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#### Joint Hometown News Release

Army Pvt. Kristina R. McLaughlin has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

McLaughlin is the daughter of Donald McLaughlin of Meriden, Kan.

She is a 2015 graduate of Topeka West High School, Topeka, Kan.