



# INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING

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## IRT Delivers Training Value in FY23

Over the past year, all Active, Reserve, and Guard components of the Departments of the Army, Navy (including Marine Corps), and Air Force led or supported 68 civil military partnerships across 36 States and Territories, including, Alaska, Hawai'i, Northern Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico. These training missions encompassed diverse activities and locations:

Civil Engineering: 36 civil military partnerships across 22 States and Territories, Medical: 17 civil military partnerships across 15 States and Territories, Cybersecurity: 8 civil military partnerships across 6 States and Territories, Emergency Planning: 1 civil military partnership in the State of Hawai'i, Diving Operations: 1 civil military partnership in the State of Washington, Transportation: 4 civil military partnerships across 4 States and Territories, Civil Affairs: 1 civil military partnership in the State of Texas.

As a function resident within the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (DASD) for Reserve Integration's Civil Military Programs portfolio, IRT enables DoD to partner with American communities to accomplish military training while addressing critical community needs. Below are just a few examples from last year.

**Iowa Regional STEM Center, Iowa (Civil Engineering)**—The Air National Guard partnered with the Woodbine Community School District to build and renovate the IGNITE Pathways science, technology, engineering, and math building. A total of 92 Airmen received training while delivering an estimated \$277,000 in no-cost construction benefits to the local community. The Air Force Reserve Command supported this mission.

**New Mexico Cybershield, New Mexico (Cybersecurity)**—The Air Force Reserve Command partnered with Central New Mexico Community College to ensure reliability and resiliency of critical information technology infrastructure. A total of 56 Service Members received training while the college received no-cost cybersecurity enhancements. The Marine Corps Reserve supported this mission.

**Round Valley Indian Health, California (Medical)**—The Army Reserve partnered with the Round Valley Indian Health Center to provide no-cost medical care to members of the local community. A total of 112 Service Members received training in healthcare, logistics, communications, and other military occupational specialties while providing services to 547 patients during the 14-day mission, delivering an estimated \$168,368 in no-cost medical services to the health center. The Marine Corps Reserve and the Air National Guard supported this mission.

**Kauai Emergency Management Agency (KEMA) Emergency Operations Plan Rewrite, Hawaii (Emergency Planning)**—The Air National Guard partnered with the KEMA to rewrite and update the Emergency Operations Plan. Upon submission, the County of Kauai would become eligible for annual grant assistance resources administered by FEMA and the State of Hawai'i. A total of 13 Airmen received training while delivering an estimated \$150,000 in no-cost services to the local community.



*Sixty-eight IRT civil military partnerships delivered training value to the Joint Services while assisting 36 United States and Territories.*

### 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
- Joint Mission Planning
- Medical Training

### IRT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

### COLONEL JACLYN CHATWICK DIRECTOR, IRT HOLIDAY MESSAGE



IRT leadership thanks everyone for your ongoing hard work and efforts, overcoming unforeseen challenges with creative solutions.

Your positive, can-do attitude ensured victorious mission outcomes, making the FY23 civil military partnership mission year a success. With warmest gratitude and heartfelt thanks, happy holidays to you and your families. We anticipate another amazing mission season in FY24.

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 FY23 missions. Please check [irt.defense.gov](http://irt.defense.gov) regularly for the latest information on the IRT program.



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## FY23 IRT AWARD WINNER HIGHLIGHT

### CAPTAIN KEYIRRA KING

ARMY RESERVE  
LEADER OF THE YEAR (O1-O3)



Leader of the Year (O1-O3) is awarded to Captain Keyirra King, U.S. Army Reserve (not present to receive award in person) for her excellence in leadership as the Medical Consumable Site's Officer in Charge. The Leader of the Year award recognizes individuals who plan and execute IRT missions while displaying exemplary leadership in identifying opportunities to increase readiness and courage collaboration and innovation. Captain King exemplified these accomplishments by leading the delivery of 47 tons of medical supplies in 11 missions, managing assets worth over \$3,800,000 and by taking steps to save the taxpayers \$50,000 in costs. Furthermore, she embodied the spirit of IRT when she facilitated the repurposing of expiring medical supplies to U.S. Northern Command's support of Operation Allies Welcome. These supplies were then distributed by the 87th Medical Command to Afghanistan refugees housed at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ. This award was presented by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Integration, Mr. Judd Lyons joined by IRT Director, Colonel Jaclyn Chatwick.

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### TECHNICAL SERGEANT OTIS YOUNGBLOOD

AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND  
LEADER OF THE YEAR (E4-E6)



Leader of the Year (E4-E6) is awarded to Technical Sergeant (TSgt.) Otis Youngblood, Air Force Reserve Command, (pictured above, center) for his excellence in leadership as the Consolidated Asset Management Site's Non-commissioned Officer in Charge. The Leader of the Year award recognizes individuals who plan and execute IRT missions while displaying exemplary leadership in identifying opportunities to increase readiness and courage collaboration and innovation. TSgt. Youngblood exemplified these accomplishments in coordination and instruction of multiple medical workshops across 15 states, serving as the core automated maintenance system point of contact for numerous medical missions, coordinating airlifts to remote locations, and mentoring Airmen. Joined and presented by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Integration, Mr. Judd Lyons, (pictured above, left) with IRT Director, Colonel Jaclyn Chatwick (pictured above, right).

## IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Dec 4: FY24 County 9Health Fair Supply Transportation Initial Planning Meeting (IPM)
- Dec 4: FY24 ID Nimiipuu Health Medical IPM
- Dec 4: FY24 OK Cherokee Veterans Housing Initiative Construction IPM
- Dec 6: FY24 NC Bladen County White Oak Levee Other IPM
- Dec 11: FY24 AK Eyak Native Village Shepard Point Prince William Sound Construction IPM
- Dec 11: FY24 KY Green River Medical IPM
- Dec 11: FY24 ME Veterans Memorial Cemetery Expansion Construction IPM
- Dec 11: FY24 MT Fort Peck Operation Walking Shield Medical IPM
- Dec 12: FY24 AK Areawide Residential Construction to Invest in Communities (ARCTIC) Materials Transportation IPM
- Dec 12: FY24 PA Outdoor Odyssey Leadership Academy Construction IPM
- Dec 13: FY24 WV Stonewall State Park Construction IPM
- Dec 18: FY24 MT Fort Belknap Indian Health Services Operation Walking Shield Medical IPM

More information  
on missions at:



## FY24 IRT PROGRAM MANAGERS

Major Daniel LaVorgna  
Army Reserve | Army Active Duty

Captain Scott Thurman  
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 Steven Johnson  
Air National Guard | Air Force Active Duty

Chief Master Sergeant Rebecca Coulombe  
Air Force Reserve