



# INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING



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## Asset Management: Equipping Mission Success

During the FY2020 mission season, IRT is delivering real world, hands-on training to more than 5,000 participating personnel. While thousands of Servicemembers receive critical training through participation in missions, an agile team of four Soldiers and seven Airmen is obtaining specialized training through the management and delivery of medical,



*A loader sorts inventory at Grissom Air Reserve Base*

civil engineering (CE), and food service assets. One training location, in Indiana, is the Consolidated Asset Management Site (CAMS) at Grissom Air Reserve Base (ARB). This CAMS maintains and transports equipment for medical and CE missions, including non-consumable assets (such as expeditionary dental kits, blood pressure cuffs, and optometry sets) and CE assets (such as hand tools, safety harnesses, and generators). Another location, in New Jersey, is the Medical Consumables Site (MCS) at Fort Dix, which houses medical consumables, such as bandages, sanitizers, and medication. While operating at two geographically separate locations, the Army and Air Force Reserve Commands at these two sites work as a cohesive, joint medical asset management team.

Asset movement begins in mid-February during mid planning meetings (MPMs). At that time, Servicemembers assigned to the CAMS or MCS receive daily training in skills such as aerial ops, supply logistics, medical logistics, and materiel management. They receive loading and transport training based on the asset destination and transportation mode—truck or military airlift. Staff Sergeant Josh Alter, based at Grissom ARB, remarked on the strategic role these sites play: “Asset management supplies a wide variety of joint IRT missions with the tools and equipment needed to efficiently complete their projects and training objectives. This objective sometimes requires the lateral movement of assets between projects that fall sequentially and often take place hundreds of miles apart.” These compartmentalized sites promote efficiencies by centrally locating assets, thereby enforcing accountability, consolidating procedures, and saving IRT costs.

The success of IRT’s 22 missions in FY2020 relies on timely, efficient delivery of assets across the United States. The tireless efforts of the staffs at the CAMS and MCS—improving communications, force support, and planning—will contribute to long-term IRT sustainability. On her role as the IRT MCS Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Master Sergeant Janice Johnson says, “I am often left speechless when reflecting on my interactions with joint service military members, this has been the most profoundly rewarding stateside assignment.”

### 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

- Asset Management
- Mission Planning
- Medical Logistics
- Supply Logistics
- Force Support

### COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

**Cynthia Berns**

Vice President of Community & External Affairs, Old Harbor Native Corporation



“The IRT program is a true blessing to the village of Old Harbor, Alaska! We have been able to move forward on projects that would not be possible without IRT and have built strong military friendships. The service men and women have exposed our youth to the countless opportunities the military has to offer. We will forever be thankful. Quyanaa - Thank you!”



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
STAFF FEATURE  
**SSG SAUNDERS**  
U.S. ARMY RESERVE  
MEDICAL LOGISTICS NCO



*"This program is amazing and it feels good to do my part knowing that key medical services are being provided to underserved communities throughout the United States and its territories. There are co-workers and there is family, I've had the privilege of working with both here at the IRT Medical Consumables Site, Fort Dix."*

SERVICEMEMBER  
SPOTLIGHT

**SRA OTIS YOUNGBLOOD**

AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND  
434TH LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON



*"One of the things that I love the most about being involved with the IRT program is being a part of a training base program to develop my ability to be mission ready and being able to see the positive impact that my involvement has made while ensuring each mission is successful as we help our local communities."*

## IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

Feb 17-21: Cleveland National Forest MPM, CA  
Feb 17-21: Mississippi Medical MPM, MS  
Feb 18-20: Guam Medical & Dental MPM, GU  
Feb 19-21: IRT PM Quarterly Workshop, IN  
Feb 20-21: 9Health Mission Start & DV Day, CO  
Feb 22: Camp Kamassa Mission Start, MS  
Feb 24-28: West Tennessee Wellness MPM, TN  
Mar 2-6: Nueces Co. Colonias FPM, TX  
Mar 3-5: Camp Carter FPM, TX

## 2020 IRT PROGRAM MANAGERS

First Lieutenant Jessica Campbell, Army Reserve  
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