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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

Yolanda S. Williams

PRINCIPAL CHIEF'S MESSAGE: Hensci, Seminoles

The Tribal Council met on August 8, 2026 via Zoom. In attendance were: Lee Young, Principal Chief, Richard Watson, Assistant Chief, Clarence Ward, Treasurer, Ebonie Mobley, Secretary, Mary Young, Yolanda Williams and Marsha Butler. No guests were present. The meeting was called to order at 11:19 AM by Chief Young, Clarence Ward presented a prayer. The minutes from the May 30, 2026 meeting were read by Young, a motion to accept as read was made by Richard Watson, seconded by Yolanda Williams. The motion passed. Financial report: Total assets: \$1,861.30, Operating account: \$1,661.30, Project account: \$200.00. Membership report: 219 enrolled members. Seminole Days was discussed and decision made to have a Bingo on September 18 from 6 – 9 PM at the Alibi Lounge in Brackettville, TX. On September 19

we will hold a heritage and historical meet and greet program at Saint John Missionary Outreach in Brackettville, TX. Our next Tribal Council meeting was scheduled for October 10, 2026. We adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM.

Annual Donations

Tribal Council requests annual donations – if you have not made an annual donation we respectfully request you consider doing so.

The Tribal Council enacted a request of tribal members to make an annual donation to the tribe. The funds are to be used for general tribal expenses and costs associated with events. The suggested amount of annual donation is \$20.

In this newsletter there is a LINK which may be used go to a special page we have developed to enable members to easily make their donations. To use the LINK – place your cursor on DONATE or the URL LINK, Press CTRL + Click to go to the donation page. If anyone has any problems or desires to utilize another manner to make your donation – contact our office. We will attempt to accommodate all requests.

TO MAKE A DONATION – **SCAN BARCODE, OR
CTRL+CLICK ON DONATE**

Scan the Barcode to make a donate



Control + Click on DONATE to go to the Donation Form

DONATE

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

**Do you have a desire to learn more about your ancestoers!
GREAT – we suggest you obtain your copy of the great publication on the
enlistment records of the Seminole Indian Scouts!**

INDIAN SCOUTS ENLISTMENT RECORDS – FORT CLARK, TEXAS

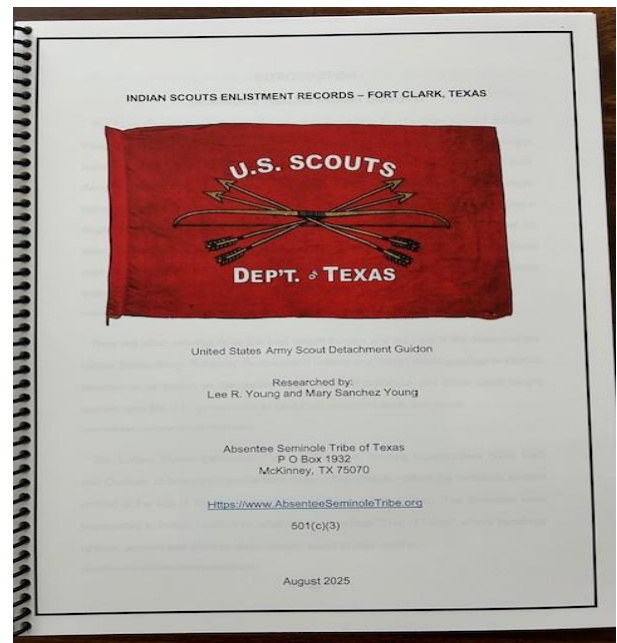
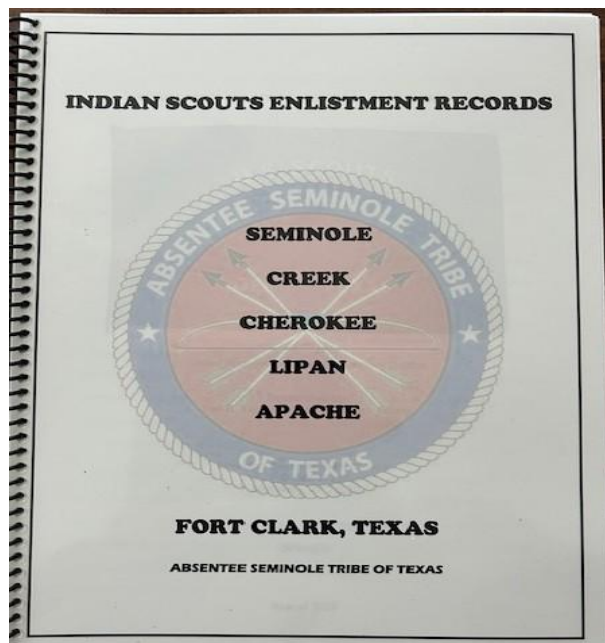
The booklet “**Indian Scouts Enlistment Records – Fort Clark, Texas**”. The booklet consist’s of 78 pages with information on each of the Indian Scouts who served at Fort Clark, Texas 1870 to 1914, it has approximately 39 photographs, full color where possible. The printing cost of the booklet has been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



August Birthdays

Kwame T. Wrotten – Aug 6
 Gregory L. Watson – Aug 8
 Natalie R. King – Aug 9
 Delmita D. Turner - Aug 14
 Lois B. Hicks - Aug 14
 Kevin C. Watson – Aug 20
 Jiree Daiveon Stocker – Aug 21
 Stella K. Robinson - Aug 23
 Samuel R. Watson - Aug 24

Katrena B. Jackson – Aug 24
 Vince Benson - Aug 29
 Dawan C. Brown - Aug 29
 Sidney W. Hicks – Aug 29
 Regina E. Hernandez – Aug 30
 Jadon O'Bryan Blanks – Aug 30
 Montine D. Taylor – Aug 30



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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Seminole Days

**Join us as we celebrate our
remarkable history and heritage**

**Sep 18, 2026
Alibi Lounge
1270 E. U.S. Hwy 90 Hwy
Bingo 6 – 9 PM**

**Sep 19, 2026
Saint John Missionary Outreach
116 W. Crockett St., Brackettville TX
Meet & Greet 6 – 9 PM
Refreshments provided
Heritage, history, of the remarkable
Seminole and Indian Scout history**

**enrollment of Seminole Scout descendants
information and assistance will be available**

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ALL INVITED

BINGO

**Sep 18 6 – 9 PM
Alibi Lounge
1270 E. U.S. Hwy 90
Brackettville TX**

**Will Play 20 games
\$20/20 games of
play additional cards
\$1 per special game
Refreshments
provided for
participants**

SEP 19

**Saint John
Missionary Outreach
Brackettville TX
Heritage – History of
Seminole and Indian
Scout history**

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