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Shelbyville native graduates from Army field artillery training

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Pvt. Mark Hernandez, a Shelbyville native, recently completed the U.S. Army’s basic and advanced training to be a field artillery radar operator in the Tennessee National Guard.

Hernandez reported to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, in June 2021 to develop basic soldier skills such as physical fitness, military tactics, squad maneuvers, military etiquette, and land navigation. After graduating from 10 weeks of basic training, Hernandez attended advanced individual training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to qualify as a radar operator.

“The transition from citizen to Soldier over the course of this training pushed me to new limits and strengthened me both physically and mentally,” said Hernandez. “It was tough training, but I am grateful to have completed it and look forward to my future in the military.”

Following graduation, Hernandez reported to Winchester’s Regimental Fires Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment. He plans to attend the University of Tennessee - Knoxville, majoring in computer science with a minor in cyber security.

“My goal is to use the resources available from the military and pursue my bachelor’s degree in computer science while training to be a commissioned officer,” said Hernandez.

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