

ARMY SONG

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.



MOUNT VERNON WREATH LAYING
240 YEARS OF SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE NATION

240th
**ARMY
BIRTHDAY**
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9 June 2015
George Washington's Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, Virginia



THE ARMY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays are a time to pause and reflect on years past and consider challenges and opportunities for the years ahead. Today, we pause to reflect on the birth of our Army 240 years ago. We celebrate the deep commitment, abiding patriotism, and indomitable spirit passed from the Continental Army to today's ready and resilient Soldiers who continue to stand in defense of our Nation's flag and all that it flies for: equality, opportunity, and freedom. The Army is America's Force for Decisive Action.

Today's Soldiers—like those American troops who fought in the battles at Lexington and Concord and stormed Omaha Beach, whose courage carried them through Ia Drang to the Korengal Valley—stand ready to complete any mission our country asks of them.

People are our Army. We thank our Families for remaining a source of strength and resilience, and we thank our Civilians for their steadfast dedication to mission. We thank our Soldiers and Veterans, who are Soldiers for Life, for their remarkable determination to defend our Nation with unwavering resolve that is truly inspiring.

Their 240 years of selfless service to the nation is what keeps us ready today, prepared for tomorrow. Happy Birthday!

SEQUENCE *of* EVENTS

Pre-ceremonial music

U.S. Army Fife and Drum Corps on the Bowling Green and Tomb Grove

Wreath Laying at General George and Martha Washington's Tomb

The Secretary of the Army, The Honorable John M. McHugh

The Sergeant Major of the Army, Daniel A. Dailey

Mrs. Barbara B. Lucas, Regent, Mount Vernon Ladies' Association

Taps

Official party and attendees move to the Tomb Grove

Arrival of the Official Party

Presentation of the Colors

National Anthem

Invocation

Remarks

Mrs. Barbara B. Lucas, Regent, Mount Vernon Ladies' Association

The Honorable John M. McHugh, Secretary of the Army

Purple Heart Pinning Ceremony

Singing of the Army Song

Conclusion