

## 56th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron

### Lineage.

Constituted 56th Aerospace Medicine Squadron  
on 21 March 1994.

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

Redesignated 56th Operational Medical Readiness  
Squadron on 15 July 2019.<sup>2</sup>

### Honors.

#### Decorations.

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

- 1 July 1994-30 June 1996<sup>3</sup>
- 1 July 1996-30 June 1998<sup>4</sup>
- 1 July 1998-30 June 2000<sup>5</sup>
- 1 July 2001-30 June 2003<sup>6</sup>
- [1 July] 2003-30 June 2005<sup>7</sup>
- 1 July 2005-30 June 2006<sup>8</sup>
- 1 July 2006-30 June 2007<sup>9</sup>
- 1 July 2007-30 June 2008<sup>10</sup>
- 1 July 2008-30 June 2009<sup>11</sup>
- 1 July 2009-30 June 2010<sup>12</sup>
- 1 July 2010-30 June 2011<sup>13</sup>
- 1 July 2011-30 June 2012<sup>14</sup>
- 1 July 2012-30 June 2013<sup>15</sup>
- 1 July 2013-30 June 2014<sup>16</sup>
- 1 July 2014-30 June 2015<sup>17</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

<sup>2</sup> AETC SO G-19-31, 9 July 2019

<sup>3</sup> AETC SO GA-18, 15 November 1996

<sup>4</sup> AETC SO GA-12, 9 November 1998

<sup>5</sup> AETC SO GA-9, 8 December 2000

<sup>6</sup> AETC SO GA-55, 29 April 2004

<sup>7</sup> AETC SO GA-0052, 22 June 2006

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

<sup>9</sup> AETC SO G-054, 28 February 2008

<sup>10</sup> AETC SO G-071, 3 April 2009

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

<sup>12</sup> AETC SO G-086, 9 May 2011

<sup>13</sup> AETC SO G-171, 17 April 2012

<sup>14</sup> AETC SO G-036, 1 March 2013

<sup>15</sup> AETC SO G-017, 1 February 2014

<sup>16</sup> AETC SO G-029, 8 January 2015

<sup>17</sup> AETC SO G-006, 14 October 2016

**Decorations. (Continued)**

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

1 July 2015-30 June 2016<sup>18</sup>

1 July 2016-30 June 2017<sup>19</sup>

1 July 2017-30 June 2018<sup>20</sup>

1 July 2018-30 June 2019<sup>21</sup>

**Assignments.** 56th Medical Group, 1 April 1994-.<sup>22</sup>

**Stations.** Luke AFB, AZ, 1 April 1994-.<sup>23</sup>

**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.

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<sup>18</sup> AETC SO G-022, 22 March 2017

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

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

<sup>21</sup> AETC SO G-013, 18 Dec 2019

<sup>22</sup> AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

<sup>23</sup> AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

## Commanders.

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

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

## **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.

**Locally Updated on 20 February 2020**

**Locally Updated by Rick Griset**

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<sup>24</sup> 56 MDSS SO GU-003, c. 12 May 1994

<sup>25</sup> 56 MDG SO GU-001, 8 December 1995

<sup>26</sup> 56 MDG SO GU-004, 12 September 1996

<sup>27</sup> 56 AMDS SO GU-003, 8 January 1998

<sup>28</sup> 56 MDG SO GU-014, 30 July 1999

<sup>29</sup> 56 MDG SO GU – 006, 11 July 2001

<sup>30</sup> 56 MDG SO 56 MDG G2003-2, 7 July 2003

<sup>31</sup> 56 MDG SO G-05-01, 10 March 2005

<sup>32</sup> 56 MDG SO 56 MDG G-2, 8 May 2008

<sup>33</sup> 56 MSG SO G-022, 7 July 2010

<sup>34</sup> 56 MSG SO G-027, 2 July 2012

<sup>35</sup> 56 MSG SO G-11-15, 15 June 2015

<sup>36</sup> 56 MSG SO G-25-17, 13 July 2017

<sup>37</sup> 56 MSG SO G-11-15, 15 June 2015