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## MEMORANDUM

June 20, 2025

**To: Members, Subcommittee on Military and Foreign Affairs**

**From: Committee Staff**

**Re: Hearing titled “The National Guard State Partnership Program: Strengthening U.S. Security, One Partnership at a Time”**

On Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. ET in room HVC-210 of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, the Subcommittee on Military and Foreign Affairs will host a hearing titled “The National Guard State Partnership Program: Strengthening U.S. Security, One Partnership at a Time.”

**I. BACKGROUND:**

Established in 1993, the State Partnership Program has strived to build, promote, and maintain long-term military and strategic partnerships with foreign nations and allies around the world. Since its founding, the program has linked U.S. state National Guards with the armed forces of 115 partner nations, creating lasting interoperability and trust.

**II. HEARING PURPOSE:**

This hearing will examine the strategic impact of the State Partnership Program, its history, and how the program can be leveraged to further U.S. foreign policy and counter adversarial nations.

**III. WITNESSES:**

**Mr. Christopher Mamaux**

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Partnerships  
U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)

**Major General William J. Edwards**

Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, and International Affairs (NGB J-5)  
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**Major General Robin B. Stilwell**

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