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Jackson resident is honor graduate from U.S. Army Culinary School

JACKSON, Tenn. – Spc. Charity Lewis, a Jackson resident, graduated from the U.S. Army’s Culinary Specialist course in Springfield, Illinois, on June 7, where she was also declared the school’s honor graduate.

During the month-long training, Lewis, along with 30 other Soldiers, learned how to prepare nutritious food for thousands of Soldiers and proper sanitation methods. Following graduation, Lewis is now responsible for ordering and inspecting food supplies as well as cook meals for the Soldiers in Humboldt’s 30th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

“Lewis is a highly motivated Soldier,” said Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Bohannon, the 30th’s First Sergeant. “She always excels in everything she does. The food she prepares for our Soldiers directly reflects the care and passion she has for culinary arts. She is a top-notch Soldier and deserves the title of honor graduate.”

Lewis became the honor graduate by having the highest academic scores in her class.

Earlier this year, I was given a great opportunity to reclass as either a truck driver or a culinary specialist,” said Lewis. “I chose to be a culinary specialist because I enjoy having the opportunity to serve my fellow Soldiers and I am passionate about cooking.”

Lewis has been a member of the Tennessee Army National Guard for four years where she began her service as a water treatment specialist.

“One of the greatest things about the class was being able to meet new people from all over the country,” said Lewis. “We learned a lot and I hope to get to put my new skills to good use.”

During a ceremony at the Humboldt National Guard Armory on Aug. 5, Lewis was awarded an Army Achievement Medal for her exemplary performance at the culinary school.

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Spc. Charity Lewis, a Jackson resident, poses with her company commander, Capt. Carol Rose, and her unit first sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Bohannon, at the Humboldt National Guard Armory, after being awarded the Army Achievement Medal for graduating as the U.S. Army's Culinary Specialist course's honor graduate in Springfield, Illinois, Aug. 5. (submitted photo)

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