



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL  
TO  
STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT LAPOINTE

Staff Sergeant Robert L. LaPointe distinguished himself by outstanding achievement at Hurricane Gulch, Alaska, on 5 July 1975. On that date, Sergeant LaPointe, a pararescueman assigned to the 71st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Elmendorf Air Force Base, rendered emergency assistance to the injured in the worst train wreck in Alaska's history. By his prompt action and humanitarian regard for his fellowman, Sergeant LaPointe reflected credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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