

56 OPERATIONAL MEDICAL READINESS SQUADRON



MISSION

The squadron supports the 56 Fighter Wing's flying/training and deployment mission through superior aeromedical, occupational, environmental and preventative medicine programs.

LINEAGE

56 Aerospace Medicine Squadron constituted 21 March 1994.

Activated, 1 April 1994

Redesignated 56 Operational Medical Readiness Squadron on 15 July 2019.

STATIONS

Luke AFB, Arizona, 21 Apr 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

56 Medical Group, 1 Apr 1994

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Howard D. Wilcox, 1 Apr 1994

Lt Col Brian J. Funke, 13 Dec 1995

Lt Col Richard L. Neel, 13 Sep 1996

Lt Col Richard A. Clark, 9 Jan 1998

Lt Col Rolland C. Reynolds, Jr., 3 Aug 1999

Lt Col William H. Sneeder, Jr., 17 Jul 2001

Lt Col Patrick P. Miles, 9 Jul 2003

Lt Col Charles S. Tedder, 14 Mar 2005

Col Andrew Marchiando, 10 Jun 2008
Col Neal R. Taylor, 16 Jul 2010
Lt Col Daniel T. Smith, 2 Jul 2012

HONORS

Service Streamers

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
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
1 Jul 2016-30 Jun 2017
1 Jul 2017-30 Jun 2018
1 Jul 2018-30 Jun 2019.

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Azure, a demi-globe issuant from base Celeste gridlined Sable charged with a cross in perspective Gules, the palewise member garnished as a runway Argent and Sable, overall in chief a Caduceus of the fourth detailed Black with the lower portion of the staff Red issuing two speed lines chevronwise from its wings White; 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 red cross represents strength within the medical arena; it also symbolizes 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 environmental elements of space. The earth signifies the worldwide commitment of peacekeeping and the environmental protection of air, water and land. (Approved, 26 Jan 1996)

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OPERATIONS

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Sources

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