

SEMINOLE



DRUMBEAT

SPECIAL NOAC EDITION

Contingent News

This year, 2015 was the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. To commemorate this event, National Order of the Arrow conference was moved to this very special year so that Arrowmen from across the country would have a chance to celebrate this event as one. Our Journey Started early in the morning, with a bus ride all the way up to Michigan State University, the host of this NOAC. Along the way, we had a stop at Cherokee NC for a performance about the history of the Cherokee Indians, and another stop at Dollywood for a little bit of coal-powered fun. Once we got there, we were greeted with the sight of hundreds of arrowmen all pulling in for one amazing conference. That night we had our first show, which focused on the conference theme "It starts with us" and the opening of the largest NOAC ever, including the lighting of the ceremonial fire. Tuesday was our first day of full activities with Leadership sessions, games, and activities like scuba diving, rock climbing, gaga ball, patch trading, and the Goodman Edison Observatory all available for us to peruse. That night, the show further reminded us of our duty to serve others, and in commemoration





of this, arrowmen were presented the Distinguished Service Award during the show as a commemoration of their service and devotion to others. The next day, the activities continued, with all arrowmen exhausted yet running on energy, brotherhood, and excitement. That night, our National Chief launched what he hoped would become the biggest movement toward encouraging others to help others, a challenge aptly

named DareToDo. In this monumental campaign, we are called to do a good turn for 100 days after your acceptance, and share your journey in whatever ways possible. On Thursday, Echockotee Lodge spent the day traveling as a contingent, starting off by contributing our wood to the centennial fire, and then meeting up for NNOAC's signature session, in which we figured out the secret to ruling the world. That night, we had a break from shows, but NESAs held a gathering of eagles in which all eagles attending the conference were called to evaluate their experience in the Boy Scouts and to uphold and encourage values worthy of a Boy Scout and Eagle Scout in future generations. To round off the conference, Friday held the promise of Lodge Legacy Displays and the Grand Hodag. Before any of this though, we helped Michigan State University in testing out fire drills for the campus and arena, in what became the largest fire drill to date. Afterwards, Echockotee hosted its booth at the Lodge Legacy Displays in which we spread "the dirt on goodman" so nicknamed "Urnurdirt" by the contingent. As a great end to the conference, a grand show was hosted in which we embraced the future of the OA. The Grand Hodag was kicked off as Confetti Cannons blasted off in the Arena, signaling the beginning of the largest party in the OA, and the end of the Conference. On our drive home, we slept, celebrated, and slept some more after the fun and exhaustion of the conference. After a short stop at the NFL Hall of Fame, we arrived at camp Echockotee mid-day Sunday, ready to return home and prepare for our next adventure.

Scott Wardrop

PS: Don't forget that we have meetings on the third Thursday of every month at Crossroads Baptist Church at 7 o'clock . The address is on the website at www.seminole200.org. Remember that this newsletter can't be done without your participation, so please e-mail me articles to swardrop4@me.com or hand me a written copy next time you see me.



News From the Chief

Hello Seminole!

Seminole chapter has had a Wonderful Summer. We had a terrific time at Summer Fellowship, and a very successful day of service as well. We had a total of six members attend NOAC 2015. All of us had a spectacular time in Michigan. Looking forward to NOAC 2018!

Yours in Brotherhood,

Griffen Walters



Member's Voice

After making my Ordeal in May I had the opportunity to go the NOAC this summer. It was the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Order of the Arrow. My time at NOAC was really fun and awesome. The classes I took taught me a lot about the OA and Boy Scouts. There were a lot of activities and a bunch of free time. The free time allowed to go to the Hub, explore the campus and visit many of the OA activity and informational booths. The Hub is a fenced area in which the fabric of the fence contained the names of all the lodges that attended NOAC. The NOAC Centennial Flame was pretty cool. It represented Cheerful Service and Brotherhood. Every lodge brought a piece of wood and each lodge placed their wood into the fire.

One of my favorite things about NOAC was the evening show. The shows held each night in the arena were filled with everyone, all 15,000+ Arrowmen attending NOAC. We came together each evening to watch and learn about 100-year history of OA. and it's founder, E. Urner Goodman. My absolute favorite activity at NOAC was patch trading. There was a lot patch trading, I mean every night people trading patches. I had a fantastic time looking at the different varieties of patches from all around the country.

NOAC was really fun and rewarding. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity and I learned that it starts with us.



Ben Altman,

Seminole Chapter Member