

# Casmir Pulaski

## A brief history:

- ◆ Casmir Pulaski was a Polish patriot and American Revolutionary hero.
- ◆ Born March 4, 1747 in Podolia.
- ◆ He fought in the revolt against Russia's control of Polish political affairs.
- ◆ He could not defeat the Russians and eventually left for Paris broke and looking for employment.
- ◆ While in Paris, he had heard of the American Revolutionary War. In 1775, he traveled to America and contacted George Washington who made him a member of his military staff.
- ◆ Pulaski experienced success (Battle of Brandywine) and defeat in his American military career. As a military leader he commanded his own cavalry troop. His final heroic charge took place in Savannah where he was mortally wounded. He died on board the American ship *Wasp*, probably on Oct. 11, 1779.
- ◆ The first Monday in March has been signified as Pulaski Day in Illinois.



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