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Chattanooga native enlists in Tennessee National Guard

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – Spc. Eric Johnson graduated from the Army's Basic Combat Training and the Advanced Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic Course at Fort Lee, Virginia, February 9.

During this technical 13-week training program, Johnson learned to supervise and perform maintenance, repair, and conduct recovery operations on wheeled vehicles and select armored vehicles. He is now assigned to the 208th Area Support Medical Company in Smyrna.

"The Guard's benefits will really help me with my education going forward," said Johnson. "I'm excited to start this new chapter of my life as a Soldier in the Tennessee National Guard."

Johnson is a graduate of McCallie Boarding and Day School. He earned his Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee – Chattanooga before enlisting in the Tennessee Army National Guard. He plans to use the Guard's education benefits to further his education, as his is working towards a degree in electrical engineering.

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

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