

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*

Aviation Center of Excellence

Flight School Graduation Ceremony



**16 April 2026
Fort Rucker
Alabama**

Welcome

Master of Ceremony

Invocation

Chaplain Ethan T. Page

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 Andrew M. Bartlett

Commander

1st Battalion, 223rd Aviation Regiment

Address

CW5 Teddy M. Nelson

Battalion Chief of Standardization and

Senior Warrant Officer Advisor

1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment

Fort Rucker, Alabama

Announcement of Graduates

Master of Ceremony

Presentation of Wings

LTC Bartlett

Above The Best, Aviation Branch Song
The Army Goes Rolling Along, The Army Song

Conclusion

Master of Ceremony

Aviation Commissioned Officers

2LT Allen, Aaron J.

1LT Dunn, Jackson T.

2LT Evans, Zackery J.

1LT Gehl, Grace R.

1LT LePere, Tyler L.

1LT O'Neil, Darby R.

1LT Taradash, Robert L.

2LT Tartamella, Maxx D.

2LT Williams, Owen S.



Aviation Warrant Officers

WO1 Calderon, David A.

WO1 Kirkendall, Joshua A.

WO1 Caver, Jacob N.

WO1 McClure, Evan J.

WO1 Davis, Curtis C.

WO1 Mesa Torres, Jean P.

WO1 Dolan, Hayden O.

WO1 Nelson, Shane G.

WO1 Elfreich, Nickolas C.

WO1 Pasquale, Paul M.

WO1 Farmer, Nicholas G.

WO1 Price, Jason D.

WO1 Gordon, William S.

WO1 Schnautz, Hans R.

WO1 Hoeldtke, Jalen C.

WO1 Thomas, Joseph E.

WO1 Kent, Kyle L.

WO1 Trujillo, Christian R.