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Tennessee Camp Construction Delivers Training Value to the Army Reserve

From 20 March to 1 April 2024, the U.S. Army Reserve led a civil engineering mission in partnership with the Boy Scouts of America, Sequoyah Council, at Camp Davy Crockett in Whitesburg, Tennessee. This exercise cleared sites and prepared activities for facilities while training participants in engineering, project management, and nontactical convoy movements.



Soldiers gained mission-critical proficiency training in heavy equipment operations and logistics.

This effort is projected to have trained 40 officers and 460 enlisted Service Members from the 844th Engineering Battalion. Soldiers

completed three high-value, high-impact construction elements to enhance the camping experience for the scouts. Accomplishments included constructing a new 1,200 square foot, seven-bay shower facility, remodeling of a 5,200 square foot dining hall into a new five classroom science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) educational facility, and creating an 18-acre pistol range, encompassing 33 bays.

Mission participants received training in numerous tasks across six military occupational specialties, including project management and staff operations. They blended operational evaluation involvement by requesting that members of the 1st Army Observer Controller/Trainers observe and advise on training during military decision-making process (MDMP) classes for the staff. Soldiers logged more than 7,500 training hours, including over 1,040 hours of heavy equipment usage, over 10 days.

Scout executive and chief executive officer Greg Leitch said, “This partnership with the Army Reserve [through IRT] creates opportunity for character education and life skill development on a grand scale. Our year-round facility annually impacts over 12,000 children from over 20 states. The expertise and support that comes from this partnership is invaluable to our growth potential as we build a values base in young people that allows them to become the future workforce leaders of America.”

The vision for the camp and the scouts who use it is to expand STEM programs, enhance supporting facilities, and create what will be the largest pistol range in the country upon completion.

This successful collaboration exemplifies how IRT partnerships benefit communities and contribute to unit readiness through real-world mission training. Learn more about our program at irt.defense.gov.

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 Engineering
- Heavy Equipment Operations
- Community Partnership

IRT LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Colonel Jaelyn Chatwick, Director
- Colonel Stephen Rubright, Deputy Director
- Major Christopher Brown, Operations Officer
- Chief Master Sergeant Alexander Wilson, Superintendent

MESSAGE FROM MISSION PARTICIPANT

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Rich Hayner
U.S. Army Reserve 844th Engineering Battalion



On the value of IRT civil military partnerships: “It’s a great thing for our leadership to be so committed in helping us secure these Mission Essential Tasks–based training opportunities.

For construction engineers, this is where retention is made.”



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CELEBRATING A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT,

MR. JUDD LYONS

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
(RESERVE INTEGRATION)!



Please join the IRT Director and staff in expressing our deepest gratitude for Mr. Lyons' leadership and immense positive impacts on the Department of Defense as we wish him all the best in a well-deserved retirement.

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- May 6: Nueces County Cyber Exercise Mission Start
- May 7: Hoopa/Operation Walking Shield Final Planning Meeting (FPM)
- May 7: Madison/Newton County Medical Mission FPM
- May 7: Otterville R-VI School District Athletic Field FPM
- May 7: Federal Judiciary Cyber Support FPM
- May 8: KMC HOOPA IRT FPM
- May 8: Kodiak Arctic Care 2024 (KAC24) Mission Start
- May 10: Nueces County Cyber Exercise DV Day
- May 11: Federal Assistance for FY24 Mission Start
- May 11: ARCTIC Materials Transport Mission End
- May 13: Guam Wellness Mid Planning Meeting (MPM)
- May 13: Fort Belknap Indian Health Service/Operation Walking Shield FPM
- May 15: Stonewall Expansion Preparation FPM
- May 15: Nueces County Cyber Exercise Mission End
- May 16: Federal Assistance for FY24 DV Day
- May 16: KAC24 DV Day
- May 20: Kauai Emergency Management Agency Program Support FPM
- May 20: Mountain Maryland Innovative Readiness Training FPM
- May 22: KAC24 Mission End
- May 25: Federal Assistance for FY24 Mission End
- May 29: Otterville R-VI School District Athletic Field Mission Start
- May 30: FY24 Virgin Island Wellness Mission Start
- May 31: Lake George West Social Hall, Road & Site Project Mission Start

More information
on missions at:



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