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From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING IN SUPPORT OF ELIGIBLE
ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §2012
(b) DoD Directive 1100.20 of 12 April 2004

1. Purpose. To issue guidance for the use of units and personnel of the Navy in civil-military innovative readiness training (IRT) activities that result in support and services for eligible organizations and activities outside the Department of Defense (DoD), which are not otherwise prohibited by law. This instruction is being reissued with a new date, updated version and signature authority to meet the Chief of Naval Operations' (CNO) age requirement for the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) instructions.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 1571.1A.

3. Policy. Under the authority of reference (a) and as stated in reference (b), it is DoD policy that units and personnel of the Armed Forces may be used to assist eligible organizations and activities in addressing community and civic needs when such assistance is incidental to military training or is otherwise authorized by law. It is CNO policy to support DoD IRT initiatives consistent with collective and individual training requirements.

4. Background. IRT support is the term primarily applied to military training conducted off base, not on military property owned, leased, or utilized by State military including, National Guard, or DoD, primarily in the underserved civilian community. Units and personnel of the Navy may be used to assist certain non-DoD organizations and activities, as identified in reference (b), in addressing community, environmental, and civic needs of the United States, its territories and possessions, and the

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, when such assistance is incidental to military training or is otherwise authorized by law. The list of eligible non-DoD organizations and activities are designated in reference (a) and section 508 of title 32, U.S. Code as: any Federal, regional, State or local governmental entity; Boy Scouts; Girl Scouts; Boys Clubs; Young Men's Christian Association; Young Women's Christian Association; Civil Air Patrol; U.S. Olympic Committee; Special Olympics; or any other entity approved by the Secretary of Defense. Office of the Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (OSD(RA)) will consider entities not listed on a case by case basis; the entity must work with OSD(RA) directly for approval. The Navy can only assist entities that are approved by OSD(RA). Reference (b) does not authorize the use of units and personnel for civilian law enforcement purposes nor for response to natural or manmade disasters.

5. Discussion

a. IRT support and services shall be consistent with the national policy of enhancing military readiness and avoiding competition with the private sector.

b. IRT support and services shall be coordinated among the military departments and other Federal, State, and local agencies involved with the IRT project or activity to avoid duplication.

c. IRT activities will not result in significant increase in the cost of training. IRT support should be primarily accomplished through units and personnel whose specialties are in the areas of health care services, general engineering, and infrastructure support and assistance.

d. Units and personnel of the Navy may be used to assist certain non-DoD organizations and activities, as identified in reference (b).

e. IRT projects will not be conducted on property or facilities owned, leased, or rented by any DoD agency or department; State militia or State military department; National Guard; or Federal military department.

f. Government transportation, to include aviation, will not be used to transport non-DoD property, materials, or civilians without a waiver.

g. IRT support and services shall accomplish valid unit training requirements or the assistance provided shall involve tasks directly related to the specific Naval Officer Billet Classification (NOBC) and Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) or rate of the member in the case of assistance by an individual member. The requirement that the project accomplish valid unit training does not apply in cases where the total amount of assistance on a particular project is less than 100 man-hours and consists primarily of manpower. Under this exception, most manpower requests shall be met by volunteers, and any assistance other than manpower shall be extremely limited.

h. The provision of assistance shall not adversely affect the quality of training, or otherwise interfere with the ability of members or units to perform their military duties.

i. IRT support and services shall be conducted by military personnel in a Federally funded training status such as title 10 or title 32, U.S. Code.

j. IRT support and services shall not endorse or favor any non-governmental entity (whether profit or non-profit), commercial venture, religion, sect, religious or sectarian group, or quasi-religious or ideological movement.

k. The use of Military Services for civilian law enforcement purposes or for response to natural or manmade disasters is not authorized under the IRT program.

l. All medical IRT project submissions shall identify the Federal, Regional, State or Local governmental civilian health organization (CHO) governing entity that agrees to all medical or healthcare procedures and activities performed by military personnel. The CHO shall conform to all applicable Federal, State and local laws that regulate healthcare delivery within the state or territory, and all state practice acts specific to the participating healthcare professionals.

(1) Military personnel shall follow the military regulations specific to participating healthcare professionals.

If there is a difference between the state practice acts and military regulations, the strictest application shall apply to the military healthcare personnel participating.

(2) Active duty military health care providers providing services under an approved medical IRT project are performing authorized duties within meaning of section 1094 (d) of title 10, U.S. Code, and are not required to be licensed in the state in which the project is conducted so long as the provider holds a current, unrestricted license from another state, the District of Columbia or a commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

6. Program Management

a. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (ASD(RA)) will serve as the coordinating authority for all IRT support. The Navy program sponsor is Chief of Navy Reserve (CNO (N095)). Execution of the IRT program will be the responsibility of Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command (COMNAVRESFORCOM).

b. Units or personnel may not conduct IRT projects without prior approval. All units or personnel completing IRT projects must submit an after action report (AAR) as detailed in this instruction.

7. Responsibilities

a. CNO (N095) shall:

(1) Develop, coordinate, and oversee the implementation of Navy policy for IRT activities.

(2) Serve as the coordinating agency with ASD(RA) and Assistant Secretary of Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (ASN(M&RA)).

b. COMNAVRESFORCOM shall:

(1) Serve as the IRT execution agency and as the Navy focal point for all IRT activities conducted under authority of reference (a).

(2) Approve IRT activities not seeking ASD(RA) funding, conducted under the authority of reference (a) as deemed appropriate, that conform to established individual and unit readiness training requirements.

(3) Review and forward AARs to ASD(RA) per reference (b). A copy will be provided to the Office of Chief of Navy Reserve (OCNR) IRT coordinator.

(4) Provide semi-annual updates of IRT activities to ASN(M&RA) via OCNR. An e-mail from COMNAVRESFORCOM IRT coordinator to the appropriate IRT coordinator at ASN(M&RA) and OCNR will be sufficient if no significant changes have occurred from the previous update.

c. Commander, United States Fleet Forces Command (COMUSFLTFORCOM) shall:

(1) Establish a program manager to oversee execution of this instruction.

(2) Review and forward recommended non-medical project proposals from subordinate commands to COMNAVRESFORCOM.

(3) Maintain liaison with COMNAVRESFORCOM and Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NAVEXPDCMBTCOM) to receive the most up to date program guidance and status of ongoing projects.

d. NAVEXPDCMBTCOM shall:

(1) Establish a program manager to oversee execution of this instruction.

(2) Review and forward recommended non-medical project proposals from subordinate commands to COMUSFLTFORCOM.

(3) Maintain liaison with COMUSFLTFORCOM and project lead agents to receive the most up to date program guidance and status of ongoing projects.

e. Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery shall:

(1) Establish a program manager to oversee execution of this instruction.

(2) Review and forward recommended medical project proposals from subordinate commands to COMNAVRESFORCOM.

(3) Maintain liaison with COMNAVRESFORCOM and project lead agents to receive the most up to date program guidance and status of ongoing projects.

f. Participating Navy units shall:

(1) Prepare IRT proposal submission packages. A proposal submission package will not be processed if the required information or documentation is missing.

(a) Each project proposal must contain an analysis demonstrating that the proposed project will not result in a significant increase in the cost of training.

(b) Each project proposal shall include a review by:

1. Staff Judge Advocate. Each state and organization has unique and specific legal requirements; therefore, a legal review must be accomplished for each project to ensure that these legal requirements are satisfied.

2. United States Property and Fiscal Officer or Federal Budget Officer. These officers are responsible for obligating and disbursing Federal funding to verify that supplies and equipment items are on the General Services Administration schedule or local purchase, and that the prices are fair and reasonable. Additionally, they ensure the verification of estimated cost for each project is delineated by operation and maintenance, and pay and allowances for each service or component participating and that the fiscal accountability follows current comptroller directives.

3. Plans, operations and or training officials.

4. Medical, nursing, or dental officials (if applicable) for regulation compliance.

5. Adjutant General of the project state(s).

6. Inter-governmental agencies (if applicable).

(c) Each project proposal may include (if applicable):

1. Appropriate environmental protection documentation;
2. Coordination with Army Corps of Engineers;
3. Land use agreements.

(2) Forward completed proposal submission packages via unit's chain of command to COMNAVRESFORCOM by 31 January for projects to be completed in the following fiscal year.

(3) Provide a status of actions and funds when required. ASD(RA) will convene a working group of the various military components during the fiscal year to discuss the status of projects. Units are required to provide a status of actions and funds to COMNAVRESFORCOM 15 days in advance of those meetings.

(4) Identify a project lead agent responsible for conducting each project that is responsible for:

(a) Obtaining all required documents for package submission.

(b) Coordinating with other service or component points of contact participating in the project (to include gathering final project costs for AARs).

(c) Providing an AAR. AARs are required to be submitted within 45 days of project completion. Format can be found on the IRT Web site, <http://irt.defense.gov/index.html>.

(5) Maintain IRT support records for a minimum of 6 years and 3 months following the submission of an application or the completion of the IRT training event, whichever occurs last.

g. Requesting organizations are required to obtain certification of non-competition with other available public and private sector service organizations. Requesting organizations are also required to obtain all other permits and certifications required to complete the project.

h. The CHO, if applicable, shall:

(1) Provide an on-site supervisor for each exercise.

(2) Certify these projects:

(a) Accommodate an identified underserved healthcare need that is not being met by current public or private sector assistance. The CHO shall provide a description of the criteria used to identify the medically underserved community and the specific services required.

(b) Provide in a manner that does not compete with private sector medical, dental or healthcare assistance in the underserved area.

(c) Remain fully exempt from all claims for professional malpractice which may be claimed, brought or made as a result of performance of any DoD medical personnel, including physicians, osteopathic physicians, dentists, nurses, corpsmen, and other DoD allied health care providers.

(3) Verify and document the responsible agent (whether military or civilian) ensuring compliance at each operational site for the following:

(a) Medical waste handling and disposal;

(b) Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act;

(c) Credentialing or privileging of military health care providers to include basic life support and, if applicable, advance trauma and cardiac requirement (the strictest requirement applies);

(d) Emergency evacuation of a "real life incident";

(e) Follow-up care of patients for continuity of care; and

(f) Handling of patients' records for continuity of care and Privacy Act issues.

(4) Identify emergency evacuation by other than military vehicles, except in the event of a life threatening emergency or other urgent circumstance, as authorized by Military Service regulation.

(5) Ensure all participating military personnel:

(a) Use universal body substance isolation precautions as developed by the Center for Disease Control and Occupational Safety and Health;

(b) Have completed required immunizations (to include the hepatitis B series);

(c) Have a current negative human immunodeficiency virus;

(d) Gain designee status from Director of Health Affairs for Deputy ASN(M&RA) prior to submittal to COMNAVRESFORCOM; and

(e) Include the indemnification provisions signed by a responsible official acting on behalf of the civilian entity.

8. IRT Project Submissions. Reference (b) outlines the process for submitting IRT requests. Navy units receiving requests directly from organizations will direct those entities to submit all IRT requests per reference (b). The IRT Web site details the application process, provides the necessary forms, AAR, and points of contact: <http://irt.defense.gov/index.html>.

9. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.



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