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**Murfreesboro officer commissions as second lieutenant**

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** – A Murfreesboro police officer graduated from the Tennessee National Guard’s Officer Candidate School and commissioned as a second lieutenant during a ceremony at Smyrna’s Volunteer Training Site on Aug. 13.

2nd Lt. Devin Sorensen completed an 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 required to demonstrate the ability to lead troops and make sound decisions while under high-stress situations.

“Graduating from the rigorous OCS program is one of the proudest moments of my life,” said Sorensen. “The journey taught me resilience, discipline, and the true essence of leadership.”

Sorensen earned his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Austin Peay State University and plans to use the benefits the National Guard offers to obtain his master’s degree.

“Credit goes to my family, friends, and mentors for guiding me in the right direction all these years,” said Sorensen.

Sorensen serves as a police officer for the Murfreesboro Police Department and has been a member of the department for six years.



2nd Lt. Devin Sorensen poses with his classmates from Officer Candidate School Class 66-23 during their commissioning ceremony with the Tennessee Army National Guard at Smyrna's Volunteer Training Site on Aug. 13. Sorensen, the Soldier standing in the far right of the photograph, is one of seven officer candidates that graduated from the Tennessee National Guard's OCS Class 66. (Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. Kyle Burks)

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