



INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING

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Military Application Process and Significance

Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) civil-military partnerships provide Service Members with hands-on, real-world training to improve readiness and survivability in contingency environments while leveraging diverse military capabilities to address entrenched challenges in American communities. This month, we detail the military application process. As with community applicants, the military applicants start the process through the online application portal at irt.defense.gov.

The coordinated efforts of IRT program managers (who represent the training interests of the joint service components) enable the IRT military application process to generate the right mix of training opportunities for Service Members and lasting benefits for American communities. While typical of training areas include medical, construction, civil affairs, cybersecurity, aerial spray, transportation, and diving missions, IRT missions can encompass any valid training requirement of a branch or service. The military applications—at eight pages long with numerous attachments—capture many elements demonstrating valid training expectations. As you begin your application, consider these guidelines:



IRT civil-military partnerships require with a well planned and thorough military application

- Know the number of personnel needed, funding requested, and scope of training.
- Apply by the May 1 deadline; consider IRT in year-round training planning activities, especially the first quarter of the calendar year.
- Gather details on the project with your potential community partner beyond the information in the community application to create a comprehensive military application.
- For first-time applicants, lean on the program managers, who can assist with planning and communication between the unit and a community partner as well as other participating services.
- Advocate with your leadership, emphasizing two main points: (1) the relative low cost and (2) training value. Compare an IRT project with other types of training, such as those outside of the continental United States (OCONUS), an integrated training exercise, or home-site annual training.

IRT delivers training opportunities across the joint services to increase deployment readiness for the military. Simultaneously, IRT furnishes key services with lasting benefits to American communities. Whether you represent a community or a military service, visit irt.defense.gov and select the **Apply Now** button on the homepage to begin your application today.

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.

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
Mission Planning
Joint Planning

IRT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Sistie Hudson

Chairman, Hancock County Commissioners
Former Representative at Georgia House of Representatives



“The IRT clinic has been a godsend to Hancock County! We were fortunate to host the clinic for two years and look forward to having these wonderful military professionals serve our community. Over 600 people received no cost medical care, dental care, and eyeglasses. As a community with very limited access to healthcare (no full-time doctors), we greatly appreciate this wonderful IRT clinic.”



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OSD STAFF HIGHLIGHT

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT ALEXANDER C. WILSON

AIR NATIONAL GUARD
SUPERINTENDENT, IRT



Congratulations on your promotion to Chief Master Sergeant!

Chief Master Sergeant Alexander C. Wilson serves as the Superintendent of IRT at Pentagon, Washington, DC. As Superintendent, Chief Wilson supports, advises and consults senior leadership and the IRT staff within the component on all significant administrative, managerial, security and facilities issues. In addition, he develops and implements policies, procedures, and guidelines concerning a variety of administrative and management programs.

SERVICE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MASTER SERGEANT BRENDAN DOHN

U.S MARINES CORPS
RESOURCE ADVISOR, IRT



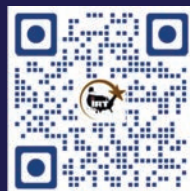
Congratulations on your promotion to Master Sergeant!

In January 2022, Master Sergeant Dohn received active duty orders to the Marine Corps IRT Program and received a promotion to his current rank of Master Sergeant in May 2022. He continues to serve the Marine Corps IRT Program as the Resource Advisor. As the Resource Advisor, his duties include the execution and management of budgets for Marine Corps participation supporting multiple joint service missions.

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- May 1: Operation Footprint Mission Start
- May 2: Kodiak Island Arctic Care Mission Start
- May 3: West Kentucky Wellness FPM
- May 10: Cyber Tatanka FPM
- May 10: Southern Illinois Wellness FPM
- May 10: Kodiak Island Arctic Care DV Day
- May 11: NM Cyber FPM
- May 15: Camp Paumalu Mission Start
- May 15: Kodiak Island Arctic Care Mission End
- May 21: Saipan Veterinary FPM
- May 26: Camp Paumalu DV Day

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