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IRT Delivers No-Cost Medical Care during Valley Healthcare Mission

From August 1 through August 15, Air National Guard Service Members led a partnership with Valley Healthcare System, Inc., to supply no-cost medical, dental, vision, and veterinary services to populations in west central Georgia and east central Alabama. The Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, and Active Duty Air Force collaborated for this joint mission and received real-world medical services training at multiple operational sites as well as accomplished unit and individual readiness training for military professionals in areas of logistics, communications, public affairs, and leadership. The civil-military partnership enhanced deployment readiness and occupational specialties of Service Members while providing essential health services to local communities.



A mission participant takes routine blood samples during the Valley Healthcare Mission in Georgia.

During the 15-day mission, 262 Service Members from four branches performed 10,989 procedures on 2,029 patients in Columbus, Georgia, Stewart County, Georgia, and Opelika, Alabama. Procedures included primary wellness checks, behavioral health evaluations, physical therapy, medication application, and medication application, which greatly benefited, which greatly benefited residents who lacked access to basic healthcare services. Residents received dental health checks, optometry checks, and no-cost eyeglasses made to order onsite and distributed over the course of the two-week mission.

In addition to the medical services for community members, 650 animals received veterinary check-ups, including the administration of 900 vaccines to safeguard against deadly diseases and insertion of 100 microchips to help lost pets be reunited with their families.

This mission succeeded due to the support of the Valley Healthcare System, in partnership with the Office of the Secretary of Defense. This was also IRT's first time offering telehealth, which exponentially increased community members' access to healthcare, bridged the gap across language barriers in real time, expedited referrals, and delivered live diagnostic imaging.

While training for real-world deployment conditions, Service Members ensured the health and wellness of American communities. IRT's joint missions continue to establish a relationship between the military and American community members, foster awareness of health needs, and support the wellness of communities.

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

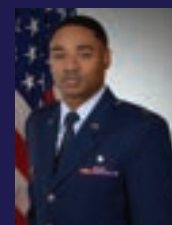
- General Medicine
- Dental
- Optometry
- Veterinary Care

IRT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Major Christopher Brown
IRT Operations Officer



"We are making amazing progress as we approach FY23 mission execution and are ecstatic to work with our FY24 Community Partners, Program Managers, and mission participants in the near future. The success of this program would not be possible without them, and so I join

IRT Leadership in thanking them for their support, dedication, and hard work. I am grateful to have them as part of the IRT team and for working together to achieve great things through our missions."



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IRT AWARD WINNER HIGHLIGHT

STAFF SERGEANT ALEXIA DOE

MARINE CORPS RESERVE

IRT EXERCISE MANAGER AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY & OPERATIONS MARINE



From left to right: Principal Deputy to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Mr. Ted Graham; IRT Exercise Manager and Communication Strategy & Operations Marine, Staff Sergeant Alexia Doe; IRT Director, Colonel Jaclyn Chatwick

Congratulations on your receipt of the
FY22 IRT Leader of the Year (E1—E6) Award!

The IRT Leader of the Year is awarded to Staff Sergeant Alexia Doe for her outstanding leadership as U.S. Marine Corps Exercise Manager and Communication Strategy and Operations Marine. The Leader of the Year award recognizes individuals who plan and execute IRT missions while displaying exemplary leadership in identifying opportunities to increase readiness and encourage collaboration and innovation. She exemplified these accomplishments through effective management and coordination of nine missions while evaluating lessons learned, resulting in the development of an innovative three-step method to improved mission implementation and governance.

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Nov 2: Nueces County Needs Assessment Initial Planning Meeting (IPM)
- Nov 5: Outdoor Odyssey Leadership Academy Revitalization and Infrastructure Updates DV Day
- Nov 7: Healthy Tennesseans IPM
- Nov 14: Hoosier Care IPM
- Nov 14: Round Valley Indian Health/ Operation Walking Shield IPM
- Nov 14: New Mexico Cybershield IPM
- Nov 15: Operation Footprint IPM
- Nov 28: Operation Healthy Delta 2023 IPM

More information
on missions at:



FY 2022 IRT PROGRAM MANAGERS

- Major Daniel LaVorgna
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- 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