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Lebanon Resident becomes Cyber Operations Specialist

LEBANON, Tenn. – Pfc. Aaron Desmarais, a Lebanon resident, graduated from the U.S. Army’s Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training as a Cyber Operations Specialist at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Fort Gordon, Georgia, May 22.

“Pfc. Desmarais has completed a difficult but rewarding job training in the Information Technology field that will allow him to be ahead of his peers as he goes forward in his civilian job pursuits,” said Sgt. 1st Class James Covey, Desmarais’s recruiter.

Desmarais successfully completed the 46-week course, where he learned to collect, analyze and report digital data, evaluate network defense operations, and provide network support that safeguards the cyber domain.

Desmarais is now assigned to Detachment 2, 175th Cyber Protection Team, headquartered in Nashville.

“It is amazing that I was paid for a year of training in a field that is in so much demand in the civilian world,” said Desmarais. “It has set me up for my future.”

He is a 2020 graduate from Mount Juliet High School.

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Pfc. Aaron Desmarais, a Lebanon resident, attends his last Recruit Sustainment Program drill before joining his unit as a fully qualified cyber operations specialist for the Tennessee Army National Guard. (Submitted photo)

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