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The Value of Non-OSD-Funded Missions

Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) missions deliver joint training opportunities to increase deployment readiness. An incredibly diverse portfolio of mission types (e.g., healthcare, construction, transportation, civil affairs, and cybersecurity) offers key services with lasting benefits for American communities. While all IRT missions fall under the same authority, not all training requires Office of the Secretary of Defense– (OSD-) funding resources. This month, we explore the two types of mission funding and highlight the value of non-OSD-funded civil-military partnerships.

OSD-funded missions routinely use civil-military training partnerships to contribute to Department of Defense readiness and fulfill annual training requirements for joint Service Members. The long selection process requires coordination with OSD with [Community Applications](#) due by September 30 of each year and the associated military applications due May 1 of the following year. Support usually starts in the fiscal year after military application selection. This process is a good fit for complex, large-scale missions involving personnel from multiple military departments.

Non-OSD-funded missions are better suited for smaller-scale, less complex, or local support activities. These missions fit partnerships already established through local, state, or regional support. Benefits include building on relationships and faster approval, leading to earlier training. Non-OSD-funded missions can leverage unique opportunities in communities because of local unit familiarity with the area. Military units can consider opportunities for their own training needs and invite other military units to participate. Although not guaranteed, if a community application is not paired with a military application for OSD funding, the mission could be non-OSD funded on a rolling basis.

While generally smaller in scale, non-OSD-funded missions make an immense impact. When describing the importance of these missions, Army National Guard IRT Unfunded Missions Program Manager CPT Scott Hill stated, “Grass is greener where you water it.” These training opportunities nurture and grow community partnerships while fulfilling training needs.

Kamiah Nimiipuu Health | Idaho

The Army National Guard will partner with the Kamiah Nimiipuu Health organization to provide no-cost clinical care services, including dental care, to the native population. Military medics, nurses, dentists, physician’s assistants, and physicians will receive real world training in screening, assessing, and treating patients. The Air National Guard will support this mission.

Vehicle Transportation and Parking Entrance | Ohio

The Air National Guard will lead this partnership with Ability Works, Inc., to train engineering site surveyors and heavy equipment operators in the construction and development of drainage, parking lots, tractor trailer operations, and concrete placement.



Idaho National Guard medical and dental citizen-Soldiers and Airmen teamed up with Nez Perce Tribe and Nimiipuu Health personnel as part of a larger effort to recover from the summer’s surge of COVID-19 cases plaguing northern Idaho.

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-Military Partnerships
- Local Unit Training
- Strategic Resource Management

IRT LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Colonel Jaclyn Chatwick, Director
- Colonel George Koklanaris, Deputy Director
- Major Chris Brown, Operations Officer
- Senior Master Sergeant Alexander Wilson, Superintendent

OSD STAFF SPOTLIGHT

CPT Scott Hill

Army National Guard
Unfunded Mission Program Manager



“Non-OSD-funded missions offer an opportunity for valuable training of units while building relationships in the state. Non-OSD projects are a successful recruiting and retention tool for the Army National Guard.

These missions show military and community members that we are one team!”

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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SERVICE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CAPT JEFFREY GRIFFIN

US MARINES CORPS RESERVE
ASSISTANT J-1/J-4 KODIAK ARCTIC CARE 2021



IRT Participant of the Year is awarded to Captain Jeffrey Griffin for his impressive dedication and tireless efforts during all phases of the Kodiak Arctic Care IRT mission. As a member of the Marine Aircraft Group 41, he exhibited exceptional initiative in coordinating logistical planning support and embarkation requirements. Thanks to his direct supervision, supplies and equipment were deployed via air, ground, and sea shipments from six states. In an exceptional display of innovation, he created a novel online means of collection and disseminating information amongst mission care providers.

FY 2021 IRT CIVIL-MILITARY PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR

GIRL SCOUTS OF HAWAII IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD

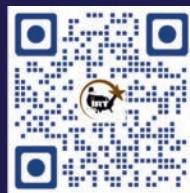


IRT Civil-Military Partnership of the Year is awarded to the Girl Scouts of Hawaii in partnership with the Air National Guard for skillful collaboration in delivering mission success on the geographically remote and diverse training site of Camp Paumalu. This partnership amplified Joint Service preparedness through construction of eight cabins, improved shower facilities, and improved roads. The strategic impact to the community offers premier science, technology, engineering, and math educational opportunities to girls locally, nationally, and internationally while doubling the camp residential capacity.

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Mar 1: Cherokee Housing FPM
- Mar 1: Tropic Care Kauai 2022 MPM
- Mar 7: Webb County Medical FPM
- Mar 7: Nueces County Emergency Staging Area Improvements FPM
- Mar 15: Special Olympics FPM

More information
on missions at:



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