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Sparta Father enlists in Tennessee Army National Guard

SPARTA, Tenn. – Pfc. Bradley Goforth, a Sparta native and former Marine Corps Reservist re-committed to serving his state and country by enlisting as an infantryman in the Tennessee Army National Guard on July 20.

He will attend Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, later this fall. Upon completion of training, Goforth will report to Tennessee National Guard's F Troop, 2nd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment headquartered in McMinnville.

He joined the Marines as an infantryman after graduating from Smyrna's White County High School in 2010. While serving as a reservist, he attended Southeastern Lineman Training Center to earn his certification to become a lineman in his civilian career. After receiving his certification and fulfilling his obligation to the Marines in 2014, he took a seven-year break in service to prioritize his career and family.

Goforth became a husband and father and excelled in his career serving as a lineman for the city of Cookeville. However, he still felt like he had more to give to his country and decided it was time to go back into service.

"Serving my country has always been a dream of mine ever since I can remember," said Goforth. "I wanted to become someone that had a purpose in life, and I knew joining the military would give me that accomplishment."

He plans to use one of the many education benefits the Guard offers such as the Post 9/11 GI Bill. He can also transfer his education benefits to his wife who is in school for teaching.

Goforth is a husband and father of two boys. His wife, Michelle, could not be more proud of the man he is.

"He risks his life every day to ensure no one goes without power," said Michelle. "He works long hours in the heat, and comes home to support a family regardless of how tired he is. In my eyes, he is a hero in everything he does and strives to do."

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Pfc. Bradley Goforth, a graduate of White County High School and former Marine Corps Reservist, enlisted in the Tennessee Army National Guard on July 20. (Submitted Photo)

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