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Healthy Cortland and Greater Chenango Cares IRT: Preparing to Deliver Medical Services

From July 9 through July 22, Service Members (Active Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard) will join [Southern Tier 8](#), a New York regional planning agency, to deliver dental, optometry, and veterinary care to rural communities in upstate New York.

A successful IRT mission in 2016 left the community with a lasting positive impression of the IRT partnership experience, "What they did for the community in 10 days, I have so much respect for them," said Donna Jones, director of planning for Chenango County. "I saw 170 service members come to our area," added Jones, "and then 24 to 36 hours, they set up tents, they set up clinics, they set up operating rooms to spay and neuter the animals, and they just bring in these connex boxes, they put air conditioning in the school, and you're just in awe and amazed that they can do this." In 2016, over 1,800 people attended the Healthy Cortland IRT event



U.S. Army 1st Lt. Christine Barr, 48th Combat Support Hospital, discusses the preliminary health screening process with Capt. Lucas Marcum on July 19, 2016. Photo by Airman 1st Class Julia Santiago

at Homer Intermediate School from July 15-24, where 7,613 procedures were performed for medical, dental, optometry, and veterinary services. The cost savings to the Cortland County community totaled \$851,426.¹



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Mauricia Alo, 108th Medical Group, measures a patient's blood pressure during IRT Healthy Cortland, on July 19, 2016. Photo by Airman 1st Class Julia Santiago

that this summer's IRT seamlessly provides military essential training to each Service Member participant, while delivering value to the community.

ENHANCE MILITARY READINESS

IRT provides hands-on, real world training to improve readiness and survivability in contingency environments

STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS

IRT builds and strengthens civil-military partnerships, often in remote areas

BRING BUSINESS REFORMS

IRT is a collaborative program that leverages military contributions and community resources to multiply value and cost savings for participants

IRT TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

HEALTHY CORTLAND & GREATER CHENANGO CARES

Patient Based Safety, Cross-Training

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Southern Tier 8

IRT Community Partner Organization



"Rural residents in Upstate New York are excited to welcome back a new group of highly skilled, committed, and caring medical reservists this summer in Homer and Norwich, NY!"

Caroline Quidort, Regional Development Analyst at Southern Tier 8, meeting with military members during a medical IRT mission in Chenango County in 2015.

<http://irt.defense.gov/>



¹ \$1.7 Million Dollars Saved with IRT's in Cortland and Chenango, N.Y. Accessed on 3/24/19: https://www.army.mil/article/172125/17_million_dollars_saved_with_irts_in_cortland_and_chenango_ny



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OSD UPDATE

CAPTAIN JENNIFER FAGAN

IRT OPERATIONS OFFICER



“We are quickly approaching an exciting time of year in our program where we will see the tireless planning efforts of both our military members and community partners come to life as the training missions begin. The most rewarding part of being in this program is seeing the look on everyone’s face after a successful mission.”

SERVICE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MAJOR AMANDA HILL
140TH MDSS SQUADRON COMMANDER AND
CHIEF NURSE

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CHENANGO CARES, IRT



“This is my second IRT. My main role is bringing professionals together to provide care to areas in need while also simultaneously planning, coordinating and executing crucial training with other service branches and the local communities involved.”

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Jan 3 – Apr 30: Conservancy Airfield Damage Repair, CA
- Mar 4 – Jul 28: MTK Camp Kamassa, MS
- Mar 18 – Mar 22: Habitat for Humanity, PR (FPM)
- Mar 18 – Mar 22: Department of Education, PR (FPM)
- May 3: Department of Education, PR (DV Day)
- Apr 1 – Sept 15: Operation Footprint Mission, NM
- Apr 1 – Apr 5: Tri-State Medical, DAEOC (FPM)
- Apr 8 – Sept 15: Girl Scout Camp Paumalu, HI
- Apr 22 – Apr 26: East Central Georgia Medical, GA (FPM)
- Apr 25 - May 8: Ola de Esperanza Sanadora, PR
- Sept 17 – Sept 19: Joint IRT Workshop

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