2018 IRT Summary

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MRS. DAWN AMANO-IGE, FIRST LADY OF HAWAII

“IT IS REMARKABLE HOW THE MILITARY AND COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE OTHERWISE.”
MISSION

To produce mission-ready forces through military training opportunities that provide key services for American communities.

VISION

A secure and prosperous America supported by strong civil-military relations.

GOALS

- **Restored Military Readiness**
  Provide hands-on, real-world training to improve readiness and survivability in contingency environments

- **Strengthened Partnerships**
  Strengthen and build new partnerships with culturally complex populations, including in remote areas

- **Innovative Resource Management**
  Leverage military contributions and community resources to multiply value and cost savings for participants
IRT is a collaborative program that leverages military contributions and community resources to multiply value and cost savings for participants. Communities typically provide materials and basic services (e.g. facilities), while military units contribute personnel and training resources. IRT missions produce mission ready forces, civil-military partnerships, and stronger communities.
LCDR JOSEPH VILLALUZ, 4TH MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP

"I LOVE IRT MISSIONS BECAUSE OF THE HUMANITARIAN ASPECT, AS WELL AS HAVING THE JOINT SERVICES HERE WORKING TOGETHER."

Marine Forces Reserve at Arctic Care 2018 in Kotzebue, Alaska

April 2018

Photo | Sgt. Melissa Martens
Looking Back

IMPACT IN 2018

The Services led 39 IRT missions in communities across the United States

- MEDICAL MISSIONS: 12
- OTHER MISSIONS: 5
- CONSTRUCTION MISSIONS: 22
Looking Back
SNAPSHOT OF THE SERVICES

Department of the Army
OSD INVESTMENT: $4.1 MILLION

U.S. ARMY
• Contact: MAJ Derek Butler
• Funds Invested by US Army: $86K
• Total 2018 IRT Missions: 3

U.S. ARMY RESERVE
• Program Manager: MAJ Derek Butler
• Funds Invested by Army Reserve: $2.5M
• Total 2018 IRT Missions: 14

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
• Program Manager: MAJ Zachary West
• Funds Invested by Army National Guard: $985K
• Total 2018 IRT Missions: 14
Looking Back
SNAPSHOT OF THE SERVICES

Department of the Navy

OSD INVESTMENT: $7.3 MILLION

U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES RESERVE
- Program Manager: Maj Lisbeth Andriessen
- Funds Invested by USMCR: $413K
- Total 2018 IRT Missions: 9

U.S. NAVY RESERVE
- Program Manager: LCDR Joshua Strubeck
- Funds Invested by US Navy Reserve: $1.6M
- Total 2018 IRT Missions: 11
Looking Back
SNAPSHOT OF THE SERVICES

Department of the Air Force

OSD INVESTMENT: $7.5 MILLION

U.S. AIR FORCE
- Contact: Capt Jen Fagan
- Funds Invested by US Air Force: $60K
- Total 2018 IRT Missions: 3

U.S. AIR FORCE RESERVE
- Program Manager: Maj Michael McDonald
- Funds Invested by Air Force Reserve: $2.1M
- Total 2018 IRT Missions: 11

AIR NATIONAL GUARD
- Program Manager: Capt Jen Fagan
- Funds Invested by Air National Guard: $6.5M
- Total 2018 IRT Missions: 17
MR. MARK GANDOLFI, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

“THE SERVICE MEMBERS THAT CAME AND SUPPORTED OUR MISSION ARE SOME OF THE FINEST INDIVIDUALS THAT I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE TO KNOW.”

Speaking at the Joint Workshop for Operational Mission Planners

September 2018
This flagship IRT mission brought together service members from all branches of the military to deliver no cost medical, dental, optometry, and veterinary services to thousands of residents from the Savannah and Garden City, Georgia communities. This mission embodied the spirit and intent of IRT, joining individuals and organizations across disciplines, geographical locations, and military services to yield positive results for all involved. Savannah’s lead planner, Mr. Adam Walker, explains that, while Savannah is a military community, with the 165th Airlift Wing, Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart located in the immediate area, many members of the community have never interacted with service members personally. Mr. Walker believes that this partnership left a lasting positive impression of the military with his local community. In a recent interview he explained, "Anyone who needed the service could have stood in line and received it, no questions asked. Nobody was asking for IDs, pay stubs, or residency verification… that builds trust and makes the community understand that you’re here for the right reasons and to do the right thing."

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Joint & Total Force: All Services & Components**

**Community Partner: St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System**

10,000+ training requirements accomplished in 14 days

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**Master Sgt. Terrance Woods, Georgia Air National Guard**

“One of the benefits to attending this exercise is the joint training aspect. Being able to work not only with other Air National Guard units, but also other military branches to serve a great cause is rewarding.”
In August 2018, service members from the Marine Corps Reserve completed a six-year runway extension project in Old Harbor, Alaska. According to Mr. Rick Berns, the Mayor of Old Harbor, this project is just one component of a multi-stage development plan. “We’re trying to build more infrastructure. We realize that a lot of people are leaving our community because of a lack of opportunity, and it’s our goal to provide opportunities so our young people can stay here and work.” Not only did this project benefit the local economy, it also created a positive and lasting relationship between the community and the US military. Service members working on the project became close friends with the local community, and pitched in their spare time to help with other community projects, such as repainting Old Harbor’s church. “Having the Marines in Old Harbor was truly a blessing,” said Cynthia Berns, Vice President of Community and External Affairs with the Old Harbor Native Corporation. “We built a wonderful friendship with so many service members that came to help in our community.”

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Joint & Total Force: USMC Reserve**

**Community Partners:** City of Old Harbor & Old Harbor Native Corporation

Service Members completed a six-year runway construction project

**Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Peskuski, Marine Wing Support Squadron 473**

“This project was not only important to the community of Old Harbor, it was important to the Marine Corps because we were able to train Marines for what they could possibly face overseas in combat.”
A year after Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico, 200 service members came to this US territory to provide no cost medical and construction services to local residents as part of two IRT missions. Ola de Esperanza Sanadora, whose name translates to “healing waves of hope,” provided medical, dental and optometry care to assist local authorities in addressing underserved community health needs while performing joint humanitarian operations. In total, 8,500 procedures were performed and 3,845 patients were seen for an equivalent of approximately $1,073,000 in patient care. According to Tech Sgt. Jennifer Miszewski of the 110th Attack Wing, service members took pride in helping the residents of Puerto Rico.

"It is an honor to be able to help them in a time of serious need," she said. Simultaneously, Habitat for Humanity Project Quintana assisted in building a triplex designed to resist hurricanes in the Quintana neighborhood of San Juan. "It is a truly wonderful and rewarding experience," said Maj. Dan Colomb, the detachment leader for this mission from the 204th Engineer Battalion. "You can certainly see the devastation a year later, and knowing that we can meet our training objectives while at the same time, give back to one of our communities is terrific."
IRT Mission: Camp Kamassa
Summer, 2018 | Mississippi

The IRT program began construction of Camp Kamassa in April 2018. During this multi-year mission, the IRT program will assist in building the first special needs camp in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, for the Mississippi’s Toughest Kids (MTK) Foundation. Kamassa, a Chocktaw word meaning “tough and perseverant,” describes the ones the camp serves—children living with disabilities, life-threatening illnesses, or other hardships. This IRT mission brings together service members from the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard to train on mission-essential tasks, including construction, dirt work, engineering, plumbing, and pest management. The myriad of construction training opportunities at Camp Kamassa makes it an ideal mission for IRT. Military engineers are able to develop a variety of skills, including the ability to manufacture structures from wilderness environments during overseas contingency operations. “We like to get projects that cover all components of construction,” said Chief Master Sergeant Todd Jones, IRT Project Manager assigned to Air Force Reserve Command, “and IRT will be involved in all aspects of constructing Camp Kamassa from cradle to grave.”

Joint & Total Force: Air Force Reserve & Air National Guard

Community Partner: Mississippi’s Toughest Kids Foundation

Provided Service Members with hands-on, multi-trade construction experience

Mrs. Mary Kitchens, MTK Foundation

“Thanks to the IRT program, thousands of children will have a camp designed to meet their unique medical needs while giving them a camp experience filled with fun, adventure, and discovery.”
The 75th Combat Support Hospital, an Army Reserve unit based in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, led the Alabama Wellness IRT mission in May and June 2018 with participation from all branches of the military. This civil-military partnership, based in Monroeville and Thomasville, Alabama, proved valuable to both military participants and community members. According to CPT Joshua Muncy of the 75th Combat Support Hospital, an IRT mission like Alabama Wellness “may be one of the only times a junior leader will get to experience operational training.” In addition, more than 30 local organizations and one hundred sixty-five volunteers participated in this mission. Local businesses donated thousands of bottles of water, and local health organizations offered additional medical services, such as prenatal care and HIV testing. This event met a significant need in the community, as Mr. Sam Schjott, manager of Monroeville Alabama Power, and leader of the Monroeville community’s partnership efforts, explained. “This is a poor, rural community. We have an 81% free and reduced lunch rate in the county. We have a dire need for some of these services.”

**HIGHLIGHTS**

Joint & Total Force: Army, Navy, & Air Force Reserve, Active Navy, & Air National Guard

Community Partner: Monroeville Alabama Power

3,548 total patient encounters, 5,855 hours of training, and $900,000 total estimated services provided to the community

Lt Col Patrice Walgenbach, 115th Fighter Wing

“This mission allowed our military members to train on things that they don’t always get a chance to train on, making them more prepared for a deployment.”
COL VICTOR TORAÑO, PUERTO RICO AIR NATIONAL GUARD

“COMMUNITIES THAT RECEIVE IRT MISSIONS ARE POSED TO RECEIVE FIRST-CLASS CLINICAL SERVICES THAT IMMEDIATELY HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON EACH PARTICIPANT AND THE COMMUNITY.”

Ola de Esperanza Sanadora mission in Puerto Rico

August 2018
In September, 85 mission planners from all Services were brought together for the third annual Joint Workshop for Operational Mission Planners, a collaborative forum for training, partnership, and information sharing to support successful execution of missions. OSD conducted its second IRT awards ceremony for both Service Members and Community Members. At the end of the workshop, mission planners gained a stronger understanding of IRT, their roles and responsibilities, and available tools and resources for mission success. Several attendees reported using the workshop briefings and videos to train other Service Members and improve skills in IRT mission implementation, such as effective coordination with communities.
**2018 Highlights**

**ARMY RESERVE**
- 540 service members trained
- METS include Medical, Logistics, Engineering and CE
- 15,500 Medical, Dental and Optometry patients
- 9 new housing units
- Cut and shaped 2,830 linear feet of the I&M Michigan Canal

**ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**
- 498 guardsmen trained
- 21 ARNG Units
- 7,823 training days
- 8,000+ patients seen

**NAVY RESERVE**
- 760 Sailors trained
- 16 NR Units
- 10,600 training days

**MARINE CORPS RESERVE**
- 308 Marines trained
- Finished Old Harbor Runway Extension – 6 yr Joint service project

**AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND**
- 454 service members trained
- 9,879 Air Force training requirements
- 35,646 training hours
- $1,484,792 total medical value to communities
- $1,855,875 total CE value to communities
- 3,348 medical patients
- 21,192 medical procedures
- 1,200 hours in airlift training

**AIR NATIONAL GUARD**
- 1,596 service members trained
- 1,427 training presentations
- 19,819 Air Force training requirements
- 55,179 hrs of ANG-specific training
- $10,423,999 total medical value to communities
- 1,596 service members trained
- $3,700,000 total CE value to communities
- 29,378 medical patients
- 88,923 medical procedures
- 9 new housing units, 10,200 sqft
- 4,000 sqft demolition
INVITATION

IRT affords an opportunity to deliver real-life, rigorous training for Service Members while benefiting their fellow Americans. Visit our website and contact your Service program manager to learn more. Join us!

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Below: Military and community members at the Tinian Health Clinic Mission