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Kennedy lives in Summit County, working as a Canton City Public Health inspector. She says she joined the National Guard for a change of scenery and to develop desirable job skills. “My civilian job was impacted by the coronavirus. As a health department employee, we were called into action in response to the virus to help the community.” She is now helping her community in a different way, on duty with her Ohio National Guard unit to assist at the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. Kennedy said the experience has taught her to appreciate helping others. “The most rewarding part of the ... mission has been helping the people in the community I live in.”

Spc. Kristen Kennedy is supporting food packaging and distribution operations at the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank in Akron, Ohio during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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