



# INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING



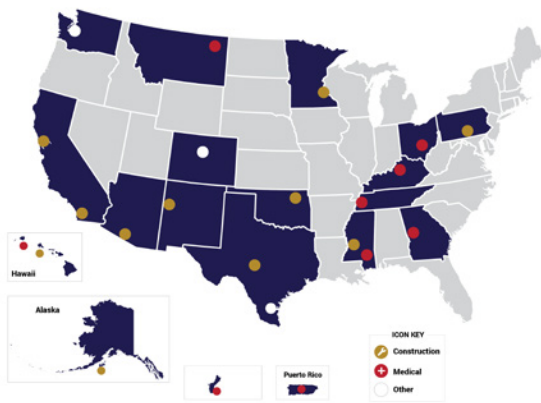
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## An Exciting Year Ahead—FY 2020 IRT Missions

Following the success of our FY 2019 mission season, the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program is well underway with FY 2020 planning. This year, Servicemembers of the Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard; Marine Corps Reserve; Navy Reserve; and Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve will conduct 22 missions funded by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD).

This past fall, IRT leaders completed initial planning meetings. Before mission execution, they will hold mid planning and final planning meetings in the winter and spring. This three-part planning process not only ensures mission success, but provides mission-essential training to participants. They work through all elements of mission planning to identify and resolve potential issues such as bed-down locations, clinic sites, food services, as well as review all site concerns, such as communications or transportation considerations.



2020 Mission Locations

This year's OSD-funded missions consist of 10 construction, 9 medical, 1 transportation, 1 civil affairs, and 1 diving. We anticipate the involvement of over 5,000 Servicemembers, representing solid joint participation across the Services and Components.

Organization	Mission Role	
	Lead	Supporting
Army	1	1
Army Reserve	8	3
Army National Guard	0	4
Marine Corps	1	0
Marine Corps Reserve	2	4
Navy	0	1
Navy Reserve	1	4
Air National Guard	6	3
Air Force Reserve	3	3

Service Component Participation in FY 2020

Each year, IRT recognizes one Flagship Mission as personifying its overall mission. For FY 2020, the Camp Kamas mission in Crystal Springs, MS, has this honor. This 3-year mission focuses on training in horizontal and vertical construction practices. Special needs children from Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation will benefit from the newly constructed campsite features. In July, IRT will also conduct a medical mission, Mississippi Medical, in Crystal Springs, as well as nearby Mendenhall and Magee, where the community will receive no-cost medical, dental, and optometry services.

### 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

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

### IRT TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

- Initial Planning Meetings
- Logistics
- Transportation
- Personnel Support for Contingency Operations (PERSCO)

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Thank you for your applications!



IRT succeeds by identifying training opportunities through community applications. Although we can't match units with all applications received each year, we greatly appreciate each and every community's efforts in applying for an IRT partnership opportunity. To all of the communities that submitted applications for FY 2020, thank you. If you were not selected for FY 2020, please consider re-applying, as each new year brings new participants and training requirements—a match may be right around the corner!



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STAFF FEATURE

## LT COL MELISSA RIDDICK

AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND  
IRT ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE



*“I was initially introduced to the IRT program while assigned to the 567th RED HORSE Squadron, out of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina. Working on the IRT team at the OSD-level has increased my appreciation for the program because I see first-hand how it offers valuable hands-on military training, while assisting community partners. It is an honor and a privilege to be part of the IRT team.”*

SERVICEMEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## LT COL HARRY D. ALDERSON

AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND  
IRT CYBER PROGRAM MANAGER



*“I am thrilled to work in a joint environment, leveraging cutting-edge technologies and implementing innovative processes to support Reserve, Guard, and Active forces readiness capability. The IRT program is a great opportunity to collaborate with Citizen Servicemembers, representing the full spectrum of the military, to enhance expeditionary deployment training logistics capability. The IRT program affords a unique professional experience to expand my depth as a cyber program manager.”*

### IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Jan. 22-24: Operation Footprint IPM, NM
- Jan. 27-30: Pima County IPM, AZ
- Jan. 27-30: Puerto Rico Public Health MPM, PR
- Jan. 29-30: Camp Kamassa MPM, MS
- Feb. 03-07: TropiCare Kauai MPM, HI
- Feb. 04-06: Operation Cardinal Rising MPM, KY
- Feb. 10-14: Valley Healthcare MPM, GA
- Feb. 11-13: Girl Scout Camp Paumalu MPM, HI
- Feb. 17-21: Cleveland National Forest MPM, CA

### 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