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IRT Mission Builds Camp Paumalu's STEM Center of Excellence

From 08 April – 25 August 2019, the Air National Guard led the Camp Paumalu IRT mission in partnership with the Girl Scouts of Hawai'i (GSH). This joint Civil Engineering mission brought together supporting units from the Air Force Reserve Command and the Marine Corps Reserve to construct a new 11,603 square foot Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Center for Excellence. The Center will be an integral part of Camp Paumalu, a 135-acre camp located on the North Shore of Oahu, Hawai'i.

The mission builds on the success of a multi-year partnership with the GSH. This year's mission met crucial Mission Essential Task List (METL) training requirements across twelve functional areas in support of vegetation removal, demolition, roadway and drainage improvements, building foundation construction, carpentry, and other modern construction practices in a safe and controlled environment. Special training opportunities beyond the traditional scope of civil engineering included mobilization and operation of a Disaster Relief Mobile Kitchen Trailer (DRMKT) and obtaining a Route Clearance Package.

Leading the mission was Officer in Charge (OIC) First Lieutenant Emelia Brooks of the Air National Guard. She played an integral and vital role throughout the lifecycle of the project. While coordinating complex military and construction project logistics, she served alongside the community partner leadership team that included the GSH Chief Executive Officer, Lead Architect, Design Engineer, Lead Estimator, and Field Engineer. With Lt Brooks' oversight, the mission provided just over 48,578 training hours; enhancing unit readiness while delivering valuable capital contributions to the camp and community alike. Once the facility is complete, more than 2,000 girls annually from across the U.S. will have access to hands-on training in cyber security, astronomy, robotics, computer coding, botany, chemistry, and environmental stewardship. Mission participants left this year's mission with bolstered readiness for their duties down range.



U.S. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members pose adorned with leis for a photograph with members of Girl Scouts of Hawai'i at the Camp Paumalu Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Center August 27.

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

CAMP PAUMALU STEM CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Joint Environment and Cross Training

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Shari Chang

**Chief Executive Officer
Girl Scouts of Hawai'i**



Pictured Above: Shari Chang with her granddaughter Maia

"Working with the IRT team has been an amazing experience for Girl Scouts of Hawai'i and the project they are helping to build for our community will have an impact for several decades – Mahalo IRT!"

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE STAFF FEATURE

1LT JESSICA BROWNLOW ARMY RESERVE PROGRAM MANAGER



As the IRT program manager for the US Army Reserves, 1LT Brownlow will be managing 14 joint projects across the US and its territories.

"Many people join the military to give back to their country and to serve a greater purpose. IRT is a rare program that enables those Service Members to use their training and talents to aid their fellow Americans. Nothing says 'job satisfaction' quite like the gratitude in your fellow countryman's eyes as you make a difference in their life."

SERVICE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

1LT EMELIA BROOKS 138TH FIGHTER WING, OKLAHOMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD MISSION OFFICER IN CHARGE CAMP PAUMALU



Pictured Above: Mother (MaryAnn), father (Jim), and siblings (Claire and Chloe) at her promotion ceremony to First Lieutenant at Camp Paumalu.

"The Camp Paumalu IRT FY19 mission offered service members the opportunity to complete annual readiness training tasks and afforded us the added benefit of creating a facility that will impact the lives of youth from Hawai'i and around the world for years to come."

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Nov. 4–8: TropiCare IPM, HI
- Apr. 24–May 5: TropiCare Mission, HI
- May 20–Jun. 3: Beckman Charter Mission, LA
- Jun. 13–26: Mississippi Medical Mission, MS
- May 20–Jun. 3: Valley Health Care Mission MED, GA
- Jul. 9–22: Valley Healthcare Mission CON, GA

2019 IRT PROGRAM MANAGERS

- First Lieutenant Jessica Brownlow, *Army Reserve*
- Major Morgan Shepard-Vierra, *Army National Guard*
- Major Andrew Chrestman, *Marine Corps Reserve*
- Lieutenant Commander Joshua Strubeck, *Navy Reserve*
- Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Adamich, *Air National Guard*
- Major Michael McDonald, *Air Force Reserve*

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