

56 MUNITIONS MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

56 Aviation Depot Squadron constituted, 20 Mar 1959
Activated, 1 Jul 1959
Redesignated 56 Munitions Maintenance Squadron, 1 Jul 1960
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1972
Activated, 1 Dec 1973
Inactivated, 15 Jul 1974
Activated, 30 Jun 1975
Inactivated

STATIONS

Griffiss AFB, NY, 1 Jul 1959-30 Sep 1972
Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand, 1 Dec 1973-15 Jul 1974
MacDill AFB, FL, 30 Jun 1975-15 Jun 1977

ASSIGNMENTS

4039 Strategic Wing, 1 Jul 1959
416 Bombardment Wing, Heavy, 1 Feb 1963-30 Sep 1972
56 Special Operations Wing, 1 Dec 1973-15 Jul 1974
56 Tactical Fighter Wing, 30 Jun 1975

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Dec 1973-28 Feb 1974

EMBLEM

On an Air Force blue curved band, edged Air Force golden yellow, a bezant charged with an atomic symbol of three orbits encircling a nucleus, red, all between a white cloud formation issuing from dexter surmounted by an Air Force golden yellow missile in flight upwards and a red lightning flash issuing from chief and pointing downwards and issuing from sinister a white cloud formation surmounting a green olive branch and surmounted by an Air Force golden yellow missile in flight upwards. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron and its mission. Against a deep blue background with clouds to represent the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations, an air force golden yellow disc bears an atomic symbol to indicate this unit's nuclear potential. The olive branch indicates peace is our profession and the ordnance on each side of the emblem represents missile capability. The entire emblem represents strength to maintain peace. It bears the Air Force colors, ultramarine blue and golden yellow and the national colors, red, white and blue. (Approved, 14 Sep 1961)

MOTTO

Semper Paratus—Always Ready

OPERATIONS

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Sources

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