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**Greenbrier Guardsman commissioned as second lieutenant**

**GREENBRIER, Tenn.** – A Greenbrier native graduated from the Tennessee National Guard’s Officer Candidate School and commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Tennessee Army National Guard at Smyrna’s Volunteer Training Site on Aug. 13.

2nd Lt. Kyle Bush completed a rigorous 18-month OCS training program designed to turn officer candidates into platoon leaders with the U.S. Army. The course is completed through monthly weekend drills and two, 15-day training sessions held in the summer. Officer candidates are tested physically and mentally, developing and performing leadership skills in a high-stress environment.

“Every moment in OCS was a lesson, every challenge a steppingstone,” said Bush. “I am immeasurably proud of what I’ve achieved and humbled by the trust placed in me as a leader. I am ready to lead, serve, and make a difference.”

Bush will serve as a platoon leader with the 194th Engineer Brigade, headquartered in Jackson.

Bush earned his bachelor’s degree in exercise science from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and a master’s degree from Bryan University.



2nd Lt. Kyle Bush poses with his classmates from Officer Candidate School Class 66-23 during their commissioning ceremony at Smyrna's Volunteer Training Site Aug. 13. Bush, the third Soldier from the left in the photograph, is one of seven newly commissioned officers in the Tennessee Army National Guard. (Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Kyle Burks).

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