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Clarksville native enlists in Tennessee National Guard

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. – Spc. Matthew Gannaway graduated from the Army’s Basic Combat Training and the Horizontal Construction Engineer Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, on February 7.

During this technical 9-week training program, Gannaway learned to operate heavy construction equipment such as bulldozers, cranes, tractors, backhoes and excavators. Gannaway is also qualified to assist Army engineers by analyzing construction site needs and transporting heavy construction equipment. He is now assigned to the 255th Engineer Detachment in Tennessee Ridge.

“He completed training with Soldiers half his age,” said Sgt. 1st Class James Covey, Gannaway’s recruiter. “That shows the level of determination and dedication that this Soldier carries. He’s an impressive addition to the Tennessee National Guard.”

Gannaway graduated from Unity Christian Academy in 2004 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Religion degree from Liberty University in 2014. He plans on using the Guard’s education and incentive benefits to help pay his student loans.

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Spc. Matthew Gannaway attending his final Recruit Sustainment Program drill before joining his unit as a fully qualified horizontal construction engineer for the Tennessee Army National Guard. (submitted photo)

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