

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 1434

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

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.

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

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

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

4 (1) Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz served
5 as the cadet commander of a unit of the Reserve Of-
6 ficers' Training Corps at Leavenworth High School
7 in Leavenworth, Kansas, where he earned the Amer-
8 ican Legion Cup as an outstanding cadet;

9 (2) while attending Kansas State University,
10 Lieutenant General Seitz accepted a commission as
11 a second lieutenant in the Army and was called into
12 active duty in 1940;

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

15 (4) at age 25, Lieutenant General Seitz as a
16 major, was given command of the 2nd Battalion of
17 the 517th Parachute Infantry Regimental Combat
18 Team, becoming the youngest battalion commander
19 in the Army;

20 (5) along with the 7th Armored Division, the
21 battalion commanded by Lieutenant General Seitz
22 formed what became known as Task Force Seitz at
23 the Battle of the Bulge with the mission to plug the
24 gaps on the north slope of the Bulge when the Ger-
25 mans attempted to break out;

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

5 (7) after victory in Europe, Lieutenant General
6 Seitz remained in the Army, commanding the 2nd
7 Airborne Battle Group, 503rd Infantry Regiment,
8 and the 82nd Airborne Division;

9 (8) on retiring in 1978, Lieutenant General
10 Seitz settled in Junction City, Kansas, near Ft.
11 Riley, where he would greet deploying and returning
12 units from Iraq and Afghanistan at all times of the
13 day;

14 (9) Lieutenant General Seitz remained active in
15 the wider community, working with the Coronado
16 Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Fort
17 Riley National Bank, Rotary International, and the
18 Association of the United States Army and serving
19 on the board of the Eisenhower Presidential Library
20 and Museum;

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

1 (11) Lieutenant General Seitz was named an
2 Outstanding Citizen of Kansas;

3 (12) in 2012 an elementary school at Fort Riley
4 was named in honor of Lieutenant General Seitz,
5 which is meaningful because he believed the fate of
6 the United States relied on young children and the
7 teachers who inspire them;

8 (13) during visits to the elementary school,
9 Lieutenant General Seitz would talk with the stu-
10 dents about what it meant to be a “proud and great
11 American” and his message was always to “respect
12 the teachers and be a learner”;

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

17 (15) Lieutenant General Seitz lived each day to
18 its fullest and his commitment to his fellow man
19 serves as an inspiration to all the people of the
20 United States.

21 (b) DESIGNATION.—The Junction City Community-
22 Based Outpatient Clinic located at 715 Southwind Drive,
23 Junction City, Kansas, shall be known and designated as
24 the “Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz Community-
25 Based Outpatient Clinic”.

1 (c) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, map,
2 regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
3 States to the Junction City Community-Based Outpatient
4 Clinic referred to in subsection (b) shall be deemed to be
5 a reference to the “Lieutenant General Richard J. Seitz
6 Community-Based Outpatient Clinic”.

Passed the Senate January 14, 2014.

Attest:

NANCY ERICKSON,

Secretary.