



INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING



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Year in Review—FY 2019

Fiscal Year 2019 marked the 27th year of the Innovative Readiness Training Program. IRT delivered nearly 11,000 days of training to more than 5,000 Service members across the Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve. Dozens of communities from 19 states and territories received civil engineering (CE), medical, transportation, and civil affairs services at no cost, through 18 OSD-funded missions. In addition, 13 non-OSD-funded missions afforded IRT the opportunity to deliver more training and make a positive community impact. IRT conducted missions with communities from all corners and across the United States, including missions in remote regions of Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. FY 2019 IRT OSD-funded medical missions delivered a total of 117,225 procedures—valued at \$13,479,469—for community residents. In total, 141,531 medical, optometry, and dental patients received services in FY 2019.



In FY 2019, IRT missions delivered thousands of pairs of glasses to communities across the United States.

The FY 2019 flagship mission, Operation Ola de Esperanza Sanadora, brought together 82 units to deliver medical, dental, and optometry care to a total of 9,052 patients. In this mission alone, IRT delivered 2,850 pairs of glasses, 10,311 optometry procedures, 5,592 dental procedures, 10,304 medical procedures, and 2,643 total training days to 898 military personnel.

FY 2019 OSD-funded CE missions provided a total of \$6,170,948 in value to American communities. These CE missions accomplished vertical construction of 28 housing units. Horizontal construction and renovation completed through IRT missions included more than 2 miles of pavement construction. These CE missions also moved and placed 12,963 cubic yards of construction and fill material.

A highlight of FY 2019 is the completion of a second mission year with the Girl Scouts of Hawaii. Working in tandem with this organization, IRT constructed an 11,000 square foot multi-level STEM center, including 1.2 miles of roadway clearing and tree removal—delivering approximately \$2.5 million in value to the community, 1,568 training days to 512 service members, and 8,354 Mission Essential Task List (METL) training elements.

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.

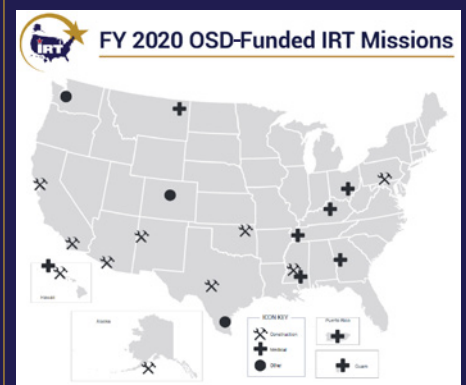
BRING BUSINESS REFORM

A collaborative program, IRT leverages military contributions and community resources to increase value and save costs for participants.

2019 TRAINING TOTALS

Total Training Days
6,424 Medical
4,375 Civil Engineering
112 Other (Civil Affairs, Transportation)

FY 2020 MISSION OUTLOOK



This year, IRT is on track to conduct 22 OSD-funded missions. These missions will employ current and new community partnerships, encompassing construction, medical, transportation, civil affairs, and diving projects. The 22 missions will take place in 16 states and two territories.



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An Exciting Year Ahead

For FY 2020, IRT is on track to be busier than ever as it continues to grow the scale of its missions. With the launch of the updated website, mobile website, and user portal, communities and Service components will be able to easily apply and track missions.

Honoring an IRT Leader

We congratulate Brigadier General Scott A. Sauter on his recent promotion to Major General. BG Sauter was assigned to OSD in 2010–13 when IRT was organized under the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs and Readiness, Training and Mobilization Deputy. As Director of the program, BG Sauter worked diligently preserving the program. In addition to reaching the objectives prescribed in 10 U.S.C. § 2012 and Department of Defense (DoD) policy, he focused on multi-Service and joint community service projects in locations where the “expeditionary” training environment could best be emulated. His relentless leadership set in motion the actions that have enabled IRT to evolve and ultimately become the premier military training platform for a secure and prosperous America.

SERVICE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

BRIGADIER GENERAL SCOTT A. SAUTER

MOBILIZATION ASSISTANT TO THE COMMANDER,
U.S. AIR FORCES EUROPE / AIR FORCES AFRICA



IRT stands today as an essential training and readiness resource for the Reserve Components (RCs). Given the National Defense Strategy’s emphasis on Dynamic Force Employment and its inference to large-scale intra-theater agility against the backdrop of DoD’s readiness recovery and ongoing fiscal constraints, reliance on the RC for operational capability continues. However, our “less-than-full-time” RC (which must train to the same standard as the Active Components), requires realistic training for durations compatible with their two-week annual tours and/or de-conflicted with demands of their civilian employers. In that regard, IRT continues to deliver; and, when our Services work closely with our community partners to properly scope these projects or “training events,” everybody wins!

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Dec. 3-5: Girl Scout Camp Paumalu IPM, HI
- Dec 2-6: Mississippi Medical IPM, MS
- Dec 4-7: Guam Medical & Dental IPM, GU
- Dec. 9-13: W. Tennessee Wellness IPM, TN
- Dec. 17-19: Camp Kamassa MPM, MS
- Jan 8-10: Camp Carter MPM, TX
- Jan 9: Deep Water Derelict Net Removal IPM, WA
- Jan 22-24: Operation Footprint IPM, NM
- Jan 27-30: Pima County MPM, AZ

FY 2020 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