

## **Sailors and Airmen provide care while enriching skills during IRT Sanadora**

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GUAYNABO, Puerto Rico — More than 200 Air National Guardsmen and Navy Reservists representing 27 states and territories arrived in Puerto Rico over the past week in support of Innovative Readiness Training Ola de Esperanza Sanadora.

The mission, whose name translates to “healing wave of hope,” provides medical, dental and optometry care to assist local municipal authorities in addressing underserved and unmet community health and civic needs while performing joint military humanitarian operations.

No-cost care will be provided at four community locations through Sept. 7.

“Communities that receive IRT missions are posed to receive first-class clinical services that immediately have a positive impact on each participant and the community,” said Col. Victor Torano, Puerto Rico Air National Guard State Air Surgeon.

Torano is also the State Medical Director for Substance Abuse Services with the Puerto Rico Mental Health and Anti-Addiction Service Administration.

“It is a privilege and honor for me to be part of this initiative on both the military and civilian side, as a member of the Puerto Rico Air National Guard and the Puerto Rico Mental Health and Anti-Addictions Service Administrations,” Torano said.

Airmen and Sailors are also coordinating all of the meals, communications, transportation and lodging needed to support the IRT.

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