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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
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SUBJECT: Innovative Readiness Training Guidance (IRT)

The Innovative Readiness Training program is a valuable training venue that serves our Nation's communities while enhancing individual and unit training readiness. To remain relevant, the program must continue to evolve with emphasis on developing and sustaining joint training opportunities, characterized by tough, realistic conditions that strive to replicate the environments in which our service men and women execute their wartime tasks.

The IRT program continues to mature, developing more effective and complex projects that transcend service lines, while providing excellent training and enhanced support to communities each year. This trend, characterized by frequent collaboration among federal, state, local and non-profit entities, highlights the importance of ensuring the program is executed properly and efficiently in accordance with the law, DoD and Service Directives and Instructions. Therefore, in keeping with the spirit of good stewardship, I request the Service Reserve Component Chiefs assign responsibility for their IRT program to an officer in the grade of O-5 or above and identify that individual to this office as soon as possible.

I welcome your comments and suggestions to continue improving this valuable training program. My point of contact is Col Maureen Tritle, Deputy Director Innovative Readiness Training, at (703) 693-8618 (DSN 223), Fax (703) 697-6072, or email: maureen.tritle@osd.mil.

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