

56th Component Maintenance Squadron

Lineage.

Constituted as 56th Armament and
Electronics Maintenance Squadron,
and activated, on 16 March 1967.
Organized on 8 April 1967.¹
Redesignated 56th Avionics Maintenance
Squadron on 1 January 1969.
Inactivated on 15 July 1974.²



Activated on 30 June 1975.³
Redesignated 56th Component Repair
Squadron on 15 June 1977.
Inactivated on 1 November 1991.

Activated on 1 April 1994.⁴
Redesignated 56th Component Maintenance Squadron on 27 September 2002.⁵

¹ PACAF SO G-41, 8 March 1967

² PACAF SO GA-20, 17 June 1974

³ TAC SO GA-12, 10 June 1975

⁴ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

⁵ AETC SO G-02-20, 23 July 2002

Honors.

Campaign Streamers.

Vietnam

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II [1967-1968]

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III [1968]⁶

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV [1968-1969]

Tet 1969 Counteroffensive [1969]

Vietnam Summer/Fall 1969 [1969]

Vietnam Winter/Spring 1970 [1969-1970]⁷

Sanctuary Counteroffensive [1970]⁸

Southwest Monsoon [1970]⁹

Commando Hunt V [1970-1971]⁹

Commando Hunt VI [1971]¹⁰

Commando Hunt VII [1971-1972]¹¹

Vietnam Cease Fire [1972-1973]¹²

Decorations.

Presidential Unit Citation

Southeast Asia 1 November 1968-1 May 1969¹³

Southeast Asia 1 October 1969-30 April 1970¹⁴

Southeast Asia 1 April 1972-22 February 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award:

1 December 1970-30 November 1971 with Combat "V" Device¹⁵

1 December 1971-29 February 1972 with Combat "V" Device¹⁶

23 February 1973-28 February 1974 with Combat "V" Device¹⁷

⁶ PACAF SO G-184, 30 July 1969

⁷ PACAF SO G-352, 14 June 1971

⁸ PACAF SO GB-0019, 31 January 1974

⁹ PACAF SO GB-0022, 31 January 1974

¹⁰ PACAF SO GB-0025, 31 January 1974

¹¹ PACAF SO GB-0027, 31 January 1974

¹² PACAF SO GB-0187, 15 July 1974

¹³ DAF SO GB-552/1970

¹⁴ DAF SO GB-352/1971

¹⁵ DAF SO GB-667, 28 September 1972

¹⁶ DAF SO GB-553/1973

¹⁷ DAF SO GB-600/1975

Decorations. (Continued)

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: (Continued)

1 January 1977-1 January 1979¹⁸
1 July 1980-31 May 1982¹⁹
1 June 1984-31 May 1986²⁰
1 May 1987-30 April 1989²¹
1 May 1989-30 April 1990²²
1 May 1990-30 April 1991²³
1 July 1994-30 June 1996²⁴
1 July 1996-30 June 1998²⁵
1 July 1998-30 June 2000²⁶
1 July 2001-30 June 2003²⁷
1 June [July] 2003-30 June 2005²⁸
1 July 2005-30 June 2006²⁹
1 July 2006-30 June 2007³⁰ [for 56th Consolidated MX Sq]
1 July 2007-30 June 2008³¹
1 July 2008-30 June 2009³²
1 July 2009-30 June 2010³³
1 July 2010-30 June 2011³⁴
1 July 2011-30 June 2012³⁵
1 July 2012-30 June 2013³⁶
1 July 2013-30 June 2014³⁷

¹⁸ DAF SO GB-719, 30 November 1979

¹⁹ DAF SO GB-117, 22 February 1983

²⁰ DAF SO GB-275/1987

²¹ TAC SO GA-053, 29 August 1989

²² TAC SO GA-048, 16 August 1990

²³ TAC SO GA-069/1991

²⁴ AETC SO GA-18/1996

²⁵ AETC SO GA-12/1998

²⁶ AETC SO GA-9/2000

²⁷ AETC SO GA-55/2004

²⁸ AETC SO GA-0052/2006

²⁹ AETC SO GA-045/2007

³⁰ AETC SO G-054/2008

³¹ AETC SO G-071/2009

³² AETC SO G-025/2010

³³ AETC SO G-086/2011

³⁴ AETC SO G-171/17 April 2012

³⁵ AETC SO G-036, 1 March 2013

³⁶ AETC SO G-017, 1 February 2014

³⁷ AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015

Decorations. (Continued)

Special Honors.

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross With Palm, 8 April [1967]-28 January 1973

Assignments. Pacific Air Forces, 16 March 1967. 56th Air Commando (later, 56th Special Operations) Wing 8 April 1967³⁸-15 July 1974. 56th Tactical Fighter (later, 56th Tactical Training, 56th Fighter) Wing, 30 June 1975-1 November 1991. 56th Logistics (later, 56th Maintenance) Group, 1 April 1994-.³⁹

Stations. Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, 8 April 1967⁴⁰-15 July 1974. MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, 30 June 1975-1 November 1991. Luke AFB, Arizona, 1 April 1994-.⁴¹

Aircraft. None.

Emblem. Approved on 13 July 1978; modified on 5 May 2003.

Blazon. On a disc Celeste, beneath five mullets enarched in chief Or, a large mullet Azure, thereon three flight symbols ascending palewise in chevron, the lower two emitting contrails embowed to dexter and sinister Argent, the top center one emitting a contrail flared out between the lower two Gules, all within a narrow border Black.

Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "56TH COMPONENT MAINTENANCE SQ" in Black 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 large star is representative of the insignia appearing on all Air Force aircraft. The three flight symbols allude to the space continuum, Air Force operations and the aggressiveness of component maintenance. The five stars denote flight operations, personnel, offices, shops and support structure.

³⁸ PACAF SO G-41, 8 March 1967

³⁹ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994; AETC SO G-02-20, 23 June 2002

⁴⁰ PACAF SO G-41, 8 March 1967

⁴¹ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

Commanders.

56th Armament and Electronics Maintenance Squadron [8 April 1967-1 January 1969]

Capt Robert N. Hancock	8 April 1967
Lt Col George A. Zukowski	by 16 September 1967
Capt David E. Hall	bef 10 December 1967
Capt Joseph S. Sansone	by 31 March 1968
Capt Billy C. McNair	25 April 1968
Maj Charles E. McCartney, Jr.	16 March 1968-1 January 1969

56th Avionics Maintenance Squadron [1 January 1969-15 July 1974

30 June 1975-15 June 1977]

Maj Charles E. McCartney, Jr.	1 January 1969
Capt Peter J. Larson	by May 1969
Capt Glenn A. Perkins	c. July 1969
Capt Peter J. Larson	November 1969
Lt Col Clifford D. Cork	January 1970
Maj Philip M. Middleton	28 September 1970
Lt Col Lewis C. Mayo, Jr.	6 November 1970
Lt Col John W. Douglas	by 4 November 1971
Capt William A. Carter	August 1972
Lt Col Joseph B. Kata	10 September 1972
Capt John A. Long	10 September 1973
Maj Robert L. Proteau	12 October 1973
Capt Keith S. Simpson	11 June 1974-15 July 1974
Lt Col Edgar L. Henley	30 June 1975
Lt Col William M. Stewart	1 September 1975
(4456) Lt Col Richard J. Pouliot	1 March 1977
Lt Col Grey L. Carter	22 May 1977-15 June 1977

Commanders. (Continued)

**56th Component Repair Squadron [15 June 1977-1 November 1991;
1 April 1994-27 September 2002]**

Lt Col Grey L. Carter	15 June 1977
Lt Col Joseph E. Jefferson	14 February 1979
Lt Col David R. Olds	2 May 1980
Maj Robert E. Alfred, Jr.	10 July 1981
Lt Col James W. Miles	9 July 1982 ⁴²
Lt Col Samuel M. O. Prince	27 January 1983 ⁴³
Lt Col John G. Sellers	11 July 1985
Lt Col Clarence L. Campbell, Jr.	29 May 1987
Maj Lisa B. Long	21 July 1989 ⁴⁴
Unknown	January 1991-1 November 1991
Lt Col Martha J. M. Kelley	1 April 1994 ⁴⁵
Maj (later, Lt Col) Deborah R. Sanders	3 June 1994 ⁴⁶
Maj Brett D. Haswell	19 September 1996 ⁴⁷
Lt Col Joseph A. Swillum	16 September 1998 ⁴⁸
Maj Richard S. Nelson	6 July 2000 ⁴⁹
Maj Douglas C. Cato	5 June 2001 ⁵⁰ -27 September 2002

⁴² 56 CSG SO G-9, 9 July 1982

⁴³ 56 CSG SO G-3, 27 January 1983

⁴⁴ 56 MSS SO G-003, 17 July 1989

⁴⁵ [58 MSS SO SO-G-72, 24 June 1992]

⁴⁶ 56 CRS SO GM-01, 3 June 1994

⁴⁷ 56 CRS SO GM-02, 18 September 1996

⁴⁸ 56 CRS SO GM-01, 10 August 1998

⁴⁹ 56 CRS SO GM-04, 28 June 2000

⁵⁰ 56 CRS SO0 GM-01, 25 May 2001

Commanders. (Continued)

56th Component Maintenance Squadron [27 September 2002-.]

Lt Col Barry G. Miller	27 September 2002 ⁵¹
Maj Bryan L. Harris	23 July 2004 ⁵²
Lt Col James R. Baumgardner	9 June 2006 ⁵³
Maj Brian P. Shawaryn	31 March 2008 ⁵⁴
Maj (later, Lt Col) Robert M. Brinker	11 July 2008 ⁵⁵
Maj (later, Lt Col) James A. Blackman	21 June 2010 ⁵⁶
Maj David A. Lemery	3 July 2013 ⁵⁷
Maj Scott B. Hall	27 June 2014 ⁵⁸
Maj Anthony W. Sutton	10 July 2015-Present. ⁵⁹

⁵¹ 56 CMS SO 56 CRS G-4, 26 September 2002

⁵² 56 CMS SO 56 CMS G-1, 23 July 2004

⁵³ 56 CMS SO 56 CMS GO 06-04, 9 June 2006

⁵⁴ 56 CMS SO GS 08-02, 31 March 2008

⁵⁵ 56 CMS SO GS 08-02, 31 March 2008

⁵⁶ 56 MSG SO G-014, 14 June 2010

⁵⁷ 56 MSG SO GS-17, 3 July 2013

⁵⁸ 56 MSG SO GS-09-14, 27 June 2014

⁵⁹ 56 MSG SO GS-17-15, 7 July 2015

Narrative.

During the Vietnam War, Pacific Air Forces constituted and activated the 56th Armament and Electronics Maintenance Squadron on 16 March 1967. The squadron was organized on 8 April 1967 at Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand and was assigned to the 56th Air Commando (later, 56th Special Operations) Wing. On 1 January 1969, it was redesignated as the 56th Avionics Maintenance Squadron. The unit was inactivated on 15 July 1974. While in Thailand, the squadron earned 12 Campaign Streamers, 3 Presidential Unit Citations, 3 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device, and a Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm.

The unit reactivated on 30 June 1975 at MacDill AFB, Florida. Assigned to the 56th Tactical Fighter (later, 56th Tactical Training, 56th Fighter) Wing, the squadron was redesignated as the 56th Component Repair Squadron on 15 June 1977. The squadron inactivated on 1 November 1991.

When the wing moved to Luke AFB, Arizona, on 1 April 1994, the squadron reactivated on 1 April 1994 as was assigned to the 56th Logistics (later, 56th Maintenance) Group. On 27 September 2002, the unit was redesignated and the 56th Component Maintenance Squadron. Today, the squadron provides specialized component repair of propulsion, avionics, accessories, and test, measurement, and diagnostics equipment systems to train the world's finest F-16 pilots and to support affiliate units.

Lineage, Assignments, Stations, and Honors through 27 December 2005.

Commanders through December 2005

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