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## **Spring Hill resident becomes a combat medic**

**SPRING HILL, Tenn.** – Pfc. Kevan Baird, a Spring Hill resident, graduated from the U.S. Army’s Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training Course as a combat medic at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, May 22.

“Pfc. Baird is going to do well in his career as a healthcare specialist because he cares about people and wants to serve them,” said Sgt. 1st Class James Covey, Baird’s recruiter.

During the 26-week course, Baird trained in administering medical care for both combat and humanitarian situations. A combat medic serves as first responder and triages illnesses and injuries to save lives.

Baird is assigned to the Tennessee Army National Guard Medical Detachment in Smyrna.

“I am grateful for all of the people that I have met during my training and for the medical knowledge I have gained,” said Baird.

Baird is a graduate of Ripton High School in Ripton, California. He plans to use the education benefits offered by the Guard to further his medical career by obtaining his advanced Emergency Medical Technician certification and paramedic certification.

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Pfc. Kevan Baird attends his last Recruit Sustainment Program drill before joining his unit as a qualified combat medic for the Tennessee Army National Guard. (Submitted photo Station.)

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