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Maryville native is Tennessee's Soldier of the Year

TULLAHOMA, Tenn. – Spc. Noah Green, a combat engineer with Huntingdon's 890th Sapper Company, became Tennessee's 2024 Soldier of the Year during the Tennessee National Guard Best Warrior Competition, in Tullahoma, on Feb. 25.

During the four-day competition, twelve finalists, representing Tennessee's best Soldiers and Airmen from each of the state's major National Guard units, vied for the title of Soldier or Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year. Green, who represented the 194th Engineer Brigade, took top honors following the grueling competition that tested each Soldier's combat proficiency, physical and mental fitness, and a myriad of other skills.

"It was fun, difficult, and rewarding," said Green. "I learned a lot from this experience, and I am grateful for it."

Green is a native of Blount County and has been a fireman with the Maryville Fire Department for the last six months.

"I lived in Maryville when I was a young kid," said Green. "But I moved to Virginia and finished school. Once I graduated, I came back to Tennessee to follow my dream of serving my hometown as a fireman and my state and country in the National Guard."

Green will now represent Tennessee against other states at the upcoming Southeast Region 3 competition scheduled for Kentucky in April. Should he win, he will then continue to the national competition scheduled for later this year.

"I am committed to doing the best I can moving forward to regionals," said Green. "I enjoy competing alongside other Soldiers who work hard and love what they do."

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Spc. Noah Green, a combat engineer with Huntingdon's 890th Sapper Company, stands at the finish line following the two-mile run competition, during Tennessee's Best Warrior Competition, in Tullahoma, Feb. 22. (photo by Sgt. Kalina Hyche).



Spc. Noah Green, a combat engineer with Huntingdon's 890th Sapper Company, races to find his plotted point during the land navigation event, at the Tennessee State Best Warrior Competition, in Tullahoma, Feb. 23. (photo by Sgt. Kalina Hyche).

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