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## Chattanooga native graduates vehicle mechanic training

**CHATTANOOGA, Tenn**. – Pfc. Luke Howard graduated from the Army's Basic Combat Training and the Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic Course at Fort Lee, Virginia, on October 5, 2021.

During this fast-paced 13-week course, Howard was trained to perform maintenance, repair, and recovery operations on wheeled vehicles and select armored vehicles in the Army's fleet. He is now qualified to inspect, service, replace and test vehicles at his new unit, Detachment 1, 181st Support Company, in Dayton.

"I'm thankful for my leadership," said Howard. "For me to get to this point it took a lot of people with my best interests in mind, and I'm excited to continue to grow with the Tennessee National Guard."

Howard graduated from East Ridge High School in 2021 and is considering using the Tennessee STRONG Act to further his education.





Pfc. Luke Howard attends his final Recruit Sustainment Program drill before joining his unit as a fully qualified wheeled vehicle mechanic for the Tennessee Army National Guard. (submitted photo)

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