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Trey Lamb, a freshman Christian Studies major from Oak Grove, Ark., had a plan, but it was going to take hard work, commitment, and prayer. He was selfless and totally reliant on the Lord. He had this plan for a while and had to figure out how to execute it with grace and efficiency.

"Every male in my family served in the military, so I have always felt this obligation, for lack of a better word, to serve my country through the armed forces," said Lamb. "However, I also dreamed of being the first male in my family to complete college so it was very confusing for me."

"Around the beginning of April, I felt God stirring in my heart about the military. Things fell into place and I found myself, on April 22, swearing into the military," he said

This was not an easy journey for Lamb. It was stressful and exhausting, both physically and mentally.

“Right before I left for basic [training] I was stressed out since I had a small window of time to make sure everything was taken care of with Ouachita,” said Lamb. “I did not want to ruin my chance to come to college in the fall. Thankfully, I had a wonderful admissions counselor who was always there for me and made me feel more at peace about the whole situation.”

Before coming to Ouachita, Lamb had to make a stop at basic combat training so that he could fulfill his duties as a member of the Army National Guard.

“Basic is for everyone entering the Army through the enlisted side,” said Lamb. “We learned how to properly greet people with higher ranks and how to operate our weapons. We got to experience the gas chamber, early wakeup times, and intense training.”

For Lamb, this was an experience that he will never forget. This was a lifetime commitment that was selfless. He knew the whole time that this was God’s plan: to serve his country well.

“No matter how hard life may seem, as a believer you are never alone,” said Lamb. “God was with me every step of the way. He never left me and I knew that he was my battle buddy. He is good all the time.”

Photo by Hannah Smith