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## Nashville resident enlists in Tennessee Army National Guard

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – Darnell Jones, a Nashville native, committed to serving his state and nation by enlisting in the Tennessee Army National Guard on Aug. 23.

Jones, who enlisted as a combat engineer, will report to Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training, otherwise known as One Station Unit Training, at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, for 14 weeks.

He will be trained as a Soldier throughout OSUT and develop engineering skills such as constructing bridges, clearing barriers with explosives and mine detection.

Upon completion of training, Jones will return to Tennessee and work with the 190th Engineer Company headquartered in Russellville.

Jones graduated from Martin Luther King Junior High School in 2019 and plans to utilize the education benefits the Guard provides such as the Tennessee STRONG Act, which can cover 100% of in-state tuition.

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Pvt. Darnell Jones, enlisted in the Tennessee Army National Guard as a combat engineer on Aug. 23. He will depart for Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, in January 2022. (Submitted photo)

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