

### **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.  
Then it's hi hi hey, the Army's on its way  
Count off the cadence loud and strong  
For where'er we go, you will always know  
That 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*

# **United States Army Aviation Center of Excellence**

## **Flight School Graduation Ceremony**

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**5 March 2026  
Fort Rucker, Alabama**

## Order of Ceremony

### Welcome

Master of Ceremony

### Invocation

Chaplain Cody J. Coolidge

### *The Star-Spangled Banner*

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 Jeffrey P. Gaines

Commander

1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment

### Address

CW5 Edward (Ed) F. Carman III

Senior Warrant Officer Advisor

Deputy Commanding General

Army National Guard

### Announcement of Graduates

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### Presentation of Wings

LTC Gaines

*Above The Best, Aviation Branch Song*

*The Army Goes Rolling Along, The Army Song*

### Conclusion

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## Class 26-009

### Aviation Commissioned Officers

2LT Howard, Sterling S.

2LT Huisman, Matthew M.

1LT Karman, Patrick J.

2LT Medlin, Jackson R.

2LT Mitchell, Logan H.

2LT Putnam, Caleb M.

1LT Rodriguez, Marcos

1LT Zegarski, Sean M.

### Aviation Warrant Officers

WO1 Bates, Juron D.

WO1 Begley, Nathaniel E.

WO1 Colston, Quanesha F.

WO1 Cox, Daniel M.

WO1 De Jesus Gonzalez, Kidanny O.

WO1 Freeman, Brian C.

WO1 Henderson, Eric O.

WO1 Holden, Joseph B.

WO1 Jithoo, Nikhil N.

WO1 Karnavas, Tyler J.

WO1 Kelley, Rilynn C.

WO1 Park, Faith E.

WO1 Pezzolesi, Thomas W.

WO1 Santiago, Christopher J.

WO1 Scott, Kentrell D.

WO1 Shrum, Bradley A.

WO1 Whipple, Cameron S.