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PRINCIPAL CHIEF'S MESSAGE: Hensci, Seminoles

The Fall weather is welcomed by all. Summer has been record setting for high temperatures and very little rain fall. Here in the past week we have received several inches of rain. As usual some areas may get more rain than they can reasonable handle. Those living in such areas are cautioned to be on the alert for rapidly rising water levels and to always be prepared to seek safe locations away from rising flood waters. We had an enjoyable Seminole Days weekend on Sep 18th and 19th. Many enjoyed the Bingo held at the Alibi Lounge on Sep 18. The event at Saint John Missionary Outreach on the 19th, and the refreshments provided by ASTT were enjoyed by all the attendees. We will be having a Tribal Council meeting on October 10, 2026 at 11:00 AM CST via Zoom. Members are welcome to attend Tribal Council meetings.

Topic: Tribal Council Meeting

Time: Oct 10, 2026 11:00 AM Central Standard Time CST

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85627934034?pwd=TGih2Fwxcd5iNRnmVw8ln5KSJuShW.1>

Meeting ID: 856 2793 4034

Passcode: 205591

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/oowdR237rgt1gfCbf56kg00>

**Do you have a desire to learn more about your ancestors!
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

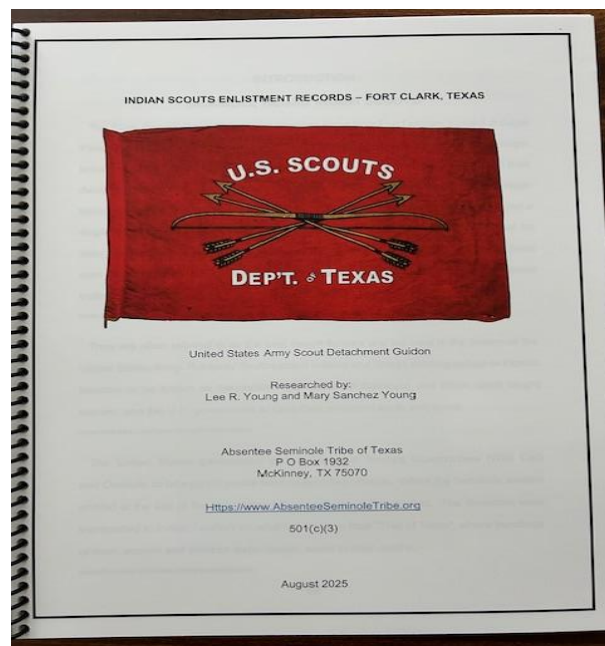
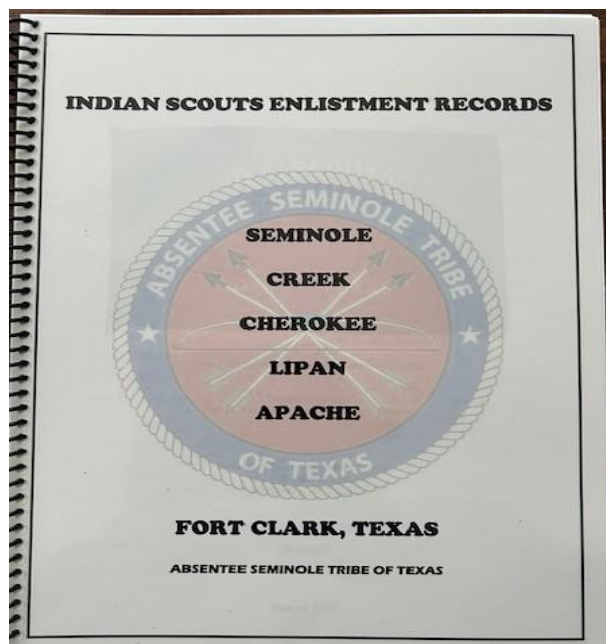
The booklet “**Indian Scouts Enlistment Records – Fort Clark, Texas**”. The booklet consist’s of 78 pages with information on each of the Indian Scouts who served at Fort Clark, Texas 1870 to 1914, it has approximately 39 photographs, full color where possible. The printing cost of the booklet has been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



October Birthdays

Jordan C. Garza – Oct 1
 Dominique M. Blanks – Oct 3
 Keshana N. Milton – Oct 4
 Steven C. Young, Jr. - Oct 11
 Demarcus A. Best – Oct 14
 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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