

# GENERAL **CASIMIR PULASKI**



# The Story of General Casimir Pulaski

Casimir Pulaski was born several hundred years ago in the country of Poland, on March 4, 1747. He was born to a wealthy family, and he attended military school where he learned to be a soldier.

Casimir grew up to have such strong leadership skills, that he became an important military leader in Poland's fight for freedom against their large and powerful neighbor, Russia. Russia eventually succeeded in taking over Poland. When they did, Casimir was forced to leave his homeland forever.

Feeling sad and defeated, Pulaski traveled to Paris, France where he met Benjamin Franklin. Franklin was visiting France in hopes of finding men willing to join America's fight for independence from the King of England. Understanding exactly what America was going through after fighting for his own country's independence, Casimir volunteered to help. Benjamin Franklin sent him off with a letter of recommendation to give to General George Washington when he arrived in America.

General Washington immediately assigned Pulaski to lead a small cavalry unit (a group of soldiers who fought on horseback). He was a huge success! In fact, in his first battle, Pulaski actually saved George Washington's life!

On October 9, 1779, Pulaski and his soldiers attacked British forces near Savannah, Georgia. Pulaski was severely injured and died of his wounds just days later. He was only 32 years old.

Today Casimir Pulaski is remembered as a fearless leader and heroic soldier. He gave up his life fighting for American Freedom. The courage and integrity of Casimir Pulaski provide an amazing example of what it means to be Raiderstrong.

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**AGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

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