

Innovative Readiness Training (IRT)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Military Mission FAQs

What are the benefits of an IRT mission for my unit?

- This training opportunity allows military units to either work in partnership with their local Community or to work on any other mission around the United States and its territories.
- Units can train in a joint environment, which mimics modern day deployments, many times in austere environments.
- Units can work on an OSD-funded mission which allows unit to save/reallocate unit funds for other unit training priorities.
- Units create long term impact on community.

What types of Missions does IRT have available for my unit?

IRT has over 25 years of experience in executing Medical, Civil Engineering, and Transportation missions. The program has more recently started conducting Cybersecurity, Civil Affairs, Diving, and Aerial Spray missions. There is no limit to what type of mission IRT will entertain as long as unit training remains the main focus while bringing value to the community.

How do I create an IRT Account?

Click [Apply Now](#)

- Read information on left side of the screen on "New to IRT?" and follow directions to "Create and Account". Once at this site, you will be prompted to create a login - user name and password.

How do I find Community missions to apply for?

- Click [Apply Now](#)
- Log in to your IRT account
- Click on "View Application" dropdown menu on the top of the screen

- Click "All in Progress Community Applications" or all Submitted Community Applications".

How do I create a new application?

- Click [Apply Now](#)
- Log in to your IRT account
- Click Start Community Application.

How long after Community and Military applications are submitted, does the mission start?

- This process can typically take 24 months for missions funded by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD).
- Non OSD funded missions are typically funded by the Military unit and tend to be local to where the unit is based. These missions are much smaller in scope and can be executed between 3-4 months after the community application is submitted.

What happens once my unit application matches with a community?

This is when the planning will start. There will be three meetings leading up to mission execution. The Initial Planning meeting (IPM), Mid Planning Meeting (MPM), Final Planning Meeting (FPM), Mission.

What happens at the IPM and what/who do I need to prepare/bring?

The Unit planners and Community partners will meet at IPM which is held at the proposed mission location during the first quarter (Oct, Nov, Dec) of the fiscal year. This allows all planners to look and the site/sites to better start working on logistical and planning issues leading up to the mission. Units should come with a prepared list of all training objectives they wish to accomplish during the mission.

Units should bring all unit planners as well as representatives from Services, Communications, and civil affairs to the IPM. This helps both Military and Community part-

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ners meet face to face and establish a working relationship which helps mitigate planning issued leading up to the mission execution.

Listen to the **“How to prepare for your Initial planning Meeting (IPM)”** podcast on <https://irt.defense.gov/Portals/57/audio/IRT%20-%20Podcast%20Episode%202%201st%20draft-C.mp3?ver=2019-04-03-143735-253>

When do missions occur?

Missions typically occur between April and September.

My unit participated on an IRT mission before, can we participate again?

Units are encouraged to participate on as many IRT missions as possible if their training objectives remain the main focus in bringing value to the community. There are many missions that last for multiple years. It is important for unit to develop a good working relationship with the communities they are serving in order to keep coming back for future mission iterations.

A community reached out to me about IRT, what are our options?

Direct the community member to the IRT page so that they may create an account and apply for a mission. If their application is selected, you may then formulate a list of your training objectives to see if they math with what the Community is trying to accomplish.

What do I do if I'm having issues with my application?

Email the IRT helpdesk at IRTHelpDesk@lmi.org with a short description of your issue. Please be sure to put your application number as part of the subject line. All helpdesk inquiries are typically answered within 24 hours. If you need **emergency assistance** regarding your application, please call 703-917-7121.