

56 MEDICAL GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

USAF Regional Hospital, MacDill constituted, 18 Mar 1969
Activated, 1 Jul 1969
Redesignated 56 Medical Group, 15 Mar 1987
Inactivated, 4 Jan 1994
Activated, 1 April 1994

STATIONS

MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Jul 1969-4 Jan 1994
Luke AFB, AZ, 1 April 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

15 Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1969
1 Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 October 1970
56 Tactical Fighter (later, 56 Tactical Training; later, 56 Fighter) Wing, 30 Jun 1975-4 Jan 1994
56 Fighter Wing, 1 April 1994

COMMANDERS

Col John S. Flint, 23 Jan 1977
Col Frank E. Edmunds, Jr., 17 Sep 1978
Col James E. McClure, 5 Jul 1982
Lt Col Fredrick S. Arnold, 5 Jul 1982
Col William E. Palma, 5 Jul 1982

Col Pedro N. Rivera, 15 Nov 1984
Col Thomas F. Treat, 9 May 1986
Col Martin I. Victor, 23 May 1986
Col Karl N. Schaberl, 16 Jul 1986
Col Martin I. Victor, 29 Jul 1986
Col Mervin T. Avants, Jr., 14 Sep 1987
Col Martin I. Victor, 10 October 1987
Col Gary K. Brandon, 16 Jul 1990
Col Lynn M. Jones, 6 Jun 1993
Col John J. Kalosis, Aug 1993-4 Jan 1994
Col Roger A. Beck, 1 April 1994
Col Michael W. Lischak, 7 Aug 1998
Col James Malenkos III, 11 Jul 2000
Col Donald E. Taylor, 9 Jul 2002
Col Schuyler K. Geller, 8 Jul 2004
Col Joseph P. Chozinski, 7 Jun 2006
Col Mark J. Holland, 11 May 2009
Col Yolanda D. Bledsoe, 17 Jun 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 1969-31 Dec 1969

1 Jan 1977-1 Jan 1979

1 Jul 1980-30 Jun 1982

1 Jun 1984-31 May 1986

1 May 1989-30 April 1990

1 May 1990-30 April 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

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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

EMBLEM



USAF Regional Hospital, MacDill



56 Medical Group emblem

56 Medical Group emblem: Tenné, a chevron Azure fimbriated Or, charged with two lightning bolts conjoined chevron wise 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 MEDICAL GROUP" in Blue letters. **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 specific colors represent the Air Corps and commemorate the service of the 56th Fighter Group, whose honors and history the Wing inherits. (Approved, 16 May 2013)

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OPERATIONS

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