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## Halls High School graduate becomes U.S. Army infantryman

**KNOXVILLE, Tenn.**– Pfc. Ryan Herd graduated from the Army's Infantry Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Georgia, on Sept. 23, 2021.

During the intense 22-week program, Herd qualified as a U.S. Army Infantry Soldier and trained in weapons operations, physical fitness, and various combat skills. He will now return to Troop E, 2nd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, to refine his skills as an Infantry Soldier.

Herd is a Halls High School graduate. Herd joined the Tennessee Army National Guard to follow in the footsteps of his grandparents who served in the military.

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Pfc. Ryan Herd 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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