



INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING

Premier Military Training for a Secure and Prosperous America



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Examining Military Applications

If your military unit is interested in participating in Innovative Readiness Training (IRT), you can access the IRT portal to explore available community applications and apply for support activities that meet your unit's training needs. The process is straightforward, and the IRT help desk is available to answer any questions. You can reach them at irhelpdesk@lmi.org or use the service desk feature within the portal.



All successful military applications start with a great community application.

The IRT portal serves as the core of the IRT program, with community applications being essential components. These applications form the foundation upon which all other aspects of the program are built. Once a community application is established, any interested military applicant can select it and submit a military application based on that community submission. However, military applications do not always include all the tasks requested by the community, and only the scope of work outlined in the approved military application will be completed. It's important to note that while a community application must be created, it does not need to be submitted before military applicants can begin their own applications.

Upon logging into the portal, you can view community applications and filter them by year and project type. IRT missions can cover a range of valid training requirements; all it takes is creativity and leadership approval. As you begin the process, keep the following key points in mind: Clearly specify the number of personnel required, the amount of funding requested, and the scope of training. Consider incorporating IRT missions into your year-round training plan, especially during the first quarter of the calendar year. If you are a first-time applicant, don't hesitate to reach out to IRT program managers for assistance with planning. Maintaining communication with your unit and community partners, including other participating services, is also essential. Use the contact details in each community submission to gather additional information that can help you develop a comprehensive military application.

Once your application is submitted, it will be reviewed by your service component's leadership. After approval, non-Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD)-funded missions can be created. However, OSD-funded missions need further approval from OSD for funding before they can proceed. Once OSD approves your application, your mission will be established. While the IRT program aims to fund as many support activities as possible, it operates under a limited budget. Non-OSD-funded missions only require service component approval, allowing for faster execution. If you're unsure whether to apply for OSD-funded or non-OSD-funded support, feel free to contact the help desk previously mentioned. After applications are approved, the next step is mission planning! Look for more information on that in a future newsletter.

IRT's civil-military partnerships continue to strengthen relationships between military members and American communities, enhance unit and deployment readiness for service members, and provide essential services to local communities. To learn 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
- Military Applications
- Community Applications

IRT LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Colonel James Hogan, Director
- Colonel Stephen Rubright, Deputy Director
- Major Melford Simpson, Operations Officer
- Master Sergeant Rachelle Morris, Public Affairs Manager

MESSAGE FROM IRT LEADERSHIP

Colonel James Hogan

IRT Director



"We sincerely thank our community partners and military service members for their participation—this program is driven by your applications. While we wish we could fund every IRT support activity, our budget limits the number of missions. We encourage those not selected to reapply in future years."



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SERVICE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT JACQUELINE LINDAMOOD

AIR NATIONAL GUARD
RESOURCE ADVISOR



“Being part of the IRT team has shown me the immense value of hands-on training for our service members. The IRT program uniquely offers sailors, marines, soldiers, and airmen the chance to train in their AFSC/MOS in a controlled environment, mirroring deployment conditions. This focused training away from their duty stations enhances their skill application and produces visible results. The sense of accomplishment and belonging to something greater is both tangible and rewarding after each mission.”

SERVICE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS SHIRELY MAXEY

ARMY RESERVE
MEDICAL LOGISTICS SPECIALIST



“Throughout my military career, I have contributed to many missions, but the IRT program is the one I’m most grateful to be a part of. The program hits close to home for me, as my own family has benefited from other no-cost medical, dental, and optical services. Giving back through these no-cost services is deeply fulfilling. As a Medical Logistics Specialist, I’m proud to play a key role in making a positive impact on communities through the IRT program.”

IRT EVENTS & SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

- Mar 3: Operation Build Michigan, Mission Start
- Mar 3: The RES Footbridge, Mission Start
- Mar 5: Operation Outreach Nueces, Initial Planning Meeting
- Mar 11: Operation Healthy Tennessee, Mid-Planning Meeting
- Mar 11: Operation Outreach Unangan, Mid-Planning Meeting
- Mar 11: Operation Build Eyak, Final Planning Meeting
- Mar 19: Operation Build North Carolina, Mid-Planning Meeting
- Mar 22: Construction and Maintenance at Michigan Scout Camps/Reservations, Mission Start
- Mar 25: Operation Healthy Delta, Final Planning Meeting
- Mar 31: Operation Build Hawaii, Final Planning Meeting

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
- Major Nathaniel Horwitz-Willis
Air National Guard | Air Force Active Duty
- Major Michael Nordin
Air Force Reserve