

## OFFICERS and POLICIES

The Executive Board of the Comanche Language and Cultural Preservation Committee (a non-profit organization) are volunteers who donate their time because of a shared desire to see their language of heritage continue into the future.

We will gladly answer "brief" inquiries about our language via e-mail, but we do not have the time nor the man power to answer in depth questions. Neither do we have the time to do research for those writing books or papers. You must do that yourselves. And we cannot trace your family history for you, you will find information available at the Lawton Public Library's Research Room (see below). Please don't ask that we "send you all the information we have about Comanches." That is absolutely impossible.

**THE COMANCHE RESOURCE BOOKS** section on this web site has a list of recommended reading to learn more about the Comanche people. Click **HERE** to find a tremendous amount of information in the books listed. However, you will not find any fiction on the list. Our goal is to recommend factual, historically correct books, not to perpetuate the stereotype of Indians, and in particular, the Comanche. Many of the books can be purchased in the Comanche Tourist Center in Lawton.

**COMANCHE TOURISM CENTER** ([www.comanchenationtourism.com](http://www.comanchenationtourism.com)) offers many books on Comanches for sale in their gift shop.

**THE COMANCHE NATIONAL MUSEUM** ([www.comanchemuseum.com](http://www.comanchemuseum.com)) offers continuing educational information on Comanche people. Check their web site for exhibits and upcoming events.

**THE LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY** Family History Room ([www.cityof.lawton.ok.us/library/genealogy.htm](http://www.cityof.lawton.ok.us/library/genealogy.htm)), 110 S.W. 4th Street, Lawton OK 73501 (580-581-3450, ext. #6), has an extensive collection of Comanche and other Native American information available. If you are researching family who are members of the Kiowa, Comanche or Apache Tribes, you should visit their web page and scroll to Native American Collection and click.

**The Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society** (S.W.O.G.S.) offers a seven page pamphlet on how to begin researching the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Tribes of Oklahoma. It includes a list of tribal offices, addresses and phone numbers, and an Indian ancestral chart and family group sheet, plus numerous research tips. Visit the S.W.O.G.S. web page at [www.sirinet.net/~lgarris/swogs](http://www.sirinet.net/~lgarris/swogs) or contact them at P.O. Box 148, Lawton OK 73502, Attention: Family History Room.

For members of the **Five Civilized Tribes** (Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, Cherokee and

Seminole), you should contact the Indian Territory Genealogical and Historical Society, John Vaughn Library, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah OK 74464.

A good web site for American Indian information can be found at <http://thorpe.ou.edu/OILS/index/html>. To read interviews from the 1960s, log onto <http://digital.libraries.ou.edu.whc.duke/> and see if one of your relatives is listed.

For other Oklahoma tribes, contact the Oklahoma Historical Society, Wiley Post Historical Building, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, (405) 521-2491.