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Marine Corps Training Value in Texas Mission

From June 10 - 24, the United States Marine Corps Reserve (USMCR) led the Nueces County Emergency Staging Area Improvements mission in partnership with the County of Nueces in Robstown, Texas. The local community uses the Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds as a staging area during emergencies. However, this facility is prone to flooding. The civil engineering mission repaired and improved gravel roads throughout the county, which improved accessibility to the facility and facilitated proper rainwater drainage to prevent future flooding.



Heavy equipment operation, logistics, and mission planning were just a few of the training opportunities the FY22 civil-military partnership with Nueces County provided.

Marines in the Logistical Support Company CLR-45 trained in multiple civil-engineering and construction occupational specialties, including heavy equipment operation, cost estimation, and logistics. These efforts were comprised of rehabilitating the fairgrounds; milling and adding base rock to two miles of roadway; and raising, grading, and compacting an additional three miles of roadway with material removed from the first two roads.

To improve drainage, this mission removed 1,425 cubic yards of material and cleared 10,312 linear feet of ditches. A net total of 4,916 tons of limestone base-materials were added to County Road 22, delivering an estimated \$3,000,000 in benefit to the local community.

The scope of work specific to this mission promoted training activity for the USMCR that would otherwise not be as readily available outside of a deployment environment. It enabled the mission participants to remain technically proficient in all facets of engineering equipment operations that pertain to earth-moving and horizontal construction. See Page 2 of this newsletter for first-person accounts of the training value and positive community impact experienced by mission participants.

Through this IRT partnership, the military received real-world training while providing sustainable, lasting construction benefits to the Nueces County community. These training opportunities and assistances to America's communities are unique to Innovative Readiness Training. Learn more about our program at irt.defense.gov.

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
- Heavy Equipment Operation
- Civil Engineering Skills

IRT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Juan Pimentel

Nueces County Public Works
Director and County Engineer



“Nueces County has saved millions of dollars using this program within the past two years. The IRT projects are serious training for military personnel, and we also share our knowledge and skills alongside them. We look forward to working together in the upcoming years.”

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

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 KOLLIN CRAIG

NUECES CO. EMERGENCY STAGING AREA IMPROVEMENTS
IRT MISSION OFFICER IN CHARGE



“Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) provides opportunities for the Heavy Equipment Marines to train all over the country while benefiting the local populace through infrastructure improvements. From being able to operate various types of heavy equipment to experiencing the local culture, participation in the IRT mission has significantly increased the proficiency and morale of the Marines in Landing Support Company. The Marines are happy to see that their efforts are contributing to a real-world project.”

SERVICE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

SERGEANT LUKE USHER

NUECES CO. EMERGENCY STAGING AREA IMPROVEMENTS
IRT TRAINING NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE
AND ASSISTANT PROJECT MANAGER



“We were given an opportunity to help out distant, and in some cases almost forgotten-about, communities. Our Marines gained serious training hours during this mission and received targeted training on pieces of gear they had never even touched before, like the Gradall and the Miller Machine. Overall, it was a win-win because as their MOS proficiency improved during this, it also seriously helped the local community in Nueces County.”

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Aug 2: WA Welcome Center DV Day
- Aug 5: LA Canal Restoration DV Day
- Aug 9: Valley Healthcare DV Day
- Aug 10: Old Harbor Hydroelectric Road DV Day
- Aug 12: K’ima:w Medical Center DV Day
- Aug 14: Main Trail Center mission start
- Aug 18: Hawaii Special Olympics DV Day
- Aug 19: Appalachian Care DV Day
- Aug 20: Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Park 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