Lineage.
Established as 56th Maintenance and Supply Group on 28 July 1947.
Organized on 15 August 1947.\(^1\)
Discontinued on 1 August 1948.

Consolidated (19 September 1995) with the 56th Maintenance and Supply Group, which was established on 14 June 1948.
Activated on 1 August 1948.
Inactivated on 6 February 1952.
Disbanded on 27 September 1984.

Reconstituted, and redesignated 56th Logistics Group, on 28 October 1991.
Activated 1 November 1991.\(^2\)
Inactivated on 4 January 1994\(^3\)

Activated 1 April 1994.\(^4\)
Redesignated 56th Maintenance Group on 27 September 2002.\(^5\)

\(^1\) GO-77, 20 August 1947
\(^2\) TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991
\(^3\) ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993
\(^4\) AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994
\(^5\) AETC SO G-02-20, 23 June 2002
Honors.
Decorations.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
- 1 July 1994-30 June 1996\(^6\)
- 1 July 1996-30 June 1998\(^7\)
- 1 July 1998-30 June 2000\(^8\)
- 1 July 2001-30 June 2003\(^9\)
- 1 July 2003-30 June 2005\(^{10}\)
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- 1 July 2016-30 June 2017\(^{22}\)
- 1 July 2017-30 June 2018\(^{23}\)
- 1 July 2018-30 June 2019\(^{24}\)

\(^{6}\) AETC SO GA-18, 15 November 1996
\(^{7}\) AETC SO GA-12, 9 November 1998
\(^{8}\) AETC SO GA-9, 8 December 2000
\(^{9}\) AETC SO GA-55, 29 April 2004
\(^{10}\) AETC SO GA-0052, 22 June 2006
\(^{11}\) AETC SO GA-045, 8 May 2007
\(^{12}\) AETC SO G-054, 28 February 2008
\(^{13}\) AETC SO G-071, 3 April 2009
\(^{14}\) AETC SO G-025, 11 March 2010
\(^{15}\) AETC SO G-086, 9 May 2011
\(^{16}\) AETC SO G-171, 17 April 2012
\(^{17}\) AETC SO G-036, 1 March 2013
\(^{18}\) AETC SO G-017, 1 February 2014
\(^{19}\) AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015
\(^{20}\) AETC SO G-006, 14 October 2016
\(^{21}\) AETC SO G-022, 22 March 2017
\(^{22}\) AETC SO G-015, 19 Dec 2017
\(^{23}\) AETC SO G-057, 20 May 2019
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**Assignments.** 56th Fighter Wing, 15 August 1947-1 August 1948. 56th Fighter (later 56th Fighter-Interceptor) Wing, 1 August 1948-6 February 1952. 56th Fighter Wing, 1 November 1991-4 January 1994. 56th Fighter Wing, 1 April 1994-.


**Emblem.** [Group uses wing emblem with group designation in the scroll.] Emblem approved 16 May 2013.

**Blazon.** Tenné, a chevron Azure fimbriated Or, charged with two lightning bolts conjoined chevronwise of the third, all within a diminished bordure of the like.

Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed “56TH MAINTENANCE GROUP” in Blue 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 emblem is symbolic of the Wing. The heraldic chevron represents support and signifies the Wing’s support of the Nation’s quest for peace. The lightning bolt represents the speed and aggressiveness with which the unit performs. The colors represent the Air Corps and commemorate the service of the 56th Fighter Group, whose honors and history the Wing inherits.

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41 TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991
42 AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994
43 TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991
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Commanders.

**56th Maintenance and Supply Group** [15 August 1947-1 August 1948]

- Unknown
- Lt Col David K. Lyster, Jr. 31 August 1947
- Lt Col Paul E. Hoeper bef 20 April 1948

**56th Maintenance and Supply Group** [1 August 1948-6 February 1952]

- Unknown
- Maj Francis M. Baker bef 30 June 1949
- Maj Morris Farber bef 30 November 1949
- Lt Col Robert F. Baldwin 1 December 1949
- Lt Col Roger W. Taylor bef 31 March 1950
- Lt Col Morris Farber bef 31 May 1950
- Lt Col Ernest J. White, Jr. 23 August 1950 (Brigadier General)
- Col Matt G. Carpenter May 1951[thru Sep 51]


- Col Clarence T. Lowry 1 November 1991
- Col Elizabeth A. Harrell 1 April 1994\(^{45}\) (Major General)
- Lt Col (later, Col) John D. Ladieu 17 October 1994\(^{46}\)
- Lt Col Jeffery C. Davis 1 October 1995\(^{47}\)
- Col Hugh C. Robinson 15 December 1995\(^{48}\)
- Lt Col (later, Col) Ron Lee 29 May 1998\(^{49}\)
- Col Francis M. Bruno 25 April 2000\(^{50}\) (Brigadier General)
- Col Arthur B. Cameron, III 19 October 2001\(^{51}\)-27 September 2002 (Brigadier General)

\(^{45}\) [58 LG SO GK-001, 24 June 1993]
\(^{46}\) 56 LSS SO SO-G-01, 26 January 1995
\(^{47}\) 56 LSS SO GK-1, 4 October 1995
\(^{48}\) 56 LSS SO SO-GK-2, 14 December 1995
\(^{49}\) 56 FS SO GK-02, 28 May 1998
\(^{50}\) 56 LG SO SO-GK-3, 10 April 2000
\(^{51}\) 56 LG SO SO-GK-01, 4 October 2001
Commanders. (Continued)

56th Maintenance Group [27 September 2002-]

Col Arthur B. Cameron, III   27 September 2002  (Brigadier General)
Col John P. Harris   2 July 2003\textsuperscript{52}
Lt Col Geoffery S. Parkhurst  22 May 2006\textsuperscript{53}
Col Algene Fryer   6 July 2006\textsuperscript{54}
Col Geoffery S. Parkhurst  29 August 2008\textsuperscript{55}
Col Deborah J. Liddick.   23 July 2010\textsuperscript{56}
Col Victor H. Mora   10 July 2012\textsuperscript{57}
Col Ricky L. Ainsworth   16 July 2014\textsuperscript{58}
Col Gregory E. Hutson   14 June 2017\textsuperscript{59}
Col Michael P. Allison  3 July 2019-Present.\textsuperscript{60}

Narrative. Organized as the 56th Maintenance and Supply Group at Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan, on 15 August 1947, the same day as the 56th Fighter Wing. The 56th Maintenance Group is one of the oldest organizations in the wing. The group supported the wing mission in Strategic Air Command’s exercises, operations, and training programs. In July 1948, the group provided support to the first west-to-east jet fighter transatlantic crossing along the northern air in reaction to the Soviet Blockade of Berlin, Germany. On 1 August 1948, the group was discontinued and replaced by the 56th Maintenance and Supply Group. The two group’s histories were later consolidated. Starting in December 1948, the group supported the wing’s mission of air defense for a large portion of the northeastern United States. On 6 February 1952, the group inactivated, along with the 56th Fighter Wing. On 27 September 1984, the group was disestablished. On 28 October 1991, it was reestablished and redesignated the 56th Logistics Group. On 1 November 1991, the group reactivated at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. There the group supported the wing’s mission to train pilots and weapon system officers to learn to fly the F-4D/E and later pilots to fly F-16s. The group provided logistic support to US Central Command and US Special Operations Command. On 4 January 1994, along with all of the other groups in the wing, the 56th Logistics Group inactivated. On 1 April 1994, the group reactivated at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. On 27 September 2002, the group was redesignated as the 56th Maintenance Group. While at Luke Air Force Base, the group continued to support the wing’s mission to train F-16 pilots and deploy mission ready Airmen. Most recently the group supported the activation of the 56th Fighter Wing’s 54th Fighter Group at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, on 1 March 2014, and the start of training F-35 pilots. Since 1994, the group

\textsuperscript{52} 56 MOS SO 56 MOS-G-2003-02, 1 July 2003
\textsuperscript{53} 56 MOS SO 56 MOS-G-01, 10 May 2006
\textsuperscript{54} 56 MOS SO 56 MOS-G-04, 13 June 2006
\textsuperscript{55} 56 MXG SO 56 MOS-G-06, 2 February 2007
\textsuperscript{56} 56 MSG SO G-026, 22 July 2010
\textsuperscript{57} 56 MSG SO G-025, 10 July 2012
\textsuperscript{58} 56 MSG SO GS-27-14, 18 July 2014
\textsuperscript{59} 56 MSG SO G-15-17, 7 June 2017
\textsuperscript{60} 56 MSG SO G-19-037, 27 June 2019
earned 19 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards and won the Daedalian’s Maj. Gen. Clements McMullen Weapons System Maintenance Award three times, for 1996, 2006 and 2018. The Daedalians gave out the award to the best wing-level weapons system maintenance organization in the Air Force each year.

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