

## 54th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

### Lineage.

Designated as 4456th Aircraft Generation Squadron, and activated, on

15 January 1983.<sup>1</sup>

Inactivated on 15 May 1994.

Redesignated as 54th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron on 20 February 2014.

Activated on 1 March 2014.



### Honors.

#### Decorations.

**Air Force Outstanding Unit Award:**

1 June 1984-31 May 1986<sup>2</sup>

11 March 2014-30 June 2014<sup>3</sup>

**Assignments.** 56th Tactical Training (later, 56th Fighter) Wing, 15 January 1983; Ninth Air Force, 1 April-15 May 1994. 54th Fighter Group, 1 March 2014-.

**Stations.** MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, 15 January 1983-15 May 1994. Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, 1 March 2014-.

**Aircraft.** None.

**Emblem.** Approved on 10 November 2014.

**Blazon.** On a disc Azure, a stylized falcon's head erased, Gold Brown garnished Brun (Spice Brown), beak and eyed Or, pupil and nostril Sable, langued Gules, all within a narrow border Black.

Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "54TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQ" in Black letters.

Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "DUTY PRIDE RESPECT" in Black letters.

**Motto.** Duty Pride Respect.

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<sup>1</sup> HQ TAC SO GB-2, 12 January 1983

<sup>2</sup> DAF SO GB-275/1987

<sup>3</sup> AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015

**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 falcon signifies the graceful yet powerful, lightning-fast bird that embodies the speed and lethality of air operations. The unit motto is “DUTY PRIDE RESPECT.”.

**Commanders.**

***54th Aircraft Generation Squadron [15 January 1983-15 May 1994]***

Unknown	15 January 1983 <sup>4</sup>	
Lt Col James W. Miles	3 February 1983 <sup>5</sup>	
Lt Col Antonio Reyna	17 July 1984 <sup>6</sup>	
Maj Donald J. Wetekam	20 January 1987 <sup>7</sup>	(Lieutenant General)
Unmanned	2 July 1987 <sup>8</sup> -15 May 1995.	

***54th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron [1 March 2014-.]***

Lt Col Dominick J. Martin	1 March 2014-Present. <sup>9</sup>
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**Narative.**

The unit was originally designated and activated on 15 January 1983 as the 4456th Aircraft Generation Squadron at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, reporting to the 56th Tactical Training (later, 56th Fighter) Wing. There it provided flightline maintenance supporting the wing’s F-16 training mission. The squadron supervised the 63d and 72d Aircraft Maintenance Units. On 2 July 1987, the unit became unmanned when all its personnel and assets were combined back into the 56th Aircraft Generation Squadron. On 1 April 1994, the squadron was reassigned to Ninth Air Force. On 15 May 1994, the unit was inactivated.

On 20 February 2014, the unit was redesignated as the 54th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and activated on 1 March 2014 at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. Assigned to the 54th Fighter Group, the squadron accomplishes flightline maintenance in support of the group’s mission to train the best F-16 pilots in the world.

**Lineage, Assignments, Stations, and Honors through 14 Apr 2014.**

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<sup>4</sup> HQ TAC SO GB-2, 12 January 1983

<sup>5</sup> 56 CSG SO G-7, 3 February 1983

<sup>6</sup> 56 CSG SO G-16, 17 July 1984

<sup>7</sup> 56 CSG SO G-16, 20 January 1987

<sup>8</sup> 56 CSG SO G-56, 2 July 1987 & 56 TTW 1 July-31 December 1983 History

<sup>9</sup> 49 WG SO GS-14-008, 20 March 2014