

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5788

To designate the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic located at 715 Southwind Drive, Junction City, Kansas, as the Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-Based Outpatient Clinic.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 3, 2014

Mr. HUELSKAMP introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHARD J. SEITZ COM-**
4 **MUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz served
7 as the cadet commander of a unit of the Reserve Of-
8 ficers' Training Corps at Leavenworth High School

1 in Leavenworth, Kansas, where he earned the Amer-
2 ican Legion Cup as an outstanding cadet;

3 (2) while attending Kansas State University,
4 Lieutenant General Seitz accepted a commission as
5 a second lieutenant in the Army and was called into
6 active duty in 1940;

7 (3) Lieutenant General Seitz volunteered to be
8 one of the first paratroopers in the United States;

9 (4) at age 25, Lieutenant General Seitz as a
10 major, was given command of the 2nd Battalion of
11 the 517th Parachute Infantry Regimental Combat
12 Team, becoming the youngest battalion commander
13 in the Army;

14 (5) along with the 7th Armored Division, the
15 battalion commanded by Lieutenant General Seitz
16 formed what became known as Task Force Seitz at
17 the Battle of the Bulge with the mission to plug the
18 gaps on the north slope of the Bulge when the Ger-
19 mans attempted to break out;

20 (6) the service of Lieutenant General Seitz
21 earned him the Silver Star, 2 Bronze Stars, the Pur-
22 ple Heart, and many other acknowledgments during
23 his 37-year career in the Army;

24 (7) after victory in Europe, Lieutenant General
25 Seitz remained in the Army, commanding the 2nd

1 Airborne Battle Group, 503rd Infantry Regiment,
2 and the 82nd Airborne Division;

3 (8) on retiring in 1978, Lieutenant General
4 Seitz settled in Junction City, Kansas, near Ft.
5 Riley, where he would greet deploying and returning
6 units from Iraq and Afghanistan at all times of the
7 day;

8 (9) Lieutenant General Seitz remained active in
9 the wider community, working with the Coronado
10 Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Fort
11 Riley National Bank, Rotary International, and the
12 Association of the United States Army and serving
13 on the board of the Eisenhower Presidential Library
14 and Museum;

15 (10) Lieutenant General Seitz had a passion for
16 mentoring young officers and noncommissioned offi-
17 cers at Fort Riley, never ceasing to be a soldier, ac-
18 cording to his son, Richard M. Seitz;

19 (11) Lieutenant General Seitz was named an
20 Outstanding Citizen of Kansas;

21 (12) in 2012 an elementary school at Fort Riley
22 was named in honor of Lieutenant General Seitz,
23 which is meaningful because he believed the fate of
24 the United States relied on young children and the
25 teachers who inspire them;

1 (13) during visits to the elementary school,
2 Lieutenant General Seitz would talk with the stu-
3 dents about what it meant to be a “proud and great
4 American” and his message was always to “respect
5 the teachers and be a learner”;

6 (14) the family and friends of Lieutenant Gen-
7 eral Seitz have described him as a gentleman, com-
8 passionate, respected, full of integrity, gracious, giv-
9 ing, and a remarkable individual; and

10 (15) Lieutenant General Seitz lived each day to
11 its fullest and his commitment to his fellow man
12 serves as an inspiration to all the people of the
13 United States.

14 (b) DESIGNATION.—The Junction City Community-
15 Based Outpatient Clinic located at 715 Southwind Drive,
16 Junction City, Kansas, shall be known and designated as
17 the “Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-
18 Based Outpatient Clinic”.

19 (c) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, map,
20 regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
21 States to the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient
22 Clinic referred to in subsection (b) shall be deemed to be
23 a reference to the “Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz
24 Community-Based Outpatient Clinic”.

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