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Kodiak Arctic Care 2024

From May 9 through May 21, the Air National Guard partnered with the Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA) for Kodiak Arctic Care 2024 to deliver no-cost medical services to residents across geographically dispersed sites in Alaska's remote Kodiak Island borough. This joint mission included support from the Army Active Duty, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Marine Corps Reserve, Navy Active Duty, Navy Reserve, Air Force Active Duty, and the Air Force Reserve. Additionally, both the Coast Guard Active Duty and the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) contributed to the success of this mission through a continued interagency cooperation in a civil-military partnership.

Training opportunities sustained readiness for military participants while providing support for healthcare needs within the community. Throughout the mission, a total of 293 joint Service members provided more than 6,540 no-cost healthcare procedures including medical, dental, optometry, veterinary, while addressing other healthcare needs. In addition to the town of Kodiak, other sites of care included the villages of Old Harbor, Port Lions, Ouzinkie, Akhiok, Karluk, and Larsen Bay. At mission completion, a total of 1,835 patients received no-cost medical services with an estimated fair market value of \$623,651; including fabrication and distribution of 638 pairs of eyeglasses.

The mountainous terrain, arctic weather patterns, rural location, lack of communication infrastructure, and logistical challenges in accessing some communities provided a unique training opportunity which simulated real-world conditions possible for Service Members in forward-deployed environments. Additionally, this mission pioneered a robust and diverse training offering, which included Tactical Combat Casualty Care-Tier 2, Medic-X, Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support, Pediatric Life Support, Prehospital Trauma Life Support, and Advanced Trauma Life Support/Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses.

Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) has partnered with KANA previously and the mission would not have been possible without their support. KANA provides integrated wellness services to the entire Kodiak Island community. Their focus is on Alaska Native beneficiaries and specific healthcare issues that may arise within the Native community. Through such partnerships, IRT's mission has helped foster a deep connection between Service Members and the community, while building cultural awareness and establishing lasting relationships.

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.



Mission participants provide no-cost dental services during Arctic Care 2024 in Kodiak, Alaska.

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 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Colonel James Hogan, Director
Colonel Stephen Rubright, Deputy Director
Chief Master Sergeant Alexander Wilson, Superintendent

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Nicole Miles

Vice President of Public Affairs,
Kodiak Area Native Association



"Being part of Arctic Care has truly been a highlight of my career. I have learned so much and had the opportunity to grow both professionally and personally, while also giving back to my community. The purpose of these missions is for the military to receive training and for the community to receive no-cost healthcare services, but they achieve so much more. Strong partnerships and lasting friendships are made between the community and military, bringing everyone together in a spirit of collaboration and mutual support."



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CELEBRATING OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE: THANK YOU, MAJ CHRISTOPHER BROWN!

AIR FORCE RESERVE



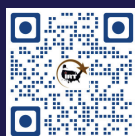
This month, we bid farewell and best of luck to outgoing IRT Operations Officer, Maj Christopher Brown of the Air Force Reserve. From FY22–FY24, he tirelessly dedicated his time, talents, and professionalism across the joint services and community partners whom he served on behalf of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD).

His prior role in performing leadership duties on an IRT mission in Georgia equipped him with a unique perspective, which he leveraged to propel IRT into a new era of operational excellence. During his tenure, he served as a trusted advisor to program leadership, working under the IRT Director and Deputy Director, and alongside numerous OSD staff and Program Managers. As FY24 approaches closure, the program is on track to have completed 88 OSD funded and 105 non-OSD funded missions combined across 49 United States and territories under Maj Brown's 3-year leadership in the operational role. These civil military partnerships have provided real-world joint training opportunities to 13,850 Service Members and \$60.7 million in estimated no-cost benefit to American communities from FY22–FY23; with an additional 7,835 Service Members projected to receive training in FY24. During this same period, the program set new standards for operational efficiency under his dutiful custodianship of program management performance tracking, assessments, and council. Timeliness metrics across product submissions for military applications, after action reports, and funding reports increased. Maj Brown's commitment to professional and personal well-being projected into all facets of his leadership philosophy, instituting elevated standards of care for staff, both incoming and current. Congruent to the Annual Joint Workshop for Operational Mission Planners in which he executed training for more than 200 attendees, he designed and proctored supplemental onboarding sessions, resources, and refreshers to ensure IRT Program Managers, Deputy Program Managers, and Resource Advisors had the requisite expertise to discharge their duties efficiently. His accomplishments undoubtedly will precede numerous accolades moving into the next phases of his career. Please join OSD IRT leadership in expressing appreciation for all he has done!

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

June 1: Shepard Point Start Date
June 1: Maine Vets Memorial Cemetery Expansion Start Date
June 1: Cyber Tatanka 2024 Start Date
June 2: Ford Island Runway and Museum Entry Road Start Date
June 2: Hoopa/Operation Walking Shield Start Date
June 2: Cherokee Veteran's Housing Initiative Start Date
June 2: Pu'u honua o Waianae Phase 1 Start Date
June 5: Camp Kamassa Start Date
June 5: CNMI Wellness 2024 Start Date
June 6: FY24 Virgin Island Wellness DV Day
June 8: Fort Peck - Operation Waking Shield Start Date
June 10: Tropic Care Kauai 2024 Start Date
June 13: Green River Area Wellness Mission Start Date
June 13: Maine Vets Memorial Cemetery Expansion DV Day
June 13: Otterville R-VI School District Athletic Field DV Day
June 13: Cyber Tatanka 2024 DV Day
June 14: Fort Peck - Operation Walking Shield DV Day
June 15: KMC HOOPA IRT Start Date
June 18: Operation Footprint DV Day
June 18: Tropic Care Kauai 2024 DV Day
June 20: Green River Area Wellness Mission DV Day
June 20: Federal Judiciary Cyber Support Start Date
June 24: Civil-Military Partnership - Guam FPM
June 27: KMC HOOPA IRT DV Day
June 27: CNMI Wellness 2024 DV Day
June 28: Federal Judiciary Cyber Support DV Day

More information
on missions at:



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