



# INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING

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## IRT Delivers Emergency Management Training in Hawaii

From April 23, 2023 to May 6, 2023, the Air National Guard (ANG) led the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency—Operations Plan Update mission to provide no-cost administrative and technical support to the Kaua'i community. The Utah 151st Air Refueling Wing, California 163rd Civil Engineering Squadron (CES), Iowa 185th CES, and the Vermont 158th CES ANG units collaborated on this joint mission to provide assistance in updating and publishing the county's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).



*Air National Guard Supports Emergency Management Planning in Hawaii*

Eleven training days were conducted during the mission. Ten service members received 84 hours of training per person, a total of 840 hours of training in real-world emergency management across 36 Training and Readiness Standards. The areas trained include Program Review, Emergency Management Planning, and Resource Management. Airmen drafted documents and identified the relevant stakeholders within the community. They drew on their critical thinking skills, emergency management training, and collaboration skills to execute the mission. The work was carried out in the town of Lihue at the KEMA offices and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This work significantly accelerated the timeline for updating and publishing the county's EOP, as well as saving the community a significant amount of time and money.

While the work was conducted in the town of Lihue, the work accomplished will impact the entire Kaua'i community as well as the state of Hawaii. The mission and its success place the Kaua'i community in a more robust position when addressing disaster response and recovery in times of crisis. Mission success ensures that state and federal disaster resources from FEMA, as well as state agencies, will be available and distributed in an efficient and effective manner. The training efforts of this civil-military partnership imparted significant relief to labor and administrative burden on the community. This combination of training with assistance to America's communities is unique to IRT. Learn more about our program at [irt.defense.gov](http://irt.defense.gov).

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](http://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

- Civil-Military Partnerships
- Mission Planning
- Emergency Management

### 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

#### Elton S. Ushio

Emergency Management Administrator  
Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency



IRT teams exhibited the highest levels of professionalism, diligence, responsiveness, and positive attitudes to get the job done. Their work products will benefit the county of Kaua'i and the people we serve for years to come.

The information captured in the updated EOP will serve as a blueprint for current and future emergency managers and supporting partners, while the shelter assessments will guide decisions regarding shelter planning and operations, along with prioritization and targeting for future hardening retrofits.



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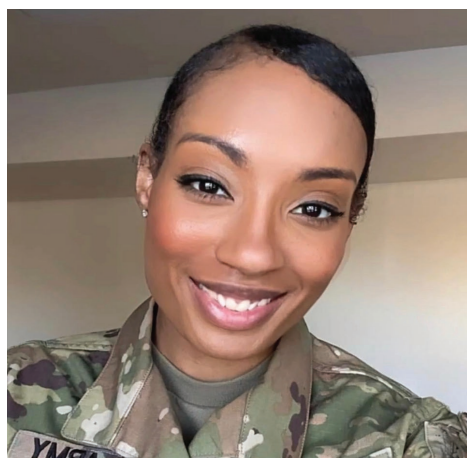
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## OSD STAFF HIGHLIGHT

### CPT KEYIRRA KING

U.S. ARMY RESERVE  
MEDICAL ASSET MANAGER



I'm extremely grateful for my experience with IRT. This program has strengthened my leadership skills and taught me the importance of adaptability. I am honored to support a training platform that benefits communities throughout the United States and its territories. It is by far the best assignment I have had in my military career.

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### SGT JASMINE JORDAN

U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD  
RESOURCE ADVISOR

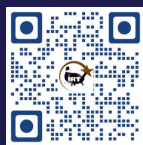


My experiences have been amazing during my first year with IRT. Being a part of an organization that aids and supports military service components in completing their annual training, while serving the community, is just wonderful. Watching the joy of the community experience, and the love they express towards our service, makes my job just as satisfying. I'm glad to be part of that joy!

## IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

July 5: Deep Water Derelict Net Removal 2023—Mission Start  
July 8: Northwest Arkansas Wellness—Mission Start  
July 9: Operation Healthy CNMI—Mission Start  
July 9: Custer State Park Trail 2023—Mission Start  
July 10: NY Healthy Delaware—Mission Start  
July 10: New Mexico Cybershield—Mission Start  
July 13: NY Healthy Delaware—DV Day  
July 13: MTK Camp Kamassa 2023—DV Day  
July 16: Cass Lake IHS: Operation Walking Shield 2023—Mission Start  
July 16: Improving the Health of Nueces County 2023—Mission Start  
July 16: Nueces County Community Needs Assessment—Mission Start  
July 17: Operation Healthy CNMI—DV Day  
July 17: Aerial Spray for Mosquitoes—Mission Start  
July 18: Northwest Arkansas Wellness—DV Day  
July 18: Deep Water Derelict Net Removal 2023—DV Day  
July 20: Blackfeet Tribe: Operation Walking Shield 2023—DV Day  
July 20: New Mexico Cybershield—DV Day  
July 21: Cass Lake IHS: Operation Walking Shield 2023—DV Day  
July 21: Nueces County Community Needs Assessment—DV Day  
July 21: Northwest Arkansas Wellness—Mission End  
July 21: NY Healthy Delaware—Mission End  
July 21: New Mexico Cybershield—Mission End  
July 22: Improving the Health of Nueces County 2023—DV Day  
July 22: Operation Healthy CNMI—Mission End  
July 23: NH State Park—Final Planning Meeting  
July 25: MTK Camp Kamassa 2023—Mission End  
July 27: Custer State Park Trail 2023—DV Day  
July 28: 365 Health Supply Delivery 2023—Mission End  
July 28: Cass Lake IHS: Operation Walking Shield 2023—Mission End  
July 29: Improving the Health of Nueces County 2023—Mission End  
July 29: Nueces County Community Needs Assessment—Mission End  
July 30: Guam Wellness—Mission Start  
July 30: Louisiana Purchase Gardens and Zoo—Mission End  
July 31: Fire Training Building—Mission End

More information  
on missions at:



## FY 2023 IRT PROGRAM MANAGERS

Major Daniel LaVorgna  
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Army National Guard

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

Chief Master Sergeant Rebecca Coulombe  
Air Force Reserve