

United States Army Flight School



GRADUATION CEREMONY

MAY 29, 2025
FORT NOVOSSEL, ALABAMA



AH-64
APACHE

UH-60
BLACK HAWK



CH-47
CHINOOK

C-12
HURON



*United States Army
Flight School
Graduation Ceremony
Class 25-015*

May 29, 2025

10:00 a. m.

UNITED STATES ARMY
AVIATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
FORT NOVOSHEL, ALABAMA

Order of Ceremony

Welcome.....Master of Ceremony

* Invocation.....Chaplain

* *National Anthem*.....Ceremonial Support Services

Music by John Stafford Smith, 1780

Lyrics by Francis Scott Key, 1814

Adopted as the national anthem of the United States, 1931

Introduction of Guest Speaker.....LTC Mark A. Axtell
Commander
1st Battalion
145th Aviation Regiment
Fort Novosel, Alabama

Address.....Colonel Sean C. Keefe
Director
Directorate Of Training And Doctrine
United States Army Aviation Center Of Excellence
Fort Novosel, Alabama

Announcement of Graduates.....Master of Ceremony

Presentation of Wings.....LTC Axtell

* *Above The Best*, Aviation Branch Song

Music and lyrics by Jo Johnston 1987

* *The Army Goes Rolling Along*, The Army Song

Music by John Phillip Sousa, 1917

Lyrics by Harold W. Arberg, 1956

Conclusion.....Master of Ceremony

* *Please stand. Lyrics on back cover. Gentlemen, remove your headdress for the National Anthem.*

Aviation Center Commanders and Staff

Commanding General

Major General Clair A. Gill

Deputy Commanding General

Brigadier General Kenneth C. Cole

Chief Warrant Officer of the Branch

Chief Warrant Officer Five Michael A. Corsaro

Commander, 1st Aviation Brigade

Colonel Jason T. Woodward

Commander, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel Mark A. Axtell

Commander, B Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment

Captain Natalie M. Schorr

Commander, D Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment

Captain Jose C. Ramoslopez

Commander, 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey P. Gaines

Commander, 110th Aviation Brigade

Colonel Dennis K. Hill

Commander, 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel Sean T. Smith

Commander, 1st Battalion, 14th Aviation Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel Brian L. Haas

Commander, 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel Samuel "Macky" Price III

Commander, 1st Battalion, 223d Aviation Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Menn

Guest Speaker

COLONEL SEAN C. KEEFE
DIRECTOR
DIRECTORATE OF TRAINING AND DOCTRINE
UNITED STATES ARMY AVIATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
FORT NOVOSEL, ALABAMA

Colonel Sean Keefe, hailing from Buffalo, New York, currently serves as the Director of Training and Doctrine at the United States Army Aviation Center of Excellence at Fort Novosel, Alabama.

He earned his U.S. Army commission in May 2001 upon graduating from Canisius College in New York, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Managerial Economics from the University of Oklahoma, a Master of Military Studies degree from the U.S. Marine Corps University, and a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the U.S. Army War College.

Colonel Keefe began his military career as a Chemical Officer in 3-13th Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) Battalion at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In May 2004, he transferred to the Aviation Branch, qualifying in the OH-58D(R) Kiowa Warrior and later the UH-60M Blackhawk helicopters. After more than 24 years of service, he has held various leadership and staff assignments, and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom twice and in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

Colonel Keefe's leadership assignments include Maintenance Platoon Leader, Flight Platoon Leader, and Troop Commander in 6-6th Cavalry Squadron, Fort Drum, New York; Alpha Company Commander, 1-145th Aviation Battalion, Fort Novosel, Alabama; and Battalion Commander, 96th Aviation Support Battalion, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

His staff assignments include Assistant Operation Officer, 6-6th Cavalry Squadron, Fort Drum, New York; Battalion Operations and Brigade Operations Officer in 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; Defense Trade Analyst and Deputy Division Chief, Directorate of Defense Trade of Controls, U.S. Department of State; Chief of the Congressional Affairs Officer, Headquarters Department of the Army (HQDA), Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS) G-3/5/7, Pentagon; Aviation Enablers Branch Chief, HQDA G-8, Department of Army Personnel and Readiness - Force Development Division (DAPR-FDV), Pentagon.

Colonel Keefe's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medals (four Oak Leaf Clusters), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medals (five OLC), Army Achievement Medals (four OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medals (four Bronze Campaign Stars), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Combat Action Badge, Senior Army Aviator Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

He is married to the former Melissa Manaresi of Buffalo, New York, and is a proud father to two children: Tyler and Leah.

Aviation Commissioned Officers

2LT Beddall, Joshua J.

1LT Burke, Jeremy J.

1LT Carlson, Tristan H.

2LT Cordier, Nicholas V.

1LT Cronk, Jacob W.

1LT Delahunty, Liam P.

1LT Dewal, Avadhish B.

2LT Gilbert, Tucker R.

2LT Goodwin, Tyler J.

1LT Harrell, John P.

2LT Jansen, John M.

2LT Jansen, Kellen J.

2LT Klakos, Kamren S.

2LT Kolapo, Qudus O.

2LT Kreuser, Grace S.

2LT Lewis, Rebecca M.

CPT Miller, Glenn T.

2LT Peterson, Gerald R.

1LT Piatz, Addie V.

2LT Prall, Jonathan D.

1LT Rainey, Tyler J.

1LT Roberts, Brian I.

CPT Sims, Bryan M.

1LT Steinbach, Stephen A., Jr.

1LT Sun, Luobin

2LT Wahl, Logan T.

1LT Wickenhagen, Aaron R.

1LT Wylie, Mark D.

Aviation Warrant Officers

WO1 Abts, Ryan E.

WO1 Levesque, Torey J.

WO1 Alexander, Matthew G.

WO1 Lintz, Christopher R.

WO1 Arroyo, Sierra D.

WO1 Lisella, Austin N.

WO1 Baxter, Joel O.

WO1 Louie, Brooks P.

WO1 Bucking, Christopher J.

WO1 McVicker, Scott E.

WO1 Buller, Andrew M.

WO1 Moon, Jonghyun

WO1 Butler, Kevin T.

WO1 Morris, Kyle S.

WO1 Cordes, Jarrod H.

WO1 Patrick, Kevin A.

WO1 De La Cruz, Jesse

WO1 Pierucci, Dominic S.

WO1 Diallo, Mamadou B.

WO1 Rehling, Edwin A., III

WO1 Greathouse, Braxton L., II

WO1 Rowley, Michael D.

WO1 Hewitt, Evan M.

WO1 Shelton, Andrew E.

WO1 Hyman, Paul B.

WO1 Singkhek, Jhantha M.

WO1 Jackson, Timothy E.

WO1 Sow, Ousmane

WO1 Kaber, Brett W.

WO1 Tadique, Sergio S.

WO1 Klink, Chad M.

WO1 Wilson, Alex J.

WO1 Lee, Augustine M.

WO1 Yerger, Courtney L.

WO1 Leech, Dylan J.



The engraved Sterling Silver Wings presented to the
Distinguished Graduates are provided by the
Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA).



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AVIATION BRANCH SONG
ABOVE THE BEST

High above the best. High above the best.
We are Army Aviation USA.
Proud and strong.
We meet the test.
Skies filled with thunder.
Wearing silver wings upon our chest.
We meet the needs of Ground Command
As we aid the Nation's quest.
Army Aviation, flying high above the best!

Lyrics and Music by Jo Johnston, 1987

Adopted as the official song of Army Aviation, 1987

THE ARMY SONG
THE ARMY GOES ROLLING ALONG

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.
We're the Army and proud of our name!
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:

First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along.
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along.

Music by John Philip Sousa, 1917

Lyrics by Harold W. Arberg, 1956

Adopted as the official song of the Army, 1956