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Cleveland native enlists in Tennessee Army National Guard as infantryman

CLEVELAND, Tenn. – Pfc. Justin Anderson graduated from the Army’s One Station Unit Training as an infantryman at Fort Benning, Georgia, on December 2, 2021.

OSUT combines Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training into one 22-week program to qualify new recruits as infantrymen. During this rigorous course, Anderson learned to operate in a field environment to capture, destroy and deter enemy threats. He is now assigned to 2nd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, headquartered in Cookeville.

“My dream was always to become an infantryman,” said Anderson. “I ran into a childhood friend who told me about all the benefits of joining the Guard and I decided it was the right move for me.”

Anderson graduated Central High School in 2011 and is currently attending East Tennessee State University. He plans to transfer to University of Tennessee – Chattanooga and join the ROTC program to commission as an officer.

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Pfc. Justin Anderson attending his final Recruit Sustainment Program drill before being assigned to Cookeville's 2nd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, as a fully qualified infantryman with the Tennessee Army National Guard. (submitted photo)

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