



56TH COMPONENT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON
**CHANGE OF COMMAND
CEREMONY**



15 JUNE 2026



LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA

KEY PERSONNEL

PRESIDING OFFICER

Colonel Edward Romero
Commander, 56th Maintenance Group

OUTGOING COMMANDER

Major Travis C. Charfauros

INCOMING COMMANDER

Major Randall A. Garner

NARRATOR

Technical Sergeant Tyler C. Lewis

GUIDON BEARER

Senior Master Sergeant Olufemi A. Owolabi



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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Arrival of the Official Party

Presentation of the Colors

National Anthem

Airman First Class Joseph Q. Longhurst

Invocation

Chaplain William A. Langston

Remarks

Colonel Edward Romero

Medal Presentation

Remarks

Major Travis C. Charfauros

Change of Command

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Major Randall A. Garner

Air Force Song

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Closing Narration

Major Travis C. Charfauros

Major Travis C. Charfauros is the outgoing Commander, 56th Component Maintenance Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. He leads the Air Force's most diverse Component Maintenance Squadron which includes Egress, Fuels, the West Coast Hydraulics Centralized Repair Facility, Electro-Environmental, Intermediate Engine Maintenance for the F-135, Precision Measurement and Equipment Laboratory, Maintenance Training, Maintenance Management and Control Center, Quality Assurance, and Weapons Standardization. Maj Charfauros has deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, Freedom Sentinel, and Continuous Bomber Presence, leading efforts across multiple aircraft in AETC, AFGSC, PACAF and CENTCOM, to include the B-52, KC-135, F-15, B-1, F-16, and F-35.



Maj Charfauros' home is Box Elder, South Dakota. He entered South Dakota State University's R.O.T.C. program and received his commission in 2014. He has been married for four years to his wife Grace, and they have a two-year-old son named Malakai.

EDUCATION

2014 Bachelor of Arts in History, South Dakota State University
2015 Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course, Sheppard AFB, TX
2019 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL
2022 Master of Reverse Logistics Management, American Military University,
Charles Town, WV

ASSIGNMENTS

- Jul 14 – Dec 14, Student Pilot, 47th STUS, 47th Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, TX
- Jan 15 – Jun 15, Accessories Flight Commander, 5th MXS, 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, ND
- Jul 15 – Dec 16, Aerospace Ground Equipment Flight Commander, 5th MXS, 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, ND
- Jan 16 – May 18, 69th AMU Assitant OIC, 5th AMXS, 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, ND
- Jun 18 – Jul 19, 44th AMU OIC, 18th AMXS, 18th Wing, Kadena AB, Japan
- Aug 19 – May 20, Maintenance Operations Flight Commander, 18th MXG, 18th Wing, Kadena AB, Japan
- Jun 20 – Aug 21, 37th AMU OIC, 28th AMXS, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, SD
- Sep 21 – Apr 22, Director of Operations, 28th MUNS, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, SD
- May 22 – May 23, Director of Operations, 28th MXS, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, SD
- Jun 23 – May 24, Director of Operations, 28th AMXS, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, SD
- May 24 – Present, Commander, 56th Component Maintenance Squadron, Luke AFB, AZ

Major Randall A. Garner

Major Randall A. Garner is the incoming Commander, 56th Component Maintenance Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.



Major Garner entered the Air Force through enlisted Basic Military Training in November 2003 from his hometown of Houston, TX. Major Garner was a C-130 Dedicated Crew Chief, Flightline Expediter and AETC Master Instructor, spending 8.5 years enlisted as a Non-Commissioned Officer, commissioning through Officer Training School in April 2012. He has now served the United States Air Force over 22 years, with ample hands-on maintenance experience, and numerous backshop and flightline officer leadership experiences. Prior to his current position, Major Garner was the Commander, 756th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

Major Garner deployed in 2017 to Incirlik AB as the 414th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron's Director of Operations in support of Operations NOMAD SHADOW and INHERENT RESOLVE. Major Garner deployed again in 2018 as the 451st Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's Director of Operations to Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan in support of Operations FREEDOM'S SENTINEL and RESOLUTE SUPPORT.

EDUCATION

- 2003 Enlisted Basic Training, Lackland AFB, TX
- 2009 Basic Instructor Course, Sheppard AFB, TX
- 2009 CCAF, Aviation Maintenance Technology
- 2009 CCAF, Instructor of Technology and Military Science
- 2011 BS, Professional Aeronautics, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Magna Cum Laude
- 2012 Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2013 Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course, Sheppard AFB, TX
- 2015 MS, Aeronautical Science: Aeronautics & Aerospace/Aviation Operations, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- 2017 Maintenance Officer Intermediate Course, Sheppard AFB, TX
- 2019 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL (Residence)
- 2021 AFIT EWI Fellow, Amazon Air Technical Operations, Seattle, WA
- 2021 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL (Non-Residence)
- 2026 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL (Non-Residence, currently in-work)

ASSIGNMENTS

- Jun 04 – Jan 12, C-130 Dedicated Crew Chief, Expediter & AETC Master Instructor, Kirtland AFB, NM
- Jan 12 – Apr 12, Student, Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, AL
- Apr 12 – Apr 13, Student, Undergraduate Combat System Officer Training, Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL
- Apr 13 – Aug 13, Student, Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course, Sheppard AFB, TX
- Aug 13 – Jun 14, Aerospace Ground Equipment Flight Commander, 33rd Maintenance Squadron, Eglin AFB, FL
- Jun 14 – Jun 15, Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Unit (AMU) Officer-in-Charge (OIC) & AMU OIC, 58 AMU, 33rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (AMXS), Eglin AFB, FL
- Jun 15 – Sep 16, Executive Officer, 33rd Maintenance Group, Eglin AFB, FL
- Sep 16 – Jan 17, Director of Operations, 432 MXS, Creech AFB, NV
- Jan 17 – Aug 17, OIC, Operational Suitability, 556th Test and Evaluation Squadron, Creech AFB, NV
- Aug 17 – April 2019, Director of Operations, 432 MXS, Creech AFB, NV
- Apr 19 – Aug 20, Director of Operations, 432 AMXS, Creech AFB, NV
- Aug 20 – Jun 21, Air Force Institute of Technology Education With Industry Fellowship, Amazon Air Technical Operations, Seattle, WA
- Jul 21 – Mar 23, Branch Chief, Mobile Technology, then BLADE Program Manager, Pentagon, Headquarters Air Force
- Apr 23 – Jun 26, Commander, 756 AMXS, Luke AFB, AZ

History of the 56th Component Maintenance Squadron

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, three Presidential Unit Citations, three 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 was inactivated on 1 November 1991. When the wing moved to Luke AFB, Arizona, on 1 April 1994, the squadron reactivated and assigned to the 56th Logistics (later, 56th Maintenance) Group. On 27 September 2002, the unit was redesignated as the 56th Component Maintenance Squadron. Today, the squadron provides specialized component repair of Propulsion, Avionics, Accessories, and Test, Measurement, & Diagnostics Equipment systems to train the world's finest F-16 and F-35 pilots.

On 1 January 2018, the Component Maintenance Squadron absorbed Maintenance Operations, which was previously part of the Maintenance Group staff. Maintenance Operations has brought the functions of Quality Assurance, Plans & Scheduling, Analysis, Maintenance Training, Engine Management, Maintenance Operations Control, and Weapons Standardization to the 56th Component Maintenance Squadron. Although the 56th Maintenance Operations Squadron inactivated in 1 July 2013, Maintenance Operations has been involved in supporting a mission that has been identified with Luke AFB for more than 53 years: training combat aircrews second to none.

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THE CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

The change of command ceremony is a military tradition deeply rooted in history. Historically, the passing of a unit's flag was accomplished in front of the unit so all could see and witness the changing of leadership.

This symbolic tradition has survived throughout military history. The modern ceremony continues to announce to all, the authority of the incoming commander in the finest of military traditions.



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AIR FORCE SONG

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OFF WE GO INTO THE **WILD BLUE YONDER**,
CLIMBING HIGH INTO THE SUN;
HERE THEY COME ZOOMING TO MEET OUR THUNDER,
AT'EM NOW, GIVE'EM THE GUN!

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DOWN WE DIVE, SPOUTING OUR FLAME FROM UNDER,
OFF WITH ONE HELLUVA ROAR!
WE LIVE IN FAME OR GO DOWN IN FLAME. HEY!
NOTHING'LL STOP THE US AIR FORCE!

