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## **Martin native enlists in Tennessee National Guard**

**MARTIN, Tenn.** – Pfc. Malek Jones graduated from the Army’s One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Georgia, September 3, 2021.

During this physically demanding 22-week training program, Jones qualified as a U.S. Army infantryman. He was trained in weapons operations, physical fitness, and ground combat skills. He is now assigned to Detachment 1, C Troop, 1st Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, in Springfield.

Jones is the son of a 28-year Army veteran and claims his parents have been his biggest motivator on his military journey.

“Without my parents’ support I wouldn’t be in this position,” said Jones. “I’m excited for this new chapter and can’t wait to see what lies ahead.”

Jones graduated from Westview High School and is currently attending the University of Tennessee – Martin. He is a member of their ROTC program and intends to graduate and become an officer in the Tennessee National Guard.

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Pfc. Malek Jones 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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