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IRT's "Other" Mission Types

Through diverse mission scopes, IRT continues to deliver joint training opportunities to increase deployment readiness among the Joint Services. What comes to mind when you think of a typical IRT mission and its lasting benefits?

Undoubtedly, most people would respond along the lines of "no-cost medical care" or "housing construction." Although medical and construction projects are the bulk of IRT mission types each year, there is no "typical" when it comes to civil-military partnership opportunities that fulfill valid military training requirements. About one-fifth of the 34 missions taking place in FY 2021 fall outside the medical or construction categories. These encompass three cybersecurity, two transportation, and two civil affairs missions. The diversity of these alternate mission types

continues to grow. Applications continue to arrive for training scopes that include aerial spray, diving, sling load, transportation, and more. Generally speaking, the restrictions to creativity of mission scopes are few: the project must not compete with the private sector, military members cannot provide law enforcement of any kind, and IRT authorities cannot respond to natural or manmade disasters. As long as there is opportunity to gain training through addressing a community need, an IRT mission is possible.

One example is the 9 Health Fair mission, a recurring partnership in which Service Members of the Air National Guard train on heavy transportation equipment across challenging terrain throughout Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming. This endeavor will enable us to deliver essential medical supplies to communities in more than 100 health fair locations.

Yet another example from among the three cybersecurity missions is Idaho Cyber. Service Members from the Army National Guard will partner with the Idaho Secretary of State to conduct cybersecurity assessments of its information technology infrastructure. Soldiers will assist the community partner in identifying and mitigating critical risks that support core government business functions both on premise as well as in the cloud.

New and exciting mission types are out there. The only way they can happen is if communities apply. Visit irt.defense.gov today to learn more about current and prior-year IRT mission types. Interested in a civil-military partnership? Click the "Apply Now" button to begin your application.



*Colorado National Guard from 233rd SG
providing medical services and supply drop offs
during 9Health mission.*

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

Cybersecurity
Transportation
Civil-Military Partnerships

IRT Leadership Team

Colonel Jaclyn Chatwick, Director
Colonel George Koklanaris, Deputy Director
Captain Jennifer Ryan, Operations Officer
Captain Kelly Machado, Public Affairs Officer
Senior Master Sergeant Alexander Wilson, Superintendent

Message From IRT Leadership

Maj Michael Olson
Officer-In-Charge, 9Health



"9Health is a great way for the Colorado Air National Guard to support local communities throughout Colorado. It's rewarding

to know that our support of 9Health has a direct impact on medical access and education to 43 Colorado counties. Helping out neighbors—that's what being in the Colorado Air National Guard is about."

IRT Leaders and staff are closely monitoring the COVID-19 public health situation. We provide updated information on our website concerning its effect on our FY 2021 missions. Please check irt.defense.gov regularly for the latest information on the IRT program.



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OSD STAFF HIGHLIGHT

CAPT PATRICIA R. GOULD

AIR NATIONAL GUARD
IRT MEDICAL PROJECT MANAGER



"We are making a positive difference by fostering community connections through health initiatives. Service and partnerships are at the heart of IRT as it allows military members to build partnerships with their communities while developing their readiness skills."

OSD STAFF HIGHLIGHT

LILLIAN RUIZ

AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND
RESOURCE ADVISOR



"In all the years I've served in both military and civilian status, IRT has been my greatest joy. I truly believe that anyone who gets to work in this program will come away loving it. With IRT, the reserve part of the military gets the sense of satisfaction that what they are doing serves USA citizens."

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

Mar. 8: South Central Missouri Wellness MPM
Mar. 8: Catalina Island Road Repair Project FPM
Mar. 8: Webb County Medical FPM
Mar. 8: Camp Carter FPM
Mar. 15: East Central Georgia Medial MPM
Mar. 15: Pima County Roadway FPM
Mar. 16: Camp Paumalu FPM
Mar. 22: Operation Gateway MPM
Mar. 22: Cass Lake IHS Operation Walking Shield 2021 MPM
Mar. 22: Turtle Mountain IHS/Operation Walking Shield FPM
Mar. 22: Telida/Nikolai Skid Steer Transport Mission Start
Mar. 29: Kodiak Island Arctic Care FPM

FY 2021 IRT PROGRAM MANAGERS

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