

56 DENTAL SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

56 Dental Squadron constituted, 21 Mar 1994
Activated, 1 Apr 1994

STATIONS

Luke AFB, AZ, 1 Apr 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

56 Medical Group, 1 Apr 1994

COMMANDERS

Col Brian J. Seek, 1 April 1994
Col James W. Basden, 15 August 1994
Col Barry J. Baiornos, 7 August 1995
Col Kevin F. Blair, 4 August 1998
Col Benjamin Blackham, 11 July 2000
Col Peter C. Antinopoulos, 13 August 2002
Col Jeffrey M. Swartz, 29 June 2004
Col Glenn L. Terry, 10 July 2007
Col Jeffery F. Baker, 27 July 2009
Col Larry J. Evans, 4 August 2011
Col Russell G. Boester, 25 June 2014

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996

1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998

EMBLEM

Per fess Or and Azure in chief three rays issuant from fess point Gules the center one charged with the Roman cypher "D" debruised with a Staff of Aesculapius Sable, overall a bald eagle stooping Proper between three mullets arcing to base Argent; all within a diminished bordure Black. Attached below the disc a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black 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 rays represent the valor displayed by unit members in performance of their duties. The Staff of Aesculapius denotes the medical profession. The letter "D" signifies the specific duties associated with dental health care. The eagle reflects the dental service provided by the nation's defenders. The stars reflect the excellent quality of health care provided by unit personnel. Emblem. (Approved, 5 Nov 1997)

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OPERATIONS

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Sources

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