

## 56 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



### **MISSION**

### **LINEAGE**

56 Aerial Port Squadron constituted, 25 Jun 1971  
Activated in the Reserve, 1 Apr 1972

### **STATIONS**

Norton AFB, CA, 1 Apr 1972  
March AFB (later, March ARB), CA, 1 Jul 1993

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Western Air Force Reserve Region, 1 Apr 1972  
445 Military Airlift (later, 445 Airlift) Wing, 1 Aug 1973  
445 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992  
452 Operations Group, 1 May 1994  
452 Mission Support Group, 1 Oct 2002

### **COMMANDERS**

Maj Mark E. Johnson, 12 Aug 2015

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

## Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

### Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 May 1981-30 Apr 1983

1 Sep 1985-31 Aug 1987

1 Sep 1995-31 Aug 1996

1 Sep 1997-31 Aug 1999

1 Oct 2002-30 Sep 2004

1 Oct 2004-30 Sep 2006

1 Oct 2008-30 Sep 2010

### EMBLEM



On a blue disc, in base a yellow battlement and issuant from upper left with point at lower right a red lightning bolt; centered overall a brown eagle with white head and tail brown eye and yellow beak and feet standing atop a blue globe with yellow outline and gridlines, all within a narrow yellow border. Attached above the disc a yellow scroll with the words "AIRLIFT PROFESSIONALS" in blue, and below the disc a similar scroll blank. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The 56 Aerial Port Squadron emblem has an eagle carrying a globe which symbolizes the unit's ability to support worldwide airlift operations. The lightning bolt symbolizes the speed with which the unit can mobilize. The redoubt and motto, "Airlift Professionals", indicates the unit's commitment to operational readiness and its mission. (Approved, 18 Aug 1983)

### MOTTO

### OPERATIONS

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Sources

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