

# United States Army Flight School



## GRADUATION CEREMONY

JULY 10, 2025  
FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA



AH-64  
APACHE

UH-60  
BLACK HAWK



CH-47  
CHINOOK

C-12  
HURON



*United States Army  
Flight School  
Graduation Ceremony  
Class 25-018*

*July 10, 2025*

UNITED STATES ARMY  
AVIATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE  
FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA

# Order of Ceremony

Welcome.....Master of Ceremony

\* Invocation.....Chaplain

\* *National Anthem*.....Ceremonial Support Services

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 Ryan C. Sommer  
Commander  
1st Battalion  
212th Aviation Regiment  
Fort Rucker, Alabama

Address.....COL Ashley S. Lee  
Director, Army Capability Manager  
Reconnaissance and Attack  
Army Futures Command  
Fort Rucker, Alabama

Announcement of Graduates.....Master of Ceremony

Presentation of Wings.....LTC Sommer

\* *Above The Best*, Aviation Branch Song

Music and lyrics by Jo Johnston 1987

\* *The Army Goes Rolling Along*, The Army Song

Music by John Phillip Sousa, 1917

Lyrics by Harold W. Arberg, 1956

Conclusion.....Master of Ceremony

\* *Please stand. Lyrics on back cover. Gentlemen, remove your headdress for the National Anthem.*

# *Aviation Center Commanders and Staff*

## **Commanding General**

Major General Clair A. Gill

## **Deputy Commanding General**

Brigadier General Kenneth C. Cole

## **Chief Warrant Officer of the Branch**

Chief Warrant Officer Five Robert Scott Slider

## **Commander, 1st Aviation Brigade**

Colonel Jason T. Woodward

## **Commander, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment**

Lieutenant Colonel Matthew R. Stockton

## **Commander, B Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment**

Captain Natalie M. Schorr

## **Commander, D Company, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment**

Captain Jose C. Ramoslopez

## **Commander, 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment**

Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey P. Gaines

## **Commander, 110th Aviation Brigade**

Colonel Dennis K. Hill

## **Commander, 1st Battalion, 11th Aviation Regiment**

Lieutenant Colonel Sean T. Smith

## **Commander, 1st Battalion, 14th Aviation Regiment**

Lieutenant Colonel Brian L. Haas

## **Commander, 1st Battalion, 212th Aviation Regiment**

Lieutenant Colonel Ryan C. Sommer

## **Commander, 1st Battalion, 223d Aviation Regiment**

Lieutenant Colonel Andrew M. Bartlett

## *Guest Speaker*

**COLONEL ASHLEY S. LEE**  
**DIRECTOR, ARMY CAPABILITY MANAGER FOR**  
**RECONNAISSANCE AND ATTACK**  
**ARMY FUTURES COMMAND**  
**FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA**

Colonel Ashley S. Lee is a native of California and received her commission from the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA). She is the Director of Army Capability Manager for Reconnaissance and Attack. She most recently served as the Division Chief for the Joint Staff's J5 Security Cooperation Coordination Division in the Pentagon overseeing the Joint Staff efforts to provide over \$50 billion in security cooperation to Ukraine and Israel.

Colonel Lee graduated from the Aviation Officer Basic Course and Flight School in 2002 and served as an Attack Helicopter Platoon Leader with 1-2nd Attack Battalion at Camp Page, Republic of Korea, and 1-229th Attack Battalion at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III while assigned to 3-3rd Attack Battalion. Following the Aviation Officer Advanced Course and Maintenance Manager Course, she was assigned as a Company Commander in 4-2nd Attack Battalion. She later served as an Aviation Trainer and the Secretary of General Staff of the National Training Center. She deployed to Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) - Horn of Africa as the Secretary of the Joint Staff in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. She was then assigned to the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade as a Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer.

Following the Army Command and General Staff College, Colonel Lee served in the Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, as the Deputy Director for the Aviation and Fires Evaluation Directorate, and then as the ATEC Executive Officer to the Commanding General.

From 2019 to 2021, Colonel Lee commanded 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She deployed the battalion to CJTF - Horn of Africa in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The battalion was selected as the Air Traffic Control Unit of the year by AAAA for 2020-21. Upon completion of battalion command, she attended the National War College at Fort McNair in Washington, DC.

Colonel Lee holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from UCLA, a Master of Business Administration from Trident University International, and a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College. She is a graduate of the Aviation Officer Basic Course, the Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course, the Aviation Officer Advanced Course, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the National War College.

Her military awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster. She has also earned the Army Aviation Badge, the Parachutist Badge, and the German Proficiency Badge (gold).

# *Aviation Commissioned Officers*

1LT Anderson, William M.

1LT Baxley, Jarod D.

2LT Brandon, Noah C.

1LT Butler, Colin E.

2LT Campbell, Kerri A.

1LT Donohue, Kyle T.

2LT Jett, Tucker R.

1LT Petersen, Travis C.

2LT Rodriguez Nieves, John J.



## *Aviation Warrant Officers*

WO1 Akinloye, Ahmed O.

WO1 Harmon, Spencer R.

WO1 Baldwin, Jacob D.

WO1 Kim, Young H.

WO1 Beaver, Zachary D.

WO1 Krastev, Daniel M.

WO1 Beekman, Austin T.

WO1 Maloney, Thomas H.

WO1 Brand, Joshua D.

WO1 Martin, Terry L.

WO1 Brandenburg, Blake M.

WO1 McCutchen, James V.

WO1 Brenner, Nathan A.

WO1 Mendez, Diego

WO1 Choi, WonBin J.

WO1 Morgan, Benjamin A.

WO1 Clark, Paden J.

WO1 Nguyen, Nathan T.

WO1 Clouatre, Caleb J.

WO1 Plutowski, Drew P.

WO1 Dominguez, Giovanni I.

WO1 Rodriguez Tirado, Jose I.

WO1 Dyer, Noah E.

WO1 Saldana, Rodrigo

WO1 Eldridge, Stephen S.

WO1 Schreeder, Joshua R.

WO1 Gillenwalters, Alexander A.

WO1 Stephens, Bryan S.

WO1 Grant, Cameron L.



The engraved Sterling Silver Wings presented to the  
Distinguished Graduates are provided by the  
Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA).



**AVIATION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE**

**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.

Music by John Philip Sousa, 1917

Lyrics by Harold W. Arberg, 1956

Adopted as the official song of the Army, 1956