

## 56th Comptroller Squadron

### Lineage.

Constituted 56th Finance Disbursing Unit,  
Fighter, Jet, on 14 June 1948.

Activated on 1 August 1948.

Inactivated on 1 November 1949.

Disbanded on 9 August 1950.

Reconstituted, redesignated 56th Comptroller  
Squadron, and activated, on 15 August  
1988.

Inactivated on 4 January 1994.<sup>1</sup>

Activated on 1 April 1994.<sup>2</sup>

### Honors.

### Decorations.

#### Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 May 1987-30 April 1989<sup>3</sup>

1 May 1989-30 April 1990<sup>4</sup>

1 May 1990-30 April 1991<sup>5</sup>

1 July 1994-30 June 1996<sup>6</sup>

1 July 1996-30 June 1998<sup>7</sup>

1 July 1998-30 June 2000<sup>8</sup>

1 July 2001-30 June 2003<sup>9</sup>

[1 July] 2003-30 June 2005<sup>10</sup>

1 July 2005-30 June 2006<sup>11</sup>

1 July 2006-30 June 2007<sup>12</sup>

1 July 2007-30 June 2008<sup>13</sup>



<sup>1</sup> ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

<sup>2</sup> AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

<sup>3</sup> TAC SO GA-053, 29 August 1989

<sup>4</sup> TAC SO GA-048, 16 August 1990

<sup>5</sup> TAC SO GA-069, 26 September 1991

<sup>6</sup> AETC SO GA-18, 15 November 1996

<sup>7</sup> AETC SO GA-12, 9 November 1998

<sup>8</sup> AETC SO GA-9, 8 December 2000

<sup>9</sup> AETC SO GA-55, 29 April 2004

<sup>10</sup> AETC SO GA-0052, 22 June 2006

<sup>11</sup> AETC SO GA-045, 8 May 2007

<sup>12</sup> AETC SO G-054, 28 February 2008

<sup>13</sup> AETC SO G-071, 3 April 2009

**Decorations. (Continued)**

**Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (Continued)**

1 July 2008-30 June 2009<sup>14</sup>  
1 July 2009-30 June 2010<sup>15</sup>  
1 July 2010-30 June 2011<sup>16</sup>  
1 July 2011-30 June 2012<sup>17</sup>  
1 July 2012-30 June 2013<sup>18</sup>  
1 July 2013-30 June 2014<sup>19</sup>  
1 July 2014-30 June 2015<sup>20</sup>  
1 July 2015-30 June 2016<sup>21</sup>  
1 July 2016-30 June 2017<sup>22</sup>  
1 July 2017-30 June 2018<sup>23</sup>  
1 July 2018-30 June 2019<sup>24</sup>

**Assignments.** 56th Air Base Group 1 August 1948-1 November 1949; 56th Tactical Training (later, 56th Fighter) Wing, 15 August 1988-4 January 1994<sup>25</sup>; 1 April 1994-.<sup>26</sup>

**Stations.** Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan, 1 August 1948-1 November 1949. MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, 15 August 1988-4 January 1994.<sup>27</sup> Luke AFB, AZ, 1 April 1994-.<sup>28</sup>

**Aircraft.** None.

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<sup>14</sup> AETC SO G-025, 11 March 2010

<sup>15</sup> AETC SO G-086, 9 May 2011

<sup>16</sup> AETC SO G-171, 17 April 2012

<sup>17</sup> AETC SO G-036, 1 March 2013

<sup>18</sup> AETC SO G-017, 1 February 2014

<sup>19</sup> AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015

<sup>20</sup> AETC SO G-006, 14 October 2016

<sup>21</sup> AETC SO G-022, 22 March 2017

<sup>22</sup> AETC SO G-015, 19 Dec 2017

<sup>23</sup> AETC SO G-057, 20 May 2019

<sup>24</sup> AETC SO G-013, 18 Dec 2019

<sup>25</sup> ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

<sup>26</sup> AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

<sup>27</sup> ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

<sup>28</sup> AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

**Emblem.** Approved on 22 June 1989. Changed and approved on 28 August 2001. Redrawn 12 June 2019.

**Blazon.** On a disc Azure, two lightning bolts chevronwise Or throughout, surmounted at chief by a moneybag Argent, banded, detailed, and charged with a dollar sign Sable, superimposed by a stylized demi-coyote statant Brün, issuant from sinister, detailed and shaded of the fourth, eyed and teeth of the third, langued Scarlet; all within a narrow border Yellow.

Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed “COYOTES” in Yellow letters.

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

**Motto.** Coyotes

**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 coyote signifies the adaptability of the unit to overcome constraints and adverse conditions to accomplish the mission, just as the coyote adapts to its surroundings to survive. The moneybag reflects the fiscal responsibilities of the unit. The lightning bolt stands for the Squadron’s quick and flawless execution of the mission.

**Commanders.**

***56th Finance Disbursing Unit, Fighter, Jet [1 August 1948-1 November 1949]***

Unknown

Unknown

***56th Comptroller Squadron [15 August 1988-4 January 1994; 1 April 1994-.]***

Unknown

15 August 1988

Maj Joseph J. Waters

13 September 1988<sup>29</sup>

Maj Clinton T. Johnson

4 October 1989

Maj Richard B. Weathers

14 February 1992-4 January 1994

Maj Eugene Dacus

1 April 1994<sup>30</sup>

Maj Etoya B. Hearon

15 August 1994<sup>31</sup>

Maj Janet A. Young

25 November 1996<sup>32</sup>

Lt Col Robert M. Smith

30 July 1998<sup>33</sup>

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<sup>29</sup> 56 CSG SO G-95, 13 September 1988

<sup>30</sup> 58 MSS SO GB-002, 21 January 1993

<sup>31</sup> 56 MSS SO GB-002, 31 August 1994

<sup>32</sup> 56 CPTS SO G-2, 22 November 1996

<sup>33</sup> 56 CPTS SO 001, 30 July 1998

## Commanders. (Continued)

Lt Col Michael R. Shaw	11 July 2000 <sup>34</sup>	
Maj Roy C. Russell	16 July 2002 <sup>35</sup>	
Lt Col Kent I. Meredith	1 July 2004 <sup>36</sup>	
Lt Col Vernet Smith	20 June 2007 <sup>37</sup>	
Maj (later Lt Col) Quy H. Nguyen	20 July 2009 <sup>38</sup>	
Maj Jessi Rozman (later, Schaefer)	7 July 2011 <sup>39</sup>	
Maj Scott E. Smith	12 July 2013 <sup>40</sup>	Ret
Maj Joseph E. Nicholas	26 June 2015 <sup>41</sup>	
Maj Sean J. Kelliher	30 May 2018-Present. <sup>42</sup>	

## Narrative.

The squadron was constituted on 14 June 1948 as the 56th Finance Disbursing Unit, Fighter, Jet. It activated on 1 August 1948 at Selfridge AFB, Michigan, under the 56th Air Base Group. It inactivated on 1 November 1949 and was disbanded on 9 August 1950.

On 15 August 1988, the unit was reconstituted, redesignated as the 56th Comptroller Squadron, and activated at MacDill AFB, Florida. It was assigned to the 56th Tactical Training (later, 56th Fighter) Wing. Initially, the squadron included the contracting function until 1 November 1991, when the 56th Contracting Squadron activated. In addition to taking care of the wing, the squadron was responsible for the day-to-day financial support of US Central Command and US Special Operations Command. The 56th Comptroller Squadron inactivated on 4 January 1994.

When the 56th Fighter Wing moved to Luke AFB, Arizona, on 1 April 1994, the squadron reactivated under the wing. Today the 56th Comptroller Squadron delivers world-class decision support on all financial matters while deploying mission-ready Airmen.

**Locally Updated on 20 February 2020**

**Locally Updated by Rick Griset**

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<sup>34</sup> 56 CPTS SO G-001, 5 August 2000

<sup>35</sup> 56 MSS SO 56 CPTS G-1, 16 July 2002

<sup>36</sup> 56 MSS SO 56CPTS G-1 2004, 29 July 2004

<sup>37</sup> 56 MSG SO MSG-07-06, 5 June 2007

<sup>38</sup> 56 FSS SO G-041, 16 July 2009

<sup>39</sup> 56 FSS SO G-021, 7 July 2011

<sup>40</sup> 56 FSS SO G-025, 12 July 2013

<sup>41</sup> 56 FSS SO GS-15-15, 7 July 2015

<sup>42</sup> 56 FSS SO GS-15-18, 7 Jun 2018