

56th Maintenance Group



Col William F. Ray

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 1994³

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 1996⁶
1 July 1996-30 June 1998⁷
1 July 1998-30 June 2000⁸
1 July 2001-30 June 2003⁹
[1 July] 2003-30 June 2005¹⁰
1 July 2005-30 June 2006¹¹
1 July 2006-30 June 2007¹²
1 July 2007-30 June 2008¹³
1 July 2008-30 June 2009¹⁴
1 July 2009-30 June 2010¹⁵
1 July 2010-30 June 2011¹⁶
1 July 2011-30 June 2012¹⁷
1 July 2012-30 June 2013¹⁸
1 July 2013-30 June 2014¹⁹
1 July 2014-30 June 2015²⁰
1 July 2015-30 June 2016²¹
1 July 2016-30 June 2017²²
1 July 2017-30 June 2018²³
1 July 2018-30 June 2019²⁴
1 July 2019-30 June 2020²⁵
1 July 2020-30 June 2021²⁶

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

²⁴ AETC SO G-013, 18 Dec 2019

²⁵ AETC SO G-013, 16 Dec 2020

²⁶ AETC SO G-009, 15 Nov 2021

PAST AND PRESENT UNITS ASSIGNED

Currently Assigned Units	Time Frame Assigned
<i>Squadrons</i>	
56th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron	27 September 2002-.
56th Component Repair Squadron	
later, 56th Component Maintenance Squadron	1 April 1994-. ²⁷
56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron	1 April 1994-. ²⁸
756th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron	27 September 2002-. ²⁹
Previously Assigned Units	Time Frame Assigned
<i>Squadrons</i>	
56th Contracting Squadron	1 November 1991 ³⁰ -4 January 1994 ³¹
56th Logistics Support Squadron	1 November 1991 ³² -30 September 1993
56th Logistics Support Squadron	
later, 56th Maintenance Operations Squadron	1 April 1994 ³³ -1 July 2013 ³⁴
56th Maintenance Squadron	1 November 1991 ³⁵ -4 January 1994 ³⁶
56th Supply Squadron	28 July 1947-1 August 1948
	1 August 1948-6 February 1952
	1 November 1991 ³⁷ -4 January 1994 ³⁸
	1 April 1994 ³⁹ -1 August 2002
56th Motor Vehicle Squadron, Fighter, Jet, Squadron	
later, 56th Motor Vehicle Squadron	1 August 1948-6 February 1952;
56th Transportation Squadron	1 November 1991 ⁴⁰ -4 January 1994 ⁴¹
	1 April 1994 ⁴² -1 August 2002

²⁷ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

²⁸ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

²⁹ AETC SO G-02-20, 23 July 2002

³⁰ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

³¹ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

³² TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

³³ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

³⁴ AETC SO G-13-16, 13 June 2013

³⁵ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

³⁶ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

³⁷ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

³⁸ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

³⁹ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

⁴⁰ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

⁴¹ ACC SO GB-18, 30 December 1993

⁴² AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

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 1991⁴³-4 January 1994. 56th Fighter Wing, 1 April 1994⁴⁴-.

Stations. Selfridge Field (later, AFB) 15 August 1947-6 February 1952. MacDill AFB, FL, 1 November 1991⁴⁵-4 January 1994. Luke AFB, AZ, 1 April 1994⁴⁶-.

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.

⁴³ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

⁴⁴ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

⁴⁵ TAC SO GB-16, 1 November 1991

⁴⁶ AETC SO G-34, 25 March 1994

Commanders.

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

Unknown	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	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	

***56th Logistics Group [1 November 1991-4 January 1994;
1 April 1994-27 September 2002]***

Col Clarence T. Lowry	1 November 1991	
Col William E. Rupright	August 1992-4 January 1994	
Col Elizabeth A. Harrell	1 April 1994 ⁴⁷	(Major General)
Lt Col (later, Col) John D. Ladieu	17 October 1994 ⁴⁸	
Lt Col Jeffery C. Davis	1 October 1995 ⁴⁹	
Col Hugh C. Robinson	15 December 1995 ⁵⁰	
Lt Col (later, Col) Ron Lee	29 May 1998 ⁵¹	
Col Francis M. Bruno	25 April 2000 ⁵²	(Brigadier General)
Col Arthur B. Cameron, III	19 October 2001 ⁵³ -27 September 2002	(Brigadier General)

⁴⁷ [58 LG SO GK-001, 24 June 1993]

⁴⁸ 56 LSS SO SO-G-01, 26 January 1995

⁴⁹ 56 LSS SO GK-1, 4 October 1995

⁵⁰ 56 LSS SO SO-GK-2, 14 December 1995

⁵¹ 56 FS SO GK-02, 28 May 1998

⁵² 56 LG SO SO-GK-3, 10 April 2000

⁵³ 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 ⁵⁴	
Lt Col Geoffery S. Parkhurst	22 May 2006 ⁵⁵	
Col Algene Fryer	6 July 2006 ⁵⁶	
Col Geoffery S. Parkhurst	29 August 2008 ⁵⁷	
Col Deborah J. Liddick.	23 July 2010 ⁵⁸	
Col Victor H. Mora	10 July 2012 ⁵⁹	
Col Ricky L. Ainsworth	16 July 2014 ⁶⁰	
Col Gregory E. Hutson	14 June 2017 ⁶¹	
Col Michael P. Allison	3 July 2019. ⁶²	
Col William F. Ray	9 July 2021-Present. ⁶³	

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

⁵⁴ 56 MOS SO 56 MOS-G-2003-02, 1 July 2003

⁵⁵ 56 MOS SO 56 MOS-G-01, 10 May 2006

⁵⁶ 56 MOS SO 56 MOS-G-04, 13 June 2006

⁵⁷ 56 MXG SO 56 MOS-G-06, 2 February 2007

⁵⁸ 56 MSG SO G-026, 22 July 2010

⁵⁹ 56 MSG SO G-025, 10 July 2012

⁶⁰ 56 MSG SO GS-27-14, 18 July 2014

⁶¹ 56 MSG SO G-15-17, 7 June 2017

⁶² 56 MSG SO G-19-037, 27 June 2019

⁶³ 56 MSG SO G-21-026, 17 June 2021

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 earned 21 Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards and won the Daedalian's Maj. Gen. Clements McMullen Weapons System Maintenance Award four times, for 1996, 2006, 2018, and 2019. 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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