

56 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

The 56 Equipment Maintenance Squadron provides an essential combination of both on- and off-equipment aircraft maintenance capability. The Equipment Maintenance Squadron supplies intermediate and flight line maintenance, phase inspections and delivery of aerospace ground equipment to support eight F-16 aircraft maintenance units. The Equipment Maintenance Squadron also provides complete corrosion control and aesthetic care of aircraft, flight line and ground equipment, as well as structural stress assessments and fabrication of numerous aircraft parts. Additionally, the Equipment Maintenance Squadron is responsible for the maintenance of armament systems and munitions support to all organizations within the 56 Fighter Wing.

LINEAGE

Maintenance Squadron, 56 Maintenance and Supply Group designated, 28 Jul 1947

Organized, 15 Aug 1947

Discontinued, 1 Aug 1948

56 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron constituted, 17 Jun 1957

Activated, 8 Sep 1957

Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jan 1964

Activated, 15 Jul 1974

Inactivated, 30 Jun 1975

56 Maintenance Squadron, Fighter, Jet constituted, 14 Jun 1948

Activated, 1 Aug 1948

Redesignated 56 Maintenance Squadron, 20 Jan 1950

Inactivated, 6 Feb 1952

Redesignated 56 Field Maintenance Squadron, and activated, 16 Mar 1967

Organized on 8 Apr 1967

Inactivated, 15 Jul 1974

Activated, 30 Jun 1975

Redesignated 56 Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 15 Jun 1977

56 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; 56 Maintenance Squadron, Fighter, Jet, and 56 Equipment Maintenance Squadron consolidated, 22 Oct 1984. Consolidated unit designated 56 Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Redesignated 56 Maintenance Squadron, 1 Nov 1991

Inactivated, 4 Jan 1994

Redesignated 56 Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 21 Mar 1994

Activated, 1 Apr 1994

STATIONS

Selfridge Field (later, AFB), MI, 15 Aug 1947-6 Feb 1952

O'Hare International Airport, IL, 8 Sep 1957

K. I. Sawyer AFB, MI, 1 Oct 1959-1 Jan 1964

Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, 8 Apr 1967-30 Jun 1975

MacDill AFB, FL, 30 Jun 1975-4 Jan 1994

Luke AFB, AZ, 1 Apr 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

56 Maintenance and Supply Group 15 Aug 1947-1 Aug 1948

56 Maintenance and Supply Group 1 Aug 1948-6 Feb 1952

56 Fighter Group (Air Defense), 8 Sep 1957-31 Jan 1961

56 Fighter Wing (Air Defense), 1 Feb 1961-1 Jan 1964

56 Air Commando (later, 56 Special Operations) Wing 8 Apr 1967-30 Jun 1975

56 Tactical Fighter (later, 56 Tactical Training, 56 Fighter) Wing, 30 Jun 1975-1 Nov 1991

56 Logistics Group, 1 Nov 1991-4 Jan 1994

56 Logistics (later, 56 Maintenance) Group, 1 Apr 1994

COMMANDERS

Unknown, 15 Aug 1947-1 Aug 1948

Unknown, 1 Aug 1948-20 Jan 1950

Unknown, 20 Jan 1950-6 Feb 1952

Lt Col Douglas W. Mauldin, 31 Mar 1963

Maj H.L. Bogdanski, 26 Apr 1963

2lt Frederick J. Heyer, 1 Jul 1963

Maj Paul A. Mickelsen, 3 Jul 1963

Maj Winton W. Wilson, 8 Apr 1967-43

Capt Robert N. Hancock, 30 Aug 1967

1st Lt Michael V. Flattery, 5 Oct 1967
Maj Albert S. Mercer, Nov 1967
Lt Col Richard J. Watson, 18 Dec 1968
Lt Col Harry E. Lyndes, Jr., 30 Jun 1970
Lt Col John J. Byrne, 30 Sep 1970
Lt Col William N. Foster, 31 Dec 1970
Lt Col Joseph W. Norrbohm, 18 Nov 1971
Lt Col Robert B. Anderson, May 1972
Lt Col Willam R. Southerland, 31 Mar 1973
Cpt James F. Brady, 10 Sep 1973
Maj Ronald W. Janssen, 10 Sep 1973
Cpt Robert L Walters, 18 May 1974
Maj Ronald W. Janssen, 20 Jun 1974–15 Jul 1974.45
Lt Col Wayne R. Bratcher, 15 Jul 1974
Lt Col William H. Hester, 13 Feb 1975
Col William H. Lewis, 25 Mar 1975-30 Jun 1975
Lt Col Richard J. Pouloit, 30 Jun 1975
Lt Col Robert G. Carter, 1 Mar 1977
Lt Col Billy A. Barrett, 31 Dec 1977
Lt Col Richard M. Higbie, 1 Jun 1979
Maj Michael O. Mullikin, 10 Jul 1981
Maj John T. Stephens, 5 May 1983
Lt Col Ferris O. Garrett, Jr., 5 Aug 1983
Lt Col James W. Geith, 11 Nov 1983
Maj Devon L. Overmeyer, Jr., 5 Dec 1985
Maj Patrick M. Thayer, 2 Jun 1986
Maj Donald J. Wetekam, 10 Jul 1986
Maj Patrick M. Thayer, 20 Jan 1987
Lt Col Peter R. Mooy, 27 Jun 1988
Maj Donald H. Campbell, 13 Jun 1990-1 Nov 1991
Lt Col Mark A. Taylor, 1 Nov 1991-4 Jan 1994
Maj Danny D. Brandt, 1 Apr 1994
Maj Roy G. Lanier, Iii, 1 Jul 1994
Lt Col Danny R. Tipton, 12 Sep 1996
Lt Col Dewey A. Holmes, 18 Sep 1998
Lt Col Lorraine M. Souza, 6 Oct 1999
Lt Col James L. Broome, Iii, 20 Nov 2001
Maj John C. Kubinec, 1 Apr 2003
Lt Col Timothy S. Molnar, 29 Jun 2005
Lt Co Benjamin L. Alley, 6 Jul 2007
Lt Col Paul W. Sturges, 30 Jun 2008
Maj Dominic P. Clementz, 6 Jul 2010
Maj Jeffrey E. Campbell, 22 Jun 2012
Lt Col Christopher S. Barack, 18 Jan 2013

Maj Kathryn N. Roman, 19 Mar 2013

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase II
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase III
Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV
Tet 1969 Counteroffensive
Vietnam Summer/Fall 1969
Vietnam Winter/Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Southwest Monsoon
Commando Hunt V
Commando Hunt VI
Commando Hunt VII
Vietnam Cease Fire

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation
1 Nov 1968-1 May 1969
1 Oct 1969-30 Apr 1970
1 Apr 1972-22 Feb 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device

1 Dec 1970-30 Nov 1971
1 Dec 1971-29 Feb 1972
23 Feb 1973-28 Feb 1974

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jan 1977-1 Jan 1979
1 Jul 1980-31 May 1982
1 Jun 1984-31 May 1986
1 May 1987-30 Apr 1989
1 May 1989-30 Apr 1990
1 May 1990-30 Apr 1991
1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996
1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998
1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 2000
1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003
1 Jun [Jul] 2003-30 Jun 2005

1 Jul 2005-30 Jun 2006
1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007
1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2008
1 Jul 2008-30 Jun 2009
1 Jul 2009-30 Jun 2010
1 Jul 2010-30 Jun 2011
1 Jul 2011-30 Jun 2012
1 Jul 2012-30 Jun 2013
1 Jul 2013-30 Jun 2014
1 Jul 2014-30 Jun 2015
1 Jul 2015-30 Jun 2016

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross With Palm
8 Apr 1967-28 Jan 1973.

EMBLEM



56 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron emblem



56 Field Maintenance Squadron emblem



On a blue disc edged with a narrow yellow border, three yellow triangles with points up, centered overall a blue triangle with point to base. Attached below the disc a blank yellow scroll. The large triangle on the ultramarine blue background symbolizes the integrity of the unit, working together towards a common goal. The three smaller Air Force yellow triangles symbolize the three major functional areas of the squadron: AGE, Maintenance, and Munitions. The ultramarine blue inverted triangle reminds each leader that he/she is charged to serve the unit's Airmen, whether military or civilian. The Air Force yellow border binds the unit with a strong commitment to quality, teamwork, and dedication to the mission. Emblem. (Approved, 27 Oct 1977)

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Sources

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