



INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING

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Joint Military Training Ahead: FY23 IRT Missions

The fiscal year (FY) 2023 Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) mission planning season is in full swing. The military departments are on track to perform 44 civil-military partnerships and train 6,769 Service Members across 28 U.S. states and territories. These missions encompass 19 civil engineering projects, 16 medical missions, three transportation activities, two cybersecurity missions, two aerial spray missions, one emergency management planning operation, and one civil affairs community needs assessment. Additional non-Office of the Secretary of Defense-funded mission opportunities will build on this impressive portfolio as the year progresses.



Service Members support training in the field during the FY22 Special Olympics of Hawai'i Mission.

This mission season features total joint participation from all service components in each of the departments. Service Members will receive training in a diverse range of broad skill sets, including healthcare, construction, logistics planning, communications, operations, computer networking, civil affairs, and leadership in a joint environment.

Throughout the year, IRT leaders hold initial, mid-, and final planning meetings. This three-part planning process mirrors deployment planning, ensuring success through mission-essential training to participants. Leaders work through all elements of mission planning to uncover and resolve issues, such as pinpointing locations for bed-down, clinic sites, and food services. They also review site concerns, such as communications and transportation challenges.

Over the next year, we will build on the successes of the FY 2022 mission year and share the training value and lasting benefits that IRT delivers to American communities through our newsletter, website (irt.defense.gov), and social media channels:

Facebook: IRTsWin | **Twitter:** @IRTsWin | **Instagram:** @irtswin | **LinkedIn:** irtswin

Beginning this month and running through the next few months, we will highlight the recipients of the FY 2022 IRT Awards in the following categories: Leader of the Year (E7-E9, O1-O3), Participant of the Year, Civil-Military Partnership of the Year, Champion of the Year, and Program Manager of the Year. The winners' impressive displays of service, excellence, and commitment to training reflect the virtues shared among IRT planners and participants.

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

Joint Participation
Civil-Military Partnerships
Mission Logistics

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

Luneda H. Brown
MSN RN



"I am so excited and anticipating the successful implementation of an IRT mission in Sumter County, Georgia.

As a retired Public Health Nurse Manager, I know that community involvement is a key factor to a successful operation. I have spoken with many groups and organizations

about the mission surrounding the IRT program and how we can uplift our local community. We are developing organizational partnerships with the West Central Public Health District to mobilize this operation initially in Sumter County with plans to duplicate this mission in Schley, Marion, Dooly, Macon, Crisp, and Lee counties within a four-year time span."



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FY22 IRT AWARD WINNER HIGHLIGHT

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 KOLLIN J. CRAIG

MARINE CORPS RESERVE
IRT OFFICER IN CHARGE



Leader of the Year (O1-O3) is awarded to Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) 2 Kollin J. Craig (pictured above, center) for his outstanding leadership as Officer in Charge of the IRT Nueces County Emergency Staging Area Improvements mission. The Leader of the Year award recognizes individuals who plan and execute an IRT mission while displaying exemplary leadership in finding opportunities to increase readiness and encourage collaboration and innovation. CWO2 Kollin J. Craig exemplified these accomplishments in planning and leading efforts that improved and restored roadways by laying and grading bed rock and clearing drainage ditches that led to the county's emergency staging area. He executed these efforts while maximizing the utilization of a small team and limited access to resources. Joined by the IRT Director, Col Jaelyn Chatwick (pictured above, right), this award was presented on behalf of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Integration, Mr. Judd Lyons, by the Principal Deputy to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Mr. Ted Graham (pictured above, left).

FY22 IRT AWARD WINNER HIGHLIGHT

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT JAMES A. FINLEY

AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND
IRT MEDICAL PROGRAM MANAGER

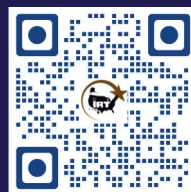


IRT Leader of the Year (E7-E9) is awarded to Senior Master Sergeant James A. Finley (pictured above, center) for his outstanding leadership as IRT Medical Program Manager for the Air Force Reserve Command. The Leader of the Year award recognizes individuals who plan and execute an IRT mission while displaying exemplary leadership in finding opportunities to increase readiness and encourage collaboration and innovation. He exemplified these accomplishments by contributing to military training and readiness while providing qualitative and quantitative value to the Department of Defense. He also demonstrated planning, budgetary, and safety excellence while navigating the intricacies of command and control, geographic complexity, and cultural sensitivities. Joined by the IRT Director, Col Jaelyn Chatwick (pictured above, right), this award was presented on behalf of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Integration, Mr. Judd Lyons, by the Principal Deputy to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Mr. Ted Graham (pictured above, left).

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Jan 8: Hell Creek Road Initial Planning Meeting (IPM)
- Jan 9: Ford Island Hanger 79 Mid-Planning Meeting (MPM)
- Jan 9: Hoopa IRT MPM
- Jan 9: Improving the Health of Nueces County 2023 MPM
- Jan 10: Idaho Nimiipuu Health 2023 MPM
- Jan 11: Nueces County Community Needs Assessment MPM
- Jan 15: NH State Park IPM
- Jan 16: Healthy Tennesseans MPM
- Jan 17: Catwalk Bridge MPM
- Jan 23: Hoosier Care MPM
- Jan 24: Blackfeet Tribe: Operation Walking Shield 2023 IPM and MPM
- Jan 30: Fort Belknap Indian Reservation: Operation Walking Shield 2023 MPM
- Jan 30: Operation Healthy Delta 2023 MPM
- Jan 30: Custer State Park Trail IPM

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
- Chief Master Sergeant Rebecca Coulombe
Air Force Reserve