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## YEARS OF SERVICE





"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined."

- Henry David Thoreau, Author

# Call of the Cahuilla Staff

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# From the Call Staff

Happy Birthday, Cahuilla Lodge. Fifty years ago, two of our Lodges came together to form a greater union that was the genesis of the Lodge you know and love today. In 1974 and 2006, two other Lodges joined us to form the current Lodge and Council spanning San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

In 1973, the Call of the Cahuilla newsletter was also born. This year, a group of Cahuilla Lodge alumni wanted to come together to offer this issue as a birthday gift. You will find a selection of history-focused articles by Arrowmen from the past.

We think you will enjoy reading these articles. This is only a small taste of the rich history of the Order of the Arrow in the Inland Empire, which dates to 1937. At least 3 pre-OA organizations at our camps date back even earlier.

Times have changed, and the Lodge has changed with it. We know that in an age of social media, texting, and other methods of communication, newsletters aren't the same vital news source they used to be. But we enjoyed getting nostalgic for a bit to share this with you.

Will this be the last Call of the Cahuilla newsletter? That will be up to the youth leaders of the Lodge, who are best equipped to decide how to communicate with the membership. So, we may see you in the future. Either way, it has been a privilege to serve the membership for half a century.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
The Call Staff



Pictured above (top to bottom) - 1956 Area 12A Conf; Joe Grant & Al Huertas Jr.; Joe Grant, Chris Warack, Peter Juran, Doug Dewitt; 1988 Kaneeno Chapter Ceremony Team; Alan Kay; Tracy Schultze; Steve Scott, Tracy Schultze, Alan Kay; Brian Hall; Aca Chapter Dancers

## Lodges of the Inland Empire

Each lodge listed below (their old newsletter banners on the left) merged into what is now known as Cahuilla Lodge #127. We are proud of the legacy they provided to make us stronger.



### Tahquitz #127 (1938-1973)

Tahquitz was the fourth OA Lodge in California. Scout Executive **Carl Helmick**, the first Vigil Honor recipient in the State of California, took the initiative to found the Lodge. The first Lodge Chief was **Charles Berry**, who would go on to become the NASA Chief Medical Officer during the Apollo program.

Tahquitz Rock at Camp Emerson was originally painted by Scouts from the original Camp Emerson Tribe of Tahquitz. A group separate from the Long Beach group, with a shared history from **C.J. Carlson**, who was Scout Executive for both Councils. The Tahquitz Rock iconography remains immensely popular today.



### A-tsa #380 (1955-1974)

A-tsa Lodge was formed in 1955 with the help of Navajo Lodge. The Lodges shared the founding as well as service to Camp Tulakes. A-tsa has the distinction of being the service Lodge for the first Section W4B Conclave, held at Redlands High School. Its totem was the Golden Eagle.

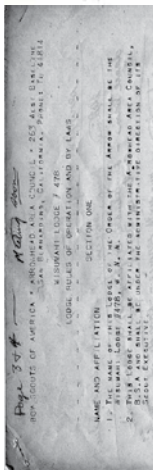


*Pictured:  
Skip Fife and Larry Grace of Wisumahi Lodge in 1951 (far left)*

*Council Commissioner Al Rouse, OA Member George Johnson III, and A-Tsa Lodge Chief George Mullenix ready for the 1957 Jamboree (left)*



*Pictured above: OA Members of Tahquitz Lodge #127 at the 1970 Area 12-A Conference.*



### Wisumahi #478 (1952-1973)

Wisumahi Lodge's founding event was actually held in 1951 at Camp Hilton, although their charter date is listed as 1952. **Skip Fife**, Scout Executive of Orange Empire Council, helped found the Lodge and was responsible for several others in Southern California. The first Lodge Chief was **Larry Grace**. Wisumahi's totem was the Arrowhead, but the "double goose" icon on their Lodge flaps was very popular.



*Pictured above: Members of Navajo Lodge 98 promoting camping at the 2000 Conclave.*

### Navajo #98 (1937-2006)

Navajo Lodge was chartered in 1937, making it the second Order of the Arrow Lodge in what would be the Western Region. The effort was spearheaded by **Jack Atwood**, first Navajo Lodge Chief, **John Voss**, Camp Director, and **O.A. Alderson**, Scout Executive. Navajo's first camp was Tulakes, then Circle B, and finally, Holcomb Valley. Navajo was known for their annual Lodge Pow Wows. Pow Wow "1" was also the event that founded A-tsa Lodge. Other Lodges participated in these events as well. Navajo Leadership included three Area Chiefs, five Section Chiefs, and four Section Advisers. **Bill Woodward** (1946 – 2018), Navajo Lodge Chief in 1966 and a three-time Lodge Adviser, is the namesake for the Cahuilla Lodge Vigil Breakfast.





"Keep the fire burning, brothers, on the next step of your journey."  
-Nutiket (Brotherhood Ceremony)

## Shedding the Skin and Growing Stronger

By: **Doug DeWitt**

*Cahuilla Lodge Chief, 1978*

*Cahuilla Lodge Adviser 1983-84*

At the 1977 Fall Fellowship at Camp Emerson, I came out of nowhere and ran for Lodge Chief, and won. That sounds much more impressive than it is. I ran unopposed because no one, and I mean NO ONE, wanted the job!

Let me give you some context. Cahuilla Lodge at the time was still fairly new, and there were some bumps in the road truly combining what was then three former Lodges into one, each with different sets of traditions. Subsequently, I got to know everyone involved. Everyone supported me and showed me nothing but respect and true Brotherhood. I received insightful advice and came to value the counsel of these trusted advisers.

At the time, however, I did not know any of them and they had no idea who I was. I was marginally involved at the chapter level, was not involved at the Lodge level in any capacity, and was unknown to everyone. When no one put their name forward to be Lodge Chief, I thought "Well why not? There is a void, and someone must step forward." So, I did... that's what leaders do. All I knew was Cahuilla. You see, I am an Air Force Brat and I moved to the area in the Fall

of 1974 when my dad was transferred to the old March Air Force Base (MAFB). I joined Troop 100 at MAFB and became somewhat active in the Soboba Chapter but did not hold any Chapter office. I was a complete unknown. I had not been a member of any of the three original Lodges. I was inducted into the Order in the Hinode Goya Lodge in the Far East Council (Dad was stationed in Japan) and confirmed my Brotherhood in the Kwahadi Lodge in New Mexico (yep, you guessed it... My Dad was stationed in NM). When we moved to California, Cahuilla Lodge had already been formed. I served on the staff of Camp Emerson in 1977 and that is how I came to be involved with the Lodge. One summer on camp staff and BAM, I ran for Chief and was elected by default!

**Marv Goffman** was the new Lodge Adviser. When I appeared out of nowhere and gave my 'campaign' speech (I pretty much bounced off the walls in atypical sanguine fashion for  
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Doug DeWitt being sworn in as the Cahuilla Lodge Chief by 1976-77 Lodge Chief Kevin Walker at the Annual Banquet (photo taken by mother, Barbara DeWitt)



1978 Incoming Lodge Chief Doug DeWitt (center) with Congressman George Brown (left) and 1977 Lodge Chief Robbie Roberts (right)  
(photo taken by mother, Barbara DeWitt)

me trying to explode with excitement and optimism... I am actually very introverted by nature), he was nervous, to say the least. He shared with me some time later that he thought I was going to be a flake and he was in for a long year. I like to think I proved him wrong (he confirmed that I did, and he was pleasantly surprised). I was fortunate that I had a great slate of officers who were elected with me, including two future Lodge Chiefs (**Peter Juran** and **Chris Warack**). We went to work over the next few months and laid the foundation for future success.

We rewrote the Lodge by-laws, staffed the Council Jamboree, and laid the foundation for the many awards that the Lodge would win in future years. I think that what I am most proud of is helping lay the foundation for a Cahuilla Culture. We honored the Tahquitz, Wisumahi, and A-tsa (and later Navajo after my time) history while creating a new Cahuilla Culture.

I use the analogy of a snake shedding its skin. It is a natural process. Snakes shed their skin so they can grow. When the old skin is shed, it is usually intact and a thing of natural beauty, but the snake cannot grow without the shedding. Our snake (Cahuilla Lodge) has had to shed its skin several times over the past 50 years so that we could grow into the Lodge that we are today. In 1978, we simply facilitated the growth after the first shedding. I continue to be humbled and proud that I was given the opportunity to serve as the Chief of the best Lodge in the nation!

## Past Cahuilla Lodge Chief Backpacking the Pacific Crest Trail to Raise Money for the Fight Against Multiple Sclerosis

By: **Stefan Gogosha**  
*Achpamsin (Hiker)*  
*Cahuilla Lodge Chief, 1988-89*

In 2013, I was medevacked from Prudhoe Bay Alaska to Anchorage after waking up in the morning with weakness in the left side of my body. I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis six hours later. The neurologist told me my life would never be the same; no more running ultramarathons, no hiking or backpacking, nothing that would cause me to get too hot or cause my symptoms to temporarily return. Happily, I've proven that neurologist wrong and I still run one ultra a year along with continuing to hike and backpack.

This year, to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of my diagnosis, I decided to start backpacking sections of the Pacific Crest Trail before my MS symptoms progress to the point where backpacking is no longer possi-



ble. My goal is to complete the 2,650-mile trail in five years. This year, I'm attempting to complete 500 miles while raising money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. I started my journey at the US-Mexico border on March 29th and have completed 294 miles so far; completing sections of the trail while off work or on vacation. The weather in California has made things difficult this year, forcing me to skip some portions of the trail due to treacherous snow conditions and a hurricane. As I backpacked past Idyllwild and Running Springs, I thought back to all the Ordeals, Fall Fellowships, Camporees, Klondikes, service projects and my time as a CIT that I spent at Camp Emerson, Camp Helendade and Camp Hunt. Going forward, I plan to go back to complete the portions of trail I had to skip along with backpacking new portions of the trail to round out my mileage for the year.

If you're interested in donating to my fundraiser for the [National Multiple Sclerosis Society](#).





"One who follows such a pathway in unwavering cheerful service will be seen by many others and, by inspiration, lead them." -Allawat Sakima (Pre-Ordeal Ceremony)



## The Tlinget Dance Team

By: **Rick Pohlers**

*Tahquitz Ceremony Adviser  
Cahuilla Ceremony Adviser  
& Judy Graeber  
Cahuilla Ceremony Adviser*

### Prologue:

Retired Major **Carl Heinmiller**, of Haines, Alaska, Scoutmaster and Lodge Adviser, had the vision to bring a dance team representing Northwest Coast Natives, the local Chilkat tribe specifically, to the 1957 National Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree at Valley Forge, New York.

He approached a group of Chilkat/Tlinget tribal elders who were very happy to join in a project to raise awareness of their culture with the native youth as well as the Boy Scout youth. They had been forbidden by the government to live their own culture so they saw this as an opportunity

to start sharing and teaching it again after many years.

### Our Story:

In 1962 and 1963 **Rick Pohlers** and his Lodge Adviser watched the Chilkat Dancers at the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous and were amazed at the beauty and intricacy of the native regalia they saw there. The Lodge Adviser spoke to Major Heinmiller, and the Scout youth were invited to join the Natives at their facility in Haines, The Alaska Indian Arts Inc., founded by Carl Heinmiller, to learn directly from them.

After raising the travel-money himself, Rick was allowed to travel from Anchorage to Haines to live with the Natives and learn

*Pictured: Top Left - Tahquitz Lodge Showcase Pamphlet; Top Right - Rick Pohlers instructing at the 1974 Order of the Arrow National Indian Seminar; Bottom Center - Rick Pohlers in Tlinget Dance attire*



how to carve wood from Native master carvers, still renowned for their work. He was taught how to re-create regalia pieces, such as using canvas to make the famous Chilkat blankets and other items for ceremonies and dancing.

In 1963 Rick started his Lodge dance/ceremony team as part of the Nanuk Lodge # 355 of Western Alaska Council. In 1964, they attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree, again at Valley Forge, New York, where they performed Northwest Coast style dances.

After duty time in Vietnam, Rick moved to Riverside, California in 1969 and was introduced to **Hank Schmel** of Tahquitz Lodge. Hank immediately wanted to start a dance team using Rick's personal regalia as an example for the youth to copy. There was great excitement from the youth, as nobody had seen this style of outfit previously. It was quite a challenge to construct the costumes. Even their mothers had to help with the sewing. Mr. Schmel went to the Forest Service in Idyllwild and got permission to cut down a large Alder tree growing at Camp Emerson to use for carving the headdresses. Alder was the wood of choice for intricate

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*"Thus do you appear to others on the path of cheerful service."  
-Kichkinet (Pre-Ordeal Ceremony)*

Native style carving. The youth had to learn songs, dances, and the stories being told. The dance team performed at Cub Scout Blue and Gold dinners, at Conclaves, at California Indian Hobbyist Association's Spring Gathering, and even once at the Indio Date Festival. They also danced at two NOACs, one in Santa

son, Scott was an active Scout, they took a Brotherhood team to NOAC in Iowa and earned a medallion for their performance in their Northwest Coast outfits.

There have been a few more recent opportunities to use these treasured outfits to perform Vigil ceremonies and people



Picture Source: oa-bsa.org



*Pictured: Cahuilla Lodge members in 2012 in Northwest Coast attire. Members are (Left to Right) Past Lodge Chief Adam Purvis, Past Lodge Chief John Garcia, and Billy Warren.*

have just been thrilled to again see the sparkle in the firelight and the beauty and romance of these incredible outfits.



Picture Source: oa-bsa.org

Barbara and one in Tennessee.

In 1973/74 the team also performed Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremonies. The crackling fire light really showed off the elaborate mother-of-pearl buttons carefully sewn on the costumes.

They performed for about ten years until the National OA banned masks, which were an important part of the authentic costumes. Rick moved on to teaching and to volunteering with the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit for many years. When his own



*Pictured: Cahuilla Lodge members at a Vigil Honor Induction Ceremony. Members are (Left to Right) Vigil Chief Ian McLeod, new Vigil Honor John Querns, and Rick Pohlers.*





*Camp Arataba Patch*

You can't talk about the Order of the Arrow without talking about our Scout camps. The Order's founding in July 1915 at Treasure Island Scout Camp sealed this pairing, a tradition we hold close to this day.

But did you know how extensive this tradition goes back in our Council and Lodge's history? As part of the larger research done by the Area 4 History Project (<https://area4history.com>), we would like to share the most current list of the camps we have supported for over a century.

### **Camp Emerson**

This is obviously our past, current, and future flagship camp. Scouts from the Riverside County and Hemet-San Jacinto Valley Councils first camped in Idyllwild in 1919, and first camped at the Camp Emerson property in 1920, making 2023 the 105th year of summer camp in the San Jacinto Mountains.

The camp is named for Lee Emerson, who donated the property to the Boy Scouts, and also provided land for the Idyllwild Pines Camp (site of the 1919 summer camp), the original Camp Tahquitz, and our camp.

### **Camp Evans**

Camp Evans was located in the Santa Ana River flood channel off Mission in Riverside. If you look carefully near Carlson Park off Mission Inn Avenue, you can find some foundational pieces (some were covered up when the bridge was widened).

This was used as a local day camp. The camp is named for Mary Evans (1868 – 1959), who donated the land. Her husband Samuel served

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*Holcomb Valley Entrance Sign*

multiple terms as Riverside Mayor.

### **Camp Helendade**

Camp Helendade opened as the Running Springs Scout Reservation in 1960. One of the key figures in the camp's opening was Joe Rosenthal, 1959 – 1960 Wisumahi Lodge Chief, whose particular neckerchief slide may have been the inspiration for the Firebird camp totem. This was also the name of the trail to and from the lake at the Lake Arrowhead Scout Camp Reservation owned by the Los Angeles Area Council.

Helendade was named in honor of the couple who donated the property, Helen and Dade Davis. Helendade was devastated by the 2007 Slide Fire, and is now a glamping property called Getaway Big Bear.

### **Holcomb Valley Scout Reservation**

Holcomb Valley became famous during the Southern California gold rush, and was Old Baldy Council's primary Scout Camp in 1973. Much of Navajo Lodge's later history took place at this camp, including the rescheduled 1992 Section W4B Conclave. The summer camp was known for a great horse program, and was one of the highest



*Camp Emerson Sign Post (2019)*

elevation camps at over 7,000 feet. In 2006, the camp would become a part of the San Gabriel Valley Council. Holcomb Valley itself is named after William "Grizzly Bill" Holcomb (1831 – 1909).

### **Camp Arataba**

In 1924, the San Bernardino District Council leased Camp Arataba from the US Forest Service. Located in Barton Flats South of Jenks Lake Road, it served the renamed Arrowhead Area Council through 1960. A 1959 fire severely impacted the camp, which resulted in the move to Running Springs/Camp Helendade. The pre-OA Tribe of Siwanis began here, which later became Wisumahi Lodge # 478. The camp is named after Irataba, leader of the Mohave Nation.

### **Camp Hunt**

Hunt was located in Yucaipa's Wildwood Canyon and was used as a day camp and weekend activity facility.

The A-tsa Chapter annually held early Ordeals at Camp Hunt to kick off the induction season. The camp totem was the Roadrunner. 1971 – 1973 A-tsa Lodge Chief Stephen Miller served as the Ranger for many years, and recalled Mr. Hunt offering use of his Rolls-Royce if he had



*Camp*



# ch History of Our e Scout Camps



*Camp Tulakes Camp Staff (1971)*

a date that he needed to impress.

The camp was named for Vernon and Marian Hunt, who donated the acreage and were also instrumental in land donations that became Crafton Hills College and Wildwood Canyon State Park. The camp is now the Calvary Hill Retreat Center.

## **Camp Tulakes**

Camp Tulakes shares extensive history with two of our predecessor Councils, Old Baldy and Grayback. Tulakes began in 1924 as a leaseholding from the US Forest Service. Much of Old Baldy's history began here. This included the Order of Navajo, which would be chartered as Navajo Lodge # 98 in 1937. When the council moved to Circle B, Grayback Council acquired the lease in 1955. The property is now used as a maintenance yard for the US Forest Service in the Barton Flats Area.

## **Circle B Scout Ranch**

When Old Baldy Council sold their lease to Camp Tulakes to Grayback in 1955, they opened Circle B Scout Ranch near Kennedy Meadows in the Eastern Sierra Nevada. This would serve the Council for 18 years before they acquired Holcomb Valley.



*Circle B Camp Patch*

## **Joshua Tree Scout Camp**

Did you know we had a camp in Joshua Tree? Riverside County Council owned several acres inside then-Joshua Tree National Monument, used for desert camping. The National Park Service later acquired this property and fully incorporated it into the park. Today, it is used as a maintenance area and Staff Camp. While direct access to the site is behind a locked gate, if you know where to pull over on Park Blvd., you can walk into the camp area.

## **Camp Anderson**

Riverside Council had 13 acres of land in Palo Verde, South of Imperial County, that was used to access the Colorado River for canoeing. The camp was named after Carl and Marie Anderson.

## **Camp Hilton**

Did you know that Conrad Hilton himself donated a Scout camp to us? Camp Hilton was located North of San Bernardino in Coldwater Canyon, a branch of the larger Waterman Canyon. This was the location of the Arrowhead Springs Resort, and also the source of your Arrowhead Springs bottle of water. The original induction of



*Camp Helendade Thunderbird Sign*

Wisumahi Lodge # 478 occurred here in late 1951. A year later, the Lodge building burned down in an electrical fire. The camp was sporadically used, and a major replanting project was conducted by the Council and helped future Lodge Chief Joe Rosenthal earn the Hornaday Award. The camp was said to not be on a formal lease and reverted to the Hilton Corporation years later. Today, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians owns the location.

## **Camp Procter**

The Arrowhead Area Council also owned a canoe facility along the Colorado River, off Parker Dam Road on the California Side near Eureka Wash, across from Parker, Arizona.

This is now private property, but from the fence, you can still see the original Lodge built by Barstow-Area Scouters. The camp was named for Paul and Mary Procter.

## **Camp Will Ward**

Riverside County Council had a small camp on the Salton Sea, north of Desert Shores. This camp was used for desert camping, as well as for access to the lake for other adventures. The entrance gate can be seen at the Imperial County Museum in El Centro. The camp was named for William Ward (1900 – 1972), who was a long-time Scouter in the Coachella Valley.

## **Camp Tecopa**

Did you know we also had a Las Vegas-area Scout camp? Prior to 1944, Southern Nevada Scouts were part of the San Bernardino District/Arrowhead Area Council. Camp Tecopa was located high in the Charleston Mountains Northwest of town, near Lee Canyon.

"Friends, the ones who chose you need you. Who among you now is ready? Who will go upon this journey?" -Allawat Sakima (Pre-Ordeal Ceremony)

## History of The Call of the Cahuilla

Fifty years ago, as Cahuilla Lodge came into existence, the **Call of the Cahuilla** was born. Before this, several of our predecessor Lodges published newsletters themselves, including the **A-tsa Drumbeat, Tahquitz Talk, Nava-jo Lookout**, and the **Wisumahi Words of Wisdom**.

The first Editor of the Call of the Cahuilla was future Lodge Chief, Eagle Scout, and Vigil Honor Member **Kevin Walker**. Kevin was the outgoing Editor of the **Tahquitz Talk**, and the name was created to be similarly alliterative.

1973 was a busy year, with the Lodges needing to complete their merger after the creation of the California Inland Empire Council. As the Lodges met, formulated a name, totem, and a common set of rules, it was important to communicate with members of both counties. The last issue of the **Tahquitz Talk** in 1973 was sent to members of both Lodges, with information on the first two Ordeals at Camps Helendade and Emerson.

After those Ordeals, the first true issue of the **Call of the Cahuilla** was created under Kevin's leadership and the advisership of his father, **Walt Walker** (1936 - 2006). The newsletter was printed from his family's business, **Arrow Printing**. If you have driven Ramona Expressway to Camp Emerson, and seen a business with a large red arrow in the ground, that is the place where our newsletter was born. **Arrow Printing** is still in business today under 3rd

generation ownership, and is one of the oldest local businesses in the entire San Jacinto Valley.

Carefully keeping records of Lodge membership was key to sending the newsletter out to membership. The newsletter was the primary communication device to inform members of meetings, events, and other important information. A late or non-existent newsletter would have a huge impact on the Lodge's success.

Cahuilla Lodge had a student at UC Riverside named **Steven Lambert**, who went on to get his PhD at Cal Tech. He had access to the university mainframe computer, where membership was kept via a Punchcard program written in Fortran. The Lodge Secretary, **Bert Leithold Jr.**, learned to work with the mainframe system and was so inspired by it, he went on to a long and successful career working for IBM.

In the days before the personal computer and word processing software went mainstream, typesetting, placing images, and other design elements were done by hand. It was a slower process then and required patience and skill at layout and design. Then, one had to cut out the art elements, adhere them using waxing machines to a layout, as it was then called. Ultimately, it was photographed to film, exposed to printing plates, and then printed on an offset press. As copiers improved in print quality, the layouts were photo copied instead of standard printing.

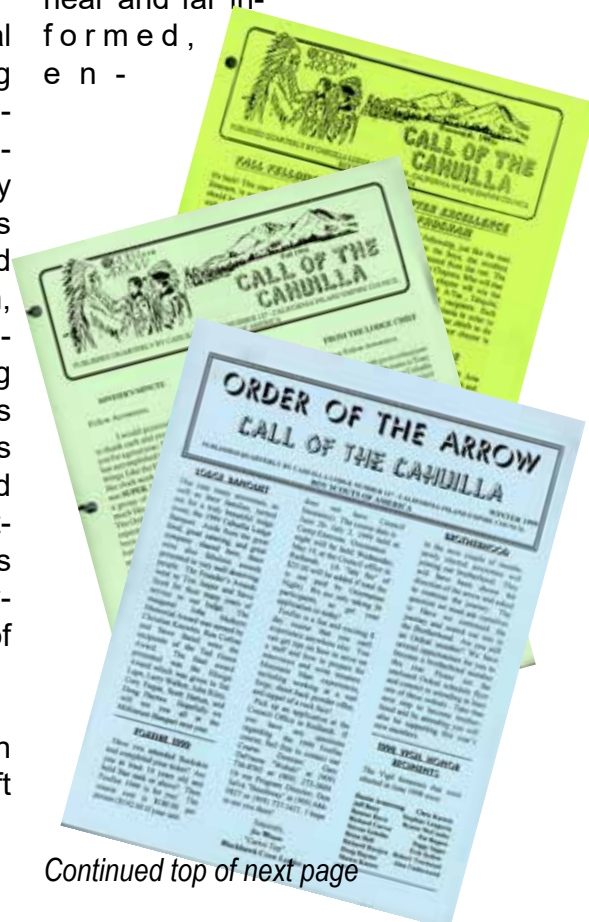
The introduction of software such as Word Perfect and Microsoft Word created new

opportunities to format text, place images, and make producing the newsletter simpler.

Over time, the Lodge used other, more sophisticated programs like **Adobe PageMaker** and **Adobe InDesign** (note: the newsletter you are reading was made in **InDesign**), while other programs such as **Microsoft Publisher** were used depending on the applications available to the Editor and Adviser.

As technology has progressed, other options for communication were created, including the Lodge website in 1998, and the steady build of social media, where many members primarily get their information today.

But for many years, the value of the Call of the Cahuilla was priceless. It helped a Lodge covering thousands of square miles keep members near and far informed,





gaged, and part of the Brotherhood. Without the newsletter faithfully being released often and on-time, the Lodge would not have set many of its achievements over the years.

This newsletter was created to celebrate all of our Lodge achievements, but it is important that the newsletter itself receives the acknowledgement it deserves for the success of Cahuilla Lodge # 127.

Thanks to ***"An Incomplete List of Call of the Cahuilla Editors and Advisers"*** over the last half-century. While not every year of the newsletter listed the Editor and Adviser, we have made every effort to include any and all key contributors.

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## Call of the Cahuilla Folding Parties (late- 90s - early 2000s)

By: **Alan Kay, Ed.D.**  
*Lodge Treasurer, 1992-94*  
*Lodge Associate Adviser, 1998-2001*

For a few years prior to and just after I was married in July 2000, I served as an Associate Lodge Advisor. One of main tasks that I assisted with was helping to get the Call of the Cahuilla ready for mailing.

After the initial print order was completed, somebody from our group (me, Tracy, Chris) would pick up a few boxes from the San Bernardino Kinko's (located on South E Street) which as I recall would have about 500 copies or so of the Call. These would need to be folded, labeled for mailing, organized, and then dropped off at the Redlands Service Center (located at that time on 1230 Indiana Ct).

The boxes from Kinko's would be unpacked onto the floor or a dining room table and the folding would begin. Once folded in the proper configuration, we would have to seal it with a small round sticky tab even



though using a staple would be much easier. The problem we discovered with staples was that it would jam the sorter at the local post offices and the newsletters would be discarded instead of delivered.

When preparing the labels, we would receive the information on a simple spreadsheet and then would need to make sure to sort it by ZIP code before doing a mail merge into Microsoft Word. If we forgot and sorted by last name, then it would be printed in that order. The reason to sort by ZIP code is that we would need to bundle by the first 4 digits of the ZIP code to receive the bulk rate.

In order to get all of this done, it would usually take a few hours on a dedicated weekend. I can still see in my mind the boxes of Calls dutifully stacked, sorted, and ready to be mailed out by the Office staff.



Above: L to R - Michael Gollner, Tim Lanz, Chris Dietrich, & other member folding and prepping "The Call" in Michael Gollner's living room.

Left: Desktop publishing at its finest using Windows 98 and MS Publisher with a set up at Alan Kay's home office.

## The Forgotten Lodge

One of the first things Arrowmen learn about Cahuilla Lodge history is our predecessor Lodges, each with their own history of service, Scouting support, and dedication to camping.

But did you know there was another Lodge that has been largely forgotten and lost to time? Even before this Lodge's founding, the first Arrowmen in the Redlands area likely were part of Tahquitz Lodge. Newspaper articles recount some Redlands Troops attending Camp Emerson and being inducted, and for a brief year-plus period, the Council was also named Riverside County and Redlands Council.

Before Grayback Council chartered A-tsa Lodge in 1955, there was an earlier group aligned with then-Redlands Area Council. They were called Ho-Mita-Koda Lodge # 380. Their totem was the Hopi Thunderbird. No known insignia exists for the Lodge.

In 1946, the Council even held a Camp Ho-Mita-Koda, which existed before the Lodge. Little is known about the camp, except it was held for two weeks at Barton Flats. Circumstantial evidence exists that this camp continued for several years. It has been speculated this occurred at Camp Tulakes, as Old Baldy/Redlands and Navajo/A-tsa had an enduring relationship, and Grayback Council acquired the lease to Tulakes from Old Baldy in 1955.



At the time the Redlands Area Council was formed, Ho-Mita-Koda Lodge joined the Order of the Arrow. They first chartered in March 1948, and their earliest known Ordeal was held in October of that year. There isn't an abundance of information about the Lodge, which was declared disbanded in 1951 or 1952, according to various records.

In the National Lodge Card files, Ho-Mita-Koda appears to have only inducted 21 people during that period. They were a very small Lodge that wasn't quite ready for a permanent existence.

Some memories of the Lodge would remain. When A-tsa Lodge became large enough to support two chapters, one of them was named Ho-Mita-Koda. Longtime Grayback Scouter and Vigil Honor member Louis Flores was one of the youth who served as its Chapter Chief.

## Scouting Magic

By ; **Terry L. Tyson**  
*Tahquitz Lodge Chief, 1970-71*

At a very young age, I realized that there was magic all around me. This was particularly true when I ventured into the outdoors, with sights, sounds, and smells that provided a sense of memory that I can recall instantly. These things created a deep understanding that those moments were special and in a real sense, magical.

So it was, that I became a magician. One of my first experiences was a simple magic show at a Council Dinner held at the San Bernardino Elks Lodge. I was happy with how much the audience enjoyed the act, and it motivated me to continue to develop my skills.

At first, my magical pursuits dealt with fooling my audience with subtlety and hopefully, unseen, trickery. But as I matured, the lessons learned of how the universe works became the foundation of the magician I was to become. Now, my presentations bring into sharp focus the mysteries, stories, and wonder that performing magic can impart.

For the last several years, I  
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have performed as a part-time professional mystery arts performer. My former job involved addressing large groups of people as a keynote speaker or conducting workshops for smaller groups. Those skills were learned as a Scout as I told legends of Native Americans, pioneers, and morality tales of everyday people while standing behind a campfire. As the flames died and my face only illuminated by crackling embers, those stories involved ghosts and spirits that inhabited the shadows just beyond the ebbing light.

Most of my magic has been learned from books. My first magic book was "Cub Scout Magic," which still sits in my library. From there, I have written my own and performed all over the world. Truly, whenever I arrive at a new destination, from Venice to London to Cairo to the ancient city of Petra, I seek out and always find the magic within those places.

One of the tenets of magic is that it is transformational. Scouting is magic because it transformed me into the person I am today. I am grateful beyond adequate description for the magic that Scouting had on me.

Two quotes that speak to what I am are above my desk and remind me that my view of magic in the world is true.

*--"Magic exists. Who can doubt it, when there are rainbows and wildflowers, the music of the wind and the silence of the stars?" -- Nora Roberts*

*--"And above all, watch with glittering*

*eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it." -- Roald Dahl*

Because of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow, I have shared the magic of the wilderness with others. We are a brotherhood of honored campers and I believe it is our charge, our duty, and our joy, to do that very thing.



## Becoming a CIEC Council Alumni

The National BSA Alumni Association serves as an umbrella organization for many Scouting affiliations and career-based networks. It supports and coordinates best practices amongst Affiliate and Affinity Groups. In mid-2022, a local Alumni Chapter (CIEC Alumni) was formed by past Cahuilla Lodge Treasurer and W4B Section Chief, Alan Kay, in order to begin promoting various aspects of the Council and enable those who have not been active for a while to begin to share their story.

The association also facilitates the sharing of memories of Scouting within professions,

including examples of career interests in the Medical, Legal, Outdoor Management, Police, Fire, EMS, Military, Education, and IT fields. The CIEC posts information on LinkedIn and encourages Scouters/Arrowmen and past Scouts/Scouters to follow the page and help connect with others through this portal.

The current projects involved with the CIEC Alumni Chapter are to promote the Council Alumnus of the Year Award and the Albert K. Fretwell Educator Award. These awards help to promote awareness in the region about the positive impact Scouting has on the community. The group also is working on the formation of a Camp Emerson Alumni Association in order to help share the stories and history of this local cherished camp.

To get involved, you can contact us by emailing [ciecalumni@gmail.com](mailto:ciecalumni@gmail.com), or go to the [California Inland Empire Council LinkedIn Page](#) and message the group there.

You can also get connected with the [OA Alliance](#) whose mission is to re-introduce previously active Arrowmen to the OA and re-engage them with their local Scouting council and lodge.



"For he who serves his fellows, is, or all his fellows, greatest."

-E. Urner Goodman

## Order of the Arrow's Annual Service Project Shines at Amboy Crater National Historical Landmark

By: **James Hermes**

*Cahuilla Lodge Chief, 1993-94*

*Aca Chapter Adviser, 2001-23*

In a testament to the power of community service and environmental stewardship, the Order of the Arrow's Aca Chapter recently led a highly successful service project on December 2 at the Amboy Crater National Historical Landmark, a jewel within the Mojave Trails National Monument. The event, spearheaded by Aca Chapter Adviser James Hermes, marked the latest installment in the chapter's ongoing commitment to preserving the natural beauty of the desert landscape through their annual series of extensive service projects.

Nestled within the Mojave Trails National Monument, the Amboy Crater stands as proof to both geological wonders and the im-

portance of conservation. The Order of the Arrow's involvement in its upkeep and preservation underscores their dedication to fostering a sense of responsibility for the environment among its members.

The service project on December 2 was nothing short of a triumph, drawing a significant turnout of enthusiastic volunteers ready to contribute their time and efforts to the cause. Under the guidance of James Hermes, the Aca Chapter Adviser, participants engaged in a range of activities aimed at maintaining and enhancing the Amboy Crater National Historical Landmark.

The tasks undertaken during the service project were diverse and impactful. Volunteers embarked on a mission to clear invasive vegetation, ensuring that the unique desert flora native to the area could thrive unimpeded. Additionally, there were efforts to maintain and improve the trail system, allowing visitors to experience the wonders of the Amboy Crater safely and responsibly.

James Hermes, who has played a pivotal role in guiding the Aca



Chapter in its commitment to community service, expressed his satisfaction with the outcome of the project. "This annual service project exemplifies the Order of the Arrow's dedication to the principles of leadership, service, and outdoor adventure. The Amboy Crater is not just a geological marvel; it's a testament to the delicate balance between nature and humanity. Our work here is a small but meaningful contribution to the preservation of this remarkable landscape."

The success of this service project is a statement to the enduring spirit of the Order of the Arrow and its commitment to making a positive impact on the communities it serves. Through their annual desert service projects, the Aca Chapter not only contributes to the preservation of the Amboy Crater but also instills a sense of environmental stewardship in its members.

As the Aca Chapter continues to lead by example, it is evident that their dedication to service goes beyond a single day in the desert. By fostering a culture of responsibility and respect for the environment, the Order of the Arrow inspires a new generation of leaders who understand the importance of preserving our natural heritage for future generations.



*Cahuilla Members getting ready for a day of work at Amboy Crater  
(Source: Cahuilla 127 Facebook Page)*



## The Chief Speaks...



Image: W4S Section Website

Hello Cahuilla Lodge,

It was such a great year to get to work with everyone. I hope that each one of you got an opportunity to meet someone else just as much as I did. For those of you who don't know, this was Cahuilla's 50th year anniversary, and I can say that the lodge definitely lived up to the special occasion. We saw so much this year, with our first large-scale Spring Fellowship event, a Conclave with the National Chief, a successful Arcade-Themed Fall Fellowship, the creation of a Remind-based announcement system, and so much more. So many people helped and contributed to making this year as successful as it has been, and to each of you I would like to extend my deepest gratitude. Without your help, this year would not have been able to run the way it did. As our 50th year as a lodge comes to a close, I know the next 50 years and beyond will be supported by devoted Arrowmen and an engaged youth. Seeing our Arrowmen stay active and do great things this year assures me that Cahuilla Lodge will continue to do great things. Thank you all for being a part of this amazing lodge,

WWW,

Alex Truax  
Cahuilla Lodge #127  
2023 Lodge Chief

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## Adviser's Minute...



Image: W4S Section Website

Dear Brothers of Cahuilla Lodge #127,

When we decided to publish this final Call, after so many years I got to thinking about all the great times I and my fellow OA members have had over the years. The service. The camping. The fellowship. It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for contributing to the legacy of our lodge.

In commemorating this milestone, let us reflect on the journey that has brought us together and the bonds that unite us as Arrowmen. Over the past five decades, Cahuilla Lodge has grown not only in numbers but also in the strength of its character, fueled by the dedication and passion of our members.

As we honor our past, let us also embrace the present and look toward the future with a renewed commitment to the principles of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. This spirit, deeply rooted in our traditions, guides us to navigate challenges with resilience, adaptability, and unity. I encourage each Arrowman to take a moment to connect with the essence of what draws them and keeps them connected to the Order of the Arrow. Let it inspire us to be leaders in service, compassionate in brotherhood, and joyous in our commitment to the Order. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on our lodge, our community, and the world at large.

In the spirit of camaraderie and celebration, I extend my sincere appreciation for your unwavering support and dedication to Cahuilla Lodge #127. May the next 50 years be filled with continued growth, profound friendships, and the enduring legacy of SnakePower!

Yours in Brotherhood  
Michael Hare  
2022 – 2023 Cahuilla Lodge Adviser



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### Dues Information:

Pay your 2024 Annual Dues by Snakepower Day (01/27) for a discount on your Cahuilla Lodge membership. Pay for all your 2024 Lodge Events with the Golden Arrow membership of \$110, or pay the standard membership for \$20. Prices will increase so pay today!

Visit:

<https://www.ciecbbsa.org/oadres>

to pay your dues online.

OA Members must be registered and in good standing with the Boy Scouts of America.

