



INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING

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Community Application Process and Significance

Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) is a collaborative program that leverages community resources and military contributions to multiply value and cost savings for all participants. This civil-military partnership program provides an opportunity for American communities to receive lasting benefits in areas of health care, construction, civil affairs, cybersecurity, aerial spraying, transportation, and diving while military personnel receive hands-on, real-world training to improve deployment readiness and survivability.



Effective IRT missions begin with a strong community application.

This civil-military partnership program requires applications from both the community requesting assistance and one or more of the joint-service components. In this month's article, we focus on providing instructions to complete the community application and additional tips to create a high-quality submission.

The process begins by visiting irt.defense.gov and selecting the 'Apply Now' button on the homepage. As a new applicant, select the 'Click here to create your Community Member account' button to sign up. It is important to submit your application on time to be eligible. For example, the deadline for community applications for missions occurring in fiscal year (FY) 2025 is September 30, 2023.

The community application requires basic information, such as community name and address, type of mission requested, and mission location(s). It then requires more specific information, such as the estimated mission length, coordinated funding or support, available no-cost facilities, interested parties, local government support, and a brief description of the proposed scope of work. For a strong application, it is important to write concise but targeted responses detailing:

1. How this mission contributes to the long-term or broader vision of an American community and fits the training needs of military personnel
2. The beneficiaries of this mission and when they will begin to benefit
3. The capacity to sustain the tangible value created by this mission
4. The potential of this mission in creating a positive civil-military relationship.

Lastly, be sure to include contact information and electronically sign the document prior to submission. For more information about past IRT missions and their impact on American communities, visit the IRT website at irt.defense.gov today.

DEFEND THE NATION

IRT provides hands-on, real-world training to improve readiness and survivability in complex contingency environments

SUCCEED THROUGH TEAMWORK

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TAKE CARE OF OUR PEOPLE

IRT strengthens and builds partnerships, while providing key services for American communities utilizing joint training operations

IRT TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

Civil-Military Partnerships
Mission Planning
Joint Training

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



Pictured above: Army Reserve IRT Program Manager, MAJ Daniel LaVorgna, delivers an overview of the IRT program.

The IRT Director and staff would like to thank the Joint Program Manager community for a productive Quarterly Working Group from 14-15 February 2023.

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 2023 missions. Please check irt.defense.gov regularly for the latest information on the IRT program.



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FY22 IRT CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

JOHN CASTILLO, PhD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MR. MARVIN THURMAN, PROGRAM MANAGER



Congratulations on your receipt of the FY22 IRT Champion of the Year Award! Champion of the Year is jointly awarded to John Castillo, PhD (pictured above, center), and Mr. Marvin Thurman (not pictured) as Executive Director and Program Manager, respectively, in partnership with Operation Walking Shield. They are recognized for their selfless devotion of personal time, commitment, and support to the IRT program. Together they coordinated programs that provided medical and engineering readiness training to Native American communities. Their efforts also improved the quality of life for American families across 47 rural communities by leading efforts that provided shelter, healthcare, community development support, educational assistance, employment development, and humanitarian aid. Joined by the IRT Director, Col Jaclyn 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 CIVIL-MILITARY PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR

MR. DANIEL EPSTEIN

SPECIAL OLYMPICS HAWAII PRESIDENT AND CEO, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND

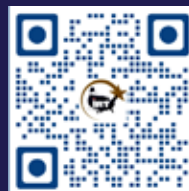


Congratulations on your receipt of the FY22 Civil-Military Partnership of the Year Award! IRT Civil-Military Partnership of the Year is awarded to the Special Olympics Hawaii in partnership with the Air Force Reserve Command for skillful collaboration in delivering mission success on the geographically remote and diverse training site in Kapolei. This partnership provided labor and equipment to construct accessible year-round sports training and athletic competition facilities that serve persons with intellectual disabilities. In the future, these facilities will be capable of providing medical services not only for their athletes but for those with housing challenges as well. Joined by the IRT Director, Col Jaclyn Chatwick (pictured above, bottom right), this award was presented to Mr. Daniel Epstein (pictured above, top center) and received by former IRT AFRC Program Manager, Col Kenneth Joseph (pictured above, bottom center), 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, bottom left).

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Feb 6: Camp Kilohana Mid Planning Meeting (MPM)
- Feb 6: Northwest Arkansas Wellness MPM
- Feb 7: 365 Health Supply Delivery 2023 Final Planning Meeting (FPM)
- Feb 7: KEMA Emergency Shelter Survey MPM
- Feb 12: Hell Creek Road MPM
- Feb 13: Monroe/West Monroe Wellness MPM
- Feb 13: MTK Camp Kamassa 2023 MPM
- Feb 13: New Mexico Cybershield MPM
- Feb 19: NH State Park MPM
- Feb 20: Operation Health CNMI MPM
- Feb 22: MCAC Cyber MPM
- Feb 23: MCAC Cyber FPM
- Feb 27: Cass Lake Indian IHS: Operation Walking Shield 2023 MPM
- Feb 27: Round Valley Indian Health: Operation Walking Shield MPM
- Feb 28: 365 Health Supply Delivery 2023 Mission Start
- Feb 28: Cherokee Veterans Housing Initiative 2023 MPM
- Feb 28: KEMA Emergency Operations Plan MPM
- Feb 28: Regional STEM Center MPM

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
- Lieutenant Commander Shaun Shillady
Navy Reserve | Navy Active Duty
- Lieutenant Colonel Steve Johnson
Air National Guard | Air Force Active Duty
- Chief Master Sergeant Rebecca Coulombe
Air Force Reserve