



**H.R. 2408 – To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Green Bay, Wisconsin, as the "Milo C. Huempfner Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic"**

**FLOOR SITUATION**

H.R. 2408 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Steve Kagen (D-WI) on May 21, 2007. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs but was never considered.

H.R. 2408 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on October 23, 2007.

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 2408 designates the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center located at the Mattson Building, 141 Siegler Lane, in Green Bay, Wisconsin as the "Milo C. Huempfner Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic".

**BACKGROUND**

Pvc. Milo Huempfner was a member of the 551<sup>st</sup> Parachute Battalion during World War II. During a mission he and his Commanding Officer were in a truck near Leignon, Belgium when their truck overturned. The Commander went back to get assistance, while Pvt. Milo Huempfner stayed back to defend the truck which was carrying ammo. Not wanting the Germans to gain access to the ammo he eventually destroyed the jeep with gasoline and a grenade.

After destroying the truck, German troops approached the city and Pvc. Huempfner was forced to flee the city. As he was fleeing he encountered an allied convey. He warned them that the city was being occupied by the Germans and told them to turn back, and warn headquarters of the German presence. He stayed back, hoping to meet back up with his battalion. He was in hiding and saw vehicles belonging to the 551<sup>st</sup> Battalion, but was unable to get to them in time. The Battalion was caught off guard by the advancing Germans and killed.

After his Battalion was killed, Pvt. Milo Huempfner decided to head back into the city. While there he destroyed several tanks and captured 18 German soldiers. He would later be called the "One Man Army" and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

**COST**

At the time of publication the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had not yet scored this legislation.

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