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State Partnership Program West Virginia-Peru Information Paper

PURPOSE: Provide information about State Partnership Program between the Country of Peru and the West Virginia National Guard.

BACKGROUND: The West Virginia/Peru State Partnership Program (SPP) was formalized in 1996. Since inception, the West Virginia National Guard SPP has completed one hundred twenty one (121) engagement events with Peru, as of 15 MAR 2015. Disaster Management, Humanitarian Affairs, and Joint Operations Center exchanges have been very successful in previous years; RC-26 ISR is a niche capability only available in the National Guard that Peru relies greatly to gain operational knowledge. WVNG is partnering with Berkeley and Cabell County School systems and WV Dept of Education to develop an English-Spanish exchange for elementary, middle and high schools with similar schools in Peru. WVNG participated in New Horizons 2012 in Pisco, Peru. 45 Engineers built two (2) community buildings and 30 Communications airmen placed cable and wire inside those buildings. WVNG participated in the interagency coordination conference in support of the GoP Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations responsible for coordination whole of government efforts in the Amazonia region near the border with Colombia in Oct 2012. This conference set the tone for greater coordination among GoP agencies for the execution of this strategy for the first time.

DISCUSSION:

Engagements between West Virginia and Peru partnership have been steadily increasing since 2004.

- **Major engagement areas:**
 - Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response
 - Engineer Capability Development
 - Search and Extraction
 - INTEL Information Processing
 - Joint/Inter-Agency Operations

The partnership tends to be strong militarily, and is becoming more recognized within the Peruvian Army and Air Forces. Interest in developing/enhancing Search and Extraction Teams has provided unique training opportunities for West Virginia. A recent request from the Peruvian Army asks to assist in Army EN Project Design and Management.

The West Virginia and Peru Partnership has matured to a point where civilian to civilian events should become more frequent. Our goal is to engage state funded universities and state officials to develop those relationships that can continue engaging with their own funding. WVNG has established a civilian school "Skype" exchange between high schools and elementary schools in WV and Peru. These engagements are at **NO COST** to the USG. Future events will potentially include other state funded universities on topics such as forestry and medicine. WVNG began assisting Peruvian Engineer Command with capability assessments and development in 2013. WVNG expects these engagements to span multiple years through various engagements.

Current year events:

FY15

WVNG Senior Leader Visit to Peru
Peacekeeping Operations SMEE
SOCSOUTH FY16-17 Planning Conf
PERU/ARSOUTH Working Group
Engineer Deployment Planning SMEE
ARSOUTH TAG Conf
Engineer Construction Ops SMEE
USSOUTHCOM TAG Conf
TAG Conferences with Outgoing/Incoming Peruvian Ambassadors
School Skype Exchanges
WVANG Patient Mobility SMEE
Conference PER Embassy DCM & POL DIR
AFSOUTH Medical Capabilities SMEE
State Partnership Global Conference
Disaster Response Operations SMEE
AFSOUTH MSAS Support
CBRNE Civilian First Responders SMEE (Brazil)
ISR SMEE (Brazil)

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Past Events:

FY10

Weapons of Mass Destruction SMEE
AF C26 Forward Looking Infrared Radar Operations
Rural Health Assessment Visit
Reserve Component Orientation Visit to WV
C-130 OPS/Maintenance SMEE
Peruvian Defense Attaché Orientation Visit to WV

FY11

SPP Planning Conference
Reserve Component Development Visit
Joint Emergency Operations Center Conference
GPOI Instructor Course
WVU Agricultural Visit for Alpaca farming

FY12

New Horizons (EN, AF COM units 150 PAX)
Non-Lethal Riot Control Training
RC-26 OPS and INTEL SMEE (x 2)
Peruvian Congressional Visit to US
WVNG Senior Leader Visit to Peru
Human Rights Orientation
Human Rights SMEE
Operational Planning SMEE
ARSOUTH/Peru Working Group
Military Budgeting Conference
Military Acquisitions Conference
Interagency Operations Conference

FY13

Peru Inter-Agency Conference
ARSOUTH/Peru Working Group
AFSOUTH ISR Assessment/Development
Peru Naval Force Development SMEE
US/Peru Joint Staff Talks
Disaster Response Orientation Refugee Housing
and Infrastructure
Senior Leader Visit to Davis-Monthan-CG of
Peruvian Air Force
Engineer Project Management SMEE
ARSOUTH Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster
Response SMEE
ARSOUTH Civ-Mil Ops SMEE
School Skype Exchanges (10+)
Humanitarian Assistance SMEE (Talara, Peru)
Peruvian AF Attaché Visit
Peruvian AMB Visit to WV
Flight Medicine SMEE
INTEL SMEE
AFSOUTH/TAG Conference
Engineer Reserve Component Council

FY14

Cooperacion III
WVNG Senior Leader Visit to Peru
Cooperacion III Exercise Planning x 2
ISR and SAR SMEE x 2
Defense Ministers Conference
SOCSOUTH FY16 Planning Conf
SOCSOUTH Operational Summit
ARSOUTH/Peru Working Group
AFSOUTH ISR Development
US/Peru Joint Staff Talks
Engineer Project Management SMEE
Engineer Small Unit Training
AFSOUTH MED Group Planning Conf
ARSOUTH TAG Conf
USSOUTHCOM TAG Conf
TAG Conference with incoming US Ambassador
Search and Evacuation Site Survey
Search and Evacuation Training x 2
School Skype Exchanges (10+)
Conference with PER Embassy and Cultural
Attaché
EN Leader Development SMEE

Proposed Events:

FY 16 (Planned)

JOC 101 SMEE (SPP)
ARSOUTH/Peru Staff Talks
JSTAFF Talks
SOCSOUTH Planning Conference
Disaster Response SMEE with City of Lima
SPP Global Conference
Interagency Operations SMEE Lima
WVNG HAP Projects (FOB Construction)
EN Planning Conference
SOCSOUTH Support Related to Aircraft
AFSOUTH-Planning Conf.
WVNG ENG Vertical Construction Training
Exercise
ENG Support Plan SMEE (ARSOUTH)
Project Construction & Mgt SMEE
SMEE with Peruvian Health, Education and Energy
Ministries' Engineers (ARSOUTH)
ARSOUTH – Army Sec Chiefs Conference
CBRNE First Responder SMEE
Emerald Warrior SOCSOUTH (167th for C-17
support)
ARSOUTH-TAG Conference
ISR SMEE with CAOP Brazil
Senior Leader Visit (SPP)

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