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## **Bethpage Guardsman named Officer Candidate School's honor graduate**

**BETHPAGE, Tenn.** – Jeremiah Borrajo graduated from Tennessee National Guard's Officer Candidate School during a ceremony at Smyrna's Volunteer Training Site on Aug. 22.

Borrajo was recognized as the Distinguished Honor Graduate and received the Erikson Trophy Award for scoring the highest average of the class. He was also awarded an Army Commendation Medal for his leadership, academic, and physical performance throughout the class.

“Our class came together as a team and quickly became a family, partnered with great instructors that cared about our success and took the time to mentor us to be better leaders,” said Borrajo. “OCS has been a challenging yet rewarding journey that has taught me more about myself and helped develop my leadership skills.”

OCS is a course designed to test and evaluate officer candidates through either a rigorous 8-week accelerated program or an 18-month training program. At the end of the program, each candidate commissions as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and serve in the Tennessee National Guard.

Borrajo graduated from Blackman High School in 2008 and earned a bachelor's degree in business leadership from Lipscomb University in 2020. He has been married to his wife, Heather, for three years, and together they have a 4-month-old daughter, Scarlett.

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Jeremiah Borrajo graduated from Officer Candidate School at the Volunteer Training Site in Smyrna on Aug. 22. He works full-time for the Tennessee Army National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion. (Submitted Photo).

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