

56th Dental Squadron

Lineage.

Constituted 56th Dental Squadron on
21 March 1994.

Activated on 1 April 1994.¹

Honors.

Decorations.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

- 1 July 1994-30 June 1996²
- 1 July 1996-30 June 1998³
- 1 July 1998-30 June 2000⁴
- 1 July 2001-30 June 2003⁵
- 1 June [July] 2003-30 June 2005⁶
- 1 July 2005-30 June 2006⁷
- 1 July 2006-30 June 2007⁸
- 1 July 2007-30 June 2008⁹
- 1 July 2008-30 June 2009¹⁰
- 1 July 2009-30 June 2010¹¹
- 1 July 2010-30 June 2011¹²
- 1 July 2011-30 June 2012¹³
- 1 July 2012-30 June 2013¹⁴
- 1 July 2013-30 June 2014¹⁵



¹ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

² AETC SO GA-18/1996

³ AETC SO GA-12/1998

⁴ AETC SO GA-9/2000

⁵ AETC SO GA-55/2004

⁶ AETC SO GA-0052/2006

⁷ AETC SO GA-045/2007

⁸ AETC SO G-054/2008

⁹ AETC SO G-071/2009

¹⁰ AETC SO G-025/2010

¹¹ AETC SO G-086/2011

¹² AETC SO G-171/17 April 2012

¹³ AETC SO G-036, 1 March 2013

¹⁴ AETC SO G-017, 1 February 2014

¹⁵ AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015

Assignments. 56th Medical Group, 1 April 1994-.¹⁶

Stations. Luke AFB, Arizona, 1 April 1994-.¹⁷

Emblem. Approved on 5 November 1997

Blazon. Per fess Or and Azure in chief three rays issuant from fess point Gules the center one charged with the Roman cypher "D" debruised with a Staff of Aesculapius Sable, overall a bald eagle stooping Proper between three mullets arcing to base Argent; all within a diminished bordure Black.

Attached below the disc a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border.

Motto. None.

Significance. Blue and 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 red rays represent the valor displayed by unit members in performance of their duties. The Staff of Aesculapius denotes the medical profession. The letter "D" signifies the specific duties associated with dental health care. The eagle reflects the dental service provided by the nation's defenders. The stars reflect the excellent quality of health care provided by unit personnel.

¹⁶ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

¹⁷ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

Commanders.

56th Dental Squadron [1 April 1994-.]

Col Brian J. Seek	1 April 1994 ¹⁸
Col James W. Basden	15 August 1994 ¹⁹
Col Barry J. Baiorunos	7 August 1995 ²⁰
Lt Col (later, Col) Kevin F. Blair	4 August 1998 ²¹
Col Benjamin Blackham	11 July 2000 ²²
Col Peter C. Antinopoulos	13 August 2002 ²³
Col Jeffrey M. Swartz	29 June 2004 ²⁴
Col Glenn L. Terry	10 July 2007 ²⁵
Col Jeffery F. Baker	27 July 2009 ²⁶
Col Larry J. Evans	4 August 2011 ²⁷
Col Russell G. Boester	25 June 2014-Present. ²⁸

Narrative.

The unit was constituted as the 56th Dental Squadron on 21 March 1994 and activated on 1 April 1994 at Luke AFB, Arizona. It was assigned to the 56th Medical Group to provide dental care. Today the squadron promotes safety and wellness, ensures mission-ready forces, and provides great dental care.

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¹⁸ 56 MDSS SO GU-002, c. 12 May 1994

¹⁹ 56 MDG SO GU-005, 13 September 1994

²⁰ 56 MDG SO GU-005, 7 August 1995

²¹ 56 MDG SO GU-007, 3 August 1998

²² 56 MDG SO GU-011, 26 June 2000

²³ 56 MDG SO GU-004, 16 July 2002

²⁴ 56 MDG SO 56 MDG G-2, 27 May 2004

²⁵ 56 MDG SO 56 MDG G-2, 25 June 2007

²⁶ 56 MSG SO G-043, 29 July 2009

²⁷ 56 MDG SO G-020, 28 June 2011

²⁸ 56 MSG SO GS-17-14, 25 June 2014