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## TRIBAL COUNCIL

Principal Chief: Lee R. Young

Asst. Chief: Richard L. Watson

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

Clarence G. Ward, Treasurer

Ebonie S. Mobley, Secretary

Mary S. Young

Marsha Jo Butler

**PRINCIPAL CHIEF'S MESSAGE:** Hensci, Seminoles Tribal Council meet via Zoom on October 25, 2025. In attendance were: Lee Young, Principal Chief, Richard Watson, Assistant Chief, Tribal Council members: Clarence Ward, Treasurer, Ebonie Mobley, Secretary, Mary Young, and Marsha Butler. Carl D. Young II and Kim Page-Bridges were visitors. The minutes from the August 16, 2025 Tribal Council meeting were read by Chief Young. A minutes as read motion was made by Richard Watson, seconded by Marsha Butler and passed. The financial report was presented by Chief Young: Total assets: \$944.99, Operating account \$ 794.99 and Project account \$150.00. Membership report: Tribal active membership is 221. Seminole Days 2025 results were read. The Bingo games and food sales produced \$357.00. A booklet produced by Mary and Lee Young "Indian

Scouts Enlistment Records – Fort Clark TX produced total of \$350.00 sales. For the use of the Saint John Missionary Outreach Center, a donation of \$150.00 was made to the church. Tribal Council oath of office was administered to Carl D., Young II. Young declined to accept the oath of office – his position on the Tribal Council became "null and void". Tribal Council scheduled the first meeting of 2026 to be held via Zoom on January 24, 2026 at 11:00 AM CST.

**Tribal Council vacancy** – a vacancy exists on the Tribal Council – an enrolled member 18 years of age or older who has interest in serving on the Tribal Council is asked to contact Chief Young or any Tribal Council member to indicate your interest or for additional information on serving on the Tribal Council. Service on the Tribal Council is an excellent opportunity to provide suggestions and ideas for our development as a nation. New ideas for programs, events, and fundraising are vital for our development and growth.

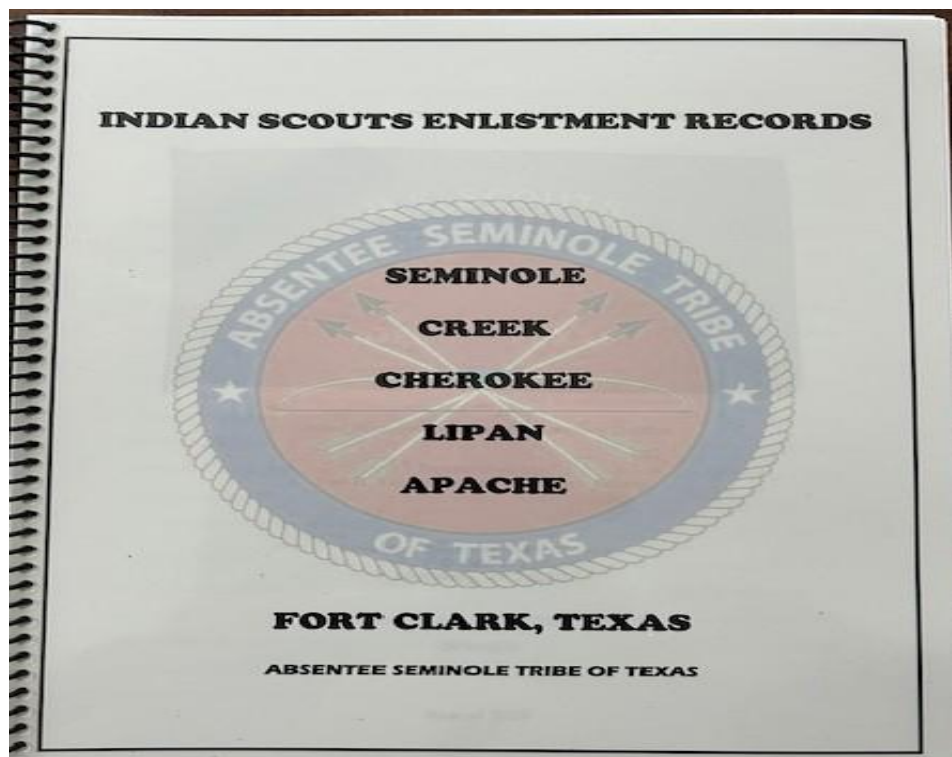
So, anyone who has interest in learning more of our remarkable heritage and taking part in our development is encouraged to seek the vacant Tribal Council position.

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. To order a booklet (excellent Christmas gift) for learning more of your heritage – follow the link outlined below to place an order.**

<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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## November Birthdays

Sandra Esteen Harris – Nov 2  
Norman Hayes Brinkley - Nov 3  
Loretta Jane Jordan – Nov 6  
Randi Marie Houston - Nov 12  
Timothy Troy Page - Nov 23  
Jada Nicole Hudson - Nov 17  
Cynthia Benson Johnson - Nov 19  
La'tte Leon Blanks – Nov 20

McCoy, Evan Michael – Nov 20  
Nicole Denise Stocker - Nov 19  
Nicole Watson Davis - Nov 22  
Patricia Ann Pinkney - Nov 14  
Lois Hicks Brinkley - Nov 26  
Lillian Cardenas Warren - Nov 27  
Jacqueline Ann Factor II- Nov 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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