

INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING



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Alabama Wellness Delivering Care to Rural Alabama Communities



The 75th Combat Support Hospital, an Army Reserve unit based in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, led a medical IRT mission with participation from all branches of the military (Active Duty Army, Army Reserve, Active Duty Navy, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard) in Monroeville and Thomasville, Alabama May 26-June 8, 2018. This

civil-military partnership proved valuable to both the participants and community members. "This is a poor, rural community. Most people don't have access to a lot of services. We have an 81% free and reduced lunch rate in the county. We have a dire need for some of these services," Sam Schjott, manager of Monroeville Alabama Power, and leader of the Monroeville community's partnership efforts, explained. The Monroeville and Thomasville communities came together to maximize the IRT mission to support the needs of the local population. More than 30 local organizations, and one hundred sixty-five volunteers participated in the mission. Local businesses donated thousands of bottles of water and soft drinks, and local health organizations offered additional medical services, such as prenatal care and HIV testing to the patients lined up in the early hours of the morning each day before the doors opened. It was clear to all involved that this event met a significant need in the community.

The Mission offered great value to the Reservists as well. Captain Joshua Muncy of the 75th Combat Support Hospital, explained in a recent interview that participating in an IRT provides Reservists valuable hands-on experience outside of a classroom environment, "It is a wonderful opportunity to get a well-rounded clinical skill base under you. Everything we do; preparing for deployment, logistical planning, learning to plan when you are going to do everything – this may be one of the only times a junior leader will get to experience operational training."

KEY TRAINING ELEMENTS OF THIS MISSION:

LEADERSHIP SKILLS, CLINICAL SKILLS, LOGISTICS AND SUSTAINMENT



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COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Sam Schjott
Manager, Monroeville Alabama Power



"Hosting the IRT program allowed us to positively impact literally thousands of people's lives. We had a great team locally, but we could not have had the successes that we did without the leadership of Captain Muncy, Lieutenant Colonel Walgenbach and their incredible team."

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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR IRT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Do you know someone who went above and beyond to implement IRT's mission? The 2018 IRT Joint Workshop for Operational Mission Planners features an annual awards ceremony recognizing exceptional IRT staff, communities, and participants. Awards include Leader of the Year, Participant of the Year, Civil Military Partnership of the Year, Champion of the Year, Advocate of the Year, and Project Manager of the Year. Nominations are due July 15. Visit <https://public.huddle.com/b/vDOMKZ/index.html> to learn more about the nomination process.

IRT'S ONLINE COMMUNITY APPLICATION SUBMISSION PORTAL

Interested in applying to IRT for FY20? Check out IRT's online submissions portal that makes it easier to apply to the IRT program. The new website also includes information for military members and non-DoD entities. FY20 applications are due September 30, 2018. For more information, or to apply for a FY20 project, visit <http://irt.defense.gov/>

SERVICE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CPT JOSHUA MUNCY, 75TH CSH

OFFICER IN CHARGE ALABAMA WELLNESS

"I don't think it can be overstated that one of the great components of the IRT mission is that it brings services...to work together. When we are in our normal life, we never get to work with our sister components. When you actually get out there and deploy, this is how it is—you're working alongside people from other services. Being able to see that here in a safe training environment sets you up for future success."



CPT Joshua Muncy

Commander HHD, 75th Combat Support Hospital



2018 IRT PROGRAM MANAGERS

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June 13 – June 27 Operation Bobcat, Kentucky

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June 15 – June 28 Tropic Care, Hawaii

June 18 – July 1 SE Illinois Wellness, Illinois

Sept. 18-20 Annual Training Workshop, Virginia

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