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Service Members Deliver Medical Care in Puerto Rico

From April 25 through May 8, 2019 Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Marine Corps Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard units joined together to deliver medical services to residents in six locations across Puerto Rico (Ponce, Maricao, Mayagüez, Jayuya, Lares & Yauco); while obtaining critical training in a hands-on environment. The two-week Ola de Esperanza Sanadora IRT Mission, translated as “Healing Wave of Hope,” was the IRT Program’s flagship mission for FY 2019, bringing together units from every Service from across the United States.



Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Tony F. Goodwin, a hospital corpsman with Operational Health Support Unit San Diego, checks a patient’s body temperature.

Photo by Sgt. Andy Martinez

The mission included almost 500 military participants (151 officers and 342 enlisted) and provided medical screenings, dental, and optometry care to Puerto Rico residents. Service members treated over 9,000 patients, fabricated over 4,119 pairs of glasses, and conducted over 26,000 procedures – resulting in \$1.9M in value for the community. Master Sgt. Adam Write, a participant in the mission, described his experience to a reporter, “It’s very busy. It’s one patient after another, clean up, next patient. It’s from the beginning of the day to the end of the day. We have patients waiting at the door at the beginning of the day. People are here it’s a needed resources for them. I really enjoy the program. We can dig deeper in our career fields... We’re getting hugs at the end of the day. Kids get glasses. They can see. It’s close to the heart so it’s pretty good.” In total, this mission delivered 45,261 hours of training to personnel across the participating units. The mission delivered over 100 training presentation topics, including patient triage, supply and logistics, fire/emergency response, emotional intelligence, and cultural affairs.

SERVICE	TOTAL TRAINING HOURS
Air National Guard	15,243.5
Army National Guard	5,262.5
Active Duty Army	536
US Navy Reserves	7,071.5
Air Force Reserves	1,076
Active Duty Air Force	974.5
US Army Reserves	12,959.5
US Marine Corps Reserves	2,137.5
Total	45,261

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STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS

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IRT TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

OLA DE ESPERANZA SANADORA

Triage, Leadership, Communications

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Victor Torano

State Air Surgeon, Puerto Rico ANG
Psychiatrist, ASSMCA (Administración de Servicios de Salud y Contra la Adicción)



“This year’s IRT has been a challenge to the community partner, as the number of participants significantly increased from last year, as well as the care sites selected. However, we are honored to have partnered with DoD and the IRT staff to bring medical, dental, ocular and mental health services to people after Hurricane Maria. I’m also proud to serve as a citizen airman with the Puerto Rico Air National Guard.”

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OSD UPDATE

CAPTAIN SAVON TERUKINA
AIR NATIONAL GUARD
IRT INTERIM MEDICAL PROJECT MANAGER



Captain Terukina (pictured second from left) and others assisting with Pack In

"It is a blessing to be a part of the IRT Team! This is one of the most rewarding assignment(s) during my 16 years of military service. I get to help patients at no cost to the community while empowering our Service Members from different components to find innovative ways to train domestically."

SERVICE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

LT COL DEANNA PENNINGS
185TH ARW, IOWA ANG
OFFICER IN CHARGE (OIC)
OLA DE ESPERANZA SANADORA IRT



MC Bravo (left), Lt Col Pennings (center) and HMCS Sieger (right) pictured during the Ola de Esperanza Sanadora IRT Mission, Puerto Rico

"Ola de Esperanza Sanadora IRT was a truly joint forces effort. This effort combined six service branches as well as young and seasoned leadership, which gave all of us involved an opportunity to learn from one another. The cross training and support in this effort was one that I have never experienced before. IRT missions are truly a unique training opportunity that will provide a joint learning platform from which every service can benefit while providing services to communities in need."

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Mar 4 – Jul 28: MTK Camp Kamassa, MS
- Apr 1 – Sept 15: Operation Footprint Mission, NM
- Apr 8 – Sept 15: Girl Scout Camp Paumalu, HI
- June 1 – June 30: Pima County Roadway, AZ
- June 11 – June 25: East Central Georgia Medical, GA
- June 12 – June 25: Tri-State Medical, DAEOC
- June 23 – Aug 18: Community Relocation, Newtok, AK
- July 1 – July 29: Colonias Mission, TX
- July 9 – July 22: Healthy Cortland and Healthy Chenango
- Sept 17 – Sept 19: Joint IRT Workshop for Operational Mission Planners, VA

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