

# INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING



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## OPERATION EMPOWER HEALTH: SAVANNAH COMMUNITY PREPARES FOR IRT MISSION



The Department of Defense and the Savannah, Georgia community are actively preparing for an exciting Medical IRT mission, Operation Empower Health that will be providing no-cost medical services to the community from 10 – 18 May 2018. This flagship IRT mission will bring together service members from all branches of the military (Army Reserve, Army National Guard,

Marine Corps Reserve, Active Duty Navy, Navy Reserve, Active Duty Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard) to deliver medical, dental, optometry, and veterinary services to thousands of local residents. St. Joseph's/Candler, considers community outreach to be a core component of their business mission. St. Joseph's/Candler has already demonstrated its commitment to its values of compassion, quality, integrity, courtesy, accountability, and team work through their exceptional planning work in support of this mission.

An impressive array of community organizations have volunteered time, resources, space, and materials to this effort. The partners include: Georgia Southern University – Armstrong Campus, the City of Savannah Government, Garden City Department of Parks and Recreation, Savannah State University, Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition (CGIC), Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council (CCSNPC), Chatham Emergency Management Agency, and the Chatham County Health Department and their administrator, Dr. Randy McCall.

Through this mission, the Services will deliver great results while preserving taxpayer value. This mission embodies the spirit and intent of IRT, joining individuals and organizations across disciplines, geographical locations, and military services to yield positive results for all involved. The community's lead planner, Mr. Adam Walker, explains that, while Savannah is a military community, with the 165<sup>th</sup> 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 will leave a lasting positive impression of the military with his local community. In a recent interview Mr. Walker explained, "Anyone who needs the service can stand in line and get it, no questions asked. Nobody is asking for IDs, pay stubs, residency verification... that builds trust and makes the community understand that you're here for the right reasons and to do the right thing."

KEY TRAINING ELEMENT OF THIS MISSION:  
**HIGH VOLUME MEDICAL TRIAGE**



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### COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

**Adam Walker, Director of Operations for  
Mission Services, St. Joseph's Candler  
Health System**



"[IRT] has been a phenomenal experience... I don't think we have encountered anyone from the military that we haven't been thoroughly impressed with."

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## COMMUNITY UPDATE

NEW COMMUNITY APPLICATION PROCESS  
APRIL 1, 2018

### FY 2019 PROJECT APPLICATIONS

IRT Program Managers met in March to review applications for FY 2019 projects. Selected and non-selected communities will be notified by July 2018.

### FY 2020 PROJECT APPLICATIONS

FY 2020 project applications are due on September 30, 2018. Communities can now access our new website, which contains information, videos and a new application portal. For more information, or to apply for a FY 2020 project, visit <http://irt.defense.gov/>

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## SERVICE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

LT. COL ANDREW DEAN MAGNET, M.D., PH.D.

### MISSION OFFICER IN CHARGE OPERATION EMPOWER HEALTH

Lt. Col. Magnet has been working closely with community organizers in Savannah to ensure a successful mission. He has found the experience remarkable so far and is looking forward to mission and training success!



"[IRT] provides an incredible opportunity to mentor up-and-coming leaders."



### 2018 IRT PROGRAM MANAGERS

Major Lisbeth Andriessen, *Marine Corps Reserve*

Major Cletis Derek Butler, *Army Reserve*

Major Anna Hill, *Air Force Reserve*

LCDR Joshua Strubeck, *Navy Reserve*

Captain Jennifer Fagan, *Air National Guard*

Captain Zachary West, *Army National Guard*



### IRT CALENDAR

April 15 – Aug. 7, Operation Footprint, New Mexico

April 15 – Aug. 18, Lincoln Police, Nebraska

April 14 – 27, Arctic Care Kotzebue, Alaska

May 1 – Aug. 6, Old Harbor, Alaska

May 10-18, Operation Empower Health, Georgia

Sept. 18-20, Annual Training Workshop, Virginia

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Read about last year's IRT projects!  
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Want to learn more about IRT? Check out our latest YouTube video!

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