



**PRT Troop Talk  
Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Jr.  
Troop Talk 1**



**Desired outcome:** Eighth Army Soldiers understand the moral and physical courage demonstrated by Cpl. Mitchell Red Cloud Jr.



This is the strength of Eighth Army and this is who we are. We are Corporal Red Cloud.

Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. was one of five Native American Soldiers who earned the Medal of Honor during the Korean War.

A member of the Ho-Chunk Native American tribe, Corporal Red Cloud was born in Hatfield, Wisconsin in 1924. He served in the U.S. Marines in the Battle of Guadalcanal. He left the Marine Corps as a sergeant during demobilization from World War II in 1946.

He enlisted in the United States Army in 1948 and was assigned to Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. During the Korean War, his company was among the first units in country.

Corporal Red Cloud's company fought in battles from the Pusan Perimeter Battle to north of the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel.

On November 5, 1950, Corporal Red Cloud was manning a listening post in front of E Company's position in North Korea. He heard suspicious sounds in the middle of the night ... before spotting a number of Chinese troops preparing for a surprise attack. Red Cloud sounded the alarm and began firing at enemy troops with a M1918 Browning Automatic Rifle. The Communist Chinese forces returned fire and wounded him.

He refused to withdraw in spite of his wounds and continued to inflict heavy casualties on advancing enemy forces. Suffering from severe injuries, Corporal Red Cloud ordered his Soldiers to tie him upright to a tree before he ordered them to withdraw.

The Communist Chinese eventually overran their position ... but his actions alerted his company of the impending attack, stopped an ambush and enabled his company to evacuate several other wounded Soldiers.

When his Soldiers returned to his position the next morning, his body was surrounded by a large number of dead enemy troops.

In April 1951, Corporal Red Cloud's mother received the nation's highest military honor ... the Medal of Honor ... from General of the Army Omar Bradley in a ceremony at the Pentagon for her son's selfless actions to protect his comrades in the face of an overwhelming enemy.

Camp Red Cloud in Uijeongbu, South Korea, the headquarters of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, is named in honor of Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud.

Eighth Army is strong because of Soldiers like Corporal Red Cloud and the great bravery, integrity and determination he demonstrated during the Korean War.

Where did he find the strength to do what he did? Are we strong enough to do what he did?



**Eighth Army is Strong...  
and Getting Stronger**