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University of Memphis student commissions as second lieutenant

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – A University of Memphis student graduated from the Tennessee National Guard’s Officer Candidate School and earned her commission in the Tennessee Army National Guard at Smyrna’s Volunteer Training Site on Aug. 13.

2nd Lt. Jagjeevanjot Kaur completed the 18-month traditional program that prepares officer candidates to lead Soldiers. The program is broken into four phases and trains future officers in leadership, tactics, and various other skills needed to be a platoon leader in the U.S. Army.

“Thanks to the military, I have become strong physically and mentally and built a strong character for myself,” said Kaur. “Having to go through challenging training, I have earned the respect of my family and friends.”

Kaur will be a platoon leader for the 1129th Finance Management Support Detachment in Nashville.

Kaur was born and raised in India and said America presented more opportunities for women, which inspired her to join the military. She said the freedom she experiences here gives her a sense of pride in being an American.

“I believe that to truly get the experience of what it is to be an American, join the military,” said Kaur. “

Kaur obtained most of her education in India and is furthering her education in the United States by using the benefits offered by the Guard to obtain a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering at the University of Memphis.

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2nd Lt. Jagjeevanjot Kaur has her shoulder boards pinned onto her uniform by her partner as part of her commissioning ceremony held at Smyrna's 117th Regimental Training Institute on Aug. 13. Kaur is one of 11 officer candidates who graduated from Officer Candidate School, Class 65. (Photo by Sgt. James Bolen Jr.)

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