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IRT Delivers Training Value in FY 2021

As IRT mission planners prepare for the upcoming training season, we reflect on the successes of FY 2021. Civil-military partnerships supplied real-world exercises to Service Members and solutions for communities in need. A snapshot of the accomplishments in IRT's 29th year reveals a commitment to mission-ready forces through military training that deliver key services for America's communities.

Despite the global COVID-19 health pandemic's logistical challenges, the FY 2021 mission season was geographically dispersed, training diverse, and more joint than ever. All Active, Reserve, and Guard components of the Army, Navy, and Air Force led or supported more than 50 civil-military partnerships across 24 states and territories, including remote and logistically challenging locations, such as Hawaii, Alaska, and Tinian in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This resiliency delivered a mission portfolio of several training scopes: medical, dental, demolition, land clearing, cybersecurity, aerial spray, transportation, salvage diving, construction, and more. Notable examples of community partnership highlight this training variety.

Cybersecurity—Operation Nightwatch: Service Members in the Maryland Air National Guard received training in cybersecurity while working with state and local government entities to ensure reliability and resiliency of state and local networks, including critical infrastructure.

Medical—Kodiak Arctic Care: The Air Force led this medical mission in partnership with the Kodiak Area Native Association to supply no-cost medical services across six remote village communities in Kodiak, Alaska. The Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Marine Corps Reserve, Navy Reserve, and Air National Guard supported this training exercise.

Civil Engineering—Rooster Crow Park: The Army National Guard led this civil engineering mission, in partnership with the City of Rogue River, to construct a new community park and gathering space. Supported by the Marine Corps Reserve, mission participants received valuable training in construction occupational specialties while creating a local resource for residents.

Civil Affairs—Nueces: The Army Reserve led this civil affairs mission, in partnership with the County of Webb, Texas, performing training activities across 46 Colonias in the county. The Marine Corps Reserve supported these efforts to improve the overall quality of life for residents in the predominately rural service area.

New and repeat civil-military partnerships in FY 2022 will build on IRT's prior successes. As FY 2021 ends, the joint service IRT program managers convened individual preparatory workshops to share strategies, lessons learned, and other resources. These forums equipped participants and mission planners for supporting more than 37 missions across 17 states in the months ahead.



Veterinary services provided by 735th Veterinarian Det. and Turtle Mountain Animal Rescue at Turtle Mountain IHS/Operation Walking Shield mission in North Dakota

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

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“At this time of thanksgiving, I want you to know that I genuinely have appreciated your efforts to find innovative solutions to the unique problems faced during this taxing year. And, perhaps even more, I have valued your great

attitude. You have been one of the key reasons we are still standing strong. An incredible team like yours deserves to have the most wonderful Thanksgiving. May yours be filled with love, blessings, and joy. Thank you for everything.”

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

LT COL KENNETH JOSEPH

AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND
IRT PROGRAM MANAGER



"I love the IRT because it offers a unique opportunity for joint hands-on, real-world training to improve readiness. IRT is one of the hidden gems of the Department of Defense—we supply key services (health care, construction, transportation, and cyber), all focused on 'Americans helping America.' It's truly a one-of-a-kind opportunity to help our underserved communities while receiving valuable first-class training."

OSD STAFF SPOTLIGHT

CMSGT REBECCA COULOMBE

AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND
IRT DEPUTY PROGRAM MANAGER



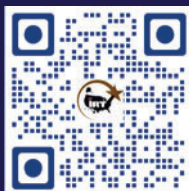
"The Innovative Readiness Training program is a hidden gem in DoD with lasting benefits for military and civilian partnerships. IRT provides real-world, joint training opportunities in civil engineers, medical, and cyber activities while enhancing American communities with valuable, and otherwise unavailable, services."

From OSD IRT and all the Program Managers, we wish you a safe, restful, and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday!

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Nov 2: Blackfeet Heart Butte Senior Center IPM
- Nov 9: Cyber Shield IPM
- Nov 15: Ability Works MPM
- Nov 16: Cherokee Nation Health IPM
- Nov 16: Cherokee Veteran's Housing Initiative IPM
- Nov 16: 9 Health Fair Transportation IPM

More information on missions at:



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