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Equipping FY23 Mission Success: Annual Joint Workshop for Operational Mission Planners

Preparation for the fiscal year 2023 (FY23) mission season kicked off during the annual Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) Joint Workshop for Operational Mission Planners, held in Tysons, VA from August 30–September 01. The workshop offered training to FY23 mission participants and planners, which included a mix of Active, Reserve, and Guard members across the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force. Participants met with their Program Managers, networked across service components, and gained valuable knowledge as they built their teams in preparation for upcoming civil-military training opportunities throughout the



IRT Director Colonel Jaclyn “Jackie” Chatwick delivers welcoming remarks to upcoming FY23 operational mission planners.

United States and its insular Territories. During the 3-day workshop, 101 workshop attendees celebrated a successful FY22 mission year while learning about tools and resources that will further advance operational excellence in FY23. Training activities were comprised of 24 hours of contact time distributed across more than 30 unique interactions, including breakout sessions, topical briefings, networking opportunities, and the annual IRT Awards ceremony.

This year’s event marks the first in-person workshop gathering since 2019. The maturity of IRT organizational process assets comes on the heels of milestone accomplishments, including the program’s first virtual workshop in FY2021 and a variety of new programming content to advance its mission. Features included special guest appearances by Ms. Kate Plimpton, Deputy Federal Preservation Officer for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and her colleague in Environmental Compliance and Planning Policy, Mr. Terry Bowers. Together they briefed the importance of the National Environmental Preservation Act (NEPA) and Section 106 regarding sites listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. A new social media briefing conveyed best practices and strategy to advance the reach of sharing the IRT story across multiple digital platforms. A gathering of IRT Resource Advisors assembled to discuss best practices and processes that will advance operational effectiveness while ensuring accountability.

Distinguished guest Mr. Ted Graham, Principal Deputy to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, elevated this year’s workshop by joining Colonel Jaclyn Chatwick, IRT Director, in presenting awards to a combination of eight in-person and virtual recipients. Moderated by Major Christopher Brown, IRT Operations Officer, this pinnacle annual ceremony reflects on and celebrates IRT participants’ past year’s hard work and success while simultaneously celebrating their ability to adapt and innovate despite inherent logistical challenges and budgetary constraints.

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

- Joint Mission Planning
- IRT Tools and Resources
- Operational Excellence

IRT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Major Christopher Brown
Operations Officer, IRT



“As we look forward to another strong year in FY23, I am confident the program and its participants will be stronger from what we have all learned together over the past year and at the annual workshop. The IRT Director and I look forward to meeting you and working alongside you over the next twelve months and beyond!”

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 leadership joined the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense in congratulating this year's IRT Annual Award recipients. Their hard work, dedication, and contributions to the program have advanced IRT's mission to provide mission-ready forces through military training that delivers key services for America's communities. In the coming months, this newsletter will highlight the amazing work and recognition of the FY22 award recipients. Principal Deputy to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Mr. Ted Graham (pictured right of center), joined the IRT Director Colonel Jaclyn Chatwick (pictured fourth from right) in presenting this year's awards on behalf of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (RI), Mr. Judd Lyons (not pictured).

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Aug 29-Sept 1: Annual IRT Joint Workshop for Operational Mission Planners
- Sept 8: Blackfeet Tribe Development DV Day
- Sept 9: New Hampshire Silver Brook DV Day
- Sept 17: Blackfeet Tribe Development Mission End
- Sept 24: Special Olympics of Hawaii Mission End
- Sept 30: FY24 IRT Community Applications Due Date
- Sept 30: Maryland Nightwatch 2022 Mission End
- Sept 30: Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Park Mission End
- Sept 30: Idaho Security Operations Center Mission End

More information on missions at:



FY 2022 IRT PROGRAM MANAGERS

- Major Daniel LaVorgna
Army Reserve | Army Active Duty
- Captain Jason Schwartz
Army National Guard
- Lieutenant Colonel 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