

56th AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



LINEAGE

56th Organizational Maintenance Squadron
56th Aircraft Generation Squadron
56th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

STATIONS

MacDill AFB, FL, 30 Jun 1975
Luke AFB, AZ

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

LTC Fredrick Plaumann
Maj. Brian P. Shawaryn

Lt. Col. James D. Upchurch is the Commander, 756th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
July 2009 - July 2010, Commander, 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan
August 2010 - June 2012, Commander, 56th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
June 2012 - present, Commander, 756th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz.

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a disc parted per fess convex and tilted to dexter Celeste and Vert, four contrails conjoined issuing out of sinister base ascending bendwise to diverge in dexter chief, each barbed at the point Or, Argent, Azure and Gules. Couched in sinister chief, a cloud formation Proper, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Green scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "56TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQ" in Yellow letters.

Symbolism

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 aircraft symbols represent the unit's standards of excellence, valor, trust and determination. The unity of the take off symbolizes teamwork while maintaining the unit's independence, as seen in the dispersion at the top of the arc.

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

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OPERATIONS

The 56th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is the largest aircraft maintenance squadron in the Air Force. The squadron provides intermediate and flight line maintenance for more than 100 Block 20, 25 and 52 F-16 C/D aircraft. Manned with 850 personnel, the squadron's primary focus is to ensure mission-ready aircraft are maintained to support basic F-16 training for U.S. Air Force active and reserve components, Republic of Singapore Air Force, and Taiwan Air Force pilots. In order to accomplish this task, the squadron is divided into five Aircraft Maintenance Units supporting their associate fighter squadrons. The Aircraft Maintenance Units are the 21st Aircraft Maintenance Unit "Gamblers," the 61st Aircraft Maintenance Unit "Top Dogs," the 62nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit "Spikes," the 309th Aircraft Maintenance Unit "Wild Ducks," and 425th Aircraft Maintenance Unit "Black Widows."

Air Force Order of Battle

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