

Innovative Readiness Training (IRT)



WHAT DOES THIS PROGRAM DO?

Through a partnership with the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Military's reserve forces, DRA hosts the Innovative Readiness Training program in Delta communities each year to bring medical, dental, and optical care to Delta residents that are uninsured or underinsured and in need of quality healthcare at no cost to the patients. The IRT program improves military readiness by providing trained military medical personnel with in-field emergency response training while simultaneously providing quality healthcare services to communities throughout the Delta region.

WHO MAY APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAM?

Entities eligible to apply include:

- Local Governments (cities, counties/parishes)
- Public Bodies
- Non-profit Organizations

WHAT IS AN ELIGIBLE AREA?

Eligible entities and proposed communities served must be located within the 252 counties and parishes of the eight-state [Delta region](#).

HOW DO WE GET STARTED?

DRA works closely with Delta communities and the Department of Defense and serves as the primary IRT applicant. DRA assists with planning and implementation for the two-week medical missions. Each year, IRT applications are due in September and are evaluated and approved the next calendar year for implementation two years after application submission.

WHO CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS?

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For more information, visit dra.gov/IRT.

2018 IRT Mission Outcomes



4,633 Patient Visits



809 Glasses Distributed



1,066 Teeth Extracted



\$1 Million Benefit to Communities



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2009-2018 IRT MISSIONS

2009

Hayneville, Alabama
Clarksdale, Mississippi

2011

Eudora, Arkansas
Helena, Arkansas
Marianna, Arkansas
McGehee, Arkansas
Wynne, Arkansas

2012

Demopolis, Alabama
Hayneville, Alabama
Selma, Alabama

2014

Brinkley, Arkansas
Earle, Arkansas
Forrest City, Arkansas
McCrary, Arkansas
Newport, Arkansas
Wynne, Arkansas
Cairo, Illinois
Harrisburg, Illinois
Marion, Illinois
Winnsboro, Louisiana
Abbeyville, Louisiana

2015

Camden, Alabama
Demopolis, Alabama
Selma, Alabama
Clayton, Alabama
Eufaula, Alabama
Tuskegee, Alabama
Dexter, Missouri
Malden, Missouri
Sikeston, Missouri

2016

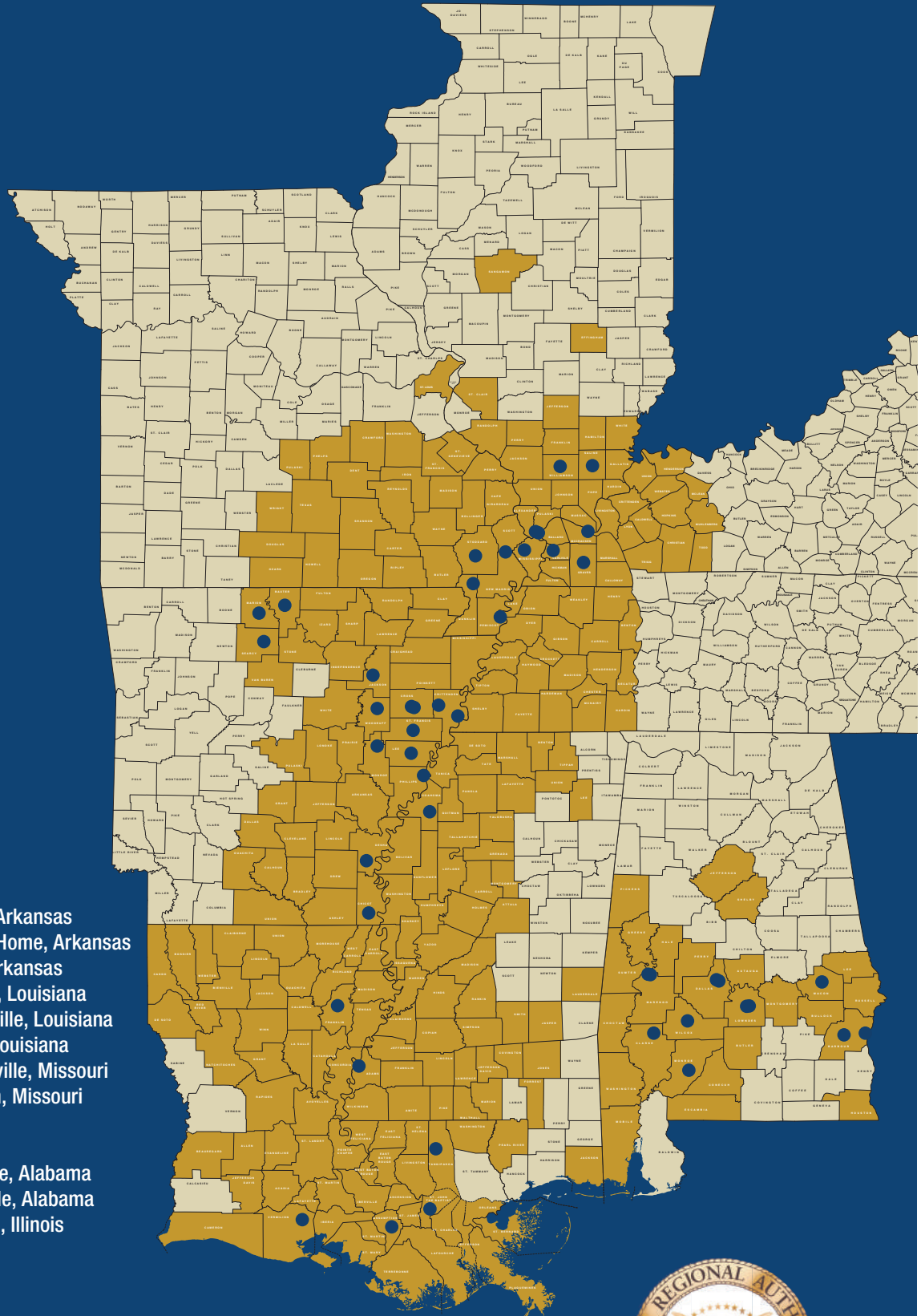
West Memphis, Arkansas
Bardwell, Kentucky
Mayfield, Kentucky
Paducah, Kentucky
Natchez, Mississippi

2017

Marshall, Arkansas
Mountain Home, Arkansas
Yellville, Arkansas
Amite City, Louisiana
Napoleonville, Louisiana
Reserve, Louisiana
Caruthersville, Missouri
Charleston, Missouri

2018

Monroeville, Alabama
Thomasville, Alabama
Harrisburg, Illinois



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