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The Importance of Distinguished Visitor Day

Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) provides military training opportunities to joint Service Members and incidental benefit to America's communities. These uniquely coupled benefits culminate after months of planning, hard work, and support from numerous entities. To showcase and highlight these successes, each OSD-funded mission hosts a special event to bring these people together and celebrate mission accomplishments, called Distinguished Visitor (DV) Day.

DV Day is as unique as the IRT program itself. As the only program in DoD that partners with communities to conduct military training exercises, DV Day is an incredible, highly visible, in-person opportunity to deliver the IRT message and foster enhanced awareness of the IRT mission—all while delivering military training value. While many IRT missions are joint, the lead service component of each mission holds the distinction of DV Day host. These military events are held to OSD standards and are distinct from other community celebrations or events held for the same mission.

Invited guests include local community leaders such as mayors, tribal leaders, town councils, and county boards of supervisors, as well as governors and House Representatives within whose district the mission takes place. Senators and The Adjutant Generals (TAGs) represent states with missions, the interests of community need, and Guard training priorities. Additionally, other senior military leaders from across DoD and OSD often attend. Even the highest echelons of government have taken interest in DV Day. In August 2019, then-Vice President Mike Pence attended DV Day (see inset photo) for Operation Coal Country—a medical mission serving communities of Eastern Kentucky. Such unexpected Distinguished Visitor attendance only serves to underscore the remarkable visibility of these events and importance of planning and preparation.

IRT's rich tradition of DV Day creates a lasting memory of experiential showcase, inviting guests to witness the diverse and impactful military training exercises taking place across the United States and its Territories. This year, a total of 28 DV Days are expected. Beginning with Kodiak Island Arctic Care DV Day in mid-May, these incredibly important events continue to celebrate mission successes while advancing interest in America's premiere military training platform.



Examples of IRT Distinguished Visitors include attendees US Vice President Mike Pence and Cherokee Nation's Principal Chief, Chuck Hoskin Jr.

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

- Mission Planning
- Community Partnership
- DV Day Preparation

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

CDR Kent Bubel

Navy Reserve
IRT Program Manager



"DV Day imparts the value of IRT to policy- and decision-makers. Both civilian and military leadership witness the quantity and caliber of training the military members receive, as well as the benefits to the local community."

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 ANDREW ADAMICH

AIR NATIONAL GUARD
IRT PROGRAM MANAGER



IRT Program Manager of the Year is awarded to Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Adamich, who successfully took charge and led continuity efforts across his fellow Joint IRT Program Manager colleagues. He worked tirelessly across a diverse mission portfolio in coordinating program execution amongst numerous mission leaders both within and outside of his service component. He took it upon himself to mentor others throughout planning, budgetary, and contracting processes while fostering an environment conducive to accountability, excellence in training, and engagement with IRT community partners.

COMMUNITY MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

NICHOLE PRUITT

KODIAK AREA NATIVE ASSOCIATION
GRANTS DIRECTOR



IRT Champion of the Year is awarded to Nichole Pruitt of the Kodiak Area Native Association for her selfless devotion of personal time, commitment, and support to the IRT program. The Champion of the Year award goes to an individual who led efforts to gain momentum for the IRT program in their community. Through extensive outreach, Ms. Pruitt promoted IRT in her local network while also encouraging community members as well as other organizations to get involved with the Kodiak Arctic Care IRT mission.

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Apr 4: Cherokee Housing Mission Start
- Apr 5: Blackfeed Tribe FPM
- Apr 5: Valley Health Care MPM
- Apr 12: Akutan Harbor FPM
- Apr 19: Appalachian Health MPM
- Apr 19: Birchwood Cared FPM
- Apr 20: Cherokee Health FPM
- Apr 21: Saipan Veterinary MPM
- Apr 25: K'ima:W Medical MPM
- Apr 25: South Central FPM
- Apr 26: Tropic Care Kauau 2022 FPM

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