

56th COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

Squadron provides, operates, and maintains communications resources to facilitate training the world's finest F-16 fighter pilots and maintainers, while deploying mission ready warfighters.

LINEAGE

56th Communications Squadron, Fighter, Jet, constituted 14 Jun 1948
Activated, 1 Aug 1948
Redesignated 56th Communications Squadron, 20 Jan 1950
Inactivated, 6 Feb 1952
Activated, 1 Oct 1991
Inactivated, 4 Jan 1994
Activated, 1 Apr 1994

STATIONS

Selfridge AAF (later, AFB), MI, 1 Aug 1948-6 Feb 1952
MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Oct 1991-4 Jan 1994
Luke AFB, AZ, 1 Apr 1994

ASSIGNMENTS

56th Air Base Group, 1 Aug 1948-6 Feb 1952
56th Combat Support (later, 56th Support) Group, 1 Oct 1991-1 Jan 1994
56th Support (later, 56th Mission Support) Group on 1 Apr 1994

COMMANDERS

Unknown 20 Jan 1950-6 Feb 1952

Col Robert Popp, Dec 1991
Col Doreen M. Wolf, Jan 1992
LTC John C. Goodman, 18 Jun 1992-4 Jan 1994
LTC Stanley D. Howard, 1 Apr 1994
Maj Robert J. Steele, 4 Aug 1994
LTC Wilson D. Crafton, 1 Jul 1997
LTC Jeffrey A. Corvey, 2 Jun 1999
LTC Frank Knickerbocker, IV 12 Jun 2001
LTC Eric J. Pierce, 8 Jul 2003
LTC Timothy J. Pearson, 9 Jun 2005
Maj Rashone J. Tate, 5 Jun 2007
LTC David Hillman, 22 Jun 2009
LTC Zachary S. Warakowski, 8 Apr 2011
Maj Raymond H. Chester, Jr., 14 Jun 2013

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996
1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998
1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 2000
1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003
1 Jun [Jul] 2003-30 Jun 2005
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

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, four lightning flashes issuant from chief pile wise Or, surmounted by a bat, wings displayed Proper, eyes Gules, all within a narrow border Black. Attached above the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "56th COMMUNICATIONS SQ" in Black letters. Attached below the disc, a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Black border and inscribed "LOQUIMINI TONITRUM" in Black 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 four lightning flashes signify the four operational environments: land, sea, air and space. They also represent all forms of communication, as depicted on the Air Force Communications and Information occupational badge. The bat, noted for its sophisticated communication system, symbolizes the importance of communications to the Air Force mission. All elements combined reinforce the motto, Loquimini Tonitrum," translated as "Beware the Thunderbolt." (Approved, 8 May 1998)

MOTTO

LOQUIMINI TONITRUM--Beware the Thunderbolt

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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