



Gulf Coast Council

# THE OSPREY

Yustaga Lodge

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## THE BIG 65

by Jerry Hand, Lodge Secretary

On September 13th – 15th, we had the greatest Fall Pow Wow that has ever been held by Yustaga Lodge. With Yustaga celebrating its 65th anniversary, we went back to the same camp that we held Pow Wow at 65 years ago, Camp Weaver, Flomaton, AL. We had 4 great training sessions ranging from OA High Adventure, run by Bryce Segler, to Lodge officer training, taught by Mr. Payne. Furthermore, we had our lodge and chapter officer elections where we had a good and hard election process. After having a great dinner, we held our annual Vigil Call Out ceremony where AJ Cole and Ms. Paula Syfrett were called out for the Vigil Honor. What great fun it was to have 2 different patch auctions; one just for the youth and one for the adults. Big thanks to Mr. Ted Spangenberg, Jr. for being our auctioneer. When it was all over with, everyone that went said it was the best Pow Wow that they had ever attended. Thanks to our Lodge Chief Barry Jordan for bringing it all together. We also greatly appreciate the Weaver and Ptomey families for hosting us for the special weekend.



## Yustaga Native American Weekend

by Brandon Moore, YNAW Chairman

On February 7-9, Yustaga Lodge hosted the fourth annual Yustaga Native American Weekend (YNAW) at Spanish Trails Scout Reservation. At this weekend event, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Native Americans came together for a weekend of skill instruction, games, dancing, drumming, singing, and cultural sharing. At this annual event, local Native Americans come together and put on a Pow Wow where they dance and show their traditional customs. The Pow Wow was pretty cool, but that's not where the activities stopped. There was also brain tanning. This is where you use the brains of animals to tan a hide, such as a deer, so then you can turn that into moccasins and other useful things. In addition, there was beading, blow guns, tomahawk throwing and much more native American related activities. Attending YNAW is definitely a must because the skill and history at this event is surreal. Hope to see you there next year at this awesome event. **photos on page 7**

## What A Great Lodge Banquet

The annual Lodge Banquet was held 2 November 2013 at the Palms Conference Center, Panama City Beach, Florida, and hosted by Appalachee Chapter. It was a great OA night. Dinner was wonderful with chicken, roast beef, and all the sides and pies necessary for an OA event. Arrowmen were lining up to get handfuls of the rolls! Our speaker for the night was MSgt. Robert McKibbin, U.S.M.C., a Marine recruiter in Bay County. After the feast, a Wood Badge Court of Honor was called and the Lodge Chief Barry Jordan and Bryce Segler were presented their Beads to recognize completion of the Wood Badge training. Elangomats Don King, Jr., Jon-Marcel Winchester, Braden Cathey, Mr. Gregg Jordan, and Mr. Jeff Kern were recognized for succeeding in having 50% or more of their Ordeal clan candidates seal their membership in the Order by completing Brotherhood. The Lodge Chief presented Ms. Jasmine and Mr. Gregg Jordan a plaque for the design of the year's Event Patches. The Lodge Chief and Lodge Advisor (Mr. Bill Payne) then presented recognition for the Chapter Chiefs, Chapter Advisors and Associate Advisors, and Lodge Officers. Lodge Committee Chairman of the Year was presented to Gannon Woods. The Lodge Officer of the Year was presented to Aidon (AJ) Cole. The outgoing Lodge Professional Advisor, Mr. Gregg Jordan, was recognized. Youth Arrowman of the Year was presented to AJ Cole and Adult Arrowman of the year was presented to Mr. Ted Spangenberg, Sr. The Lodge presented the James E. West award to Mr. Jerry Gudinas and Mr. Wade Hartley. Vigil Honor recipients AJ Cole and Ms. Paula Syfrett were recognized as the newest additions to Yustaga's Vigil roll. The Founder's Award was presented to Mr. Darryl Huddleston. The 2014 Lodge and Chapter Officers and Advisors were presented and sworn in for their 2014 duties. **photos on page 6.**

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**Gulf Coast Council**  
**Pensacola, FL**

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**Lodge Vice Chief**  
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## Yustaga Lodge Chapters

### Appalachee Chapter

**Chapter Chief**

Keith Holliday

**Vice Chief**

James Duval

**Secretary**

Matthew Holman

**Adviser**

Mr. Mike Cole

**Associate Adviser**

Mr. Jeff Neitzke / Mr. Jon Coleman



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**Chapter Chief**

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**Secretary**

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**Associate Adviser**

Vacant



### Woapalenne Chapter

**Chapter Chief**

Elijah Stepherson

**Vice Chapter**

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Jared Sorenson

**Secretary**

Benjamin Akerman

**Adviser**

Mr. Jeff Kern

**Associate Adviser**

Mr. Gary Beadle



## Upcoming Lodge Events

**Conclave**

11-13 April 2014

**Spring Fellowship**

2-4 May 2014

**Summer Camp Workday**

6 June 2014

**Fall Pow Wow**

12-14 September 2014

## Chiefly Speaking . . .

Good tidings, brothers! Words can't describe how happy I am to see so many members, new and old, coming together to be a part of the Lodge! This year, we have some incredible events planned that you simply can't miss. Chief among these right now is the annual SR-1B Conclave. This gigantic campout is a fantastic time for you to both meet up with friends and make new ones from one of the many Lodges that will be attending. In addition, I believe that this will be the year we get best all-around lodge, but it can't happen without your help. I encourage everyone to attend! Of course, there will be many more events for you to enjoy, such as Spring Fellowship this May, where you're treated to a weekend dedicated purely to fun and (you guessed it) fellowship!

We welcome our new members and encourage you to ask questions whenever you need or want to. We're here to help! This is going to be an incredible year for our Lodge, but it only works if you pitch in. I'm honored beyond words to be your chief and I greatly look forward to the wonders we'll work in the coming year!

Sam Alford, Yustaga Lodge Chief

## From the Adviser's Tipi

Greetings Brothers!

Just when I thought that it was beginning to warm up, another blast of cold and rain has greeted us!

If you have been hiding in your tipi and haven't been paying attention to all that is going on with the Yustaga Lodge, let me take a minute to get you up to speed.

On February 7-9, we hosted the 4th Annual Yustaga Native American Weekend. We had right at 800 participants and day visitors who came out and enjoyed a weekend full of Native American Activities, numerous "Make-and-Take" sessions, numerous exhibitors, and an athletic field full of vendors! There was drumming and dancing all weekend and great fun was had by all. I would also like to give a very special thank you to Mr. Jeff Kern, YNAW Adviser, Mr. Bret Moore, who went above and beyond in working with and soliciting vendors, Mr. John Ford and Mr. Rob Works, who worked with the Native Americans, the Dining Hall Staff that kept the staff fed, and the entire staff of the Yustaga Road Kill Café for all of their exemplary work!!! Lastly, I would like to say a big THANK YOU to the entire AWESOME STAFF (117+) who made this event possible...Each year keeps getting bigger and better and we certainly could not pull this event off without such a fine group of dedicated Arrowman!!!

During unit elections, we had a record number of 191 Youth elected and Adults selected for membership to our Lodge!!! Congratulations to all Chapters on your elections...JOB WELL DONE! I know that our Service Corps Chairman, Jacob Somers, has been busy planning projects and our Inductions Chairman, Christian Fish, has been getting ready for the candidates.

Conclave is just around the corner. I sure hope you signed up to go! Our Brothers from Watanala Lodge are going to host us this year at the beautiful Camp Seminole in Starkville, MS and this event promises to be a blast!

I look forward to seeing each of you so we can share stories from the Scouting Trail!

Yours in Brotherhood and Cheerful Service,  
Mr. William Payne, Yustaga Lodge Adviser







### Woapalanne Updates

(Oct 13) The Great and Mighty Woapalanne Chapter has been extremely productive at their meetings. During the spooky and ominous month of October, we began a new tradition of the Halloween Games. These consisted of a mummy race, bobbing for apples, wormhole chomp-off, and scary movie trivia. We had fun of the highest level and had food of the highest caliber! During the month of November, where we give thanks for giving, hunt wild, feathery beasts called turkeys, and watch football, the Arrowmen of Woapalanne met again at the Troop 3 Scout Hut. We stormed with our brains about theoretical opportunities for times when we would meet again. We have also decided that during the frigid and merry month of December we shall host a game of Dirty Santa! Also, one of the brave and valiant arrowmen of Woapalanne will have the good fortune of putting a pie in the face of their awesome and powerful Chapter Chief, Christian Fish.

(Feb 14) Our 2013 Chapter Chief Christian Fish finished his tenure in December with a great Christmas party. We had lots of goodies to eat and the scouts did a Dirty Santa gift exchange. Our chapter elections were really successful this year. We had 99 youth and 12 adults elected. Troop 628 sponsored our Call Out, with 72 candidates in attendance. Our 2014 Chapter Chief, Elijah Stepherson, started off the year with training. We completed some Brotherhood training for our Ordeal members, and Elangomat training for other members that will be Elangomats during the upcoming Ordeal, Mar 7-9. For the February gathering we had 2 guest speakers. Mr. Daniel Marron showed us really cool camp gadgets and tools, and Mr. Wes Stepherson went over fire making techniques and tools. We are excited to soon be welcoming so many new Ordeal members to our chapter.



Woapalanne Call Out Ceremony

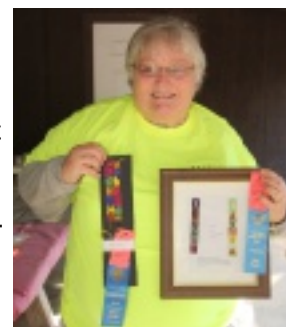
### Boy Scout Problem #46

*Not being sure whether you should be excited for or terrified of your OA Ordeal Weekend.*

-- David from New Jersey

### Award Winning Bead Work

Ms. Georgia Gunn recently won two First Place awards for beadwork at the Central Panhandle Fair. One award went to the pocket throbs from the first two YNAW events. She said that she wanted the public to see what goes on at Scouting events. So she assembled the beadwork with a short explanation of the teaching of Native American beading to Scouts. The second award was for the beautiful beading of the Autism emblem onto a bracelet. Nice Job!



### YNAW Patch Revealed

The patch for YNAW 2014 was revealed at YNAW. Following tradition, the patch contains a scene from the previous year's YNAW. This year, the patch contains an image of Adam Moore, Semialachee Lodge, in full regalia dancing in the dance arbor.



### Our Drum has a Name: **QUAKE!**

Yustaga's newest ceremonial drum was obtained two years ago and underwent its birthing ceremony at the 2012 YNAW where it pronounced to be a male drum. For over a year, Yustaga drummers played the unnamed drum, waiting for the drum to reveal its name. Finally, the drum spoke loud enough and OA Brother William Jones listened and proclaimed that the drum's name is **QUAKE**. When you beat it, it builds and builds with a deep, ground shaking rumble, similar to an earthquake. This is an excellent description for the sound of the Lodge's treasure.

**Quake** is looking for drummers who will allow him to sing to the wind and woods. Are you interested in joining the Yustaga drum team? If so, see your Lodge Chief or Mr. John Ford at (850) 625-0121.



### Changed your Email?

Don't forget, if you change your address, phone number, or email address, please let Mr. Jeff Stone know. He maintains the Lodge Roster. The Lodge would appreciate having your correct contact information.

**News from National**

**NOAC 2015 - Sign Up Now**

How often can you say that you celebrated in the 100th anniversary of something? Well, NOAC 2015 will be your chance! From August 3-8 approximately 10,000 Arrowmen will do just that on the campus of Michigan State University. Our Order's birthday party will be a must attend event. Whether you have been to ten NOAC's or none, you will not want to miss this one. We have set a goal of taking 75 people from our Lodge and 300 from our section. We are currently taking deposits and would love to add YOU to our contingent.



**Want High Adventure?**

The opportunities that the Order of the Arrow provides are abundant but a few of the most exhilarating are known as OA High Adventure. These programs are offered at each of the four High Adventure bases: Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base, and the brand new Summit Bechtel Reserve. Those interested in attending any of these programs need to contact Bryce Segler (bms4oa@hotmail.com) or visit the OAHA website at [adventure.oa-BSA.org](http://adventure.oa-BSA.org)

**SR-1B to Host NLS/NLATS**

Each year, the Southern Region hosts 3-4 National Leadership Seminars (NLS) and National Lodge Adviser Training Seminars (NLATS) throughout the region. These are premier, high energy training events staffed by Section Chiefs and National Officers. NLS is open to both youth and adults, while NLATS is an adult only event for those adults who have already attended NLS. It is not just for Lodge Advisers, but also for any adult who has a direct adviser relationship with youth. This year, 2014, will see the Region host one in our very own backyard at Camp Beckwith in Fairhope, Alabama. Literally, we will probably never see one again any closer to our lodge. Normally, the closest to us is in Nashville. Attendance is strictly limited and will fill up fast. See the Lodge Chief or Lodge Adviser to get more information and learn how to register.



**Social Media? Yes, OA Does!**

Do you like to hang out on 'MyFacePage'? Do you want the latest information from the National OA, Section SR-1B, Yustaga Lodge, and your Chapter? Well, OA does social media. There are a number of OA social media accounts actually. There is a twitter account @oabsa, a Facebook account Order of the Arrow Boy Scouts of America, an Instagram account oabsa, a snapchat account oa-bsa, and a tumblr (oabsa.tumblr.com). If you confused and want to know more, contact Bryce Segler, bms4oa@hotmail.com

**Photo Donation**

At YNAW 2014, The Neitzke and Cole families presented Yustaga Lodge with a large photo of its totem, the Osprey. The photo was taken by Paul Winterman and shows a mother Osprey in a nest with three chicks. Mr. Winterman calls the picture "Full Nest" and it was taken near the Glen Cove Nursing Pavillion, Panama City, FL.



**Patch Designers Wanted**

Have you ever wanted to design a patch? Want to see everyone wearing, collecting, and trading your design? Well, it is possible. Every year at Fall Pow Wow, the Lodge Executive Council selects the artwork for the next year's Ordeal, Spring Fellowship, Fall Pow Wow, and Annual Banquet, YNAW, and EVENT PASS patches. Develop your design for each of the Lodge events. Put your idea on paper. (Although sketches can work, go ahead and put as much detail as you can and color too! If you need help, get with an artistic friend.) Study previous patches and try to identify what you liked about them. Do the colors catch your eye? Does the symbology presented tell an interesting story? Would you be willing to trade to get those patches? Have your design ready to submit to the LEC at the Fall Pow Wow and we might be wearing YOUR patches next year!

**Broken Arrow Ceremony**

At some time, all Arrowman leave the path of this life and take the path to the next life. The Broken Arrow Ceremony recognizes the loss the Arrowman and can be performed graveside. Those participating in the ceremony are eligible to receive the Broken Arrow patch, designed by Mr. Gary Beadle.



**Submit Your Article to The Osprey**

Send your updates to the Osprey and the Lodge Scrapbook to: [osprey@yustaga385.com](mailto:osprey@yustaga385.com)

**Boy Scout Problem #1**

*When your friends in your troop won't talk to you in school because they don't want to have to tell people how they know you.*  
-- David from New Jersey

**Want to Know More?**

Yustaga Website: [www.yustaga385.com](http://www.yustaga385.com)  
SR-1B: [www.sr1b.org](http://www.sr1b.org)  
Southern Region: [www.southern.oa-bsa.org](http://www.southern.oa-bsa.org)  
National OA website: [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org)  
OA High Adventure: [adventure.oa-bsa.org](http://adventure.oa-bsa.org)  
Gulf Coast Council: [www.gulfcoastcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcoastcouncil.org)

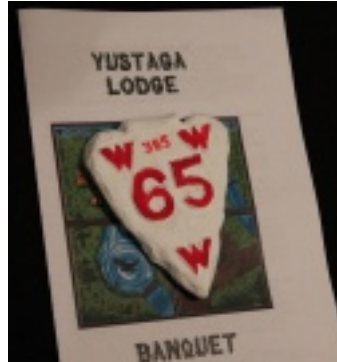




# LODGE BANQUET PHOTOS



Guest Speaker  
MSgtt. Robert McKibbin, USMC



Committee Chairman of the Year  
AJ Cole



Lodge Event Patch Designers  
Ms. Jasmine Jordan and Mr. Gregg Jordan



Youth Arrowman of the Year  
AJ Cole



Adult Arrowman of the Year  
Mr. Ted Spangenberg



James E. West Award  
Mr. Wade Hartley and Mr. Jerry Gudinas



Vigil Honor Receipts  
Ms. Paula Syfrett and AJ Cole



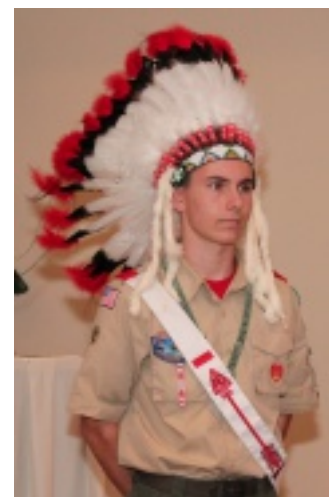
Founders Award  
Mr. Darryl Huddleston



2013 Lodge Chief Barry Jordan  
swearing in 2014 Lode Chief Sam Alford



Rock, Paper, Scissors for the  
Table Decoration



2014 Lodge Chief  
Sam Alford



# YNAW PHOTOS



Mr. Payne recognizes Adam Moore, the model for the 2014 YNAW patch

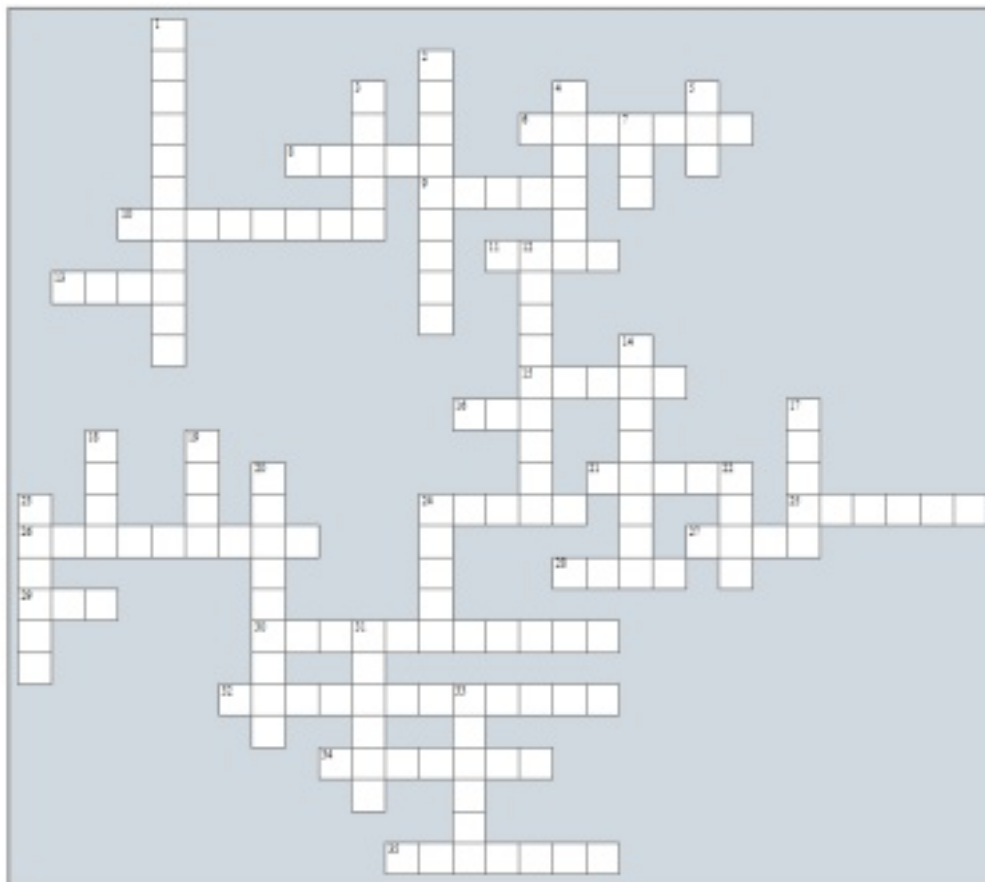
## YNAW Thanks

*Brandon Moore, YNAW Chairman*

Thanks to all the staff and others that helped to make this event one of the best yet. We had even more vendors and some new activities such as the Seminole Camp and many activities that Scouts and Scouters really enjoyed from blow guns to flute playing. The participation was amazing this year with a massive turnout. Don't forget the Saturday night Pow Wow was a great way to end the event. Thanks for everyone's help and support in making this the best YNAW!



Mr. Payne recognizes Micco Robbie and the Drums of the Descendants for their continued support of YNAW



**Yustaga  
Crossword Puzzle  
YNAW  
Feb 14**

**Across**

- 6. Purchase an expensive, or cheap, patch
- 8. Are you \_\_\_\_\_?
- 9. Part of body used to tan hides
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_ Island, home of OA
- 11. Yustaga Lodge's colors \_\_\_\_\_ and white
- 13. Deep fried cookie
- 15. Area for Native American Dancing
- 16. First name of current Lodge Chief
- 21. Original OA sash
- 24. First dance performed at a Pow Wow
- 25. Seminole headgear
- 26. Lodge history books
- 27. Gender of Yustaga's new drum
- 28. Part of a deer used to make rattles
- 29. Lodge event bed color
- 30. Brought fire to man
- 32. Exchange stories, lies, and goods
- 34. Clothing worn by ceremony team members
- 35. Ceremony to recognize newly elected OA member

**Down**

- 1. Fourth word in OA song
- 2. Makes a great tea
- 3. Name of Yustaga's new drum
- 4. Fried cake
- 5. Eagle Chapter's totem
- 7. Number of states in Yustaga Lodge
- 12. Chapter with red eagle totem
- 14. Gathering of all Lodges in a Section
- 17. Device used when a young man courts a young woman
- 18. Number of Yustaga Lodge Chapters
- 19. Yustaga's section
- 20. Puzzle in The Osprey that no one reads
- 22. How to make an arrowhead
- 23. Lodge Totem
- 24. Material desired for beadmaking
- 31. Counties in Yustaga Lodge
- 33. One heck of a dart

**Twisted Logic**

If your logic is twisted enough and you can solve this, email your answer to [osprey@yustaga385.com](mailto:osprey@yustaga385.com). The first youth with the correct answer will be rewarded by having his name appear in the next Osprey showing all that you are truly a twisted logic master.

**Sketch the next two symbols in this sequence**



**Twisted Logic Winner Found!**

The answer to the last issue's Twisted Logic has been found! Ben Woodberry found the logical solution to the puzzle. (Now you know why you elected him Vice Chief!) The letter in the puzzle represented the first letter of the name of the sequential, positive integers beginning at one and continuing in an unitary, incremental fashion. The next two letters were E (eight) and N (nine). Way to go Ben. (Christian Fish was the only other person to correctly answer the puzzle. Sorry Christian, but Ben was 29 minutes faster!)