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Army Spec. William J. Blake has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

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.

He is the son of Donna Blake of Jackson, and grandson of Anne Blake of Grosse Pointe. The specialist graduated in 1998 from Lumen Christi Catholic High School, Jackson, and received a bachelor's degree in 2003 from the University of Detroit Mercy.

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Navy Seaman Recruit Jacob L. Munro, son of Nancy L. Delpeore of Battle Creek and Kevin L. Munro of Albion, recently completed U.S. Navy basic

training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

During the eight-week program, Munro completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Munro is a 2006 graduate of Marshall Public High School of Marshall.