



# INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING



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## Mississippi Missions Deliver Training Value

The IRT program has a long history of multi-year efforts that significantly enhance Servicemembers' quality training opportunities and provides a much larger benefit to American communities. One example is the 3-year partnership between Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation (MTK) and IRT. Another, in the same region, is with Delta Regional Authority (DRA), an IRT partner since 2009. This year, IRT will converge both community partners to same geographical area to bring valuable services to Mississippi - Camp Kamassa with MTK and Mississippi Medical with DRA.



*A team effort: Erecting cabin calls at Camp Kamassa*

MTK is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing recreational experiences for children and adults with special needs. As an IRT partner, it is undertaking a large-scale project to construct and maintain Camp Kamassa, about 9 miles northwest of Crystal Springs, MS. Led by the Air Force Reserve over a period of six months, more than 650 Servicemembers in the Army National Guard, Marine Corps Forces Reserve, and Air National Guard will jointly construct six family cabins, a multiuse building, an open-air recreation building, two large ponds, and several nature trails across the 326-acre campsite complex. In addition, MTK will host the Tactical Operations Center/Command and Control Center for the Mississippi Medical mission in Crystal Springs.

DRA works to improve regional economic opportunity by helping create jobs, build communities, and improve the lives of the 10 million people who reside in the eight-state Delta region: Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee. This year, working with IRT, it will stage Mississippi Medical, bringing quality healthcare to walk-in patients at no cost. The Air Force Reserve, also leading Camp Kamassa, will bring together supporting units from the Navy, Air Force, Army Reserve, Marine Corps Forces Reserve, Navy Reserve, and Air National Guard. The clinic will last for two weeks and is projected to train 258 Servicemembers. They will deliver medical, dental, and optometry services to the cities of Crystal Springs, Mendenhall, and Magee.



*IRT delivers medical services*

FY 2020 will be an exciting year for IRT in Mississippi, leveraging multi-year partnerships to deliver lasting benefit to communities in the state and exceptional training value to Servicemembers.

### 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

- Medical
- Civil Engineering
- Multi-Year Partnerships
- Joint Operations

### COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Sally Garland

Mayor  
City of Crystal Springs



"Having members of the military has brought extra life and excitement to our small town. The work of these Service members at Camp Kamassa will impact our entire state. We are looking forward to a successful and impactful medical mission."



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
STAFF FEATURE

## LT COL ANDREW ADAMICH

AIR NATIONAL GUARD  
PROGRAM MANAGER



*"I whole-heartedly believe IRT is the premier readiness training program. As a result of the joint-service and civil-military collaboration paired with support and services to US communities, key partnerships are forged. I am honored to serve beside dedicated military and community professions while serving our fellow Americans. The leadership development and service opportunities have been exceptional!"*

SERVICEMEMBER  
SPOTLIGHT

## LT COL TRISH WILKINSON

AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND  
MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE



*"What I love about IRT is that you get to bring together joint services to provide a unique type of training and build camaraderie while providing a much needed community service and caring for people. After IRT I know that my troops are trained to do their job and I've helped a community in need."*

### A MESSAGE FROM IRT ABOUT COVID-19

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We ask all our participants and partners to take action to protect themselves and those around them by employing protective measures, including thorough hand washing, social distancing, and appropriate steps if feeling sick. These efforts can dramatically decrease the risk of infection and slow COVID-19's spread.

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