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IRT Consolidated Asset Management Site Operations

Two locations host the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) asset management portfolio, which plays an essential role in the success of the IRT program. In this article, we're recognizing the contributions of the Consolidated Asset Management Site (CAMS) at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, OH.

The CAMS operation is critical to the IRT program because it harbors the equipment for most of IRT's missions and ensures that the Joint Services receive the necessary equipment to complete civil-military partnerships. Thanks to the available supply of CAMS equipment and the supporting CAMS team, IRT can conduct up to three medical missions and sustain several additional civil engineering missions simultaneously.



MSgt Payne prepares to familiarize himself with the mission equipment stored at the CAMS at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, OH.

Mission-essential equipment include small electric or battery-operated machines and handheld devices, such as circular saws, nail guns, and drills, as well as medical exam beds, dental treatment chairs, and eye exam charts. CAMS also houses equipment that enhances the moral of Service Members on their missions. For remote mission sites, which require camp setups due to lack of facilities, CAMS can supply two mobile kitchen trailers and a shipping container with gym equipment to support their well-being. Communication capabilities, such as Wi-Fi and secure lines, are also available, if necessary.

Air Force Reserve Component (AFRC) personnel oversee CAMS and are a diverse team of medical, biomedical, and dental technicians, logistics specialists, force support, and licensed heavy equipment operators. They are responsible for acquiring, inspecting, operating, inventorying, maintaining, replacing, and disposing of equipment at CAMS. They also store, pack, and transport equipment to civil engineering, medical, and transportation missions throughout the United States.

In addition to operating as a warehouse for IRT's equipment, CAMS hosts workshops for asset managers and their units. Prior to mission season, Service Members visit CAMS for familiarization training on what to expect during the missions as well as to learn the proper methods to unpack, handle, utilize, sanitize (as applicable), break down, and repack equipment.

Asset Management plays an integral role in the IRT Program, as evidenced in part by CAMS providing Service Members with the equipment and supplies they need to train successfully and serve communities across America effectively.

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

- Asset Management
- Mission Planning
- Joint Planning

IRT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

SERVICE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Technical Sergeant Otis Youngblood

Air Force Reserve
Medical Asset Manager, Innovative
Readiness Training



"IRT has played a pivotal role in sharpening my leadership capabilities. From enhancing my communication skills to building relationships, IRT has helped me develop into a more effective leader. What I enjoy most about IRT is the opportunity to be in a joint training environment and provide a service with a long-lasting effect on the thousands of individuals participating in the medical missions."

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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MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

COLONEL GEORGE E. KOKLANARIS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING



Being featured in the March edition of the IRT newsletter is especially apt for me. I look forward to the early months of each calendar year for IRT, as this is the time when our mission season begins to come into full focus and with it, the promise of another great mix of IRT missions lay before us.

This year has an especially optimistic air about it, as our IRT Joint Service Components have put together what may be the best mix of missions that I have seen since joining IRT. Indeed, in FY 2023, we will further expand deep into the Pacific to serve America's insular territories while simultaneously partnering with new states, communities, and Native American tribes across the United States. These new missions and partnerships create dynamic training opportunities for our Service Members and provide many of them with their first opportunity to train and serve in a joint environment. Such joint training and real-world mission accomplishments are why IRT is a domestic civil affairs program unlike any other in the Department of Defense. It's also why I love being a part of IRT.

FY 2022 IRT AWARD WINNER HIGHLIGHT

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT REBECCA COULOMBE

AIR FORCE RESERVE
PROGRAM MANAGER, INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING

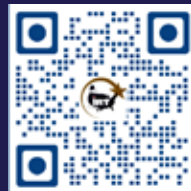


Congratulations on your receipt of the FY 2022 Program Manager of the Year Award! IRT Program Manager of the Year is awarded to Chief Master Sergeant Rebecca Coulombe (pictured above, centered), who successfully took charge and led continuity efforts with her fellow Joint IRT Program Manager colleagues. She dedicated herself to overseeing a diverse mission portfolio and coordinated program execution among numerous mission leaders within and outside of her Service Component. Chief Master Sergeant Coulombe led efforts that steered the strategic direction of the IRT program, provided substantive military training entities to defend against cyber threats, and developed an innovative method to streamline travel for IRT members that ultimately reduced expenditures for the Office of the Secretary of Defense. 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).

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Mar 1: Ford Island Hangar 79 Final Planning Meeting (FPM)
- Mar 1: Operation Footprint 2023 Mid-Planning Meeting (MPM), FPM, Mission Start, and Distinguished Visitors (DV) Day
- Mar 12: Hell Creek Road FPM
- Mar 13: Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC) Cyber Mission Start
- Mar 14: 365 Health Supply Delivery 2023 DV Day
- Mar 15: Outdoor Odyssey Leadership Academy FPM
- Mar 15: Santa Cruz Island Reserve MPM
- Mar 23: MCAC Cyber DV Day
- Mar 27: MCAC Cyber Mission End
- Mar 27: Catwalk Bridge FPM
- Mar 27: Custer State Park Trail 2023 MPM
- Mar 28: Blackfeet Tribe: Operation Walking Shield 2023 FPM
- Mar 29: Nueces County Community Needs Assessment FPM

More information
on missions at:



FY 2023 IRT PROGRAM MANAGERS

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Army National Guard

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Lieutenant Commander Shaun Shillady
Navy Reserve | Navy Active Duty

Lieutenant Colonel Steven Johnson
Air National Guard | Air Force Active Duty

Chief Master Sergeant Rebecca Coulombe
Air Force Reserve