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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

The Tribal Council met on May 30, 2026 at 11:00 AM via Zoom. Attending the meeting were: Lee Young, Principal Chief, Richard Watson, Assistant Chief, Clarence Ward, Treasurer, and Tribal Council members: Marsha Butler Mary Young, and Guest Yolanda Williams. The meeting began with a prayer conducted by Clarence Ward. The minutes of the April 11, 2026 Tribal Council meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Richard Watson, second by Clarence Ward. The motion passed. Financial report: Total assets: \$1,331.50, Operating account: \$1,145.50, and Project account: \$185.00. Membership was reported as 219. Old business annual donations from members was discussed. A portal for members to effortlessly make donations has been established and has been successfully utilized by several

members making generous donations. We extend our gratitude to the following members who have graciously made donations. Marsha Butler, Luther W. Ward, Curtis Mobley, Tomas Wrotten, and Tamara George. Prior to adjourning a Tribal Council meeting was scheduled to be held on August 8, 2026 at 11:00 AM via Zoom.

We would like to again remind all we have a new business address:

**241 MEADOWS DRIVE  
MCKINNEY, TX 75071-3971**

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## [DONATE](#)

<https://donate.stripe.com/0owdR237rgt1gfCbf56kg00>

### **TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

This June we will be celebrating our Tenth anniversary! You do not want to miss this important milestone of our organization. On June 19, 2026 we will hold a general meeting at the Saint John Missionary Outreach in Brackettville, TX. The event will begin at 6:00 PM. It will consist of a General meeting, State of the Tribe message and induction of a new Tribal Council member. On June 20 beginning at 12 PM, for \$8.00 we will be selling a lunch meal consisting of: Hamburgers, Chips, Cookies, and Soda/Water drinks.

June 20, 2026 at Saint John Missionary Outreach we will have a “Loteria” game starting at 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. There will be numerous prizes available and refreshments provided for the participants.

### **TRIBAL COUNCIL VACANCY**

We are please to report that our member Yolanda Williams has agreed to become a member of our Tribal Council. She is the only individual who has stepped forward an expressed interest in the vacant Tribal Council position. On June 19, 2026 we will meet at the Saint John Missionary Outreach, Brackettville TX. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM. A vote by acclamation will be held and Yolanda will be administered the Tribal Council oath of office and become a member of the Tribal Council.

### **INDIAN SCOUTS ENLISTMENT RECORDS – FORT CLARK, TEXAS**

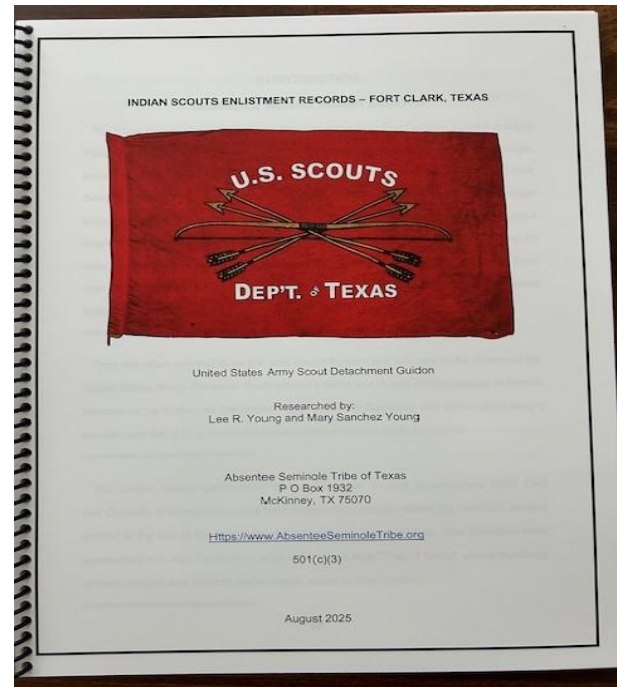
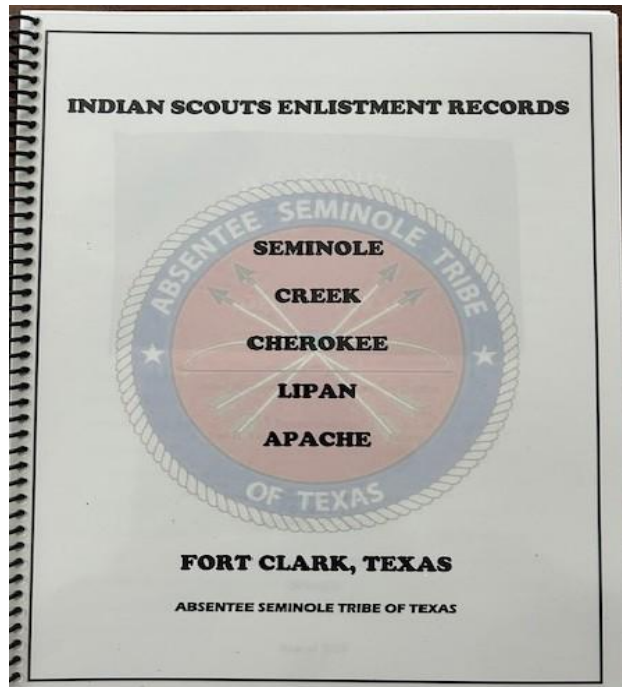
The booklet “**Indian Scouts Enlistment Records – Fort Clark, Texas**”. The booklet consist’s of 78 pages with information on each of the Indian Scouts who served at Fort Clark, Texas 1870 to 1914, it has approximately 39 photographs, full color where possible. The printing cost of the booklet has been 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.



## June Birthdays

Barbara S. Hightower – June 3  
Linda B. Page – June 12  
Brenda Addie Mobley – June 12  
Selena M. Brown – June 15  
Elnora Cloteal Exum – June 18

Elijah M. Brooks – June 19  
Wayne Benson - June 24  
Antoinette M. Stokes – June 29  
Lillianna Sky Ferguson – June 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.

### **FACEBOOK**

<https://www.facebook.com/AbsenteeSeminoleTribeTexas/>

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## Celebrating Our Tenth Anniversary

General Tribal Meeting – June 19, 2026, 6:00 PM

June 20, 2026 Lunch 12:00 PM

Hamburgers, Chips, Cookies, Dessert, Water/Soda – Donation \$8.00

**Loteria 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

will play 20 games, \$20/20 games of play, additional cards \$1 each per game  
snacks and drinks will be provided for participants

**Saint John Missionary Outreach**  
Brackettville, TX

**Proud Seminoles United**