



E-2 Stephen LaRoche

GILMANTON — In addition to a letter of commendation from the commandant at the completion of the Tank Automotive Mechanic Course at the U.S. Armor School, Fort Knox, Kentucky, E-1 Stephen LaRoche of this community was shortly after promoted to E-2.

LaRoche's commendation signed by Donald S. Zutter, Colonel Ordnance said in part:

"Rarely do students complete this difficult and challenging course without encountering some difficulties. Your demonstrated ability to complete this course without a single NO-GO, is an indication of your attentiveness, competence, perceptibility, perseverance and intelligence."

A copy of the letter was placed in LaRoche's official MPJR file.

LaRoche, a 1982 graduate of Gilford Middle High School entered the Army under the delayed program signing up in March 1982 and, following June graduation, was sworn in on Nov. 3, 1982 and ordered to Fort Knox. He received his diploma from the U.S. Army Armored School in March, 1983.

LaRoche is the son of Alfred and Melba LaRoche of Old Belmont Road.