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## **High School Graduate to Tennessee Guardsman in 23 Weeks**

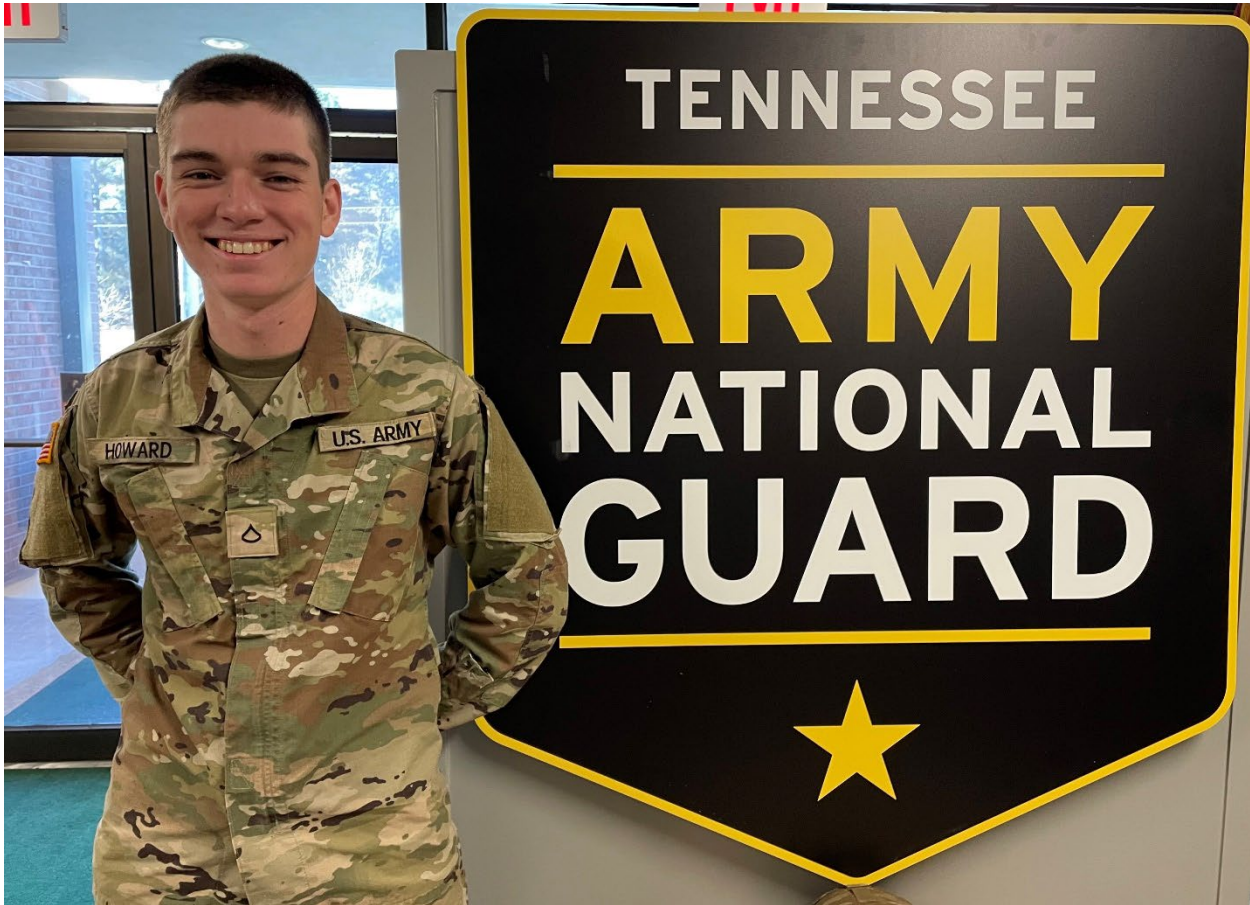
**CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.**— Pfc. Luke A. Howard completed the Army's Basic Combat Training and graduated Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Virginia, on Oct. 5, 2021.

During this highly technical 23-week program, Howard graduated as a U.S. Army Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic and trained in advanced maintenance, electronic troubleshooting, and electrical systems. Howard now serves in the maintenance section for Dayton's Detachment 1, 181st Support Company.

“I'm thankful for my leadership,” said Howard. “They have done so much for me in my military journey so far.”

Howard is a 2021 Graduate of East Ridge High School and qualifies for the Tennessee STRONG Act if he continues furthering his education.

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Pfc. Luke A. Howard attending his last Recruit Sustainment Program drill before joining his unit as a fully qualified Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic in the Tennessee Army National Guard.  
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