Specialist Four Joseph "Doc" LaPointe, Jr.

Health Clinic Dedication and
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

October 4, 2000
9:00 A.M.
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Opening Remarks
Dedication Prayer
Honors
MG Richard A. Cody, Cdr, 101st Airborne Div
COL Donald A. Gagliano, Cdr, USA MEDDAC
LTC Samuel D. Torrey, Cdr, 2/17 CAV

Unveiling of SP4 LaPointe Portrait and Plaque
LTC Kuhn Dental Clinic Rededication
COL Henry T. Waddell, Cdr, USA DENTAC

SP4 LaPointe Health Clinic Ribbon Cutting

Screaming Eagle Song
Army Song
Cake Cutting Ceremony
Tours

SP4 Joseph Guy “Doc” LaPointe
Dedicated at Fort Campbell, Kentucky
2 July 1949 - 2 July 1949

In memory of Joseph Guy “Doc” LaPointe, United States Army, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment. While serving as a medical officer on a helicopter assault mission, SP4 LaPointe was shot while entrenching in well-fortified bunker positions. Two soldiers in the formation were killed, and two others were wounded. Hearing a call for aid from a wounded comrade, LaPointe ran forward through heavy enemy fire, two soldiers in the formation were killed, and two others were wounded. Hearing a call for aid from a wounded comrade, LaPointe ran forward through heavy enemy fire, two soldiers in the formation were killed, and two others were wounded. Hearing a call for aid from a wounded comrade, LaPointe ran forward through heavy enemy fire, two soldiers in the formation were killed, and two others were wounded. 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SCREAMING EAGLE SONG

We have a rendezvous with destiny
Our strength and courage strike the spark
That will always make men free.
Assault right down thru the skies of blue;
Keep your eye on the job to be done.
We’re the soldiers of the Hundred-First
We’ll fight till the battle’s won!

ARMY SONG

First to fight for the right,
and to build the Nation’s might,
And the Army goes rolling along.
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle’s won,
And the Army goes rolling along.

Then it’s Hi! Hi! Hey! The Army’s on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong!
For where’er we go, You will always know
that The Army goes rolling along.
In memory of Joseph Guy "Doc" LaPointe Jr., Specialist Four (SP4), United States Army, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2d Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment. SP4 LaPointe distinguished himself while serving as a medical aidman during a combat helicopter assault mission. SP4 LaPointe's patrol was advancing from the landing zone through an adjoining valley when it suddenly encountered heavy automatic weapon fire from a large enemy force entrenched in well fortified bunker positions. In the initial hail of fire, two soldiers in the formation's vanguard were seriously wounded. Hearing a call for aid from one of the wounded, SP4 LaPointe ran forward through heavy fire to assist his fallen comrades. To reach the wounded men, he was forced to crawl directly in view of an enemy bunker. As members of his unit attempted to provide covering fire, he administered first aid to one man, shielding the other with his body. He was hit by a burst of fire from the bunker while attending the wounded soldier. In spite of his painful wounds, SP4 LaPointe continued his lifesaving duties until he was again wounded and knocked to the ground. Making strenuous efforts, he moved back again into a shielding position to continue administering first aid. An exploding enemy grenade mortally wounded all three men. SP4 LaPointe's courageous actions, at the cost of his life, were an inspiration to his comrades. His gallantry and selflessness are in the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit on him, his unit, and the United States Army. Dedicated at Fort Campbell, Kentucky on 4 October 2000.
Lieutenant Colonel Marvin M. Kuhn
Dental Clinic Rededication Ceremony

The Kuhn Dental Clinic is rededicated in honor of

Lieutenant Colonel Marvin Mitchell Kuhn.

Born 16 June 1912 at Greene, Iowa.
Died 3 March 1962 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.
Division Dental Surgeon 101st Airborne Division
October 1945 - November 1945
A dedicated soldier, an outstanding professional officer and a friend to all who knew him.