

56 MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

The 56 Maintenance Operations Squadron ensures the health of a fleet of more than 180 USAF and Foreign Military Sales F-16 aircraft. The squadron provides extensive maintenance analysis data, maintains oversight of wing plans, scheduling, and documentation areas, and serves as the nerve center for all maintenance actions through the Maintenance Operations Center. Several other critical functions include the collection, tracking and forecasting of engine data for 200 engines and managing the end-of-runway operation providing the critical "last look" for every aircraft prior to take-off.

The Quality Assurance office evaluates maintenance activities and provides feedback to key leadership. The Weapons Standardization Section qualifies, certifies, and evaluates weapons loading and maintenance crews. The Maintenance Training Flight provides aircraft maintenance and ancillary training for over 3,000 personnel, and is the liaison between Detachment 12, 372d Training Squadron, and base training. The squadron also manages environmental, safety, information technology, mobility, vehicle, facility and manpower programs for the entire 56th Maintenance Group.

LINEAGE

56 Station Complement Squadron constituted, 15 May 1943
Activated, 20 May 1943
Inactivated, 21 Nov 1945
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948
Reconstituted and redesignated 56 Logistics Support Squadron, 28 Oct 1991
Activated, 1 Nov 1991
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1993
Activated, 1 Apr 1994

Redesignated 56 Maintenance Operations Squadron, 27 Sep 2002

STATIONS

Atterbury AAF, IN, 20 May 1943
Camp Patrick Henry, VA, 10 Aug-5 Sep 1943
Wattisham, England, 15 Sep 1943
Hitcham, England, 6 Apr 1944-21 Nov 1945
MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Nov 1991-30 Sep 1993
Luke AFB, AZ, 1 Apr 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

Unknown, 20 May 1943-21 Nov 1945
56 Logistics Group, 1 Nov 1991-30 Sep 1993
56 Logistics (later, 56 Maintenance) Group, 1 Apr 1994

COMMANDERS

Maj Donald H. Campbell, 1 Nov 1991
Maj Paul E. Bryant, 24 Jul 1992
Capt James A. Hyde, Aug 1993-30 Sep 1993
Lt Col Jeffrey C. Davis, 1 Apr 1994
Lt Col Earlie O. Rose, Jr., 25 March 1995
Maj Mark E. Booth, 19 Apr 1996
Maj Nancy A.P. Stinson, 4 Jun 1998
Maj Eugene E. Trizinsky, 5 Jul 2000
Maj Michael J. Costello, 4 Jun 2002
Maj Mark L. Helleksen, 30 Jun 2003
Maj Tanya R. Kubinec, 13 May 2004
Maj Robert B. Copes, 28 Jun 2005
Maj Kevin E. O'Connor, 30 Jun 2006
Capt William H. Reynolds, 28 August 2008
Maj Scott B. Dubsky, 28 August 2008
Maj Christopher L. Chestnut, 14 May 2010
Maj James E. Schieser, 23 Jul 2012

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II
European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

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

EMBLEM



56th Logistics Support Squadron emblem: Azure, in sinister base a globe Celeste land masses Veii, in dexter chief three flight symbols ascending bendwise each issuing a contrail arcing to sinister base of the globe Argent, all below an arc of nine mullets in sinister chief of the like; all within a diminished bordure Or. Attached below the disc a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Blue and 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 flight symbols arcing from the globe denote the unit's support of the Wing's mission of "Global Reach, Global Power "The stars represent the fighter squadron directly supported by the unit. Emblem. (Approved, 5 Jun 1995)

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