



PRT Troop Talk
Master Sergeant Woodrow W. Keeble
Troop Talk 2



Desired outcome: Eighth Army Soldiers understand the moral and physical courage demonstrated by Master Sgt. Woodrow W. Keeble.



This is the strength of Eighth Army and this is who we are. We are Master Sergeant Woodrow W. Keeble.

Master Sergeant Keeble was one of five Native American Soldiers who earned the Medal of Honor in the Korean War.

A member of the Sioux Native American tribe, Master Sergeant Keeble was born in Waubay, South Dakota in 1917. During World War II, he served with the North Dakota 164th Infantry Regiment on Guadalcanal. In battle after battle, he earned a reputation for great bravery and skill. He earned his first of four Purple Hearts and his first Bronze Star for his actions on Guadalcanal. His regiment went on to participate in combat campaigns in Bougainville, Leyte, Cebu and Mindanao.

Following the Japanese surrender, he served on occupation duty in the Yokohama region of Japan.

After World War II, he returned to Wahpeton, ND and worked at the Wahpeton Indian School.

The 164th Infantry Regiment was reactivated for the Korean War and Master Sergeant Keeble volunteered to go to Korea.

He said, "Somebody has to teach these kids how to fight."

In Sangsan-ni, Korea, in October 1951, Master Sergeant Keeble was the acting platoon sergeant during an attack on Hill 765 ... a well-defended and steep enemy position.

He saw that his fellow Soldiers were pinned down by heavy enemy fire from three well-fortified and strategically placed enemy positions. With complete disregard for his own safety, he joined the pinned-down platoon.

Despite heavy injuries and 83 grenades fragments in his body, he single-handedly took out all three enemy positions with only grenades and a Browning automatic rifle. He inspired his company to seize its objective.

Although Keeble received the Silver Star for his actions, he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor in 2008.

Eighth Army is strong because of Soldiers like Master Sergeant Woodrow W. Keeble 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**