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PRINCIPAL CHIEF'S MESSAGE: Hensci, Seminoles Seminole Days 2025 was a memorable event thanks for all who attended. Our speaker: Tom Ashmore, President West Texas Archaeological Society, talk on Camp Meyers Springs and the Seminole Negro Indian Scouts was very educational and enjoyed. At the General tribal meeting an election for the tribal council vacancy was held. Candidate Carl "Carlos" Duane Young II was elected by acclamation. Pursuant to the constitution, Carl will be sworn into the Tribal Council at the subsequent Tribal Council meeting – October 25, 2025 via Zoom. Members are welcome to attend the Tribal Council meeting. Zoom meeting information is provided in this newsletter.

Invitation to Tribal Council meeting

Tribal Council meeting – October 25, 2025 11:00 AM CST

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81404372668?pwd=bGetgEVIVKJei3zb7WtOcHPRwGHTMB.1>

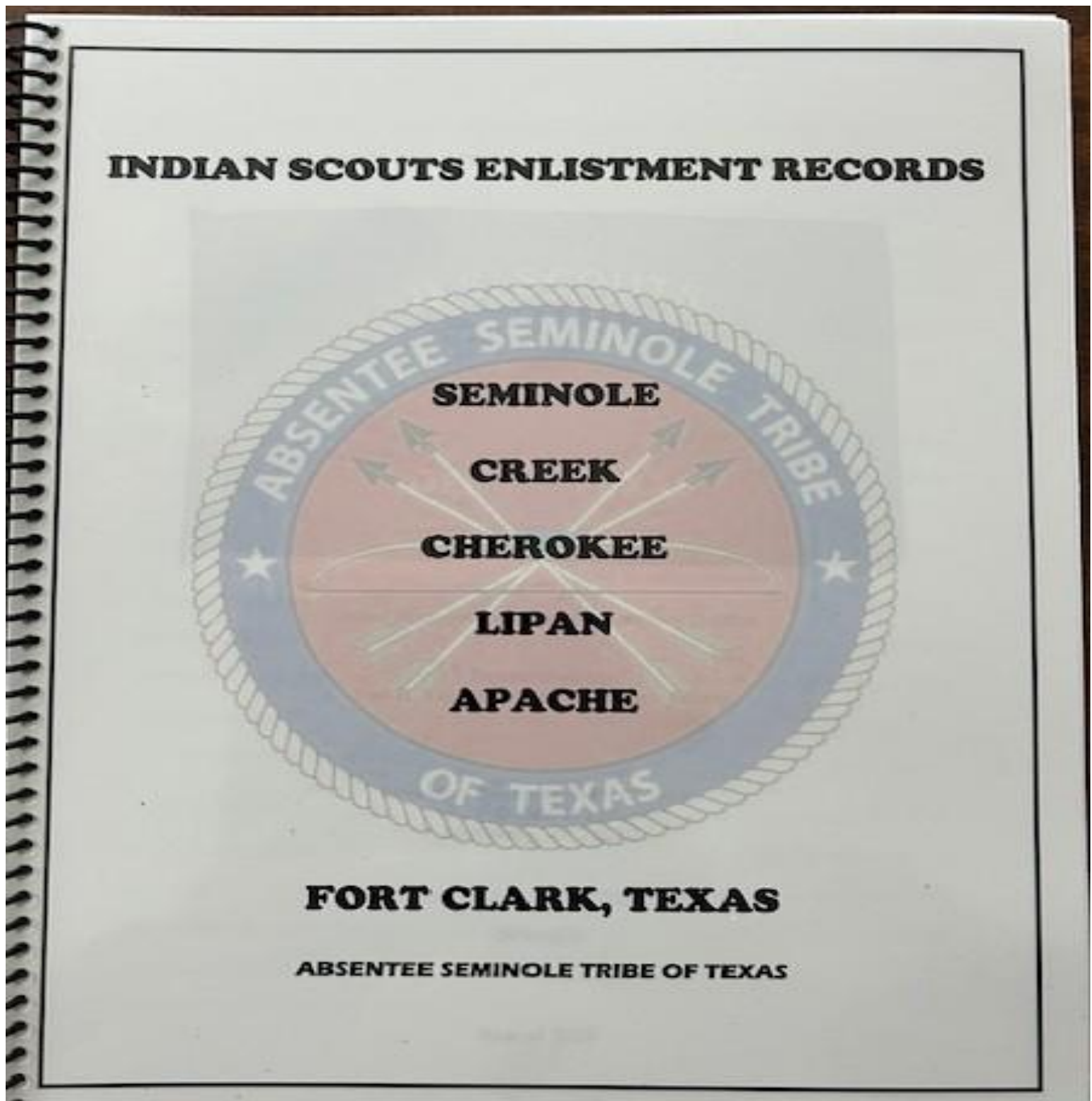
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A booklet "Indian Scouts Enlistment Records – Fort Clark, Texas" was recently published. The booklet consisting of 78 pages with information on each of the Indian Scouts who served at Fort Clark, Texas 1870 to 1914, has approximately 39 photographs, full color where possible. The booklet was available for purchase at Seminole Days 2025 at Saint John Missionary Outreach, Brackettville, Texas. The printing cost of the booklet has been donated by Chief Young, the proceeds from sale of the booklet will go to the ASTT. The booklet is now available for purchase online cost \$25.00, shipping US USPS included.

<https://absenteeseminoletribe.org/enlistment-records/>

Indian Scouts Enlistment Records - Fort Clark, Texas



The Seminole Negro Indian Scouts were a detachment which served the U S Army from 1870 to 1914. The detachment consisted of Seminole, Creek, Cherokee, Lipan and Apache Indians. These remarkable men served the U.S. Army for 42 years. During their service not a single scout was killed as a result of combat action. The Medal of Honor, an honor for valor, was subsequently awarded to four of the Seminole Negro Indian Scouts. These men of mixed black and Seminole/Indian ancestry, dressed, acted and possessed remarkable tracking, and fighting skills. They are often referred to as the best desert fighters and trackers in the history of the United States Army.

Medal of Honor Recipients, Seminole Negro Indian Scouts

Pvt. Adam Paine, September 20, 1874. The Staked Plains, Texas. Citation: Rendered invaluable service to Col. R. S. Mackenzie, 4th U.S. Cavalry., during action at Blanco Canyon during the Red River War.

Pvt. Pompey Factor, April 25, 1875. Eagle's Nest Crossing, Pecos River, Texas. Citation: with Sgt. John Ward, and Pvt. Isaac Payne, he participated in a charge against 25 Comanche's near Eagles Nest on the Pecos River, rescuing their commander Lt. John Bullis.

Pvt. Isaac Payne, April 25, 1875. Eagle's Nest Crossing, Pecos River, Texas. Citation: with Sgt. John Ward, Pvt. Pompey Factor, he participated in a charge against 25 Comanche's near Eagles Nest on the Pecos River, rescuing their commander Lt. John Bullis.

Sgt. John Ward, April 25, 1875. Eagle's Nest Crossing, Pecos River, Texas. Citation: with Pvt. Pompey, and Pvt. Isaac Payne, he participated in a charge against 25 Comanche's near Eagles Nest on the Pecos River, rescuing their commander Lt. John Bullis.



Medal of Honor

INDIAN SCOUTS ENLISTMENT RECORDS – FORT CLARK, TEXAS



United States Army Scout Detachment Guidon

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August 2025

October Birthdays

Jordan C. Garza – Oct 1
Dominique M. Blanks – Oct 3
Keshauna N. Milton – Oct 4
Steven C. Young, Jr. - Oct 11
Demarcus A. Best – Oct 14
Audrey S. Ward – Oct 16
Ebonie W. Mobley – Oct 16
Raven R. Rose - Oct 17

Richard L. Watson – Oct 19
Carman L. Brinkley – Oct 23
Steven O. Stocker – Oct 24
Eveatte L. Benson – Oct 29



TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS: Tribal Identification Cards are available for \$25, valid for 4 years. The Tribal Identification Cards, are an official means to identify tribal members. Tribal Identification Cards do not replace any official government issued identification, they provide a means for members to proudly display their tribal enrollment.



TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARD RENEWAL

Tribal Identification Cards are beginning to expire – we will mail expiration notices. Everyone encouraged to check the expiration date on their Tribal Identification Cards. Renewal only requires submission of payment of \$25, payable to Absentee Seminole Tribe of Texas.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you change residence, get a new telephone number, new email address, or any other changes in contact information. Forward your new information to our office.

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