

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*

United States Army Aviation Center of Excellence

Flight School Graduation Ceremony



**19 February 2026
Fort Rucker, Alabama**

Order of Ceremony

Class 26-008

Welcome

Master of Ceremony

Invocation

Chaplain John M. Fletcher

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 Sean T. Smith

Commander

1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment

Address

COL Christopher W. Logsdon

Senior Guard Advisor and Deputy Commandant

Army National Guard

Announcement of Graduates

Master of Ceremony

Presentation of Wings

LTC Smith

Above The Best, Aviation Branch Song

The Army Goes Rolling Along, The Army Song

Conclusion

Master of Ceremony

Aviation Commissioned Officers

1LT Atkinson, Nicholas E.

1LT Elbert, Kyle A.

1LT Aycock, Samuel F.

1LT Frazier, Thomas A.

1LT Baldwin, Samuel G.

1LT Hill, Charles R.

1LT Benavides, Peter X.

1LT Johantges, Adam D.

1LT Bone, Zachary T.

2LT McWain, Christian M.

1LT Budi, Paul D.

1LT Pavelko, Garrett D.

1LT Buffington, Jackson T.

2LT Rivera-Laracuente, Gamal E.

1LT Carr, Aidan B.

2LT Smith, Kenneth J.

1LT Curran, Margaret A.

1LT Turner, Cameron S.

Aviation Warrant Officers

WO1 Alfeiri, Matthew P.

WO1 Knutson, Jack R.

WO1 Barraza, Paul Z.

WO1 Marsh, Nicholas J.

WO1 Driscoll, Timothy K.

WO1 Mihailovic, Marc M.

WO1 Hebert, Nathaniel E.

WO1 Palacios, Martin J.

WO1 Hornaday, Matthew R.

WO1 Smith, Robert M.

WO1 Hyman, Evan P.