



# Almena man is among new Army enlistees

Ken Cadwalader, Almena, is 28 years old and a new enlistee in the Army National Guard. Mr. Cadwalader enlisted to be a human resources specialist. He is taking his basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

He will also complete his advanced training at that same base when he is done with basic. He will get a \$10,000 bonus, \$17,568 in Montgomery GI Bill and GI Bill Kicker payments while a full-time college student. Plus, he will receive 100 percent college tuition assistance and a nice monthly drill weekend paycheck.

Ken Cadwalader



By CODY NICKELL

I like living in a country that lets me be free because I can do whatever I want as long as it is legal. The best thing is the soldiers fighting for our freedom. They are the main part of why we are free. I enjoy being able to hang out with my friends. I owe all of my freedom to the soldiers in Iraq right now.

By BRITTANY OTTER

When I think about what being an American means to me, I feel proud. Our forefathers fought to protect our rights and lives. Being an American means you are free to have the opportunities and privileges you want. Many things are greater when you are an American.

By WIYANNA PAXTON

I take great pride in living in my country. Every day brave men and women fight for not only my freedom, but every single person's freedom who lives here or in other countries. When you look up the definition of a hero, every man or woman's name that has ever fought for peoples freedom should be in that definition! Going into something so serious and knowing you might not come out alive takes a really brave person to do that, and I am so lucky to have so many of those brave people willing to do this for me. If it wasn't for all of those brave people, then you could only imagine what this country would be like, and how many rights we wouldn't have that we have today.

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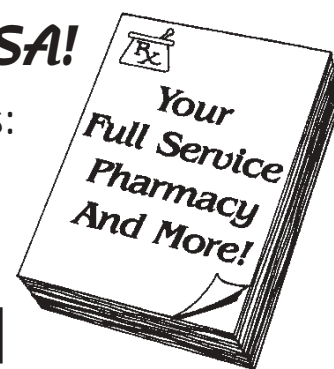
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