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## **Jackson native graduates from cavalry scout training**

**JACKSON, Tenn.** – Pvt. Julian Smith graduated from the Army’s One Station Unit Training, qualifying as cavalry scout, at Fort Benning, Georgia, Sept. 2, 2021.

The Army’s OSUT program combines 22 weeks of Basic Combat Training and focused occupational Advanced Individual Training at one training site. While there, Smith learned basic soldiering concepts, as well as advanced training on vehicles, weapons systems, tracking, and gathering enemy information. As a cavalry scout, Smith is considered the Army’s eyes and ears on the battlefield. He will collect intelligence on the enemy and relay that information to commanders, so they can make informed decisions.

“Joining the Tennessee National Guard is a life-changing step for me,” said Smith. “The Guard will be helpful in building my career in the future.”

Smith graduated from Northside High School and is currently attending the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he will use the Guard’s education benefits to help him complete his degree while serving Tennessee.

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Pvt. Julian Smith attends his final Recruit Sustainment Program drill before joining his unit as a fully qualified cavalry scout for the Tennessee Army National Guard. (submitted photo)

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