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CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD WELCOMES 23 NEW SOLDIERS TO ITS RANKS

NIANTIC, Conn. - The Connecticut National Guard officially welcomed 23 new soldiers to its ranks during a Recruit Sustainment Program Graduation Ceremony at Camp Niantic, Jan. 29.

The Recruit Sustainment Program is specifically designed to acclimate new guardsmen to their military career both before and after attending their initial entry and advanced individual training. Graduates of the RSP are briefed on the extensive benefits and programs available to members of the Connecticut National Guard.

Of this month's 23 graduates, two were recognized for outstanding superior achievement in completing Advanced Individual Training:

Pfc. Francisco Roberto, a motor transport operator assigned to 1048th Transportation Company in Enfield, was named Honor Graduate, finishing in the top 10 percent of his class.

Pfc. William Schneider, a satellite communication systems operator assigned to the 85th Troop Command in Niantic, was named Honor Graduate, finishing in the top 10 percent of his class.

For more information on the opportunities and benefits available to those in the Connecticut National Guard, call 1-800-716-3550. **Media wishing for more information regarding those in their coverage area can call the Public Affairs Officer, Maj. Mike Petersen, at 860-524-4857 for more information.**

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