

AVIATION BRANCH SONG

ABOVE THE BEST

High above the best.
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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



**2 April 2026
Fort Rucker
Alabama**

Order of Ceremony

Class 26-011

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 Dennis Eelkema

Command Chief Warrant Officer

110th Aviation Brigade

Fort Rucker, AL

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

1LT Bennett, Shai E.

2LT Chastain, Nathan G.

2LT Christian, Ian A.

2LT Coleman, James F.

2LT Cullura, Brendan A.

2LT Daane, Benjamin L.

CPT Danielson, David A.

2LT Davison, Tanner S.

1LT de Frates, Matthew K.

2LT Dotson, Joshua R.

2LT Ebenstein, Matthew R.

1LT Gaines, North W.

1LT Hughes, Nicholas G.

2LT Kendrick, Charles M.

1LT Kessler, Annmarie N.

2LT LaDue, Jack A.

2LT LaMaster, Allen J.

2LT Leonard, Ryan M.

2LT McFadden, Aries D.

1LT Monson, Aaron J.

1LT Peel, Cullen M.

1LT Roos, Alexander R.

2LT Saval, David C.

1LT Schichtel, Jack R.

1LT Ticer, Cody S.

1LT Wallace, Kyle R.

2LT Wallace, Zoe C.



Aviation Warrant Officers

WO1 Baumgartner, Matthew J.

WO1 Beimler, William B.

WO1 Berry, Kendrick T.

WO1 Bradley, James C.

WO1 Brush, Samara J.

WO1 Buss, Austin C.

WO1 Collins, Matthew C.

WO1 Cooper, Clayton S.

WO1 Crosslin, Joshua L.

WO1 Fernandez Nunez, Roberto A.

WO1 Franco, Alexander

WO1 Fry, Jaren T.

WO1 Gordon, Justin K.

WO1 Gromala, Kayla M.

WO1 Gyhra, Bradley R.

WO1 Haderlie, Adam J.

WO1 Hiatt, Thorn L.

WO1 Hoke, Kristopher W.

WO1 Kocher, Mark A.

WO1 Maxwell, Rylan J.

WO1 McCarty, James M.

WO1 Morris, Logan G.

WO1 Reynolds, Jacob C.

WO1 Schmutz, Ethan A.

WO1 Shozda, Ethan S.

WO1 Smith, Ashton G.

WO1 Stephens, Bradley R.

WO1 Templeton, Jerren G.

WO1 Tipton, Thomas B.

WO1 Upton, Kendall J.

WO1 Whitehead, Ayden W.

WO1 Wilder, Nicholas D.

WO1 Witt, Theodore E.

WO1 Worden, Hannah J.

WO1 Wright, Kenneth L.

WO1 Wunker, Terry A.