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Medical Training with East Central Georgia (ECG) Community

From 11–25 June, 2019, U.S. Air Force Reserve Command led the East Central Georgia (ECG) IRT mission in partnership with the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) Regional Commission. This joint medical mission provided no-cost dental, medical, and optometry services across five care sites to 2,609 residents from central Georgia, spanning a widely rural area encompassing thirteen counties. Supporting units from the Army National Guard, Navy Reserve, and Air National Guard completed training in medical core competency areas that included burn injuries, litter carry, first responder skills, incident command, scene security, and safety. One special training opportunity for Service Members was a mass casualty drill plan; which blended operational planning, leadership, and logistical skillsets with medical areas of expertise.

This multiyear partnership demonstrates the value of civil-military collaboration that IRT brings to American communities. The CSRA Regional Commission is a public sector, non-profit planning and development agency. Founded in 1961, CSRA works with local governments to provide a services that improve living conditions, create and retain jobs, and protect the area’s vast natural resources. Leading the community in this mission were Andy Crosson, Executive Director and Stephanie Quattlebaum, Director of Economic and Workforce Development; both of the CSRA Regional Commission. In speaking to value that multiyear IRT partnerships provide communities, Mr. Crosson remarked on the magnitude of the 2018 and 2019 missions, explaining that in total the two missions provided, “More than 40,000 procedures totaling nearly \$2.6 million to 6,000 patients. The partnership developed has improved the overall quality of life in each of the rural Georgia communities.”



IRT mission participants strengthened ties in the community across five medical care sites.

The 2019 training opportunity in ECG brought together Service Members from 30 states, who completed 15,000+ hours of training and delivered medical services valued at \$1,355,383 to the communities at no cost. IRT mission participants helped yet another American community thrive while bolstering their readiness to survive in complex operational environments.

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

EAST CENTRAL GEORGIA MEDICAL, DENTAL, & OPTOMETRY

Joint Environment, Mass Casualty Drill Plan, Incident Command, Burn Injuries

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Andy Crosson
CSRA Regional Commission
Executive Director



Pictured Above: Andy Crosson, Lt Col Eisenhardt, and Stephanie Quattlebaum (CSRA Regional Commission Director of Economic & Workforce Development)

“For the past two years, the IRT program provided access to medical, dental, and optometry services to nine rural communities. In many cases, this was the first time that people in these areas have seen a medical professional.”

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CPT JASON S. SCHWARTZ
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
IRT DEPUTY PROGRAM MANAGER



“One of the things that I love the most about being involved with the IRT program is being able to directly see the positive impact our efforts and training have on the local communities here in the United States.”

SERVICE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

LT COL ALYSON EISENHARDT
AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND
MISSION OFFICER IN CHARGE
EAST CENTRAL GEORGIA



Pictured Above: Lt Col Eisenhardt presenting coins to military members during FY19 ECG Awards Day Ceremony

“I have led many different military and civilian teams in the past, but the unique leadership experience of commanding an IRT mission was one of the most fulfilling. The personal and professional reward of serving a community in need while building skills for a diverse team of service members is something that will remain with me throughout my career.”

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Nov. 4-8: TropiCare IPM, HI
- Nov. 4-8: Cleveland National Forest IPM, CA
- Nov. 4-8: Puerto Rico Public Health IPM, PR
- Nov. 6-7: Camp Kamassa IPM, MS
- Nov. 13-14: Old Harbor Hydroelectric IPM, AK
- Nov. 13-15: IRT Quarterly Leadership Meeting, Andrews AFB
- Nov. 18-22: Valley Healthcare IPM, 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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