

56th Maintenance Group



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Lineage.

Established as 56th Maintenance and Supply Group on 28 July 1947.

Organized on 15 August 1947.¹

Discontinued on 1 August 1948.

Consolidated (19 September 1995) with the 56th Maintenance and Supply Group, which was established on 14 June 1948.

Activated on 1 August 1948.

Inactivated on 6 February 1952.

Disbanded on 27 September 1984.

Reconstituted, and redesignated 56th Logistics Group, on 28 October 1991.

Activated 1 November 1991.²

Inactivated on 4 January 1994³

Activated 1 April 1994.⁴

Redesignated 56th Maintenance Group on 27 September 2002.⁵

¹ GO-77, 20 August 1947

² TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

³ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

⁴ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

⁵ AETC SO G-02-20, 23 June 2002

Honors.

Decorations.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

- 1 July 1994-30 June 1996⁶
- 1 July 1996-30 June 1998⁷
- 1 July 1998-30 June 2000⁸
- 1 July 2001-30 June 2003⁹
- [1 July] 2003-30 June 2005¹⁰
- 1 July 2005-30 June 2006¹¹
- 1 July 2006-30 June 2007¹²
- 1 July 2007-30 June 2008¹³
- 1 July 2008-30 June 2009¹⁴
- 1 July 2009-30 June 2010¹⁵
- 1 July 2010-30 June 2011¹⁶
- 1 July 2011-30 June 2012¹⁷
- 1 July 2012-30 June 2013¹⁸
- 1 July 2013-30 June 2014¹⁹
- 1 July 2014-30 June 2015²⁰
- 1 July 2015-30 June 2016²¹

⁶ AETC SO GA-18, 15 November 1996

⁷ AETC SO GA-12, 9 November 1998

⁸ AETC SO GA-9, 8 December 2000

⁹ AETC SO GA-55, 29 April 2004

¹⁰ AETC SO GA-0052, 22 June 2006

¹¹ AETC SO GA-045, 8 May 2007

¹² AETC SO G-054, 28 February 2008

¹³ AETC SO G-071, 3 April 2009

¹⁴ AETC SO G-025, 11 March 2010

¹⁵ AETC SO G-086, 9 May 2011

¹⁶ AETC SO G-171, 17 April 2012

¹⁷ AETC SO G-036, 1 March 2013

¹⁸ AETC SO G-017, 1 February 2014

¹⁹ AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015

²⁰ AETC SO G-006, 14 October 2016

²¹ AETC SO G-022, 22 March 2017

PAST AND PRESENT UNITS ASSIGNED

Currently Assigned Units	Time Frame Assigned
<i>Squadrons</i>	
56th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron	27 September 2002-.
56th Component Repair Squadron	
later, 56th Component Maintenance Squadron	1 April 1994-. ²²
56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron	1 April 1994-. ²³
756th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron	27 September 2002-. ²⁴

Previously Assigned Units	Time Frame Assigned
<i>Squadrons</i>	
56th Contracting Squadron	1 November 1991 ²⁵ -4 January 1994 ²⁶
56th Logistics Support Squadron	1 November 1991 ²⁷ -30 September 1993
56th Logistics Support Squadron	
later, 56th Maintenance Operations Squadron	1 April 1994 ²⁸ -1 July 2013 ²⁹
56th Maintenance Squadron	1 November 1991 ³⁰ -4 January 1994 ³¹
56th Supply Squadron	28 July 1947-1 August 1948
	1 August 1948-6 February 1952
	1 November 1991 ³² -4 January 1994 ³³
	1 April 1994 ³⁴ -1 August 2002
56th Motor Vehicle Squadron, Fighter, Jet, Squadron	
later, 56th Motor Vehicle Squadron	1 August 1948-6 February 1952;
56th Transportation Squadron	1 November 1991 ³⁵ -4 January 1994 ³⁶
	1 April 1994 ³⁷ -1 August 2002

²² AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

²³ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

²⁴ AETC SO G-02-20, 23 July 2002

²⁵ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

²⁶ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

²⁷ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

²⁸ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

²⁹ AETC SO G-13-16, 13 June 2013

³⁰ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

³¹ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

³² TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

³³ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

³⁴ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

³⁵ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

³⁶ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

³⁷ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

Assignments. 56th Fighter Wing, 15 August 1947-1 August 1948. 56th Fighter (later 56th Fighter-Interceptor) Wing, 1 August 1948-6 February 1952. 56th Fighter Wing, 1 November 1991³⁸-4 January 1994. 56th Fighter Wing, 1 April 1994³⁹-.

Stations. Selfridge Field (later, AFB) 15 August 1947-6 February 1952. MacDill AFB, FL, 1 November 1991⁴⁰-4 January 1994. Luke AFB, AZ, 1 April 1994⁴¹-.

Emblem. [Group uses wing emblem with group designation in the scroll.] Emblem approved 16 May 2013.

Blazon. Tenné, a chevron Azure fimbriated Or, charged with two lightning bolts conjoined chevronwise of the third, all within a diminished bordure of the like.

Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "56TH MAINTENANCE GROUP" in Blue letters.

Motto. None.

Significance. Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The emblem is symbolic of the Wing. The heraldic chevron represents support and signifies the Wing's support of the Nation's quest for peace. The lightning bolt represents the speed and aggressiveness with which the unit performs. The colors represent the Air Corps and commemorate the service of the 56th Fighter Group, whose honors and history the Wing inherits.

³⁸ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

³⁹ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

⁴⁰ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

⁴¹ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

Commanders.

56th Maintenance and Supply Group [15 August 1947-1 August 1948]

Unknown	15 August 1947
Lt Col David K. Lyster, Jr.	31 August 1947
Lt Col Paul E. Hoeper	bef 20 April 1948

56th Maintenance and Supply Group [1 August 1948-6 February 1952]

Unknown	1 August 1948
Maj Francis M. Baker	bef 30 June 1949
Maj Morris Farber	bef 30 November 1949 [is it Morris or Norris?]
Lt Col Robert F. Baldwin	1 December 1949
Lt Col Roger W. Taylor	bef 31 March 1950
Lt Col Morris Farber	bef 31 May 1950[is it Morris or Norris?]

Lt Col Ernest J. White, Jr.	23 August 1950	(Brigadier General)
Col Matt G. Carpenter	May 1951[thru sep 51]	

56th Logistics Group [1 November 1991-4 January 1994;

1 April 1994-27 September 2002]

Col Clarence T. Lowry	1 November 1991
Col William E. Rupright	August 1992-4 January 1994

Col Elizabeth A. Harrell	1 April 1994 ⁴²	(Major General)
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Lt Col (later,

Col) John D. Ladieu 17 October 1994⁴³

Lt Col Jeffery C. Davis 1 October 1995⁴⁴

Col Hugh C. Robinson 15 December 1995⁴⁵

Lt Col (later, Col) Ron Lee 29 May 1998⁴⁶

Col Francis M. Bruno 25 April 2000⁴⁷ (Brigadier General)

Col Arthur B. Cameron, III 19 October 2001⁴⁸-27 September 2002
(Brigadier General)

⁴² [58 LG SO GK-001, 24 June 1993]

⁴³ 56 LSS SO SO-G-01, 26 January 1995

⁴⁴ 56 LSS SO GK-1, 4 October 1995

⁴⁵ 56 LSS SO SO-GK-2, 14 December 1995

⁴⁶ 56 FS SO GK-02, 28 May 1998

⁴⁷ 56 LG SO SO-GK-3, 10 April 2000

⁴⁸ 56 LG SO SO-GK-01, 4 October 2001

Commanders. (Continued)

56th Maintenance Group [27 September 2002-.]

Col Arthur B. Cameron, III	27 September 2002	(Brigadier General)
Col John P. Harris	2 July 2003 ⁴⁹	
Lt Col Geoffery S. Parkhurst	22 May 2006 ⁵⁰	
Col Algene Fryer	6 July 2006 ⁵¹	
Col Geoffery S. Parkhurst	29 August 2008 ⁵²	
Col Deborah J. Liddick.	23 July 2010 ⁵³	
Col Victor H. Mora	10 July 2012 ⁵⁴	
Col Ricky L. Ainsworth	16 July 2014 ⁵⁵	
Col Gregory E. Hutson	14 June 2017-Present. ⁵⁶	

Narrative. Organized as the 56th Maintenance and Supply Group at Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan, on 15 August 1947, the same day as the 56th Fighter Wing. The 56th Maintenance Group is one of the oldest organizations in the wing. The group supported the wing mission in Strategic Air Command's exercises, operations, and training programs. In July 1948, the group provided support to the first west-to-east jet fighter transatlantic crossing along the northern air in reaction to the Soviet Blockade of Berlin, Germany. On 1 August 1948, the group was discontinued and replaced by the 56th Maintenance and Supply Group. The two group's histories were later consolidated. Starting in December 1948, the group supported the wing's mission of air defense for a large portion of the northeastern United States. On 6 February 1952, the group inactivated, along with the 56th Fighter Wing. On 27 September 1984, the group was disestablished. On 28 October 1991, it was reestablished and redesignated the 56th Logistics Group. On 1 November 1991, the group reactivated at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. There the group supported the wing's mission to train pilots and weapon system officers to learn to fly the F-4D/E and later pilots to fly F-16s. The group provided logistic support to US Central Command and US Special Operations Command. On 4 January 1994, along with all of the other groups in the wing, the 56th Logistics Group inactivated. On 1 April 1994, the group reactivated at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. On 27 September 2002, the group was redesignated as the 56th Maintenance Group. While at Luke Air Force Base, the group continued to support the wing's mission to train F-16 pilots and deploy mission ready Airmen. Most recently the group supported the activation of the 56th Fighter Wing's 54th Fighter Group at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, on 1 March 2014, and the start of training F-35 pilots. Since 1994, the group earned 16 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards.

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⁴⁹ 56 MOS SO 56 MOS-G-2003-02, 1 July 2003

⁵⁰ 56 MOS SO 56 MOS-G-01, 10 May 2006

⁵¹ 56 MOS SO 56 MOS-G-04, 13 June 2006

⁵² 56 MXG SO 56 MOS-G-06, 2 February 2007

⁵³ 56 MSG SO G-026, 22 July 2010

⁵⁴ 56 MSG SO G-025, 10 July 2012

⁵⁵ 56 MSG SO GS-27-14, 18 July 2014

⁵⁶ 56 MSG SO G-15-17, 7 June 2017