Weekly Report
National Security Division
Week ending 20 Sept 2019

National Security Strategy:

1. **Protect the homeland, the American people, and the American way of life**
2. **Promote American prosperity**
3. **Preserve peace through strength**
4. **Advance American influence**

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National Defense Strategy:

1. **Rebuilding military readiness as we build a more lethal Joint Force**
2. **Strengthening alliances as we attract new partners**
3. **Reforming the Department's business practices for greater performance and affordability**

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NATO Chiefs Look to Alliance's Future

(National Defense Strategy; strengthening alliances as we attract new partners)

The NATO chiefs of defense discussed the alliance's strategy and how it can shape the future of the alliance.

In the United States, officials use the National Defense Strategy and National Military Strategy to ensure all decisions affecting the military today and in the future are strategy-driven. This runs the gamut from how the United States postures its forces to how the Defense Department plans and how the department determines what future capabilities it needs.

Russia is a competitor, and the NATO advantage over a resurgent Russia has eroded, Gen Dunford noted. The chiefs of defense recognize this and approved the new NATO strategy in May. This meeting looked at two documents: a broad concept for NATO defense and deterrence, and a capstone concept for NATO operations.

NATO's new strategy drives the alliance's plans, and it also drives the posture of the forces that have been given to NATO by the various countries. It informs, rather than drives, the path of capability development of individual nations, the chairman said.

The chiefs also discussed upcoming operations in Afghanistan and the ongoing preparations for the Sept. 28 Afghan elections. Dunford said the commander in Afghanistan, Army Gen. Austin S. Miller, spoke about the support NATO and partner nations are providing for the Afghan government as the election approaches. There is an uptick in operations, as there always is before an election, the chairman said.

He further said that Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo and Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper committed to transparency with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg and their NATO counterparts as the United States considers adjustments to posture. "We would make sure they were informed so we can make these adjustments together," Dunford said.

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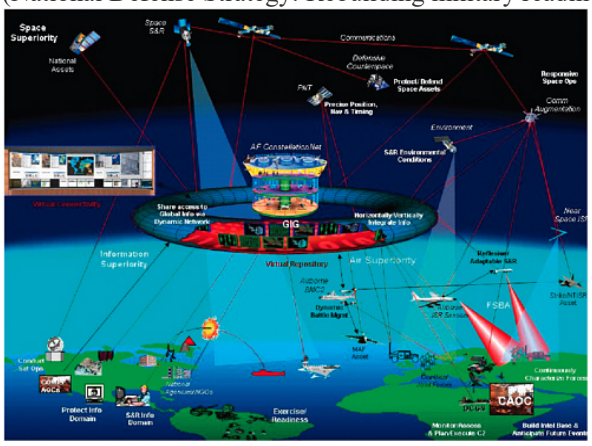
Hawaii Summit Addresses Importance of Global Integrated Air, Missile Defense

(National Defense Strategy: Rebuilding military readiness)



The Pacific Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) Center hosted a summit to collaborate and raise awareness of global IAMD issues.

The purpose of the event is to provide a forum to exchange information; share lessons learned and best practices across the three Integrated Air and Missile Defense Centers: Pacific Integrated Air and Missile Defense Center, European Command Integrated Air and Missile Defense Center and U.S. Air Forces Central Command Integrated Air and Missile Defense Center.

“IAMD is imperative to defending the force and maximizing the effectiveness and efficiency of resources, including our allies and partners,” said Col. David Fisher, Pacific IAMD Center director. “A conference like this allows us to hear best practices from services and tackle any problems together.”

The Indo-Pacific Theater is home to not only 60 percent of the world’s population, facilitating 44 percent of the world’s trade. There are large militaries in the region, militaries with ballistic missile and nuclear weapons capabilities.

“I have a responsibility to defend the assets of my command; the people, the equipment, and the logistics,” said Gen. CQ Brown, Jr., Pacific Air Forces commander, during his comments to participants. “The value of venues, such as this one, that allow professionals from each of the IAMD Centers to come together and collaborate on ways forward cannot be overstated.”

Brown noted the United States is not alone, saying we work with our allies and partners, by uniting over mutual values, interests and security to preserve peace and stability in the region.

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AFRICOM hosts Infectious Disease Strategic Planning Workshop

(Partnership)

The AFRICOM Office of the Command Surgeon invited various U.S. agencies to participate in the first ever Infectious Disease Strategic Planning Workshop on Patch Barracks, in Stuttgart, Germany. The workshop was developed for the United States government to create an operational approach specific to infectious disease prevention and response in Africa and included interagency support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Department of State and combat support agency, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

"Our idea was to bring together everybody who is working on infectious disease engagement in Africa to better understand each other and try to de-conflict, synchronize and leverage off one another," said U.S. Air Force Col. Krystal Murphy, deputy command surgeon, AFRICOM.

Some of the most dangerous infectious diseases threatening Africa are malaria, dengue, yellow fever, Ebola, and Lasa fever and each can have a profound impact on the African continent, said U.S. Air Force Maj. Tyler Grunewald, AFRICOM medical planner and international health specialist.

All of the agencies work to combat these dangers. Specifically, the CDC and USAID use highly effective malaria prevention and treatment measures, such as insecticide-treated mosquito nets, indoor spraying, preventative treatment of pregnant women, accurate diagnosis and prompt treatment with the use of the most effective pharmaceuticals, Grunewald said.

At the end of the workshop, Grunewald said all the information gathered will be shared with U.S. stakeholders, and follow-on strategic coordination with African partner nations. The intent of the AFRICOM surgeon's office is to create a formal working group to continue the collaborative efforts this workshop began.

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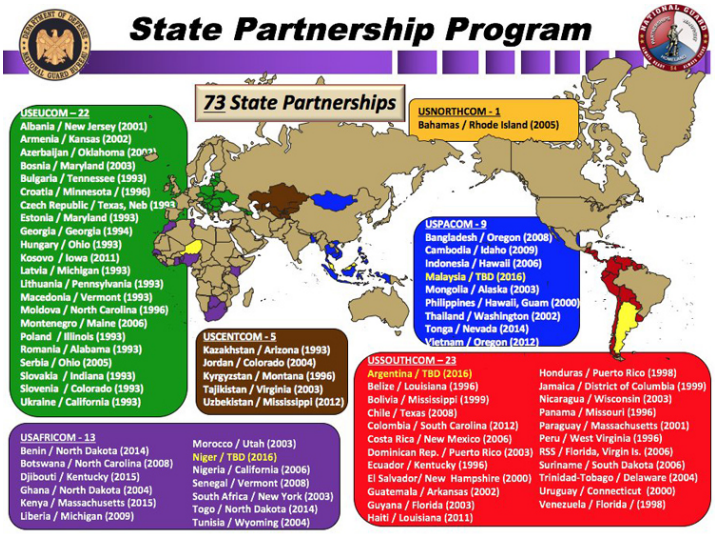
National Guard Leaders Discuss Western Hemisphere Partnerships



National Guard representatives from more than 20 states were on hand at the SOUTHCOM command's Conference Center of the Americas for the State Partnership Program's 2019 Adjutant General Strategic Leadership Seminar, where they discussed ways to increase cooperation with partner militaries and public-security forces, support U.S. and regional security strategies, and help regional partners strengthen capabilities. U.S. Navy Adm. Craig Faller, SOUTHCOM commander, described one of the biggest threats those partner nations face.

"Transnational criminal organizations have moved into encrypted cyber ... and they thrive on dealing in narcotics, arms, people, illegal mining, whatever will get them money and power and influence," he said. "In many cases, they are better funded than the security forces we partner with."

U.S. Air Force Gen. Joseph Lengyel, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, said the guardsmen play an important role in strengthening SOUTHCOM partnerships, and they know how to succeed in competitive settings.

“Partnerships is a subset of competition,” he said. “Who’s better at it than the United States of America. We were born to compete. We love to compete; we just want to know what the rules are.

The origins of the State Partnership Program date back a quarter century, when the Department of Defense established it to link the unique capabilities of its states’ National Guard with military and security forces around the world, expanding U.S. defense cooperation and strengthening its global security partnerships.

The department currently has 76 partnerships with 83 nations, including 24 in the region SOUTHCOM partners with. The first of those 24 partnerships at SOUTHCOM were established in 1996 between Kentucky and Ecuador, Louisiana and Belize, Missouri and Panama, and West Virginia and Peru.

Security cooperation under the State Partnership Program ranges from exercises and subject matter expert exchanges to workshops and familiarization visits. The engagements focus on topics of mutual interest such as aviation, logistics, engineering, communications, cyber, health, humanitarian assistance, disaster preparedness and professional development.

This fiscal year, the states have completed almost 120 engagements with partners in the Caribbean, Central America and South America. They have more than 200 planned for fiscal year 2020, a sign of the program’s growing popularity in the region.

State partnerships also allow for expanded bilateral engagements between various government departments in each state and their counterparts in the region, including those with expertise in healthcare, law enforcement, education, and emergency management.

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