Kodiak Arctic Care 2022

From May 2 through May 15, the Army Reserve partnered with the Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA) for Kodiak Arctic Care 2022 to deliver no-cost medical services to residents across geographically dispersed care sites in Alaska’s remote Kodiak Island borough. This joint mission included support from the Army National Guard, Marine Corps Reserve, Active-Duty Air Force, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve. Additionally, the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) contributed to the success of this mission through a continued interagency cooperation in a civil-military partnership. Training opportunities sustained readiness for Service Members while providing support for healthcare needs within the community. Throughout the mission, Service Members provided more than 6,000 no-cost healthcare procedures including medical, nutrition, behavioral health, podiatry, physical therapy, dental, optometry, and veterinary services to local populations.

In addition to the town of Kodiak, additional sites of care included Akhiok, Ouzinkie, and Karluk. The challenging terrain, arctic weather patterns, rural location, lack of communication infrastructure, and difficulty accessing some village communities provided a unique training opportunity which simulated real-world deployment conditions possible for Service Members in forward-deployed environments.

“We aren’t using simulators or mannequins to train our Soldiers. We are engaging with real patients—exactly what we would do in a deployed environment—and honing our medical skills while serving the community,” explained Major Charles Amanquah, the Officer in Charge and Chief of Logistics/S4 for the 330th Medical Brigade, Fort Sheridan, IL.

Innovative Readiness Training has partnered with KANA previously and the mission would not have been possible without their support. KANA provides integrated wellness services to the entire Kodiak Island community. Their focus is on Alaska Native beneficiaries and specific healthcare issues that may arise within the Native community. Service Members were not only able to receive training for real-world deployment conditions, but they were also able to take part in community building—meeting and interacting with the community they were assisting. IRT’s mission has helped foster a deep connection between Service Members and the community, build cultural awareness, and establish lasting relationships.

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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IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

June 1: Old Harbor Hydroelectric Rd Mission Start
June 6: Wayne Forest Mission Start
June 10: Nueces County Emergency Staging Area Improvements Mission Start, Tropic Care Kauai 2022 Mission Start
June 12: Special Olympics Mission Start
June 13: NM Cyber Mission Start
June 14: K’ima, W Medical FPM
June 15: West Kentucky Wellness Mission Start
June 16: NM Cyber DV Day, Tropic Care Kauai 2022 DV Day
June 17: Saipan Veterinary Mission Start, NM Cyber Mission End, Cyber Tatanka Mission Start
June 19: Nueces Health Mission Start
June 21: Valley Healthcare FPM, Operation Footprint DV Day
June 22: West Kentucky Wellness DV Day
June 24: Nueces County Emergency Staging Area Improvements Mission End & DV Day, Tropic Care Kauai 2022 Mission End
June 25: West Kentucky Wellness Mission End
June 26: Nueces Health DV Day
June 27: South Central MO Mission Start
June 28: Cyber Tatanka DV Day, Saipan Veterinary DV Day
June 29: Operation Footprint Mission End, Wayne Forest DV Day
June 30: Old Harbor Hydroelectric Rd Mission End

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