

56 MISSION SUPPORT GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

56 Airdrome Group established, 28 Jul 1947

Organized, 15 Aug 1947

Discontinued, 1 Aug 1948

56 Air Base Group established, 14 Jun 1948

Activated, 1 Aug 1948

Inactivated, 6 Feb 1952

Activated, 28 Dec 1960

Organized, 1 Feb 1961

Redesignated 56 Combat Support Group, 1 Apr 1963

Discontinued and inactivated, 1 Jan 1964

Activated, 16 Mar 1967

Organized, 8 Apr 1967

56 Airdrome Group and 56 Combat Support Group consolidated, 1 Oct 1984. Consolidated unit designated 56 Combat Support Group.

Redesignated 56 Support Group, 1 Nov 1991

Inactivated, 4 Jan 1994

Activated, 1 Apr 1994

Redesignated 56 Mission Support Group, 27 Sep 2002

STATIONS

Selfridge Field (later, AFB), Michigan 15 Aug 1947-1 Aug 1948; 1 Aug 1948-6 Feb 1952
K.I. Sawyer AFB, Michigan, 1 Feb 1961-1 Jan 1964
Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai AFB, Thailand, 8 Apr 1967-30 Jun 1975
MacDill AFB, Florida, 30 Jun 1975-4 Jan 1994
Luke AFB, Arizona, 1 Apr 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

56 Fighter Wing on 15 Aug 1947-1 Aug 1948
56 Fighter (later, 56 Fighter-Interceptor) Wing on 1 Aug 1948-6 Feb 1952
56 Fighter Wing (Air Defense), 1 Feb 1961-1 Jan 1964
56 Air Commando (later, 56 Special Operations,) Wing, 8 Apr 1967-Unknown
Tactical Air Command, Unknown-30 Jun 1975
56 Tactical Fighter (later, 56 Tactical Training, 56 Fighter) Wing 30 Jun 1975-4 Jan 1994
56 Fighter Wing 1 Apr 1994

COMMANDERS

Maj James R. Woods, 15 Aug 1947
Lt Col Irwin H. Dregne, 30 Sep 1947
Lt Col David T. Mcknight, 30 Jun 1948
Lt Col Burton E. Mckenzie, 30 Jun 1949
Lt Col Robert N. Lacy, 31 Dec 1949
Maj Roy L. Bowlin, 1 Jan 1950
Lt Col William W. Ingehut, 1 Sep 1950
Lt Col George J. Ola, 21 Dec 1950
Col Graeme S. Bond, 31 Mar 1951
Col Blake C. Miller, 27 Aug 1951-Unknown
Unknown, 1 Feb 1961
Col Daniel P. Mclean, 28 Mar 1963-Unknown
Col Frank A. Sheehan, 8 Apr 1967
Lt Col Lewis C. Hughes, 20 May 1967
Col Benjamin F. De Haan, 2 Jul 1967
Col Thomas R. Owens, 18 Dec 1968
Col Thomas B. Carter, 13 Jun 1969
Col Thomas L Carroll, 1 Jun 1970
Col James D. Pearson, 30 Sep 1971
Lt Col William E. Flanigin, 18 Jul 1972
Col Edward H. Aune, 18 Jul 1972
Col John R. Boyd, 31 Dec 1972
Col John.L. Webb, 1 Apr 1973
Col Robert G. Rogers, 1 Apr 1974
Col Howard T. Nuckels, 15 Mar 1975
Col David G. Harston, 25 Aug 1975
Col William E. Adams, 25 Aug 1975
Col George E. Wehling, 1 Mar 1979

Col Milton A. Steadman, 27 Feb 1981
Col Edward A. Zompa, 11 May 1984
Col David L. Wagner, 14 Nov 1984
Col Jack P. Cross, 17 Jun 1987
Col Robert J. Smith, 18 Apr 1988
Col Jack P. Cross, 7 Jul 1988
Col Robert J. Smith, 7 Jul 1988
Col George G. Giddens, 25 Jul 1989
Col Stig Egede Nissen, Aug 1991
Col Charles T. Ohlinger III, Aug 1992
Col Larry A. Timmerman, 18 Aug 1993-4 Jan 1994
Col Samuel E Young, Jr., 1 Apr 1994
Col Elizabeth A. Harrell, 17 Oct 1994
Vacant, 13 Jun 1995
Col Rodney E. Gibson, 9 Aug 1995
Col Norman L. Watson, 7 Aug 1996
Col Michael Hazen, 15 Jun 1998
Col Robert L. Worley, Jr., 18 May 2000-27 Sep 2002
Col Michael J. Maloney, 27 Sep 2002
Col Keith E. Smith, 7 Jun 2004
Col Ronald J. Mozzillo, 10 Jul 2006
Col Andre K. Curry, 2 May 2008
Col Philippe R. Darcy, 18 Jun 2010
Col Nathan C. Mooney, II 9 Jul 2012

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Vietnam
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 Citations

1 Nov 1968-1 May 1969

1 Oct 1969-30 Apr 19706

1 Apr 1972-22 Feb 1973

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device

1 Jun 1970-31 May 1971

1 Dec 1971-29 Feb 1972

23 Feb 1973-28 Feb 1974

24 Jan 1975-2 May 1975

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

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

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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

Tenné, a chevron Azure fimbriated Or, charged with two lightning bolts conjoined chevronwise of the third, all within diminished bordure of the like. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "56 MISSION SUPPORT 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 56 Fighter Group, whose honors and history the Wing inherits. (Approved, 19 Apr 1967) Approved on 16 May 2013.

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

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