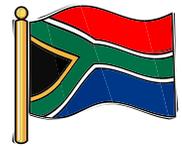




New York State/Republic of South Africa State Partnership Program (SPP)



Who We Are: We are the New York National Guard, part of a 376-year tradition of service to state and nation. Our members are everyday citizens -- farmers, teachers and businesspeople in time of peace; soldiers and airmen in time of war or domestic emergency. We wear the title "Citizen-Soldier" with pride. Army and Air Guard members live, work and serve in communities throughout New York State, trained and ready in case of war, terrorist attack, hurricane or flood other emergency both overseas and right in our own hometowns.

What We Do: The State Partnership Program (SPP) is a National Guard initiative that grows relationships, enhances international security and builds capacity across all levels of society. Our mission is to create a link between our partner nation, the Republic of South Africa, and the New York National Guard which promotes the exchange of free ideas and opens doors of cooperation in the political, military, economic and social realms.

- **Military to Military** activities benefit the armed forces of both partners. Frequent events both in New York and South Africa bring together military professionals to share perspectives on topics of mutual interest. The United States Africa Command sponsors most of these events in coordination with the US Ambassador and staff.
- **Military to Civilian** partnership initiatives capitalize on the National Guard's role as a key player in US domestic emergency response. We participate in disaster preparedness planning, security support and a host of other interagency programs as requested by our South African partners.
- **Civil Security Cooperation** engagement helps strengthen democratic institutions, economic opportunities and prosperity. Our National Guard members belong to many civic associations, church groups and other agencies, which naturally leads to the establishment of civilian partnerships based on bonds of openness and trust.

New York and South Africa: The political and military leadership of South Africa and New York State initiated a partnership in August 2003. Since then we have participated in many activities designed to increase security cooperation with our partner nation's armed forces. We are currently seeking opportunities to support South Africa as it accepts growing leadership responsibilities on the continent of Africa in terms of regional stability and economic prosperity.

Benefits: The SPP benefits the people of South Africa and New York State in many ways.

- **Enhanced Security Cooperation:** Experts in areas such as aircraft maintenance and water survival work together to build capacity and increased interoperability among the partners' military forces.
- **More Capable Domestic Emergency Support:** Cooperation in such matters as urban search and rescue, hazardous material containment and blast trauma treatment clearly profits both the South African military and New York National Guard forces.
- **Growth of Democratic Institutions:** By modeling an effective civilian-led military force, our National Guard ambassadors help foster support to democracy abroad while serving as examples of a professional reserve force accountable to the people.
- **Greater Social and Economic Links:** Many National Guard members are also leaders in their communities and civilian professions. The SPP works to create introductions between American and South African civic, social and business organizations, enabling them to then build their own partnerships.

The following table covers some successful events since our partnership with South Africa began in August 2003:

When	Event	Who participated
Dec 2003	C-130 Familiarization Visit to NY State	Members of the SAAF 28th Squadron, 109th Air Wing, Scotia, NY and 106th Air Rescue Wing, Westhampton, NY
July 2004	MEDFLAG Exercise - Ditholo and Hoederspruit, South Africa	21 New York Air National Guard members from all regions of NY State
July 2004	Environmental Engineering Event, Bloemfontaine, South Africa	JFHQ- New York Environmental Compliance and South African Department of Defence Joint Support Division
Sep 2004	Asset Visibility and Accountability Familiarization - Albany, Camp Smith, NYC	JFHQ- New York Supply and Services section, USP&FO, and South African Department of Defence
Sep 2004	Africa Aerospace and Defence Expo 2004	4 New York Air National Guard aircraft
Jun 2005	SANDF Military Police NCO Visit	Three South African MP noncommissioned officers, 104th Military Police Battalion, Kingston, NY and 105th Airlift Wing, Newburgh, NY
Aug 2005	Environmental Considerations in Operations Event, Pretoria, South Africa	JFHQ- New York Environmental Compliance and South African Department of Defence Joint Support Division
Sep 2005	Republic of South Africa Defense Attaché Visit to New York State	JFHQ-NY, 109th AW, Scotia, 104th MP Bn, Kingston, 105th AW, Newburgh, & TF Empire Shield, Ft. Hamilton, NY
Nov 2005	Aviation Logistics and Base Supply Program	174th Fighter Wing, Syracuse, NY
May 2006	SANDF Participation TAG CBT Matches	South African Defence Force rifle and pistol competitors
May 2006	Aviation Safety Event, Various Bases	2 NYNG members, elements of SAAF flight safety team
June 2006	US/RSA Defense Committee, West Point, NY	369 CSB, 3-142 AVN, JFHQ, USMA, West Point
June 2006	Environmental Familiarization Visit	Camp Smith Training Site, 104 th MP, 105 th AW, 3-142 AVN
Sep 2006	International Blast Effects Congress, Pretoria	2 NYNG Surgeons and South African military medical professionals
Dec 2006	Industrial Waste Management Event, Norfolk VA	2 South African environmental specialists and a NYNG environmental officer
Feb 2007	Marksmanship Instruction Visit, South Africa	1 NYARNG Infantry NCO observed South African Army marksmanship school course of instruction
Mar 2007	SANDF Reserve Forces Symposium, Pretoria	1 NYARNG senior officer briefed on National Guard missions, capabilities and mobilization support initiatives
May 2007	Government Civilian Control of Military Briefing, Swaziland	1 NYARNG Judge Advocate General Corps officer briefed on the foundation of US civilian control of military forces
Sep 2007	South African War College Brief, Washington DC	3 NYNG officers briefed 28 visiting South African war college students on the National Guard's role & organization
Sep 2007	Military Media Familiarization, Scotia NY	109 AW media shop hosted 3 SAAF photographers
Nov 2007	Military Police Familiarization, Latham and Camp Smith, NY	2 SANDF MP officers visited NYNG MP units and training facilities
Jun 2008	Rescue Swimmer Visit, Cape Town	4 pararescuemen from 106 RQW worked with National Sea Rescue Institute of South Africa – first mil-to-civ event
Sep 2008	NYS State Partnership Conference, Albany NY	17 South African and 70 New York government, trade, education and security/defense officials met for discussions
Sep 2008	Africa Aerospace and Defence Exposition, Cape Town, South Africa	1 LC-130H aircraft and 12 NYNG personnel attended large South African air show and Airpower Symposium
Sep 2008	Armour Symposium	CG 42ID and staff briefed South African armor experts on lessons learned from Iraqi deployment
Feb 2009	Education Systems Assessment	5 academic professionals from the State University of New York met to increase cooperation with South Africans
May 2009	SA Air Force PAO Visit to US	4 SAAF communicators visited US Defense Information School, Pentagon and New York public affairs nodes
June 2009	Port Security Event, NYC	2 SA harbormasters toured maritime security facilities NYC
July 2009	US/RSA Defense Committee, Monterey, CA	3 NYNG officers participated in ministerial-level defense cooperative discussions between South Africa and the US
Aug 2009	Rescue Swimmer Reciprocal Visit, Long Island	Reciprocal visit by 8 South African NSRI rescue swimmers to 106th Rescue Wing, NYANG, Westampton, NY
Sep 2009	SANDF Reserve Force Symposium	6 NYNG briefed South African Reserve officials on deployment strategies and enlistment benefits
Sep 2009	NYSP Henry Williams Homicide Seminar	2 South African Police to investigation workshop, Albany NY

Nov 2009	Vigilant Guard Exercise	The South African Defence Attaché and his NCO; and a representative from the SANDF Joint Operations Division observed the New York Vigilant Guard Exercise, Buffalo, New York
Mar 2010	Education Conference	3 NYNG Officer, 1 NCO and the South African Health Attaché attended the Conference on Public Health & Child Welfare; Implications for the Security of a Society
Mar 2010	US/RSA Pre-Defense Committee, Pretoria South Africa	2 NYNG officers and the State CSM participated in ministerial-level defense cooperative discussions between South Africa and the US
May 2010	Chief of Defence (CHOD), South African National Defence Force visit	General Ngwenya, CHOD, SANDF visited JFHQ-NY
Aug 2010	South Africa Women on Deployment Symposium	1 NYARNG officer attended the Women on Deployment Symposium and provided a brief on the NYNG Family Programs
Sep 2010	Africa Aerospace and Defence Exposition, Ysterplaat, South Africa	1C-5A, aircraft, 1HH -60, helicopter, 1OH-58, helicopter, 1 M1117, Armored Security Vehicle, 1M997, Ambulance and 57 NYNG personnel attended the South African air show
Sep 2010	Sea Para-Rescue TCT	8 Para-Jumpers from the 106 th RQW and the South African National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) shared rescue techniques, scenarios, and training programs
Nov 2010	South African Military Skills Competition	5 SM from C Co 2-108 IN participated in the South African Military Skills Competition. The team finished strong in 5 th place out of over 20 teams.
Dec 2010	State Partnership Program (SPP) Conference 2010	4 Gens & 2 Cols SANDF- Reserve Force attended the SPP Conference to become familiarized with the NYNG capabilities
Feb 2011	US/RSA Defense Committee, Pretoria South Africa	4 NYNG officers and the State CSM participated in ministerial-level defense cooperative discussions between South Africa and the US
Mar 2011	Chief of Human Resources SANDF	Lt Gen Mgwebi, CHR visited JFHQ-NY and received presentations on the NYNG Recruiting & Retention, Personnel Management, Family Readiness and Medical
May 2011	2011 South African Combat Rifle Championship	8 NYARNG SM participated in the 2011 South African Combat Rifle Championship in Bloemfontein, South Africa
May 2011	Executive AAR – NGB/NY Staff Assistance Visit (SAV) to South Africa (SA)	3 SM (NGB) and SPPC conducted a Staff Assistance Visit to South Africa
Jun 2011	South Africa Defence Attaché meeting	NYARNG DJS, SPPC & NGB J5IA & South Africa Desk officer conducted a meeting with BG Ledwaba the Defence Attache to discuss Domestic operations opportunities
Jul 2011	69 th Inf Regiment Armory Tour	Honorary COL Molefe from the SANDF Irish Regiment received a tour of the 69 th Inf Regiment Armory
Jul 2011	Shared Accord Observation	3 NYNG Officers observed the Shared Accord Bilateral Exercise in Port Elizabeth, South Africa
Sep 2011	Military Police Division School TCT	1 NYARNG Officer and 1 NYARNG NCO visited with the SANDF Military Police Division in Pretoria SA to discuss MP organization, capabilities and best practices. A tour of the MPD School house was conducted.
Sep 2011	Waterkloof Air Show	34 NYNG Airmen participated in the Waterkloof Air Show in preparation for AADE 2012
Nov 2011	Mid-Term Defense Committee Meeting	NY-TAG: DJS : SPPC and BAO participated in the Mid-term DEFCOM
Nov 2011	Port Security Tour	BG Ledwada South Africa Defense Attache' received Port Security by Task force Empire Shield and PB440
Feb 2012	NY/RSA SANDF Reserve Strategic Workshop	NY-TAG MG Patrick Murphy; DJS BG Renwick Payne, SPPC Major Renee Ford and BAO Major Scott Williams
Jun 2012	RSA SEC DEF visit	Republic of South Africa SEC DEF DR Samson Gulbue, Dr Gamede, Thobekile Chief Defence Policy, Strategy and planning BG Renwick Payne(DJS) Maj Renee Ford (SPPC) LTC Peter Riley (TFES Commander) CCM Edwin Mondezie, TFES SFC Sandra Moody SPP Operations NCOIC

Jul 2012	RSA SANDF Chief of Logistics Visit	LT General Nkoyane SANDF Chief of Logistics and staff briefed by ,Col Matthew Godfrey 105ht Airlift Wing Commander
Aug 2012	Women's Day Celebration South African Embassy visit	
Sep 2012	NY NG Senior Leader Visit AADE 2012	7 NYNG Soldiers and Airmen participated in AADE 2012
Sep 2012	105 th Air wing and 442 MP's and Stryker Team from PANG Supported AADE 2012	14 NYNG Soldiers and Airmen; 4 PANG Stryker team participated in AADE 2012
Sep 2012	Airlift Rodeo	A team of 8 from various bases in SA; including Andre Beuster, Robert Fine, Kim Germishuys, Kevin Warren, Marcus Oshry, Bradley Thomas, Bruce Noble and Graeme Watson, left Cape Town/PE and Plettenbergbay on the 13 th of September 2012 destined for 106 th Rescue Wing HQ Long Island, New York City. Hosted by the 103 rd Rescue Squadron of the New York National Guard to spend a week observing and assisting with the safety aspects of the US Air Force Pararescue event held in West Hampton Bays, Long Island, New York. Also to attend and meet with some ex-PJ's during the reunion week. This cooperation stems from the first visit by PJ's to SA in 2008 cementing a 5 year relationship in training.
Dec 2012	Facility Management Orientation 3 -7 Dec, 2012.	10 NYNG Soldiers and 11 MNFE Civilians Branch Staff provided Facility Management Orientation: 5 day plan developed by JFHQ-MNFE covers facilities mission, organization, responsibilities, inventory, branch overviews, design and construction, operations, environmental conservation and resource management, plans and programming, and installation status reporting to MG Ledwaba the new South African Defense Force Officer Commanding Works Capability, a logistics function similar to public works.
May 2013	Reverse Outreach J5 IA Staff Visit	Reverse Outreach visit to coordinate 5 Year plan, receive an operational overview of the Program discuss policy pass events and upcoming events with Major John Sandefur the new SPPC and SFC Sandra Moody SPP operations NCOIC. Visit the Africa Strategic studies center and other Stake holders with the State Partnership program.
Jun 2013	RSA Senior Defense Attache Visit	NYNG provided a familiarization and Capabilities briefing to the RSA New Defense Attache' to include Disaster Response over view, Facility Management and Logistics Management. Port Security and critical infrastructure protection. To include site visits to Lexington Armory Farming dale Readiness center, Task Force Empire Shield Fort Hamilton and the 24th CST, with a focus on the National Disaster management and the involvement of NYNG during the Sandy disaster. Secondly the NYNG Military's role and functions at the Airport Movement Control for State Officials and Senior Military Officers. And some deliberation about the Traveling Contact teams and the informational exchange with our South African counter parts
Jun 2013	Facilities Management TCT	The purpose of this event is to familiarize the SANDF with US Army Guards the operations, standard operating procedures and maintenance requirements of our facilities.

Jul 2013	Introduction to African Security Issues Seminar	This seminar is intended for U.S. government personnel who have responsibilities related to U.S.-Africa policy, programs, or relationships but possess a limited experience in African issues. Discussing Historical legacies, complexities of Africa's security environment and Bilateral Actors in Africa
Jul 2013	Shared Accord	Exercise Shared Accord which is the Bilateral Exercise between the U.S. and RSA. Exercise Shared Accord 2013 is conducted at various locations within South Africa.
Sep 2013	DISAM Training	<p>Defense Security cooperation training for the State Partnership programs Coordinator key components of security cooperation and strategy development processes for those outside the small group of practitioners who wrestle with them normally. Critical steps in building and maintaining a viable theater level strategy are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Set the theater security cooperation strategy. - Align, develop, and prioritize security cooperation activities within the theater. - Use the security cooperation planning process

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