



INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING

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IRT Delivers No-cost Medical Care to Round Valley Community

From June 13 to June 22, the Army Reserve led the Operation Walking Shield: Round Valley Indian Health mission to provide no-cost dental, medical, and veterinary services to the Round Valley community. The Marine Corps Reserve, Navy Reserve, and Air National Guard supported this joint mission to provide medical services and communications capability.



Service Members receive veterinary training

During nine days of care, 71 Service Members provided their medical, dental, and veterinary talents to the local community. Mission participants completed 200 medical, 214 dental, and 133 veterinary procedures. These included adult and pediatric wellness checks, immunizations, lab tests, prescription dispense, dental exams, x-rays, tooth fillings, extractions, spaying, neutering, deworming, and rabies vaccinations.

Challenges on this mission included geographic remoteness of the clinic and limited area media resources. Leadership overcame these obstacles by working with community partners to actively problem-solve and develop contingencies to meet mission requirements. Clinical staff worked tirelessly to enhance local outreach and ensure adequate space and materials were made available. By the end of the mission, Service Members across four branches of military service received a total of 2,457 real-world training hours. The success of the mission enhanced military readiness, while building civil-military partnerships and providing key services with lasting benefits in Covelo, California, and its surrounding region.

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.

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

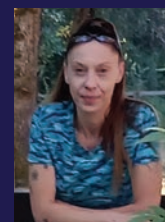
No-Cost Medical Care
Veterinary Care
Communications Support

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

Sheila Stewart
Medical Assistant, Round Valley
Indian Health Center



"All the men and women that were involved were amazing in their respective fields; the trainees were very hands-on-ready and willing to learn and do their part. We are a small community so helpful hands are an asset to us in many ways. They displayed great time management with a structured schedule which helped enable effective collaboration across our teams. IRT was a welcome asset to our community in many ways. We hope to participate again in the future."



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OSD STAFF HIGHLIGHT

LIEUTENANT COLONEL STEVEN C. JOHNSON

UNITED STATES AIR NATIONAL GUARD
PROGRAM MANAGER



“Working for the IRT program as both a resource advisor and program manager has shown me what an incredible relationship there can be between the military and communities. This program is incredibly rewarding for those Service Members that participate in our missions and get to see the impact they can make in everyday life. I am filled with pride when I see our Service Members working with community partners because I know we are setting a great example for each of our military services, while producing such a positive result.”

OSD STAFF HIGHLIGHT

CAPTAIN PENNY L. CANNON

UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE
DEPUTY PROGRAM MANAGER



“It’s an incredible honor to be part of the IRT program, where we empower soldiers with exceptional training while also serving our nation’s citizens. Working within a program that not only shapes dedicated soldiers but also actively better the lives of Americans is truly fulfilling.”

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

Aug 1: Hoopa IRT Mission Start
Aug 1: Monroe/West Monroe Wellness Mission Start
Aug 1: Ford Island Hangar 79 Mission End
Aug 3: Michigan DNR Young State Park Mission Start
Aug 4: Proyecto Restableciendo el Aeropuerto de Ceiba (RVR) DV Day
Aug 4: Deep Water Derelict Net Removal 2023 Mission End
Aug 5: Camp Davy Crockett Mission End
Aug 6: Michigan DNR Young State Park DV Day
Aug 6: Fort Belknap IHS: Operation Walking Shield Mission Start
Aug 6: Santa Cruz Island Reserve Mission Start
Aug 6: Custer State Park Trail 2023 Mission End
Aug 6: Michigan DNR Young State Park Mission End
Aug 9: Hoopa IRT DV Day
Aug 9: Guam Wellness DV Day
Aug 10: Monroe/West Monroe Wellness DV Day
Aug 12: Regional STEM Center Mission End
Aug 12: Blackfeet Tribe: Operation Walking Shield Mission End
Aug 14: Guam Wellness Mission End
Aug 14: Monroe/West Monroe Wellness Mission End
Aug 15: Hoopa IRT Mission End
Aug 17: Camp Kilohana DV Day
Aug 17: Fort Belknap IHS: Operation Walking Shield DV Day
Aug 20: MCAC Cyber Mission Start
Aug 20: Fort Belknap IHS: Operation Walking Shield Mission End
Aug 20: Santa Cruz Island Reserve Mission End
Aug 21: MCAC Cyber DV Day
Aug 22: Freedom Park Center DV Day
Aug 22: Regional STEM Center DV Day
Aug 22: Freedom Park Center Mission End
Aug 26: Camp Kilohana Mission End
Aug 27: MCAC Cyber Mission End

More information
on missions at:



FY 2023 IRT PROGRAM MANAGERS

Major Daniel LaVorgna
Army Reserve | Army Active Duty

Captain Scott Thurman
Army National Guard

Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Salvino
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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
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