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A painting of Casimir Pulaski, by [Jan Styka](#).

<b>Native name</b>	Kazimierz Pułaski
<b>Born</b>	March 6, 1745 <sup>a</sup> <a href="#">Warsaw</a> , Poland
<b>Died</b>	October 11, 1779 (aged 34) <a href="#">Savannah</a> , <a href="#">Georgia</a> , USA
<b>Allegiance</b>	<a href="#">Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth</a> United States
<b>Service/branch</b>	<a href="#">Army of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth</a> <a href="#">Continental Army</a>
<b>Years of service</b>	1762–1779
<b>Rank</b>	U.S. <a href="#">Brigadier General</a>
<b>Unit</b>	<a href="#">Pulaski's Legion</a>
<b>Battles/wars</b>	<a href="#">War of the Bar Confederation</a> , <a href="#">American Revolutionary War</a> ( <a href="#">Siege of Savannah</a> )
<b>Signature</b>	

**Count** [Kazimierz Michał Władysław Wiktor Pułaski](#)<sup>[1]</sup> of [Ślepowron coat of arms](#) (English: **Casimir Pulaski**; March 6, 1745<sup>[2]</sup> – October 11, 1779) was a [Polish nobleman](#), soldier and military commander who has been called "the father of the American [cavalry](#)".

Pulaski was one of the leading military commanders for the [Bar Confederation](#) and fought against Russian domination of the Commonwealth. When this uprising failed, he was driven into [exile](#). Following a recommendation by [Benjamin Franklin](#), Pulaski emigrated to North America to help in the cause of the [American Revolutionary War](#). He distinguished himself throughout the revolution. He most notably when he saved the life of [George Washington](#). Pulaski became a [general](#) in the [Continental Army](#). He created the [Pulaski Cavalry Legion](#). He also created the American cavalry. At the [Battle of Savannah](#), while leading a daring charge against British forces, he was gravely wounded, and died shortly thereafter.

In 2009, he was honored by becoming an honorary U.S. citizen.<sup>[3]</sup>

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