

56th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron

Lineage.

Constituted 56th Aerospace Medicine Squadron on 21 March 1994.

Activated on 1 April 1994.¹

Redesignated 56th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron on 15 July 2019.²

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 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 July 2014-30 June 2015¹⁷



¹ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

² AETC SO G-19-31, 9 July 2019

³ AETC SO GA-18, 15 November 1996

⁴ AETC SO GA-12, 9 November 1998

⁵ AETC SO GA-9, 8 December 2000

⁶ AETC SO GA-55, 29 April 2004

⁷ AETC SO GA-0052, 22 June 2006

⁸ AETC SO GA-045, 8 May 2007

⁹ AETC SO G-054, 28 February 2008

¹⁰ AETC SO G-071, 3 April 2009

¹¹ AETC SO G-025, 11 March 2010

¹² AETC SO G-086, 9 May 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

¹⁷ AETC SO G-006, 14 October 2016

Decorations. (Continued)

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (Continued)

1 July 2015-30 June 2016¹⁸

1 July 2016-30 June 2017¹⁹

1 July 2017-30 June 2018²⁰

1 July 2018-30 June 2019²¹

Assignments. 56th Medical Group, 1 April 1994-.²²

Stations. Luke AFB, AZ, 1 April 1994-.²³

Emblem. Approved on 26 January 1996. Redrawn on 30 May 2019

Blazon. On a disc Azure, issuant from base a demi-sphere Celeste, edged and gridlined Sable, charged with a cross in perspective palewise Gules, as a runway garnished Argent, fimbriated of the third, surmounted in chief a caduceus of the fifth, edged of the third, with the lower portion of the staff of the fourth, issuing two speed lines chevronwise of the fifth; all within a narrow border Yellow.

Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed “PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE” in Yellow letters.

Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed “56TH AEROSPACE MEDICINE SQ” in Yellow letters.

Motto. Prevention Is Better Than Cure.

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 red cross represents strength within the medical arena as well as the “blanket” of medical commitment provided by unit personnel to both flying and non-flying military members. The caduceus, the symbolic staff of a herald, is at the point of the futuristic aircraft. This position signifies that the unit is ready to supply aeromedical support to aircrews, personnel and the environment elements of space. The earth signifies the worldwide commitment of peacekeeping and the environmental protection of air, water and land.

¹⁸ AETC SO G-022, 22 March 2017

¹⁹ AETC SO G-015, 19 Dec 2017

²⁰ AETC SO G-057, 20 May 2019

²¹ AETC SO G-013, 18 Dec 2019

²² AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

²³ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

Commanders.

56th Aerospace Medicine Squadron [1 April 1994-.]

Lt Col Howard D. Wilcox	1 April 1994 ²⁴
Lt Col Brian J. Funke	13 December 1995 ²⁵
Lt Col Richard L. Neel	13 September 1996 ²⁶
Maj (later, Lt Col) Richard A. Clark	9 January 1998 ²⁷
Lt Col Rolland C. Reynolds, Jr.	3 August 1999 ²⁸
Lt Col William H. Sneider, Jr.	17 July 2001 ²⁹
Lt Col Patrick P. Miles	9 July 2003 ³⁰
Lt Col Charles S. Tedder	14 March 2005 ³¹
Col Andrew Marchiando	10 June 2008 ³²
Col Neal R. Taylor	16 July 2010 ³³
Lt Col (later, Col) Daniel T. Smith	2 July 2012 ³⁴
Lt Col Robert W. Craig Gray	29 June 2015 ³⁵
Col Scott M. Cummis	14 July 2017 ³⁶
Col David J. Duval	4 January 2018 ³⁷
Col Edgar Rodriguez	1 July 2020-Present. ³⁸

Narrative.

The unit was constituted as the 56th Aerospace Medicine Squadron on 21 March 1994 and activated on 1 April 1994 at Luke AFB, Arizona, and assigned to the 56th Medical Group. On 15 July 2019, the unit was redesignated as the 56th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron and absorbed the duties of the 56th Dental Squadron. Today, the squadron provides routine medical care to the base flying population and their dependents. Personnel eligible for medical care include pilots, navigators, air traffic controllers, flight engineers, and all personnel and their dependents that hold a 1042 clearance to fly.

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²⁴ 56 MDSS SO GU-003, c. 12 May 1994

²⁵ 56 MDG SO GU-001, 8 December 1995

²⁶ 56 MDG SO GU-004, 12 September 1996

²⁷ 56 AMDS SO GU-003, 8 January 1998

²⁸ 56 MDG SO GU-014, 30 July 1999

²⁹ 56 MDG SO GU – 006, 11 July 2001

³⁰ 56 MDG SO 56 MDG G2003-2, 7 July 2003

³¹ 56 MDG SO G-05-01, 10 March 2005

³² 56 MDG SO 56 MDG G-2, 8 May 2008

³³ 56 MSG SO G-022, 7 July 2010

³⁴ 56 MSG SO G-027, 2 July 2012

³⁵ 56 MSG SO G-11-15, 15 June 2015

³⁶ 56 MSG SO G-25-17, 13 July 2017

³⁷ 56 MSG SO G-02-18, 7 February 2018

³⁸ 56 MSG SO G-20-022, 9 July 2020