

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

March 11th, 2019

Recent Activity

- 3 Delegations in February
- ISS Legislative Breakfast
- ISS outreach to Drake and Grand View Students
- Executive Director spoke at Nisaa African Family Services International Women's Day Celebration
- Chinese New Year Celebration with Peking Opera in Muscatine



Upcoming Events

- Partnering w/UNI to host Japanese Students for home host and tour of DSM (3/18)
- 2 Kosovo Delegations April 1-4
- Citizen Diplomacy Summit (April, date TBD)
- Celebrating Iowa 's International Advocacy (April- Date & Official title TBD)
- ISS Kosovo Delegation (May 5 – 12)





IOWA NATIONAL GUARD



Deployment Update:

- **Iowa Army National Guard** (169 Soldiers): Kuwait, Afghanistan, Kosovo
- **132d Wing** (41 Airmen): Kuwait, Qatar, Jordan, Iraq, United Arab Emirates
- **185th Wing** (17 Airmen): Afghanistan, Qatar

International Security Concerns:

- No new update from Brig Gen Ford's update brief.

Significant Activities:

- The Secretary of the Air Force, Secretary Heather Wilson, will be visiting the 132d Wing on March 22nd. I'll send out a schedule of events and press release once they are published.

In the News:

- **Article:** Afghan man who risked his life for Iowa Soldiers becomes an American Citizen
- <https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/2019/03/03/afghan-interpretor-iowa-national-guard-us-citizenship-iraq-afghanistan-war-trump-constitution/3032929002/>



Iowa National Guard State Partnership Program A5+ HMMWV Maintenance Managers Seminar Sustainment Training Center, Camp Dodge, Iowa February 25th – March 1st



Mission:

Support the establishment of emerging regional HMMWV maintenance programs

Participants:

Kosovo	Iowa
Croatia	Minnesota
BiH	Maryland
Albania	New Jersey
Slovenia	Colorado
Macedonia	

Objectives:

- PMCS/Services
- Shop Stock and Parts
- BII and Special Tools
- Establish HMMWV Maintenance Program
- Create Drivers Training Program



Outcome/Events: Participants learned about the aspects of setting up a maintenance program in support of the HMMWV. Contractor representatives assisted with discussion on acquisition status and procedure. Individual countries dialogued on their maintenance program challenges and successes. Several partner nations initiated planning for future collaborative events.