

56 AERIAL PORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

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

STATIONS

Norton AFB, California, 1 Apr 1972
March AFB (later, March ARB), California, 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

1 Oct 2014-31 Dec 2015

1 Jan 2016-31 Dec 2017

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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