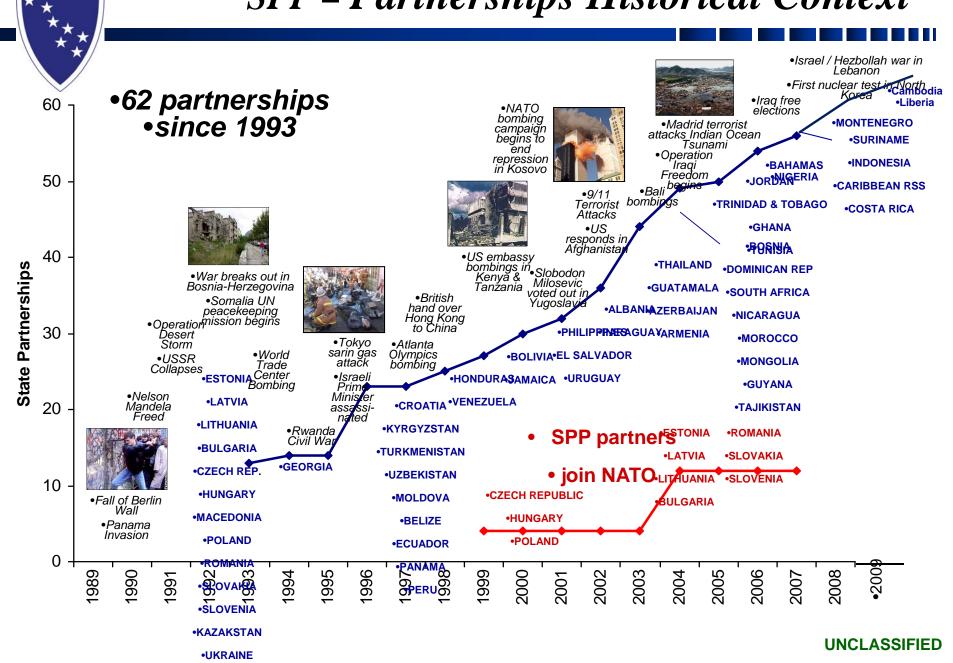
Robert M. Gates Secretary of Defense From "A Balanced Strategy: Reprogramming the Pentagon for a New Age", Foreign Affairs, January/February 2009.



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## SPP – Partnerships Historical Context







## **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

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## SPP Current Partnerships

#### **USEUCOM**

Alabama / Romania California / Ukraine Colorado / Slovenia Georgia / Georgia Illinois / Poland Indiana / Slovakia Kansas / Armenia Maine/Montenegro Maryland / Estonia Maryland / Bosnia Michigan / Latvia Minnesota / Croatia New Jersey / Albania North Carolina / Moldova Ohio / Hungary Ohio / Serbia Oklahoma / Azerbaijan Pennsylvania / Lithuania Tennessee / Bulgaria Texas/Neb / Czech Republic **Vermont / Macedonia** 21

#### **USAFRICOM**

California / Nigeria
New York / South Africa
North Carolina /
Botswana
North Dakota / Ghana
Utah / Morocco
Vermont / Senegal
Wyoming / Tunisia
Michigan / Liberia

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## 62 Global Partnerships

#### **USPACOM**

Alaska / Mongolia Guam/Hawaii / Philippines Hawaii / Indonesia Washington / Thailand Oregon / Bangladesh Idaho / Cambodia

#### **USCENTCOM**

Arizona / Kazakhstan Colorado / Jordan Louisiana / Uzbekistan Montana / Kyrgyzstan Nevada / Turkmenistan (Pending) Virginia / Tajikistan

#### •USNORTHCOM

Rhode Island / Bahamas

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#### **USSOUTHCOM**

Arkansas / Guatemala Connecticut / Uruguay Delaware / Trinidad-Tobago District of Columbia / Jamaica Florida / Venezuela Florida / Guyana Florida / Regional Security System (E. Carib. Islands) Kentucky / Ecuador Louisiana / Belize Massachusetts / Paraguay Mississippi / Bolivia Missouri / Panama New Hampshire / El Salvador New Mexico / Costa Rica Puerto Rico / Honduras Puerto Rico / Dominican Rep. South Dakota/Suriname Texas/Chile West Virginia / Peru Wisconsin / Nicaraqua 20

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## Numerous Perspectives



**U.S. Congress** 



Department of State



<u>State</u> <u>Partnership</u> <u>Program</u>





Governors
Adjutants General
State Equities









### 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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