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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**

We hope all our members are doing well with the recent Winter storms. Hopefully the month of February weather will not be a continuation of what we have received in January. Our tribal council meeting convened via Zoom on January 24 at 11:07 AM CST. Attending the meeting were Tribal Council members: Lee Young Principal Chief, Richard Watson Assistant Chief, Clarence Ward Treasurer, Ebonie Mobley Secretary, Mary Young and Marsha Butler. Reports: Financial – Total assets: \$1017.71, Operating account: \$851.71, Project fund: \$165.00. Active membership: 221 members. New business discussed. We are looking forward to our 10 anniversary this year. Plans are being made to hold a Loteria during Fort Clark Days – March 7, 2026. Additional information will be forth coming in the next

few weeks. Our mailing address has been changed. We will no longer be receiving business mail at a post office box.

Our new business address is: **241 MEADOWS DRIVE
MCKINNEY, TX 75071-3971**

Tribal Council meeting via Zoom was scheduled for April 11, 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 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.

JOIN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Become a part of building our tribe and promoting our remarkable heritage!

INDIAN SCOUTS ENLISTMENT RECORDS – FORT CLARK, TEXAS

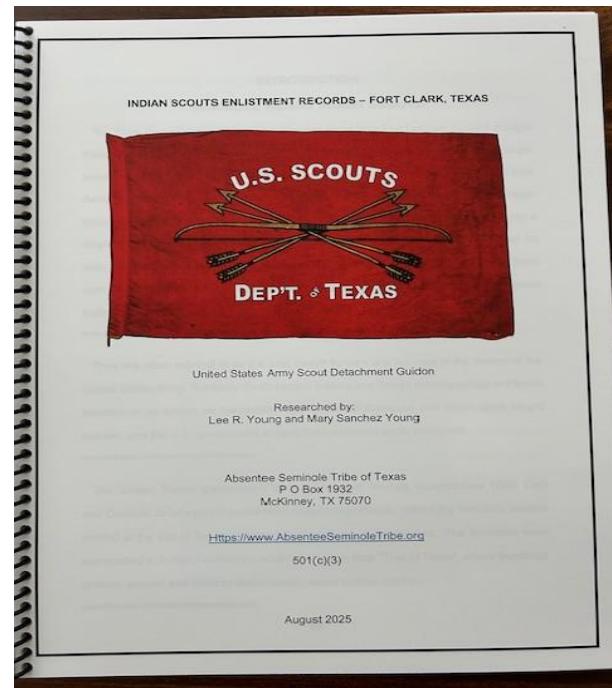
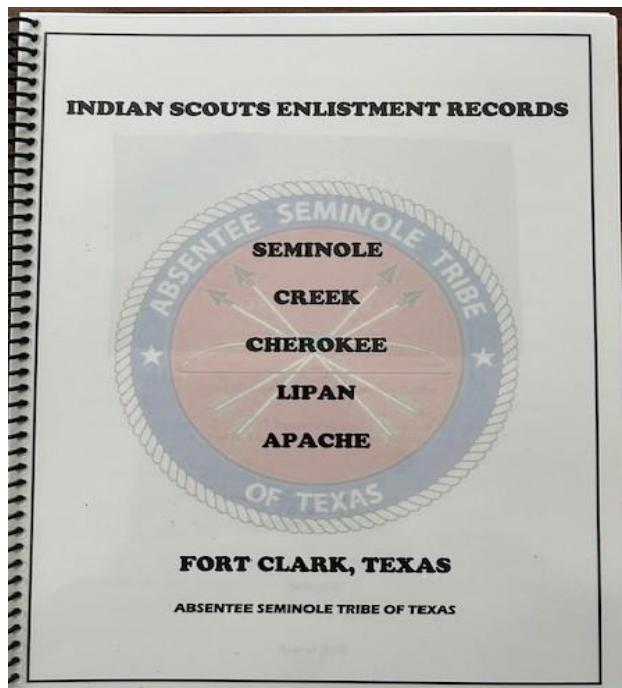
The booklet “**Indian Scouts Enlistment Records – Fort Clark, Texas**”. The booklet consists of 78 pages with information on each of the Indian Scouts who served at Fort Clark, Texas 1870 to 1914, it has approximately 39 photographs, full color where possible. The printing cost of the booklet has been donated by Chief Young, the proceeds from sale of the booklet will go to the ASTT. The booklet is available for purchase online cost \$25.00, shipping USPS included. To order a booklet and learn more of our remarkable heritage – follow the link below to place your order, or visit or webpage: <https://absenteeseminoletribe.org>

The order portal is located on the RESOURCES Tab

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

The Seminole Negro Indian Scouts were a detachment which served the U S Army from 1870 to 1914. The detachment personnel 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.



February Birthdays

Loretta A. Benson – Feb 1
Pacia R. Carter – Feb 4
Clarence G. Ward – Feb 5
Luther W. Ward – Feb 5
Barbara Jo Lewis – Feb 6
Kinsley M. Aguilera – Feb 10
Mary Payne Disla – Feb 13
Carlos J. Page – Feb 16

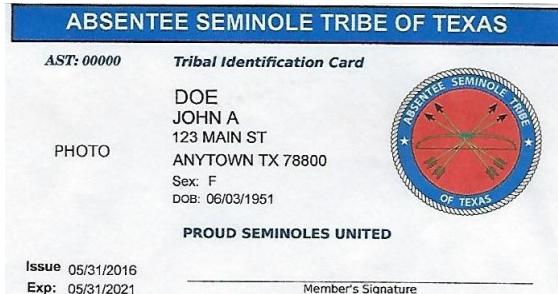
Spouse

Steven B. Aguilera – Feb 4

Arga M. Carter – Feb 17
Priscilla A. Dittmer – Feb 21
Phillip M. Dixon - Feb 22
Mitya L. Quick - Feb 23
Isabella G. Meza - Feb 24
Mark A. Hicks – Feb 24
Sylvia A. Lewis – Feb 25
Jerry Factor – Feb 26
Rosalind R. Tabora – Feb 28



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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