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## **Watauga graduate enlists in Tennessee Army National Guard**

**ROAN MOUNTAIN, Tenn.** – A 2018 graduate from Watauga County High School committed to serving her state and country by enlisting as an automated logistical specialist in the Tennessee Army National Guard, May 6.

Pvt. Hope Solomon is set to attend Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, on September 20. While at Fort Jackson, she will learn basic warrior tasks that will earn her the title of “Soldier.” She then will attend Advanced Individual Training to learn her job specialty and upon completion, she will be assigned to Detachment 1, 730th Quartermaster Company, headquartered in Erwin.

“I joined the National Guard not only to serve my country but to better myself as a person,” said Solomon. “I want to walk in my family’s footsteps of the military, and go to college with financial assistance.”

Solomon comes from a military household with her father and brother both serving as Marines. She currently works as a correctional officer at the North East Correctional Complex in Johnson County.

“I plan to attend the police academy after AIT,” said Solomon. “If I want something, I’m going to get it.”

Solomon intends to take advantage of the benefits that the National Guard offers, such as the Tennessee STRONG Act and GI Bill. She plans to attend college with the goal of one day becoming a defense attorney.

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Pvt. Hope Solomon, a Watauga County High School Graduate, enlisted in the Tennessee Army National Guard as an Automated Logistical Specialist on May 6. She is set to attend Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, on September 20. (Submitted Photo)

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