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Clarksville native enlists in Tennessee Army National Guard

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. – Pfc. Matthew Bell graduated from the Army’s Basic Combat Training and the UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter Crew Maintainer course at Joint Base Langley Eustis in Hampton, Virginia, on October 26, 2021.

During this 15-week course, Bell learned to prepare aircraft for inspections and maintenance checks, conduct scheduled inspections, perform maintenance on the aircraft for mission-essential flights. He is now assigned to Detachment 3, B Company, 628th Support Battalion, stationed in Jackson.

“I joined the Guard to gain leadership and discipline,” said Bell. “I was able to gain a lot of experience while at Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training.”

While at the Blackhawk maintainer course, Bell was awarded a commander’s challenge coin for his character and professionalism. Bell graduated from Northside High School in Columbus, Georgia, where his father served in the Army.

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Pfc. Matthew Bell attending his final Recruit Sustainment Program drill before joining his Jackson based unit as a fully qualified UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crew maintainer with the Tennessee Army National Guard. (submitted photo)

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