

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



**5 February 2026
Fort Rucker, Alabama**

Order of Ceremony

Class 26-007

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 Clinton R. Cody

Chief of Staff

Aviation Center of Excellence

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 Boothe, Caitlin M.

1LT Nemecek, Zachary C.

2LT Castillo del Muro, Gabriel E.

1LT Paraiso, Ethan S.

2LT Clarke, Adam M.

CPT Scott, Austin J.

1LT Cone, Stephen R.

2LT Stowell, Samuel W.

2LT Davis, Andrew W.

1LT Stuber, Aubrey M.

1LT Eno, Christopher W.

1LT Ucok, Erden

2LT Gibson, Anthony M.

2LT Wallace, Elijah C.

CPT Hogan, Thomas L.

2LT Watkins, Colin D.

1LT Knox, Cade

1LT Weathers, Brady W.

1LT Lerner, Isaac D.

1LT Wentling, Nicholas A.

1LT Marshall, Eli S.

1LT White, Austin R.

1LT Moon, Shinkwang

CPT Wilson, Grant M.

Aviation Warrant Officers

WO1 Ames, Jake D.

WO1 Marshall, Cameron J.

WO1 Applebee, Michael W.

WO1 Melendrez, Brian C.

WO1 Cahill, Matthew W.

WO1 Morrison, Tyler J.

WO1 Endracke, Austin C.

WO1 Nguyen, Dylan Q.

WO1 Greer, David

WO1 Nogle, Ian A.

WO1 Gutierrez, Justin A.

WO1 Padrazo, Michael D.

WO1 Henderson, Mason R.

WO1 Redden, Spencer M.

WO1 Johnson, Pacey H.

WO1 Rivera Rivera, Leean L.

WO1 Kirwan, Ronan T.

WO1 Talbott, Evan J.

WO1 Lindley, Joshua T.

WO1 Weems, Thomas J.

WO1 Manhart, Jarrett J.