

## 56th Medical Support Squadron

### Lineage.

Constituted 56th Medical Support Squadron  
on 21 March 1994.

Activated on 1 April 1994.<sup>1</sup>

### Honors.

#### Decorations.

##### Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 July 1994-30 June 1996<sup>2</sup>  
1 July 1996-30 June 1998<sup>3</sup>  
1 July 1998-30 June 2000<sup>4</sup>  
1 July 2001-30 June 2003<sup>5</sup>  
1 June [July] 2003-30 June 2005<sup>6</sup>  
1 July 2005-30 June 2006<sup>7</sup>  
1 July 2006-30 June 2007<sup>8</sup>  
1 July 2007-30 June 2008<sup>9</sup>  
1 July 2008-30 June 2009<sup>10</sup>  
1 July 2009-30 June 2010<sup>11</sup>  
1 July 2010-30 June 2011<sup>12</sup>  
1 July 2011-30 June 2012<sup>13</sup>  
1 July 2012-30 June 2013<sup>14</sup>  
1 July 2013-30 June 2014<sup>15</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

<sup>2</sup> AETC SO GA-18/1996

<sup>3</sup> AETC SO GA-12/1998

<sup>4</sup> AETC SO GA-9/2000

<sup>5</sup> AETC SO GA-55/2004

<sup>6</sup> AETC SO GA-0052/2006

<sup>7</sup> AETC SO GA-045/2007

<sup>8</sup> AETC SO G-054/2008

<sup>9</sup> AETC SO G-071/2009

<sup>10</sup> AETC SO G-025/2010

<sup>11</sup> AETC SO G-086/2011

<sup>12</sup> AETC SO G-171/17 April 2012

<sup>13</sup> AETC SO G-036, 1 March 2013

<sup>14</sup> AETC SO G-017, 1 February 2014

<sup>15</sup> AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015

**Assignments.** 56th Medical Group, 1 April 1994-.<sup>16</sup>

**Stations.** Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, 1 April 1994-.<sup>17</sup>

**Emblem.** Approved on 15 November 1996

**Blazon.** A gules, or and ultramarine azure shield is centered on an ultramarine azure disc. A gules cross is surmounted over the shield at the nombril point. The disc is bordered with gules. An ultramarine azure scroll is attached below the disc. The scroll, which is blank, is also bordered with gules.

**Motto.** None.

**Significance.** Ultramarine Blue and Air Force Yellow are used in the design. Blue represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow signifies the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The Red Cross symbolizes the medical mission of the unit. The alternating YELLOW and RED represent the excellence and valor of support personnel in providing healthcare.

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<sup>16</sup> AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

<sup>17</sup> AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

**Commanders.*****56th Medical Support Squadron [1 April 1994-.]***

Lt Col Gary W. Milner	1 April 1994 <sup>18</sup>
Maj (later, Lt Col) Dale A. Villani	20 September 1996 <sup>19</sup>
Lt Col Douglas E. Anderson	1 August 1998 <sup>20</sup>
Lt Col Timothy R. McCormick	9 January 2001 <sup>21</sup>
Lt Col Fabrizio Saraceni	27 June 2002 <sup>22</sup>
Lt Col Jesus E. Zarate	10 June 2004 <sup>23</sup>
Lt Col Daniel Milnes	17 May 2006 <sup>24</sup>
Lt Col Ronald L. Johnson	22 May 2008 <sup>25</sup>
Lt Col Scott C. Suckow	14 June 2010 <sup>26</sup>
Maj (later, Lt Col) Gregory A. Coleman	15 June 2012 <sup>27</sup>
Lt Col Lauren H. Byrd	9 June 2014 <sup>28</sup> -Present.

**Narrative.**

The unit was constituted as the 56th Medical Support Squadron on 21 March 1994, activated on 1 April 1994 at Luke AFB, Arizona, and assigned to the 56th Medical Group. Today, the squadron ensures ready fighting forces by providing administrative, financial, data analysis, management, diagnostic and therapeutic services essential to health promotion and health care for 7,500 active duty and 84,000 eligible beneficiaries. The unit prepares wing personnel for expeditionary operations to support global missions. The squadron supports 131,000 annual patient visits in an integrated \$64M managed care environment with nine flights.

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<sup>18</sup> 56 MDSS SO GU-004, c. 12 May 1994

<sup>19</sup> 56 MDG SO GU-005, 12 September 1996

<sup>20</sup> 56 MSS SO GU-010, 10 August 1998

<sup>21</sup> 56 MDG SO GU-015, 15 February 2001

<sup>22</sup> 56 MDG SO GU-002, 20 June 2002

<sup>23</sup> 56 MDG SO 56 MDG G-1, 27 May 2004

<sup>24</sup> 56 MDG SO 56 MDG G-1, 9 May 2006

<sup>25</sup> 56 MDG SO 56MDSS SO G-1, 8 May 2008

<sup>26</sup> 56 MSG SO G-027, 14 June 2010

<sup>27</sup> 56 MDG SO G-014, 13 June 2012

<sup>28</sup> 56 MSG SO GS-19-14, 9 June 2014