

# **Specialist Four Joseph Guy “Doc” LaPointe, Jr.**

## **Health Clinic Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**



**October 4, 2000**

**9:00 A.M.**



**Specialist Four Joseph Guy "Doc"  
LaPointe, Jr.**

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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**

## **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.



**SP4 Joseph Guy "Doc" LaPointe, Jr.**

**2 July 1949 - 2 June 1969**

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.