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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Principal Chief: Lee R. Young

Assistant Chief: Louis B. Watson

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Marsha Jo Butler, Secretary

Barbara S. Hightower, Treasurer

Mary S. Young

Clarence G. Ward

Samuel R. Watson

PRINCIPAL CHIEF'S MESSAGE: Hensci, Happy New Year **Seminoles.** The Tribal council met in teleconference on December 8, 2018. Plans and events for 2019, and the scholarship program were discussed. Scholarship applicants will be required to prepare an essay pertaining to Black Seminole history. The oath of office was administered to recently elected Tribal Council member Barbara Simon Hightower. Financial report: total assets: \$1,614.70, cash \$336.00. Expenses: \$600.00 for removal and cleanup of cemetery entrance, \$97.00 Kinney County Post for advertising. Tribal Council selected Barbara Simon Hightower as tribal treasurer.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tribal Council will meet February 9, 2019, 1:00 PM, at the Asian Star Buffet, 9919 Colonial Square, San Antonio, TX 78240. All tribal members are welcome to attend a Tribal Council meeting.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you change residence, get a new telephone number, new email address, or any other changes in contact information. Be certain

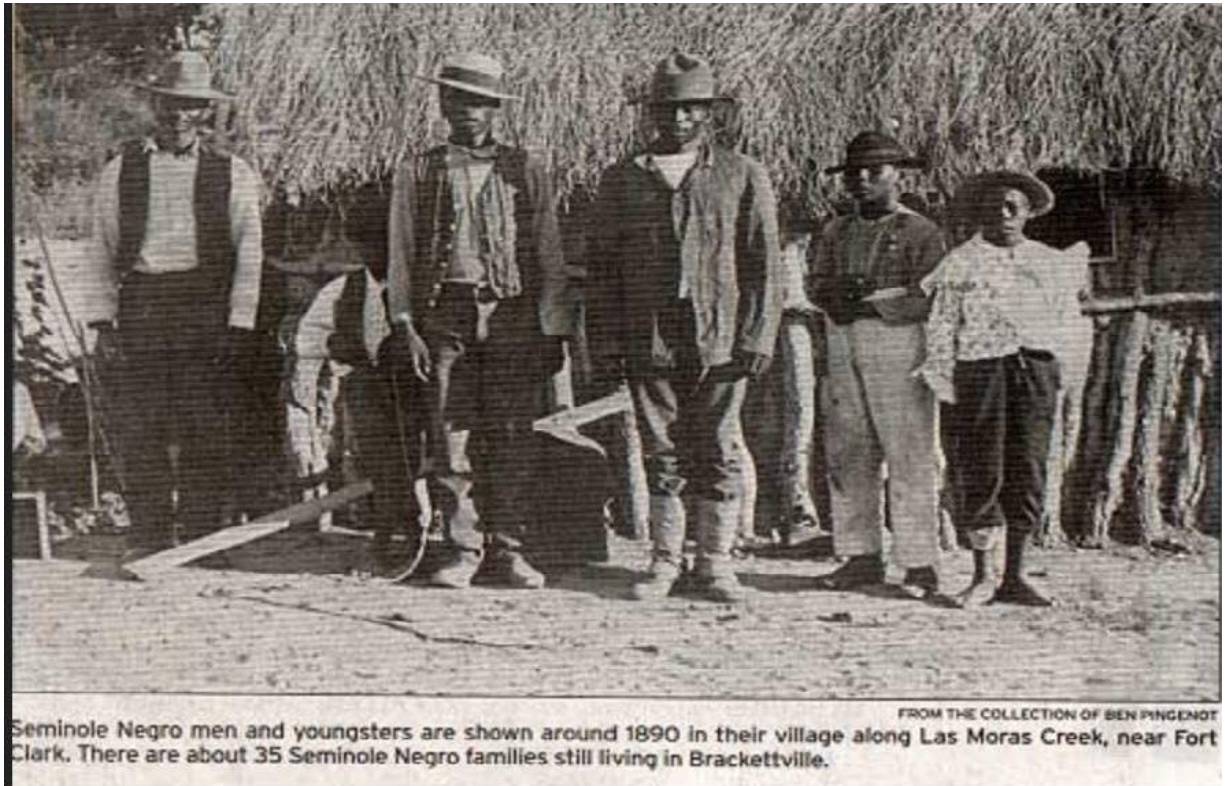
and forward your new information to our office. We don't want anyone missing out on any information on our tribal organization, projects, events, by not receiving their tribal mail

TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Tribal Identification Cards are available for issue with a 3 year expiration for \$20, or \$25 for 5 years. The Tribal Identification Cards, are an official means of identifying tribal members. We continue to hear from members using their ID cards in a variety of identification situations. Tribal Identifications Cards do not replace any government issued identification card, they are a means for members to display their tribal enrollment. Each enrolled member is issued a sequential enrollment number (AST:XXXXX) Visit our website: <https://absenteeseminoletribe.org> under the "Resources" tab download the Tribal Identification Card information. Follow the instructions to submit a request for your personalized identification card. Got a new address, active Identification Cards may be updated for only \$5.00.



Hat ornament authorized for wear by enlisted Indian Scouts, in Adjutant General's office circular No. 10, August 11, 1890. The Original hat badge was made of nickel. This type was issued to and worn by the Seminole Negro Indian Scouts. Original badges have been excavated on Fort Clark near the Seminole Camp. The crossed arrow design was later adopted as the branch insignia of U. S. Special Forces – The Green Berets.



Any assistance in identifying the subjects in the photograph is appreciated.

These members are celebrating birthdays in the month of January

Lana Jean Blanks - Jan 2
 Dehvon A. Davies – Jan 4
 Chloe D. Williams- Jan 7
 Lee R. Young – Jan 8
 Larvell Blanks – Jan 28
 Patricia B. Bonnet – Jan 15
 Denise Watson-Cross – Jan 17

Mary S. Young – Jan 20
 Shawn R. Powell - Jan 21
 Tiara Natasha Ward - Jan 27
 Rose Mary Blanks - Jan 28
 Michael Lee Aguilera – Jan 29
 Jeffrey W. Blanks – Jan 30



The greatest gift we can give to our ancestors is to preserve their heritage and legacy. Never give up!, continue the struggle. “If there is no struggle, there is no progress” Frederick Douglass.



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