

56th Maintenance Group



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Lineage.

Established as 56th Maintenance and Supply Group on 28 July 1947.
Organized on 15 August 1947.
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.
Disestablished on 27 September 1984.

Reestablished, and redesignated 56th Logistics Group, on 28 October 1991.
Activated 1 November 1991.
Inactivated on 4 January 1994¹

Activated 1 April 1994.²
Redesignated 56th Maintenance Group on 27 September 2002.³

¹ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

² AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

³ AETC SO G-02-20, 23 June 2002

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 June [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

⁴ AETC SO GA-18/1996

⁵ AETC SO GA-12/1998

⁶ AETC SO GA-9/2000

⁷ AETC SO GA-55/2004

⁸ AETC SO GA-0052/2006

⁹ AETC SO GA-045/2007

¹⁰ AETC SO G-054/2008

¹¹ AETC SO G-071/2009

¹² AETC SO G-025/2010

¹³ AETC SO G-086/2011

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

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-. ¹⁸
56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron	1 April 1994-. ¹⁹
756th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron	27 September 2002-. ²⁰

Previously Assigned Units	Time Frame Assigned
<i>Squadrons</i>	
56th Contracting Squadron	1 November 1991-4 January 1994 ²¹
56th Logistics Support Squadron	1 November 1991-30 September 1993
56th Logistics Support Squadron	
later, 56th Maintenance Operations Squadron	1 April 1994-1 July 2013 ²²
56th Maintenance Squadron	1 November 1991-4 January 1994 ²³
56th Supply Squadron	28 July 1947-1 August 1948
	1 August 1948-6 February 1952
	1 November 1991-4 January 1994 ²⁴
	1 April 1994 ²⁵ -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 1991-4 January 1994 ²⁶
	1 April 1994 ²⁷ -1 August 2002

¹⁸ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

¹⁹ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

²⁰ AETC SO G-02-20, 23 July 2002

²¹ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

²² AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994; AETC SO G-13-16, 13 June 2013

²³ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

²⁴ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

²⁵ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

²⁶ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

²⁷ 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 1991-4 January 1994. 56th Fighter Wing, 1 April 1994-.²⁸

Stations. Selfridge Field (later, AFB) 15 August 1947-6 February 1952. MacDill AFB, FL, 1 November 1991-4 January 1994. Luke AFB, AZ, 1 April 1994-.²⁹

Emblem. [Group will use the wing emblem with group designation in the scroll.] Emblem approved 19 April 1967. [Source: 1967 Emblem Approval Letter.]

Blazon. [Group will use the wing emblem with group designation in the scroll.] Tenne on a chevron azure fimbriated or two lightning flashes chevronwise of the last. [Source: 1967 Emblem Approval Letter.].

Motto. [Group will use the wing emblem with group designation in the scroll.] Cave Tonitrum (Beware of the Thunderbolt) . [Source: 1967 Emblem Approval Letter.]

Significance. [Group will use the wing emblem with group designation in the scroll.] The emblem is symbolic of the Wing. The heraldic chevron, represents support and signifies the Wing's support of our nation's quest for peace. The blue of the chevron represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. The lightning bolt symbolizes speed and aggressiveness with which the unit performs. The color of the shield represents the Air Corps and commemorates the service of the 56th Fighter Group, whose honors and history the Wing inherits. The emblem bears the Air Force colors of golden yellow and ultramarine blue. [Source: 1967 Emblem Approval Letter.]

²⁸ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

²⁹ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

Commanders.

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

Unknown	Unknown
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	Unknown
Maj Francis M. Baker	bef 30 June 1949
Maj Morris Farber	bef 30 November 1949
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

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

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 ³⁰	(Major General)
Lt Col (later, Col) John D. Ladieu	17 October 1994 ³¹	
Lt Col Jeffery C. Davis	1 October 1995 ³²	
Col Hugh C. Robinson	15 December 1995 ³³	
Lt Col (later, Col) Ron Lee	29 May 1998 ³⁴	
Col Francis M. Bruno	25 April 2000 ³⁵	(Brigadier General)
Col Arthur B. Cameron, III	19 October 2001 ³⁶ -27 September 2002	(Brigadier General)

³⁰ [58 LG SO GK-001, 24 June 1993]

³¹ 56 LSS SO SO-G-01, 26 January 1995

³² 56 LSS SO GK-1, 4 October 1995

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

³⁴ 56 FS SO GK-02, 28 May 1998

³⁵ 56 LG SO SO-GK-3, 10 April 2000

³⁶ 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 ³⁷	
Lt Col Geoffery S. Parkhurst	22 May 2006 ³⁸	
Col Algene Fryer	6 July 2006 ³⁹	
Col Geoffery S. Parkhurst	29 August 2008 ⁴⁰	
Col Deborah J. Liddick.	23 July 2010 ⁴¹	
Col Victor H. Mora	10 July 2012 ⁴²	
Col Ricky L. Ainsworth	16 July 2014-Present. ⁴³	

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

³⁸ 56 MOS SO 56 MOS-G-01, 10 May 2006

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

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

⁴¹ 56 MSG SO G-026, 22 July 2010

⁴² 56 MSG SO G-025, 10 July 2012

⁴³ 56 MSG SO GS-27-14, 18 July 2014

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 wing organizations. 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 route 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 to fly the F-16. 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 10 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards.

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