



INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING

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Old Harbor Hydroelectric Road

As a new season of IRT missions begins, the chronicles of FY 2021 training from across the United States and its territories continue to pour in. This month, we highlight a recurring partnership with the City of Old Harbor, Alaska. Led by the Army Reserve, the mission scope included roadway construction as part of the city's ongoing hydroelectric dam project. From August 1st to September 7th, horizontal construction activities of soldiers supported this critical infrastructure asset, enabling access to a clean, renewable source of electricity to sustain the local village's energy needs.

With support from the active duty component, soldiers cleared debris and improved unpaved roads while training in plumbing, carpentry, and electrical skills. All units gained valuable operational time with heavy equipment, increasing proficiency. Land survey crews received training on their newly acquired geolocation equipment, ensuring accuracy in engineering location and design. The crews laid down 3,500 linear feet of roadway with a subbase course layer along with an annex structure to connect the water tower to the main road. This training activity supplied an estimated \$2,300,000 in no-cost construction and engineering services to the community.

Soldiers completed their tasks with a renewed readiness posture and real-world experience applicable to their military and civilian careers. Though faced with challenges related to harsh weather and complex transportation logistics, Service Members accomplished their work within schedule. A celebration of civil-military partnership and training value commenced on August 23rd during the mission's Distinguished Visitor Day.

Training through partnerships such as this is unique in DoD. It is hands on, simulates real tasks for exercises, and offers leadership opportunities for junior officers and enlisted personnel in a joint environment. Want to learn more about our missions and the training value they deliver? Visit our website at irt.defense.gov.



Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy visited members of the US Army Reserve at Old Harbor Distinguished Visitor's Day

DEFEND THE NATION

IRT provides hands-on, real-world training to improve readiness and survivability in complex contingency environments

SUCCEED THROUGH TEAMWORK

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

TAKE CARE OF OUR PEOPLE

IRT strengthens and builds partnerships, while providing key services for American communities utilizing joint training operations

IRT TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

Civil-Engineering
Roadway Construction
Transportation Logistics

IRT Leadership Team

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

OSD Spotlight

Brigadier General Timothy D. Connelly

United States Army Reserve
Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7



Congratulations to BG Connelly on your recent appointment as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Office of the Chief of Army Reserve. Your ongoing support to IRT continues to deliver valuable joint training opportunities that increase deployment readiness while serving America's communities.

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 2022 missions. Please check irt.defense.gov regularly for the latest information on the IRT program.



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OSD STAFF HIGHLIGHT

MAJ CHRISTOPHER BROWN

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
IRT OPERATIONS OFFICER



Please join the Office of the Secretary of Defense and IRT Leadership in welcoming newly promoted Maj Chris Brown as the new IRT Operations Officer. In his new role, Maj Brown will support the IRT Director in fulfilling the program's strategic objectives while carrying out day-to-day activities that support successful execution of civil-military partnerships across the United States and its territories. He will liaison between OSD and the Joint Service IRT Program Managers; providing the tools and resources they need to deliver unparalleled military training value unique to the DoD. A medical officer by trade, he joins us from his previous AFRC assignment in the A1, Warner Robins, Georgia. IRT Director Col Jackie Chatwick and the entire OSD staff are thrilled to have him on the team!

OSD STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MAJ TIMOTHY SALVINO

MARINE CORPS RESERVE
IRT PROGRAM MANAGER

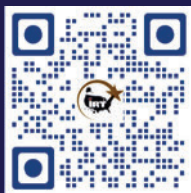


"As the IRT Program Manager for the Marine Corps, I most look forward to facilitating training for marines and other Service Members to ready them to defend our nation."

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Oct 9: Birchwood Cares IPM
- Oct 18: Ability Works IPM
- Nov 2: Blackfeet Heart Butte Senior Center IPM
- Nov 9: Cyber Shield IPM
- Nov 16: IRT Program Quarterly Working Group

More information on missions at:



FY 2022 IRT PROGRAM MANAGERS

- Major Daniel LaVorgna
Army Reserve | Army Active Duty
- Captain Jason Schwartz
Army National Guard
- Major Timothy Salvino
Marine Corps Reserve | Marine Corps Active Duty
- Commander Kent Bubel
Navy Reserve | Navy Active Duty
- Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Adamich
Air National Guard | Air Force Active Duty
- Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Joseph
Air Force Reserve