

## 56<sup>th</sup> MEDICAL GROUP



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

USAF Regional Hospital, MacDill constituted, 18 Mar 1969

Activated, 1 Jul 1969

Redesignated 56<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, 15 Mar 1987

Inactivated, 4 Jan 1994

Activated, 1 April 1994

### STATIONS

MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Jul 1969-4 Jan 1994

Luke AFB, AZ, 1 April 1994

### ASSIGNMENTS

15<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Jul 1969

1<sup>st</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 October 1970

56<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter (later, 56<sup>th</sup> Tactical Training; later, 56<sup>th</sup> Fighter) Wing, 30 Jun 1975-4 Jan 1994

56th Fighter Wing, 1 April 1994

### COMMANDERS

Col John S. Flint, 23 Jan 1977

Col Frank E. Edmunds, Jr., 17 Sep 1978

Col James E. McClure, 5 Jul 1982

LTC Fredrick S. Arnold, 5 Jul 1982

Col William E. Palma, 5 Jul 1982

Col Pedro N. Rivera, 15 Nov 1984

Col Thomas F. Treat, 9 May 1986

Col Martin I. Victor, 23 May 1986  
Col Karl N. Schaberl, 16 Jul 1986  
Col Martin I. Victor, 29 Jul 1986  
Col Mervin T. Avants, Jr., 14 Sep 1987  
Col Martin I. Victor, 10 October 1987  
Col Gary K. Brandon, 16 Jul 1990  
Col Lynn M. Jones, 6 Jun 1993  
Col John J. Kalosis, Aug 1993-4 Jan 1994  
Col Roger A. Beck, 1 April 1994  
Col Michael W. Lischak, 7 Aug 1998  
Col James Malenkos III, 11 Jul 2000  
Col Donald E. Taylor, 9 Jul 2002  
Col Schuyler K. Geller, 8 Jul 2004  
Col Joseph P. Chozinski, 7 Jun 2006  
Col Mark J. Holland, 11 May 2009  
Col Yolanda D. Bledsoe, 17 Jun 2011

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 1969-31 Dec 1969

1 Jan 1977-1 Jan 1979

1 Jul 1980-30 Jun 1982

1 Jun 1984-31 May 1986

1 May 1989-30 April 1990

1 May 1990-30 April 1991

1 Jul 1994-30 Jun 1996

1 Jul 1996-30 Jun 1998

1 Jul 1998-30 Jun 2000

1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003

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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

## EMBLEM



USAF Regional Hospital, MacDill



56<sup>th</sup> Medical Group emblem

56<sup>th</sup> Medical Group emblem: Tenné, a chevron Azure fimbriated Or, charged with two lightning bolts conjoined chevron wise of the third, all within a diminished bordure of the like. Attached below the shield, a White scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "56TH MEDICAL 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 56th Fighter Group, whose honors and history the Wing inherits.

## MOTTO

## NICKNAME

## OPERATIONS

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Air Force Order of Battle

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## Sources

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