

## 56 HEALTHCARE OPERATIONS SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

56 Medical Operations Squadron constituted, 21 Mar 1994

Activated, 1 Apr 1994

Redesignated 56 Healthcare Operations Squadron, 15 Jul 2019

### STATIONS

Luke AFB, AZ, 1 Apr 1994

### ASSIGNMENTS

56<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, 1 Apr 1994

### COMMANDERS

Col Reba Ray, 1 April 1994

Col Michael Gookin, 20 October 1994

Lt Col James N. Black, 13 February 1997

Lt Col Margaret B. Matarese, 12 Jul 1999

Lt Col Gail McCain, 31 May 2001

Lt Col Paul A. Friedrichs, 22 May 2003

Lt Col Janet T. Taylor, 17 May 2005

Col Dean L. Messelheiser, 5 Jun 2007

Col David C. Hall, 20 May 2009

Col Nicola A. Choate, 10 Jun 2011

## **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

1 Jul 2013-30 Jun 2014

1 Jul 2014- 30 Jun 2015

1 Jul 2015-30 Jun 2016

1 Jul 2016-30 Jun 2017

1 Jul 2017-30 Jun 2018

1 Jul 2018-30 Jun 2019

### **EMBLEM**



Per fess Azure and Gules radiating to chief from fess point four rays Or, overall a Staff of Aesculapius, staff Brown, serpent Vert; all within a diminished bordure of the first. Attached below the disc a Yellow scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "56th MEDICAL OPS SQ. " in Black letters. **SIGIFICANCE:** Blue and 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 Staff of Aesculapius stands for hope, life and wisdom as well as the unit's mission of providing quality patient health care. The alternating rays suggest twenty-four hour medical care that is provided by the squadron. (Approved, 23 Oct 1997; latest rendering, 30 May 2019)

## MOTTO

## OPERATIONS

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### Sources

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