



INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING

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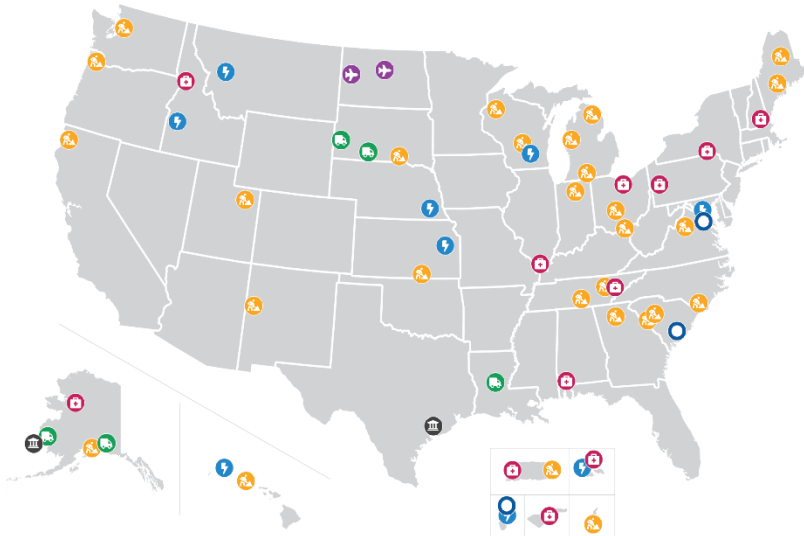
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The Premier Military Training Platform for a Secure and Prosperous America

Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) is a Department of War (DoW) military training initiative, exclusive to the United States and its territories, delivering **joint training opportunities to increase deployment readiness**. Simultaneously, IRT provides key services with lasting benefits for American communities.



2025 SUPPORT ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS



28 Civil Engineering Support Activities	3 Support Services Support Activities	5 Transportation Support Activities	12 Medical Support Activities	2 Civil Affairs Support Activities	2 Aerial Spray Support Activities	9 Cyber Support Activities
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Community Impact in FY25

- 18,581 patients received no-cost medical care
- American communities received \$8.2M in no-cost medical services
- Service members completed 98,882 medical procedures
- American communities received \$15.6 in no-cost civil engineering services

KEY SERVICES



CIVIL ENGINEERING

Military personnel offer vertical construction, such as buildings, and horizontal construction, such as utilities, roadways, and other paving activities.



TRANSPORTATION

Military cargo aircraft transport people, supplies, and outsized expeditionary forces.



MEDICAL

Healthcare providers deliver services such as optometry, health exams, dental, veterinary care, and public health education.



CYBERSECURITY

Service members conduct vulnerability assessments and enhance the measures taken by community partners to fortify and defend critical infrastructure.



CIVIL AFFAIRS

In coordination with the community partner, military units conduct surveys and community needs assessments.



AERIAL SPRAY

Designated military aircraft spray insecticides to control or reduce the number of pests.



SUPPORT SERVICES

Multiple training opportunities are available. We work with community partners to identify community needs that align with military training requirements.



WHAT IS THE IRT PROGRAM

In simple terms, it's a partnership program that matches our military's training needs with the needs of American communities.



HOW NCG1 CAN SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Our Seabees are experts in a wide range of construction trades. Through the IRT program, NCG 1 can provide the skilled personnel to help Ventura with projects such as:

- **CIVIL ENGINEERING**
 - Preparing land for new parks or public facilities through grading and earthmoving.
- **VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION**
 - Build non-profit facilities, or public-use structures. This includes everything from framing and roofing to electrical and plumbing
- **HORIZONTAL CONSTRUCTION**
 - Paving roads, building new trails, pouring concrete pads for public amenities, or repairing boat ramps."

APPLICATION TIMELINE



APPLICATION PROCESS

IRT project approval process is straightforward but does require some advance planning, as it can take up to two years from application to mission season

APPLICATION DUE DATE

Community applications are due each year by **September 30th**.

REVIEW & PAIRING (OCT-APR)

The DoW reviews the applications and pairs them with military units whose training goals align with the project.

PLANNING (OCT-MAR YEAR 2)

Once a project is selected, our team will begin detailed planning meetings with your organization.

MISSION SEASON (APR-SEP YEAR 2)

This is when our Seabees are on-site, and the construction work happens.

SMALL PROJECTS

Timeline can sometimes be expedited, especially if no dedicated IRT funds are required from the DoW. The best first step is to visit irt.defense.gov to start an application and review the requirements.

HOW THE PARTNERSHIP WORKS

This is a collaborative effort. The core principle of the IRT program is that it must not compete with local businesses.

- **The Community's Role:** As our partner, your organization is typically responsible for providing the project's design plans, securing the necessary permits, and purchasing all the construction materials (lumber, concrete, gravel, etc).
- **The Navy's Role:** NCG1 provides the skilled labor and the subject matter experts to execute the construction, all at no cost to you.

Essentially, the community provides the materials, and the Navy provides the expert labor and equipment to bring the project to life.

LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- IRT cannot be used to:
 - Provide civilian law enforcement.
 - Immediately respond to natural or manmade disasters.
 - Aid that does not meet valid DoW training requirements.
- Eligible entities include federal, state, local, and tribal government entities; youth and charitable organizations listed in Section 508 of Title 32, U.S.C.; and others approved by the Secretary of War on a case-by-case basis.

OPPORTUNITY

The IRT program offers a fantastic opportunity to build a stronger relationship between the military and the Ventura community. It helps us maintain a ready and skilled force while helping you achieve your community improvement goals.

HOW TO APPLY

Apply here: <https://irt.defense.gov/>

Questions: osd.irt@mail.mil

Helpdesk is standing by to assist with any questions you might have.



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THE CRUCIAL FIRST STEP: PRE-PARTNERING

- **Do Not Apply Blind:** We strongly advise against submitting an official IRT mission nomination in September without coordinating with NCG1 beforehand.
- **Training Value Assessment:** Let NCG1 review your project concept first. We will provide direct feedback on whether the scope of work meets the specific, required training values for our Seabees.
- **Timeline Alignment:** NCG1 must ensure your project fits into our Long-Range Employment Plan. If our schedule is already locked, we can advise you on the best year to apply.
- **Save Time and Resources:** NCG1's goal is to prevent you from going through the lengthy application process for a project that might not get selected. If we co-develop the plan, your chances of DoW approval increase significantly.



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BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

Here is a look at how the Seabees have successfully executed IRT projects across the country:



OPERATION FOOTPRINT



GALLUP, N.M. Navy Reserve Sailors pose for a group photo in front of a newly constructed home they built as a charitable contribution and training opportunity in partnership with the Southwest Indian Foundation. Representatives from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 18, FIRST Naval Construction Regiment (FIRST NCR) and Southwest Indian Foundation are depicted.

PROJECT DETAILS

LOCATION

Gallup, New Mexico.

COMMUNITY PARTNER

Southwest Indian Foundation (SWIF)

NEED

A local non-profit required assistance building homes for Native American military veterans, specifically focusing on ADA-compliant accessibility.

SOLUTION

Navy Seabees deployed to the area to handle the complete, ground-up construction of multiple homes.

SCOPE OF WORK

Project involved both civil engineering and vertical construction. Seabees completed comprehensive site preparation, framing, roofing, plumbing installation, electrical wiring, and concrete placement.

IMPACT

Local community was able to provide high-quality, accessible housing to deserving veterans at a fraction of the standard construction cost, while the Seabees gained thousands of hours of invaluable, real-world construction readiness training.



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AIRPORT IN THE SKY



AVALON, CA. Seabees and rebuild the mountaintop runway with a concrete airstrip on storied Santa Catalina Island, Calif., on Friday. About 100 Marines and sailors began working on the island this month under an agreement with the I Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton, California, and the Catalina Island Conservancy. The airport dates to 1941, when it was built by leveling two mountaintops and filling in the remaining canyon to create the 3,000-foot (914-meter) main runway, which sits at an elevation of about 1,600 feet (488 meters) about 10 miles from the city of Avalon.

PROJECT DETAILS

LOCATION

Santa Catalina Island, CA

COMMUNITY PARTNER

Catalina Island Conservancy

NEED

Catalina Island's only airport, the 75-year-old "Airport in the Sky," was failing due to a deteriorating asphalt runway. The airport is a critical lifeline for the island's 4,000 residents, handling first responders, medical evacuations, and 3.5 million pounds of annual freight and emergency supplies. Without major repairs, the state was threatening to close it..

SOLUTION

In 2019, U.S. Navy Seabees (NMCB 25) and the U.S. Marine Corps partnered with the Conservancy for a massive infrastructure overhaul under the IRT program.

SCOPE OF WORK

Seabees and Marines deployed to the austere, mountaintop location. Transported over 500 tons of equipment to the island via barge and helicopter, set up a self-sustaining base camp, and completely rebuilt the 3,000-foot runway using durable concrete.

IMPACT

Conservancy saved an estimated \$1 million in labor and equipment costs, ensuring the island's vital air lifeline remained open for decades to come. In return, the Navy and Marines gained invaluable complex logistical training simulating a deployment to rebuild an airfield in a remote Pacific environment.



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SEARCH DOG TRAINING CENTER



SANTA PAULA, CA. The SDF National Training Center in Santa Paula, California is the first of its kind in the country. The 125-acre ranch houses kennels, training areas, handlers' accommodations, classrooms and offices. Teams from around the country, and guests from all over the world, use the facility during the extensive 8-month training program. The trained dogs then partner with fire and police departments across the country..

PROJECT DETAILS

LOCATION

Santa Paula, CA

COMMUNITY PARTNER

National Disaster Search Dog Foundation (SDF)

NEED

SDF, a non-profit that trains rescued dogs and first responders for national disaster search and rescue (like earthquakes and building collapses), lacked a dedicated, permanent training facility

SOLUTION

Navy Seabees from Port Hueneme (NMCB 3) partnered with Army Reserve engineers to construct the National Training Center..

SCOPE OF WORK

Seabees and Army Reserve Engineers handled heavy earthmoving and constructed a series of complex concrete and wood structures deliberately designed to look like they had suffered a catastrophic disaster (like an earthquake or collapsed freeway), while remaining structurally safe for the dogs and handlers to train on.

IMPACT

SDF received a world-class, first-of-its-kind training facility at a massive discount. In return, the Seabees and Army engineers received invaluable, highly complex construction training, testing their structural engineering skills in ways standard contingency building would not allow.



QUESTIONS?