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IRT Delivers Military Training with Special Olympics of Hawai'i

From June 12 through September 24, Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) Service Members led a partnership with Special Olympics Hawai'i for "Fulfilling a Dream: ...Special Olympics Hawai'i 2022" to supply no-cost civil engineering support in constructing a multipurpose sports, education, fitness, and wellness community center in Kapolei. This joint mission was a collaborative effort with the Army National Guard, Navy Reserve, and Air National Guard to provide real-world training in horizontal and vertical construction, electrical and utilities work, preventative maintenance, construction management, heavy equipment operations, and facilities operations. The civil-military partnership enhanced deployment readiness and occupational specialties of Service Members while creating accessible, state-of-the-art facilities for persons with disabilities.



Service Members lay the foundation for the Special Olympics Hawai'i Health and Fitness Building and Play Court at the IRT construction site in Kapolei, Hawai'i.

A projected 294 Services Members from various branches supplied an estimated \$1,250,000 worth of labor and construction equipment to the community. During the 104-day mission, Service Members constructed a play court with a 5,000 sq. ft. open floor, multilevel sports training and warehouse building fit with bathrooms, a fire safe room, and small office facilities. Efforts also included earthwork, laying the foundation, and utility installations. The remote island location, tropical climate, and limited heavy equipment provisions offered excellent training opportunities and simulated real-world deployment conditions for Service Members in forward-deployed environments.

This mission would not have been possible without the support of Special Olympics Hawai'i, which focuses on serving individuals with disabilities. For many, this is their first opportunity to participate in events such as these. Constructing this community center will serve hundreds of Special Olympics athletes with a dedicated area that not only promotes a healthy lifestyle, but enables them to hone their athletic skills, showcase their abilities, and compete with other Special Olympians.

In addition to receiving civil engineering and construction experience while training for real-world deployment conditions, Service Members took part in community building activities, interacting with and experiencing the positive impact of providing a community center for individuals with special needs for years to come. IRT's joint missions continue to foster deep connections between the military and American community members, build awareness, promote inclusivity, and support the health and wellness of communities for future generations.

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

- 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. Dan Epstein

President and CEO of Special Olympics Hawai'i



"We can't thank the DoD IRT program enough for its support of the construction of the Special Olympics Hawai'i Health and Fitness Building and Play Court.

Through the IRT program, hundreds of military Service Members provide skilled and unskilled labor at no cost to Special Olympics Hawai'i while gaining valuable training to support future missions. When complete, the facility will serve hundreds of Special Olympics athletes in their efforts to train, compete, and stay healthy."



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IRT AWARD WINNER HIGHLIGHT

LCDR JOSEPH R. COOK

NAVY RESERVE

OFFICER IN CHARGE, FY22 TROPIC CARE IRT MISSION



Congratulations on your receipt of the FY22 IRT Participant of the Year Award! IRT Participant of the Year is awarded to Lieutenant Commander Joseph R. Cook for his impressive dedication and tireless efforts during all phases of the FY22 Tropic Care IRT mission. As the dental Officer in Charge, he exhibited exceptional planning and oversight of dental operations at four distinct sites. Thanks to his sharp observations, he identified a procedure shortfall in the use of IRT dental equipment, assessed the risks, corrected the discrepancy, and created a standard operating procedure to ensure the continued provisions of safe dental services.

SERVICE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CAPT JEREMIAH WILTRON

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

OFFICER IN CHARGE, FY22 IRT SPECIAL OLYMPICS
OF HAWAII MISSION

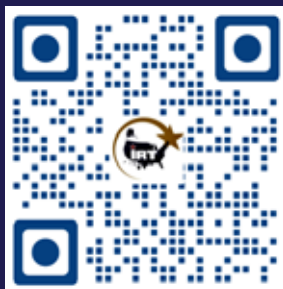


“The IRT SOHI project was the most rewarding task of my military career. Duration staff and rotation team members had the opportunity to not only train, but work in a joint military environment and also engage with outside agencies to execute complex construction.”

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

Check back here next month for information on upcoming FY23 mission planning conference dates.

More information on missions at:



FY 2023 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 Steven Johnson

Air National Guard | Air Force Active Duty

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Joseph

Air Force Reserve