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Lebanon Guardsman graduates Officer Candidate School

LEBANON, Tenn. – Jerry Milan graduated from the Tennessee National Guard’s Officer Candidate School during a ceremony held at Smyrna’s Volunteer Training Site on Aug. 22.

This 18-month program develops and evaluates young leaders and provides them with an environment to exercise their leadership abilities.

“I am eager to apply the training I have received from OCS to effectively lead and mentor Soldiers while continuously improving the organization,” said Milan.

Milan, a 15-year veteran with the Tennessee National Guard, wanted to further his career and for him, that meant becoming a commissioned officer.

“There are always leadership changes happening, and I wanted to be a part of it,” said Milan. “I want to use my 15 years of experience to help Soldiers and our organization.”

Milan graduated from Wilson Central High School in 2004 and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in small business from American Military University in 2019. Milan and his fiancé, Kristin, have two children together.

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Jerry Milan, a Lebanon native, embraces his fiancé after graduating from Officer Candidate School at Smyrna's Volunteer Training Site on Aug. 22. He currently works full-time for the Tennessee Army National Guard. (photo by Sgt. James Bolen Jr.)

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