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Indian Nations Camp #3 meeting December 1, 2022: PDC Rex Griffin; CC Steven Tolvert; PDC Mike Rusk; DC Clint Anderson. (Photo by PDC Carl Fallen)

January Camp Meeting

Returning to a familiar meeting place for our January camp meeting, it will be held at the Ash Room of the Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E 93rd Street. The camp is at a critical stage in which we are stretched to find officers willing to serve. That puts in peril the camp's continued existence. The January meeting will be very important to us. We need ALL MEMBERS to come to the January meeting to discuss this situation. The speaker for the evening, PDC Mike Rusk, is slated to deliver a short program on the topic of the "Civil War Origin of Robert's Rules of Order." Wear your membership badge draped in black.

Installing Officer, DC Clint Anderson, will swear in the camp's officers for 2023. Camp Cdr. Tolbert has agreed to continue in office, and he will have an opportunity to share his vision for the new year, and appoint his staff officers.

December Camp Meeting

At this meeting, we had intended to nominate officers for 2023, but the candidates needed to be present and willing to serve. Since that condition was not met, this business was postponed until later. Brothers Mike Rusk and Carl Fallen were selected to meet the following week to move the issue forward. Under rules of the Constitution and Regulations, we are to install

officers in January, of course, meaning that we must nominate, and elect them before the January camp meeting.

Only five brothers attended the camp meeting. Seated around a table, a number of business issues were discussed, which are enumerated under the heading of "Camp Business" on the next page. No program was presented.

Union Ancestor of PCC Kevin D. White:
Pvt. Benjamin Bidwell
Company E, 9th Indiana Infantry

It's Time to Pay Camp Dues

Each of you should have received an email Dues Notice from the Camp Treasurer notifying you that it is time to pay up for 2023. Payments are due in January, but if you need a little extra time, please let that be known.

The \$40 camp dues are broken down as follows:
\$33 goes to the National SUCVW Organization.
\$4 goes to the Oklahoma Department
\$3 is left to operate the camp

Of the camp's 18 members, three are Life Members, who are not obligated to pay annual dues. You can see that the \$45 left to operate the camp doesn't leave room for much of anything unless we reach into the treasury for whatever else might be needed. Fortunately, we have operated prudently over the years, and because of some generous contributions, we have a relatively strong bank balance.

The camp Treasurer for the past 11 years, Carl Fallen, is being followed by the new Treasurer Mike Rusk, whose mailing address is shown below. Therefore, if you have yet to make your \$40 payment, you can either bring it to the January camp meeting, or mail it to the new Treasurer:

Mr. Michael Rusk
3208 S. Pittsburg Ct.
Tulsa, OK 74135

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Camp Business

At the December camp meeting, several items of business were discussed, among them was the dues amount for 2023. The National Organization's rate increase from \$23 per capita to \$33 would suggest a \$10 increase in our dues figure. Unanimously, however, the brothers present agreed that this would have a detrimental effect on recruiting and was too much of a fee hike for one year. The camp treasury can afford to absorb the difference. Therefore, the dues figure will be raised from \$35 to \$40 for 2023 in hopes that it will make membership more attractive to new prospects. The C&R states that the dues amount cannot be less than the combination of the National and Department dues, which is now \$37.

The issue of a camp meeting place, post-COVID, has been on the table for several months. While we are most grateful for the Parkview Baptist Church for providing a comfortable and roomy meeting place for us during the pandemic, we are dependent upon DC Clint Anderson, to be present to open and close it for us and coordinate with church officials. Clint has to earn a living too, and may not be able to be there when we have a meeting scheduled. Therefore, we really need to return to a public meeting place as we had before the pandemic hit.

DC Anderson emailed on December 9, "I received confirmation from Hardesty Library for the Ash meeting room for our January and February meetings. For our new members, and a reminder to other members, Hardesty is located at 8316 E 93rd Street in Tulsa. The Ash meeting room is on the ground floor."

DC Clint Anderson stated, "Parkview Baptist has been a great alternative while the restrictions were in place but the library offers better tables and chairs with much better sound. It also helps in the event the church can't be unlocked if I travel or deal with a work situation."

After the camp meeting, Brothers Carl Fallen and Mike Rusk, comprising a Nominating Committee, met for lunch and discussed the critical need for camp

officers for 2023 and the unwillingness of potential candidates to serve. Life Member Fallen, at age 86, an Indian Nations Camp charter member with 25 years of continuous active service, feeling the effects of old age, voiced his intention to disengage from active service. At the meeting, the most likely candidate prospects were agreed upon, however, hardly anybody was willing to serve. Consequently, some of the officers will need to hold more than one office in order for the camp to continue operations. The new officers recommended for office were:

Camp Commander	Steven Tolbert
Sr. Vice Commander	Mike Rusk
Jr. Vice Commander	Joel Fallen
Secretary / Treasurer	Mike Rusk

An email ballot was distributed to camp members with an urgent request for a prompt vote. The necessary plurality of votes was shortly received.

Department Encampment Date Set: May 20th

Department Commander, Clint Anderson emailed, "I reached out to Adam Lynn at Honey Springs Visitors Center about hosting our Department Encampment again in May of 2023. If the date works for you, I have Saturday, May 20th secured. The weekend before holds Mother's Day, and I didn't want anything to possibly interfere with celebrating the ladies in our families. Another plus about using the location would be the cost. Adam allows us to use the room for free, but I always want to encourage our members to visit the gift center or pick up a membership to the park to show our appreciation. Let me know your thoughts."

Clint followed up with another email, "I spoke with Adam at Honey Springs Battlefield requesting the Visitors Center for our Department Encampment. If the date of Saturday, May 20th works we can put it on the books. We only need to put together an Encampment planning meeting in early April.



Brother Dewayne Anderson 1939 – 2022

By Dept. Cdr. Clint Anderson

It is with sadness I share that Brother Dewayne Anderson of Sgt. Jacob Overturf Camp #4 passed away at 6:45 pm on Christmas Eve. All Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of Brother Anderson for 30 days. By suggestion of PDC Rex Griffin and confirmed by DC Clint Anderson.

Dewayne Anderson 83 and resident of Copan, OK, passed away on December 24, 2022. Dewayne was born January 9, 1939, in Dewey, OK. He was the son of the late Earnie Allen Anderson and Mary Lanora (Tucker) Anderson. He grew up in the Copan area where he received his early education from the Copan Schools. He graduated in 1957 and went on to own his own dairy from 1959-1966. He worked at Reda Pump from 1962-1972. After the death of his father in 1972 in an oilfield accident Dewayne ran Four A Oil Co. along with his mother. Later, Dewayne and his three brothers took over the company. Dewayne owned and operated the company by himself until his death.

Dewayne married Sharron Purdum in 1958 and they had three children, Debbie Asbeck, Pam Renee, Lloyd Dewayne. In 1971 he married Carolyn Hollandsworth, and they had one son, Clint. They made their home in the Copan area and remained there all of their married lives.

Dewayne participated in rodeo in the events of bull riding and bronc riding in his younger years. Dewayne always enjoyed watching and participating in stock car racing. He owned his own car and raced successfully for several years. He also enjoyed farming and taking care of his livestock. Dewayne served as Chief for the Copan Volunteer Fire Department for many years. He is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with Camp Jacob Overturf in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

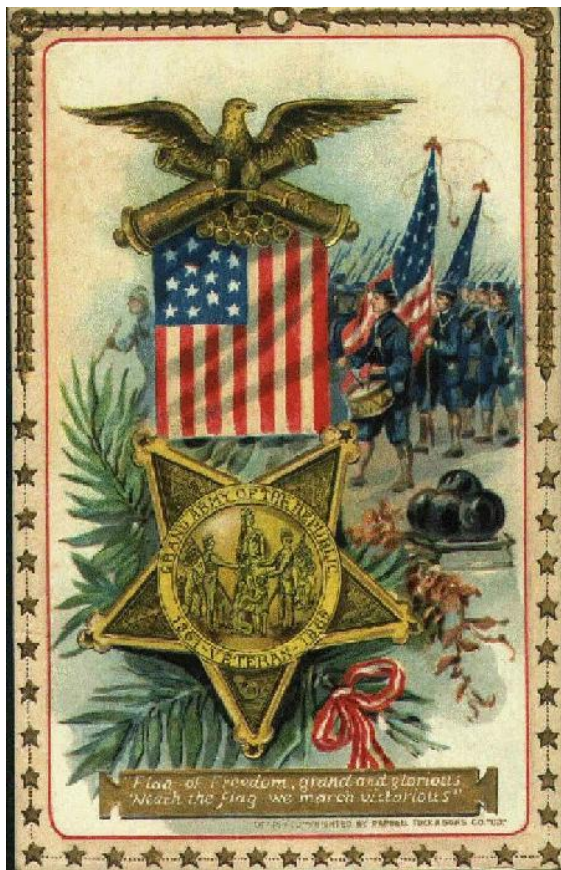
He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Damon (Chub) Anderson and Doug Anderson, and two children Lloyd Anderson and Pam Anderson.

Dewayne is survived by his wife Carolyn Anderson; son, Clint Anderson and wife Katie of Tulsa, OK; daughter Debbie Asbeck; grandchildren, Emma

Anderson, Abbie Anderson, Nicholas Anderson and wife Heather, Krystal McMarty and husband Todd of Dewey, OK, Lindsey Dittoe and husband Kevin, Kalan Anderson and wife Chelsea of Bartlesville, OK, Brandon Asbeck, and Heather Asbeck, several great grandchildren and a brother David Anderson.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Copan FFA.

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C/O FFA Chapter
PO BOX 429
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Department Problem

The Indian Nations Camp's membership and officer problem has major implications for the Oklahoma Department too. The Department needs a minimum of three camps to avoid suspension, with attempts at expansion in Guthrie, Stillwater, and Bartlesville, and others over the years failing to gain footing, the

Department has remained at three camps, even after splitting the Tulsa camp to form the Broken Arrow camp to avoid a crisis when the Stillwater camp folded a few years ago. As a result, the Indian Nations Camp has been in a slow downward slide ever since. Once a camp reaches the point that it no longer can provide an audience of sufficient size to attract outside speakers, it's difficult to maintain momentum. During recent years, the camp has enjoyed some outstanding programs presented by camp members, but it has not had an impact on recruiting. As we know, PDC Griffin has worked heroically to keep Oveturf Camp going. Now, with Indian Nations Camp's officer crisis, this has major implications for the department as a whole. This situation would seem to call for a major Department-wide effort to strengthen the camps and expand in other localities. All of us may have to devote more time and effort to this goal if we are to avoid falling into the abyss. Strong, dedicated and determined leadership is called for.

At the same time, we must recognize that our younger members are engaged in earning a living and raising families, and must divide their time accordingly. We cannot reasonably expect that they devote unreasonable amounts of time to the organization. That calls for delegation of duties, and a lot of fun to be built into the process. We must find ways to bond with one another, and use that to our advantage. People will do anything to help a good friend.

Camp Calendar



Jan. 26 Camp Meeting – Hardesty Regional Library
Feb. 12 Lincoln's Birthday
Feb. 23 Camp Meeting – Hardesty Regional Library
April Department Planning Meeting (Date TBA)
May 20 Department Encampment – Honey Springs

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