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## Englewood native commissions as second lieutenant

**ENGLEWOOD, Tenn.** – A Englewood native graduated from the Tennessee National Guard's Officer Candidate School and earned his commission as a second lieutenant in the Tennessee Army National Guard at Smyrna's Volunteer Training Site on Aug. 13.

2nd Lt. Zachary Setser completed the 18-month traditional OCS program that turns officer candidates into platoon leaders in the U.S. Army. The program is broken into four phases and is completed through monthly weekend drills and two, 15-day training sessions held in the summer. Officer candidates are tested mentally and physically to develop their leadership skills in a high-stress environment.

"OCS has been a rigorous journey, pushing me to my limits and teaching me the true essence of leadership," said Setser. "As a graduate, I feel a profound sense of responsibility and pride."

Setser will serve as a platoon leader for the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment's Fires Squadron, headquartered in Winchester.

He earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Middle Tennessee State University.





2nd Lt. Zachary Setser has his new rank pinned on by his wife and son during his commissioning ceremony with the Tennessee Army National Guard at Smyrna's Volunteer Training Site on Aug. 13. Setser is one of seven officer candidates that graduated from the Tennessee National Guard's Officer Candidate School, Class 66. (Photo by U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Timothy Tupper)

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