

56th Contracting Squadron

Lineage.

Constituted as 56th Contracting Squadron
on 28 October 1991.

Activated on 1 November 1991.¹

Inactivated on 4 January 1994.²

Activated on 1 April 1994.³

Honors.

Decorations.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

- 1 July 1994-30 June 1996⁴
- 1 July 1996-30 June 1998⁵
- 1 July 1998-30 June 2000⁶
- 1 July 2001-30 June 2003⁷
- [1 July] 2003-30 June 2005⁸
- 1 July 2005-30 June 2006⁹
- 1 July 2006-30 June 2007¹⁰
- 1 July 2007-30 June 2008¹¹
- 1 July 2008-30 June 2009¹²
- 1 July 2009-30 June 2010¹³
- 1 July 2010-30 June 2011¹⁴
- 1 July 2011-30 June 2012¹⁵
- 1 July 2012-30 June 2013¹⁶
- 1 July 2013-30 June 2014¹⁷



¹ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

² ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

³ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

⁴ AETC SO GA-18, 15 November 1996

⁵ AETC SO GA-12, 9 November 1998

⁶ AETC SO GA-9, 8 December 2000

⁷ AETC SO GA-55, 29 April 2004

⁸ AETC SO GA-0052, 22 June 2006

⁹ AETC SO GA-045, 8 May 2007

¹⁰ AETC SO G-054, 28 February 2008

¹¹ AETC SO G-071, 3 April 2009

¹² AETC SO G-025, 11 March 2010

¹³ AETC SO G-086, 9 May 2011

¹⁴ AETC SO G-171, 17 April 2012

¹⁵ AETC SO G-036, 1 March 2013

¹⁶ AETC SO G-017, 1 February 2014

¹⁷ AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015

Decorations. (Continued)

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (Continued)

1 July 2014-30 June 2015¹⁸

1 July 2015-30 June 2016¹⁹

Assignments. . 56th Logistics Group on 1 November 1991²⁰-4 January 1994²¹ and 1 April 1994²²-27 September 2002. 56th Mission Support Group on 27 September 2002-²³ [My best guess]

Stations. MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, 1 November 1991²⁴-4 January 1994.²⁵ Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, 1 April 1994-²⁶

Aircraft. None.

Emblem. Approved on 22 June 2001

Blazon. On a disc Azure, a bezant enhanced surmounted by a bald eagle stooping Brown, garnished Argent, eyed and armed Sable, unfurled from its dexter talon a parchment Proper, garnished with a certification ribbon of the fourth, all within a diminished border Black.

Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "56TH CONTRACTING SQ" in Black letters.

Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "WE MAKE IT HAPPEN" in Black letters.

Motto. We Make It Happen.

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 eagle symbolizes the Air Force, holding the contract parchment representing the unit's mission of managing the formation of legal agreements in support of the parent wing.

¹⁸ AETC SO G-006, 14 October 2016

¹⁹ AETC SO G-022, 22 March 2017

²⁰ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

²¹ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

²² AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

²³ AETC SO G-02-20, 23 June 2002

²⁴ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

²⁵ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

²⁶ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

Commanders.

56th Contracting Squadron [1 November 1991-4 January 1994; 1 April 1994-.]

Lt Col Don Drenkhan	c. 1 November 1991-4 January 1994
Maj Gerald H. Jacques	1 April 1994 ²⁷
Maj Brenda J. Bobbitt	10 July 1996 ²⁸
Capt Anthony K. McGraw	bef 24 November 1998
Maj Karen L. Bruce	24 November 1998 ²⁹
Lt Col Jose R. Solis, Jr.	12 July 2001 ³⁰
Maj Richard E. Wells	23 July 2004 ³¹
Maj Thomas D. Ficklin	7 July 2006 ³²
Lt Col Rick C. Denmann	22 January 2007 ³³
Maj (later, Lt Col) Thomas D. Ficklin	30 July 2007 ³⁴
Lt Col Tommy M. Gates, III	1 July 2009 ³⁵
Maj Quoc-Nam T. Nguyen	18 June 2012 ³⁶
Maj (later, Lt Col) Rochelle D. Smith	1 July 2014 ³⁷
Maj Barbara M. Divine	1 July 2014-Presnt. ³⁸

Narrative.

On 28 October 1991, the 56th Contracting Squadron was constituted and activated on 1 November 1991 at MacDill AFB, Florida. It was assigned to the 56th Logistics Group until the squadron was inactivated on 4 January 1994.

When the 56th Fighter Wing moved to Luke AFB, Arizona, on 1 April 1994, the squadron reactivated under the group. On 27 September 2002, the squadron was reassigned to the 56th Mission Support Group when the group changed its name. Today, the squadron provides best value acquisition capabilities while preparing mission ready Airmen, developing leaders, and fostering community relations.

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²⁷ [58 FW SO n.n., c. 30 November 1993]

²⁸ 56 CONS SO SO-GX-0001, c. 8 July 1996

²⁹ 56 CONS SO GO-0009, 12 November 1998

³⁰ 56 CONS SO SO-GO-01, 12 July 2001

³¹ 56 MSS SO 56 CONS G-1 2004, 1 July 2004

³² 56 MSG SO MSG-06-04, 19 June 2006

³³ 56 MSG SO MSG-07-02, 27 December 2006

³⁴ 56 MSG SO MSG-06-04, 19 June 2006

³⁵ 56 MSG SO G-049, 24 September 2009

³⁶ 56 FW SO G-020, 28 June 2012

³⁷ 56 MSG SO GS-23-14, 24 June 2014

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