

56th Component Maintenance Squadron

Lineage.

Constituted as 56th Armament and Electronics Maintenance Squadron, and activated, on 16 March 1967.

Organized on 8 April 1967.¹

Redesignated 56th Avionics Maintenance Squadron on 1 January 1969.

Inactivated on 15 July 1974.²

Activated on 30 June 1975.³

Redesignated 56th Component Repair Squadron on 15 June 1977.

Inactivated on 1 November 1991.⁴

Activated on 1 April 1994.⁵

Redesignated 56th Component Maintenance Squadron on 27 September 2002.⁶



Honors.

Campaign Streamers.

Vietnam

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II [1967-1968]

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III [1968]⁷

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV [1968-1969]

Tet 1969 Counteroffensive [1969]

Vietnam Summer/Fall 1969 [1969]

Vietnam Winter/Spring 1970 [1969-1970]⁸

Sanctuary Counteroffensive [1970]

Southwest Monsoon [1970]⁹

¹ PACAF SO G-41, 8 March 1967

² PACAF SO GA-20, 17 June 1974

³ TAC SO GA-12, 10 June 1975

⁴ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

⁵ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

⁶ AETC SO G-02-20, 23 July 2002

⁷ PACAF SO G-184, 30 July 1969

⁸ PACAF SO G-352, 14 June 1971

⁹ PACAF SO GB-0019, 31 January 1974

Honors. (Continued)

Campaign Streamers. (Continued)

Vietnam (Continued)

Commando Hunt V [1970-1971]¹⁰
Commando Hunt VI [1971]¹¹
Commando Hunt VII [1971-1972]¹²
Vietnam Cease Fire [1972-1973]¹³

Decorations.

Presidential Unit Citation

Southeast Asia 1 November 1968-1 May 1969¹⁴
Southeast Asia 1 October 1969-30 April 1970¹⁵
Southeast Asia 1 April 1972-22 February 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award:

1 December 1970-30 November 1971 with Combat "V" Device¹⁶
1 December 1971-29 February 1972 with Combat "V" Device¹⁷
23 February 1973-28 February 1974 with Combat "V" Device¹⁸

1 January 1977-1 January 1979¹⁹
1 July 1980-31 May 1982²⁰
1 June 1984-31 May 1986²¹
1 May 1987-30 April 1989²²
1 May 1989-30 April 1990²³
1 May 1990-30 April 1991²⁴
1 July 1994-30 June 1996²⁵

¹⁰ PACAF SO GB-0022, 31 January 1974

¹¹ PACAF SO GB-0025, 31 January 1974

¹² PACAF SO GB-0027, 31 January 1974

¹³ PACAF SO GB-0187, 15 July 1974

¹⁴ DAF SO GB-552/1970

¹⁵ DAF SO GB-352, 14 June 1971

¹⁶ DAF SO GB-667, 28 September 1972

¹⁷ DAF SO GB-553, 31 July 1973

¹⁸ DAF SO GB-600, 17 July 1975

¹⁹ DAF SO GB-719, 30 November 1979

²⁰ DAF SO GB-117, 22 February 1983

²¹ DAF SO GB-275/1987

²² TAC SO GA-053, 29 August 1989

²³ TAC SO GA-048, 16 August 1990

²⁴ TAC SO GA-069, 26 September 1991

²⁵ AETC SO GA-18, 15 November 1996

Decorations. (Continued)

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (Continued)

1 July 1996-30 June 1998²⁶
1 July 1998-30 June 2000²⁷
1 July 2001-30 June 2003²⁸
[1 July] 2003-30 June 2005²⁹
1 July 2005-30 June 2006³⁰
1 July 2006-30 June 2007³¹[for 56th Consolidated MX Sq]
1 July 2007-30 June 2008³²
1 July 2008-30 June 2009³³
1 July 2009-30 June 2010³⁴
1 July 2010-30 June 2011³⁵
1 July 2011-30 June 2012³⁶
1 July 2012-30 June 2013³⁷
1 July 2013-30 June 2014³⁸
1 July 2014-30 June 2015³⁹
1 July 2015-30 June 2016⁴⁰
1 July 2016-30 June 2017⁴¹
1 July 2017-30 June 2018⁴²
1 July 2018-30 June 2019⁴³

Special Honors.

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross With Palm, 8 April [1967]-28 January 1973

²⁶ AETC SO GA-12, 9 November 1998

²⁷ AETC SO GA-9, 8 December 2000

²⁸ AETC SO GA-55, 29 April 2004

²⁹ AETC SO GA-0052, 22 June 2006

³⁰ AETC SO GA-045, 8 May 2007

³¹ AETC SO G-054, 28 February 2008

³² AETC SO G-071, 3 April 2009

³³ AETC SO G-025, 11 March 2010

³⁴ AETC SO G-086, 9 May 2011

³⁵ AETC SO G-171, 17 April 2012

³⁶ AETC SO G-036, 1 March 2013

³⁷ AETC SO G-017, 1 February 2014

³⁸ AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015

³⁹ AETC SO G-006, 14 October 2016

⁴⁰ AETC SO G-022, 22 March 2017

⁴¹ AETC SO G-015, 19 Dec 2017

⁴² AETC SO G-057, 20 May 2019

⁴³ AETC SO G-013, 18 Dec 2019

Assignments. Pacific Air Forces, 16 March 1967. 56th Air Commando (later, 56th Special Operations) Wing 8 April 1967⁴⁴-15 July 1974. 56th Tactical Fighter (later, 56th Tactical Training, 56th Fighter) Wing, 30 June 1975-1 November 1991.⁴⁵ 56th Logistics (later, 56th Maintenance) Group, 1 April 1994⁴⁶-.

Stations. Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, 8 April 1967⁴⁷-15 July 1974. MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, 30 June 1975-1 November 1991.⁴⁸ Luke AFB, Arizona, 1 April 1994⁴⁹-.

Aircraft. None.

Emblem. Approved on 13 July 1978; modified on 5 May 2003.

Blazon. On a disc Celeste, beneath five mullets enarched in chief Or, a large mullet Azure, thereon three flight symbols ascending palewise in chevron, the lower two emitting contrails embowed to dexter and sinister Argent, the top center one emitting a contrail flared out between the lower two Gules, all within a narrow border Black.

Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "56TH COMPONENT MAINTENANCE SQ" in Black letters

Motto. None.

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 large star is representative of the insignia appearing on all Air Force aircraft. The three flight symbols allude to the space continuum, Air Force operations and the aggressiveness of component maintenance. The five stars denote flight operations, personnel, offices, shops and support structure.

⁴⁴ PACAF SO G-41, 8 March 1967

⁴⁵ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

⁴⁶ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994; AETC SO G-02-20, 23 June 2002

⁴⁷ PACAF SO G-41, 8 March 1967

⁴⁸ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

⁴⁹ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

Commanders.

56th Armament and Electronics Maintenance Squadron [8 April 1967-1 January 1969]

Capt Robert N. Hancock	8 April 1967
Lt Col George A. Zukowski	by 16 September 1967
Capt David E. Hall	bef 10 December 1967
Capt Joseph S. Sansone	by 31 March 1968
Capt Billy C. McNair	25 April 1968
Maj Charles E. McCartney, Jr.	16 March 1968-1 January 1969

56th Avionics Maintenance Squadron [1 January 1969-15 July 1974; 30 June 1975-15 June 1977]

Maj Charles E. McCartney, Jr.	1 January 1969
Capt Peter J. Larson	by May 1969
Capt Glenn A. Perkins	c. July 1969
Capt Peter J. Larson	November 1969
Lt Col Clifford D. Cork	January 1970
Maj Philip M. Middleton	28 September 1970
Lt Col Lewis C. Mayo, Jr.	6 November 1970
Lt Col John W. Douglas	by 4 November 1971
Capt William A. Carter	August 1972
Lt Col Joseph B. Kata	10 September 1972
Capt John A. Long	10 September 1973
Maj Robert L. Proteau	12 October 1973
Capt Keith S. Simpson	11 June 1974-15 July 1974
Lt Col Edgar L. Henley	30 June 1975
Lt Col William M. Stewart	1 September 1975
(4456) Lt Col Richard J. Pouliot	1 March 1977
Lt Col Grey L. Carter	22 May 1977-15 June 1977

Commanders. (Continued)

***56th Component Repair Squadron [15 June 1977-1 November 1991;
1 April 1994-27 September 2002]***

Lt Col Grey L. Carter	15 June 1977
Lt Col Joseph E. Jefferson	14 February 1979
Lt Col David R. Olds	2 May 1980
Maj Robert E. Alfred, Jr.	10 July 1981
Lt Col James W. Miles	9 July 1982 ⁵⁰
Lt Col Samuel M. O. Prince	27 January 1983 ⁵¹
Lt Col John G. Sellers	11 July 1985
Lt Col Clarence L. Campbell, Jr.	29 May 1987
Maj Lisa B. Long	21 July 1989 ⁵²
Unknown	January 1991-1 November 1991
Lt Col Martha J. M. Kelley	1 April 1994 ⁵³
Maj (later, Lt Col) Deborah R. Sanders	3 June 1994 ⁵⁴
Maj Brett D. Haswell	19 September 1996 ⁵⁵
Lt Col Joseph A. Swillum	16 September 1998 ⁵⁶
Maj Richard S. Nelson	6 July 2000 ⁵⁷
Maj Douglas C. Cato	5 June 2001 ⁵⁸ -27 September 2002

⁵⁰ 56 CSG SO G-9, 9 July 1982

⁵¹ 56 CSG SO G-3, 27 January 1983

⁵² 56 MSS SO G-003, 17 July 1989

⁵³ [58 MSS SO SO-G-72, 24 June 1992]

⁵⁴ 56 CRS SO GM-01, 3 June 1994

⁵⁵ 56 CRS SO GM-02, 18 September 1996

⁵⁶ 56 CRS SO GM-01, 10 August 1998

⁵⁷ 56 CRS SO GM-04, 28 June 2000

⁵⁸ 56 CRS SO GM-01, 25 May 2001

Commanders. (Continued)

56th Component Maintenance Squadron [27 September 2002-]

Lt Col Barry G. Miller	27 September 2002 ⁵⁹
Maj Bryan L. Harris	23 July 2004 ⁶⁰
Lt Col James R. Baumgardner	9 June 2006 ⁶¹
Maj Brian P. Shawaryn	31 March 2008 ⁶²
Maj (later, Lt Col) Robert M. Brinker	11 July 2008 ⁶³
Maj (later, Lt Col) James A. Blackman	21 June 2010 ⁶⁴
Maj David A. Lemery	3 July 2013 ⁶⁵
Maj Scott B. Hall	27 June 2014 ⁶⁶
Maj Anthony W. Sutton	10 July 2015 ⁶⁷
Maj Edward Romero	8 June 2017 ⁶⁸
Maj Julia H. Mafnas	21 June 2018 ⁶⁹
Maj Joseph D. Langan	8 June 2017-Present. ⁷⁰

Narrative.

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, 3 Presidential Unit Citations, 3 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 inactivated on 1 November 1991.

⁵⁹ 56 CMS SO 56 CRS G-4, 26 September 2002

⁶⁰ 56 CMS SO 56 CMS G-1, 23 July 2004

⁶¹ 56 CMS SO 56 CMS GO 06-04, 9 June 2006

⁶² 56 CMS SO GS 08-01, 31 March 2008

⁶³ 56 CMS SO GS 08-02, 31 March 2008

⁶⁴ 56 MSG SO G-014, 14 June 2010

⁶⁵ 56 MSG SO GS-17, 3 July 2013

⁶⁶ 56 MSG SO GS-09-14, 27 June 2014

⁶⁷ 56 MSG SO GS-17-15, 7 July 2015

⁶⁸ 56 MSG SO G-12-17, 1 June 2017

⁶⁹ 56 MSG SO G-12-18, 4 June 2018

⁷⁰ 56 MSG SO G-19-038, 11 June 2019

When the wing moved to Luke AFB, Arizona, on 1 April 1994, the squadron reactivated on 1 April 1994 as was 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, and diagnostics equipment systems to train the world's finest F-16 pilots and to support affiliate units.

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Endnotes.