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Air Force Reserve Delivers No-Cost Medical Aid in the U.S. Virgin Islands

From 29 May to 11 June 2024, the Air Force Reserve partnered with the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) Department of Health to provide no-cost medical care to residents in St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John. Supported by the Air National Guard and the USVI Army National Guard, service members overcame supply shortages, provider capacities, and power instability to execute the mission.



Air Force optometrists examine patients at Ivanna Eudora Kean High School in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Over the course of this 13-day mission, 248 service members treated 2,112 patients across three islands and performed 14,256 procedures, including medical, dental, optometric, and behavioral health screenings. These services benefitted island residents who face challenges accessing healthcare services.

Incoming IRT Operations Officer Major Melford Simpson, Air Force Reserve, had this to say about the IRT civil military partnership in the USVI:

“In the inaugural IRT for the community, FY24 US Virgin Islands Wellness established a strong foundation for future missions within the territory. The collaboration with the Virgin Islands Department of Health and the Virgin Islands Army National Guard was an amazing experience made possible by individuals dedicated and committed to providing quality healthcare services for the people of St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas. The training and expertise of the men and women of the military were showcased daily to ensure each patient felt valued and respected, and that their health needs were met with compassion and care.”

At the completion of the mission, the USVI Department of Health increased their community reach and reduced the number of patients with untreated medical ailments. In total, IRT delivered approximately \$2,252,313 in no-cost healthcare services to the residents of the USVI. Service members completed 28,967 hours of real-world medical training and 11,923 training requirements.

IRT civil military partnerships continue to foster strong relationships between members of the military and American communities, enhance unit and deployment readiness for service members, and provide essential health services to local communities. To find out more, visit 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 Military Partnerships
- Medical Training
- Mission Planning

IRT LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Colonel James Hogan, Director
- Colonel Stephen Rubright, Deputy Director
- Major Melford Simpson, Operations Officer
- Chief Master Sergeant Alexander Wilson, Superintendent

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Tai Hunte-Ceasar

Virgin Islands Department of Health
Chief Medical Officer



“I am extremely honored and extend tremendous gratitude to Health Commissioner, Justa Encarnacion, for allowing me to lead the inaugural USVI mission. We are so grateful to the IRT program for their commitment to the USVI as a community partner to increase healthcare services and further reduce disparities in the territory... There is a tremendous need, specifically for the services that will be provided, and we look forward to continuously working together in the future.”



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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE DEPLOYMENT READINESS



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WELCOME NEW IRT DIRECTOR

COLONEL JAMES HOGAN

AIR FORCE RESERVE



In June, the IRT team welcomed Colonel James Hogan as the IRT Director. In his new role, Colonel Hogan will oversee and execute IRT's mission to deliver joint training opportunities that increase deployment readiness while simultaneously providing key services with lasting benefits to American communities. Prior to his current position, Colonel Hogan was the Director of Integration for the U.S. Air Force Reserve in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

WELCOME NEW IRT DEPUTY DIRECTOR

COLONEL STEPHEN RUBRIGHT

ARMY RESERVE



In May, the IRT team welcomed Colonel Stephen Rubright as the IRT Deputy Director. In his new role, Colonel Rubright will assist the IRT Director to fulfill the program's strategic objectives while carrying out day-to-day activities that support successful execution of civil military partnerships. He will liaison between OSD and the Joint IRT Program Managers, providing the tools and resources they need to drive mission excellence in military training. Colonel Rubright joins us from the Joint Staff where he served as the chief of the Russia/Ukraine Crisis Management Team inside the National Military Command Center.

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- July 1: East Central Georgia Wellness Start Date
- July 9: Stonewall State Park Expansion Preparation Start Date
- July 9: Quentin Burdick Hospital Start Date
- July 10: East Central Georgia Wellness DV Day
- July 11: Camp Kamassa DV Day
- July 14: Ozark Wellness Start Date
- July 15: East Central Georgia Wellness End Date
- July 15: Blackfeet Tribal Health Start Date
- July 15: Minot Aerial Spray Start Date
- July 15: Williston Aerial Spray Start Date
- July 16: Quentin Burdick Hospital DV Day
- July 18: Ford Island Runway Restoration DV Day
- July 19: Minot Aerial Spray End Date
- July 19: Williston Aerial Spray End Date
- July 21: Kauai Emergency Management Agency (KEMA) Planning Support Start Date
- July 22: Quentin Burdick Hospital End Date
- July 23: Ozark Wellness DV Day
- July 25: Blackfeet Tribal Health DV Day
- July 25: Stonewall State Park Expansion Preparation DV Day
- July 25: Mountain Maryland Wellness Start Date
- July 27: Ozark Wellness End Date
- July 29: Blackfeet Tribal Health End Date
- July 29: Guam Wellness Start Date
- July 29: Mountain Maryland Wellness DV Day
- July 31: Shepard Point DV Day

More information on missions at:



FY24 IRT PROGRAM MANAGERS

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Navy Reserve | Navy Active Duty

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Air National Guard | Air Force Active Duty

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Air Force Reserve