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IRT Delivers Training Value in FY24

Over the past year, Active, Reserve, and Guard components across the departments of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force led or supported 72 Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) civil-military partnerships in 36 states and territories, including Alaska, Hawai'i, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam.

These training support activities encompassed a range of training categories, including 36 construction civil-military partnerships, 17 medical civil-military partnerships, 10 cybersecurity civil-military partnerships, four transportation civil-military partnerships, two civil affairs civil-military partnerships, two aerial spray civil-military partnerships, and one emergency planning civil-military partnership.

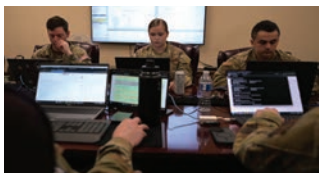
As a function of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Integration's Civil Military Programs portfolio, IRT enables DoD to partner with American communities for military training while addressing critical community needs. The following are a few examples of civil-military partnerships from last year.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Wellness, Northern Mariana Islands (Medical): The Army Reserve, supported by the Army Active Duty, Navy Active Duty, Air Force Active Duty, Air National Guard, and the Air Force Reserve partnered with the CNMI Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs, to offer no-cost healthcare services to resident of the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. In total, 300 Service members treated 5,628 patients, performed 43,895 procedures, and fabricated 1,500 eyeglasses, resulting in an estimated fair market value of \$2,106,612 in services.



Operation Footprint, New Mexico (Construction): The Navy Reserve, supported by the Air National Guard, and the Air Force Reserve, partnered with the Navajo Housing Authority, and the Southwest Indian Foundation, to build a home for Navajo families in Gallup, New Mexico. Together, 198 Service members erected a three-bed, one-bath residence, providing an estimated \$115,000 of fair market value to the Navajo Nation.



Cyber Nueces, Texas (Cybersecurity): The Air Force Reserve, in partnership with Nueces County, Texas, executed a cybersecurity exercise to detect, safeguard, assess, and protect Nueces County from malicious cyber activity and physical intrusions. Approximately 30 Airmen participated in the 10-day event, saving the county an estimated fair market value of \$500,000.



Operation Appalachian Thunder, West Virginia (Construction): The Marine Corps Reserve, supported by the Marine Corps Active Duty and Air Force Reserve, partnered with Stonewall Resort State Park to create areas for recreational vehicles and other amenities for the benefit of visitors. The efforts of more than 150 Marines, Airmen, and Sailors saved the state approximately \$2 million in fair market value expenses.

IRT civil military partnerships continue to foster strong relationships between military members and American communities, enhance unit and deployment readiness for Service members, and provide essential services throughout the country. 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
Year in Review
Military Training

IRT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

HOLIDAY MESSAGE

Col. James Hogan
IRT Director



As we wrap up another successful year, I want to take a moment to tell the team that I'm grateful for everything you do. Enjoy this well-deserved holiday season, recharge, and come back ready for another amazing year together. Happy holidays to you and your loved ones!



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LEADER OF THE YEAR O1-O3

CAPTAIN HEATHER EDSALL

AIR FORCE RESERVE
PROGRAM MANAGER



The IRT Leader of the Year Award was presented to Captain Heather Edsall for her outstanding leadership as the Air National Guard IRT Medical Program Manager. The Leader of the Year award recognizes individuals who plan and execute an IRT mission while displaying exemplary leadership in identifying opportunities to increase readiness and encourage collaboration and innovation. Captain Edsall demonstrated these characteristics by planning, coordinating, and executing 10 medical missions for the Active Duty Air Force and Air National Guard. She coordinated training for Service members, helping them achieve mission-essential tasks, and led a mass casualty exercise during the Kodiak Arctic Care Distinguished Visitor Day. Captain Edsall uses every opportunity to influence Air Force personnel and Service members from the other components during planning meetings and mission execution. As part of the Air National Guard program management team, Captain Edsall was instrumental in the success of all missions during FY24.

LEADER OF THE YEAR E1-E3

CORPORAL LUIS E. NIVAR

MARINE CORPS RESERVE
CONSOLIDATED ASSET MANAGEMENT SITE (CAMS) DRIVER



IRT Leader of the Year was awarded to Corporal Luis E. Nivar for his excellence in leadership as a CAMS Driver. 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 encourage collaboration and innovation. Corporal Nivar exemplified these accomplishments through his dedication and leadership in support of multiple IRT missions and his significant contributions to CAMS. Corporal Nivar transported goods valued over \$7 million, covering 12,342 miles and handling 108,723 pounds of equipment. His attention to detail and commitment to operational readiness have been exemplary, ensuring that his equipment and driving counterparts consistently maintained operational readiness and were prepared for deployment.

IRT EVENTS & MISSIONS

- Dec 2: Operation Arctic Care, Initial Planning
- Dec 2: White Oak Levee in Kelly Community, Initial Planning
- Dec 3: Healthy Broome, Initial Planning
- Dec 3: FY25 U.S. Virgin Islands Wellness, Initial Planning
- Dec 5: St. Paul Island Community Civil Affairs Assessment, Initial Planning
- Dec 9: Rhea County Cares, Initial Planning
- Dec 9: Federal Assistance for FY25, Initial Planning
- Dec 11: FY25 Salud En Tu Pueblo, Initial Planning

More information
on missions at:



FY25 IRT PROGRAM MANAGERS

- Major John Pineau
Army Reserve | Army Active Duty
- Captain Scott Thurman
Army National Guard
- Captain Emanuel Mendez
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
- Captain Heather Edsall
Air Force Reserve