



**Pascal  
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*Army*

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**Jan 29, 1922 - Nov 7, 1967**

**BIRTHPLACE: Apache, OK**

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### **SOLDIER DETAILS**

**HIGHEST RANK: First Sergeant**

**DIVISION: Army, Company M (Heavy Weapons), 3rd  
Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry  
Division**

**THEATER OF OPERATION: China Burma India**

**MILITARY HONORS: Silver Star**

**HONORED BY: The Eisenhower Foundation**

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

Pascal Cleatus Poolaw, Sr., the most decorated Native American soldier in U.S. history - 4 Silver Stars, 5 Bronze Stars 3 Purple Hearts. He earned a total of 42 medals and citations. Born on January 29, 1922, in Apache, Oklahoma, Poolaw, a full-blooded Kiowa, served with the United States Army in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Poolaw, his father and two brothers joined the Armed forces in 1942 during World War II. He earned his first Purple Heart when he was wounded in September 1944. While serving with the 8th Infantry Regiment's M Company near Recogne, Belgium, Poolaw's unit was engaging fire with the Germans. He pushed his unit forward under heavy fire and hurled hand grenades at enemy machine guns, causing numerous enemy casualties and as a result of his heroic actions, many of his comrades lives were saved and the company was able to continue the attack and capture strongly defended enemy positions. Poolaw went on to serve in the Korean and Vietnam war. He was killed in action on a search and destroy mission near Loc Ninh, Vietnam  
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