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Chattanooga native graduates from infantry training

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – Pfc. Jacob Speights graduated from the Army’s One Station Unit Training, qualifying as an infantryman, at Fort Benning, Georgia, March 20.

The Army’s OSUT program combines 22 weeks of Basic Combat Training and focused occupational Advanced Individual Training at one training site. While there, Speights learned basic soldiering concepts, as well as advanced training on vehicles, weapons systems, and combat drills. As an infantryman, Speights is now qualified to capture, destroy and deter enemy forces. He is assigned to F Troop, 2nd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

“I’m excited to join my unit and be an asset for the Tennessee National Guard,” said Speights. “The Guard has provided me with many opportunities, and I intend to utilize the education benefits that have been afforded to me.”

Speights is a graduate of Polk County High School and plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga this fall, where he plans to participate in their Army ROTC program.

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Pfc. Jacob Speights attends his final Recruit Sustainment Program drill before joining his unit as a fully qualified infantryman for the Tennessee Army National Guard. (submitted photo)

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