

56th Contracting Squadron

Lineage.

Constituted as 56th Contracting Squadron
on 28 October 1991.

Activated on 1 November 1991.

Inactivated on 4 January 1994.¹

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Honors.

Decorations.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

- 1 July 1994-30 June 1996³
- 1 July 1996-30 June 1998⁴
- 1 July 1998-30 June 2000⁵
- 1 July 2001-30 June 2003⁶
- 1 June [July] 2003-30 June 2005⁷
- 1 July 2005-30 June 2006⁸
- 1 July 2006-30 June 2007⁹
- 1 July 2007-30 June 2008¹⁰
- 1 July 2008-30 June 2009¹¹
- 1 July 2009-30 June 2010¹²
- 1 July 2010-30 June 2011¹³
- 1 July 2011-30 June 2012¹⁴
- 1 July 2012-30 June 2013¹⁵
- 1 July 2013-30 June 2014¹⁶



¹ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

² AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

³ AETC SO GA-18/1996

⁴ AETC SO GA-12/1998

⁵ AETC SO GA-9/2000

⁶ AETC SO GA-55/2004

⁷ AETC SO GA-0052/2006

⁸ AETC SO GA-045/2007

⁹ AETC SO G-054/2008

¹⁰ AETC SO G-071/2009

¹¹ AETC SO G-025/2010

¹² AETC SO G-086/2011

¹³ AETC SO G-171/17 April 2012

¹⁴ AETC SO G-036, 1 March 2013

¹⁵ AETC SO G-017, 1 February 2014

¹⁶ AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015

Assignments. . 56th Logistics Group on 1 November 1991-4 January 1994¹⁷ and 1 April 1994¹⁸-27 September 2002. 56th Mission Support Group on 27 September 2002-¹⁹

Stations. MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, 1 November 1991-4 January 1994.²⁰ Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, 1 April 1994-²¹

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.

¹⁷ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

¹⁸ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

¹⁹ AETC SO G-02-20, 23 June 2002

²⁰ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

²¹ 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 ²²
Maj Brenda J. Bobbitt	10 July 1996 ²³
Capt Anthony K. McGraw	bef 24 November 1998
Maj Karen L. Bruce	24 November 1998 ²⁴
Lt Col Jose R. Solis, Jr.	12 July 2001 ²⁵
Maj Richard E. Wells	23 July 2004 ²⁶
Maj Thomas D. Ficklin	7 July 2006 ²⁷
Lt Col Rick C. Denmann	22 January 2007 ²⁸
Maj (later, Lt Col) Thomas D. Ficklin	30 July 2007 ²⁹
Lt Col Tommy M. Gates, III	1 July 2009 ³⁰
Maj Quoc-Nam T. Nguyen	18 June 2012 ³¹
Maj Rochelle D. Smith	1 July 2014-Presnt. ³²

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

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

²⁴ 56 CONS SO GO-0009, 12 November 1998

²⁵ 56 CONS SO SO-GO-01, 12 July 2001

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

²⁷ 56 MSG SO MSG-06-04, 19 June 2006

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

²⁹ 56 MSG SO MSG-06-04, 19 June 2006

³⁰ 56 MSG SO G-049, 24 September 2009

³¹ 56 FW SO G-020, 28 June 2012

³² 56 MSG SO GS-23-14, 24 June 2014