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## **Morristown native earns Distinguished Honor Graduate during vehicle mechanic school**

**MORRISTOWN, Tenn.** – Pfc. Brandon Harvey, a Morristown native, earned the title of Distinguished Honor Graduate during his Four-Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Virginia, March 4.

“It was a goal to strive for while there and I did it, mainly to aim high and make my drill sergeant proud of her class,” said Harvey. “My goals are to continue to excel in the Guard by becoming a helpful member of my unit and try to apply for schools that would increase my knowledge and effectiveness for the Guard.”

At each Army school, there are numerous awards and designations a Soldier can earn through hard work and exemplary leadership skills. Exceeding course standards is only given to a few in each class and receiving the designation of Distinguished Honor Graduate shows that the student had the highest academic average in the class.

Harvey said he was very proud of his class and how everyone gave their best each day. He also spoke highly of the military school which trained each Soldier on their job duties and how to be successful in their military careers.

Harvey is now assigned to the 176th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion headquartered in Johnson City.

“I joined the Guard because I saw it as a way to push forward and find a purpose so that I could be part of something and help others,” said Harvey. “The Guard has helped me have more determination in my civilian life to try and achieve more. The Guard has also provided me the chance for college.”

He joined the Tennessee National Guard in March 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Pfc. Brandon Harvey, a Morristown native, was designated as the Distinguished Honor Graduated for his class during Advanced Individual Training. (submitted photo)

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