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MEDIA RELEASE: First female Abrams tank mechanics to graduate Aug. 1

FORT BENNING, Ga. – The first four female 91A, M1 Abrams Tank System Maintainers from E Company, 3rd Battalion, 81st Armor Regiment, 194th Armored Brigade will graduate at 10 a.m., Aug. 1 at the Bradley classroom located in building 4322.

The four new Soldiers are Pfc. Emma Briggs from Cincinnati; Ohio, Pvt. Kaitlin Killsnight, Billings, Mont; Pvt. Erika Leroy, Heber, Calif; and Pfc. Anita Ramirez, Bakersfield, Calif.

The M1 Abrams tank systems maintainer course is 24 weeks consisting of classroom and field training. The Soldier's primary responsibility is performing maintenance on the Abrams tank. Part of the training includes electronic and mechanical principles and concepts; use of electronic, electrical and mechanical test equipment; use of schematics, drawings and wiring diagrams; operation, testing and maintenance of weapons systems and maintenance on the suspension, steering, hydraulic, auxiliary power fire extinguisher/suppression and gas particulate systems of the Abrams tank.

Opportunities for interviews with the graduates will take place after the graduation ceremony. Media who wish to cover this event should arrive at the Harmony Church gate no later than 9:15 a.m. Please call the Public Affairs Office at **706-545-8970** or **270-312-7800** to confirm your attendance. Provide your name, organization and contact number.

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