

# FIVE FEATHERS

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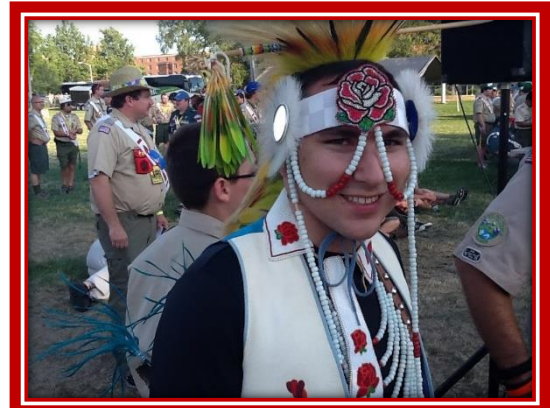
## EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to SR-5 brothers Russell Smart and Greg Bajan from Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge on receiving the Distinguished Service Award!



Russell Smart is a dedicated cheerful servant whose work has gone beyond the Lodge level. He has a distinguished record of great servant leadership both locally and nationally. Most notably, he has served as the BSA National Program Chairman for the 2013 Jamboree and is lined up to serve in the same capacity for the 2017 National Jamboree. Russell Smart is also the first National Chairman for the STEM program of the Boy Scouts of America and is a dedicated advocate of the world Scouting movement participating in many World Jamborees. Russell Smart has served as Blue Ridge Council President and is a Silver Buffalo and Vigil Honor recipient from Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge.

Greg Bajan is a Vigil Honor recipient and dedicated servant leader from Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge. He has given outstanding cheerful service beyond the Lodge nationally to High Adventure, National Recognitions, and American Indian Activities. A former Section Chief, Greg has served as the Southern Region youth coordinator for ArrowCorps 5 and is responsible for increasing promotion for the OA High Adventure programs. He has been responsible for the promotion of all of the national awards such as the Vigil Honor, E. Urner Goodman Camping Award, Founder's Award, and many more. Finally, Greg has given distinguished service nationally to the OA American Indian Activities program. Greg has served on the AIA staff at the past few NOAC's, has been a dedicated trainer at Carolinas Indian Seminar, Indian Summer, and many other events, and this year, he will serve as the Head Judge for Chicken Dance at NOAC.



The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) was created in 1940 to honor those who rendered service to the Order beyond the Lodge level. The award is presented to Arrowmen, Youth and Adult, who have rendered distinguished and outstanding service to the Order on a sectional, regional, or national basis. The award is presented at National Order of the Arrow Conferences. Since the time the first awards were presented, less than 1000 Distinguished Service Awards have been awarded. Greg Bajan and Russell Smart are the only DSA recipients from SR-5 this year. They will be recognized publically this summer at the 2015 NOAC at Michigan State University as the Order of the Arrow celebrates its centennial anniversary. Thank you for your work and dedication to SR-5, the Southern Region, and the Order of the Arrow. We look forward to seeing your presentation at Michigan State in August.



In addition, SR-5 has also been bestowed the honor of both E. Urner Goodman Camping Awards for the Southern Region for 2014. Santee Lodge based out of Camp Coker is one of the recipients and has not earned this award since 1996. Unali'yi Lodge based out of Camp Ho Non Wah is the second recipient and has earned this award for the second time in a row. This is a direct reflection upon the service given to the camping program of both recipients given by those who give countless time to benefit the cause. This includes not only the lodge's involvement, but also the respected councils work toward their camping programs.

Yours in Cheerfulness,  
Section Leadership

### AN ARROWMAN WITH US IN SPIRIT

Our Section mourns for brother Buster Andrews from Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge #185 who passed away on May 20 at his home. There has been an outpouring of sadness in reaction to the news from Camp Old Indian Staff, Blue Ridge Council Scouters, and Lodge Arrowmen. Buster was a dedicated Arrowman and camp ranger who loved Camp Old Indian and had an amazing infectious laugh that many remember fondly. Buster was a Vigil member of Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge and his name was, "One Who Does Good Work". Please keep the family of Buster in your thoughts and prayers.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Section Leadership



## WORDS FROM THE SECTION LEADERSHIP

### VICE CHIEF: GETING CONNECTED

Hello brothers!

I would like to start off by saying thank you once again to everyone who attended the Centennial Dixie Fellowship at Camp Belk. Travis, Jake, Nate, and the rest of the COC really appreciated seeing such an awesome show of participation. As always, even the rain couldn't dampen the spirit of Dixie! Skyuka's vuvuzelas were still heard and Bob White's new mascot made quite the grand appearance. As I'm writing this report to all of you, summer is getting closer and I can already feel a sunburn on my neck. Many of us are graduating and beginning a new chapter in life. I know all of you can't wait and this summer will not be one to forget any time soon - that's for sure! Some of the awesome events going on include ArrowTour which will be hosted by Muscogee on July 3rd and NOAC 2015 in August!

As you may already know, SR-5 has been very active the past few weeks. We've expanded our social media to Instagram(@section\_sr5) and YouTube (SR-5 Shows) - be sure to follow us and subscribe! Can't attend NOAC or ArrowTour? No worries - video updates will be posted on the YouTube channel for you to view the experience from the comfort of your couch!

I'll close out this update with a fun trip I had recently attended. On May 15, I traveled all the way down from Greenville to Augusta for Bob White's annual Lodge Leadership Development Conference. When I arrived, I found the camp deserted, so I called Reed and went up to a snazzy little diner to eat supper. BEST. FOOD. EVER. (Even better than Dixie at Unali'Yi - sorry Unali'Yi). Afterwords, the show started. Reed opened up the LLD, took care of some business, and the 2015 Centurions were announced. That evening, I played a few games of Foosball with the Arrowmen and we all called it a night. In the morning, I woke up to the most beautiful sunrise ever on the lake near the sleeping quarters. On top of that, Lodge Adviser Steve Kerr and the adult cook crew had been prepping breakfast all morning. GLORY! My taste buds exploded when I eat the home cooked biscuits. If you want good food at Dixie, Bob White won't disappoint next year! That morning, I led a session where I discussed my experience at NOAC 2012 and what can be expected from NOAC 2015. After that, Reed, his brother Parker, and I took off to Camp Knox which is just down the road and where Dixie 2016 will be held. The camp looks beautiful and I know Bob White will have excellent grounds to host SR-5 next year. Later that day, we came back and I said good bye to all of the new friends I had made during my visit. I had a blast and you can see the whole experience yourself on our YouTube channel! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at ArrowTour and NOAC as we celebrate

100 years. Have an awesome summer, everyone!  
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In Cheerful Service and a Warm Spirit,  
Matthew Watson  
SR-5 Vice Chief

### CHIEFLY SPEAKING

Brothers, this past month has been a blast as the SR-5 Section Chief. Thank you once again to the leadership of Catawba Lodge for an amazing Dixie. I also want to acknowledge Travis Broadhurst and his leadership team for their service this past year. Along with Matt and Taylor, it is a humbling honor to serve you in our centennial year. As many of us finish school and some graduating, we're finally happy that summer is here. I'd like to take a quick time to highlight what's happened and what we have to look forward to. [new paragraph]. Working with Section Vice Chief Matt Watson, we've established Lodge Leader Forums for lodge officers, launched a YouTube channel, and have worked to improve social media. May 15-16 gave the opportunity for Matt and I to visit and instruct at Bob White's Lodge Leadership Development and check out the 2016 Dixie site at Knox Scout Reservation. I also visited SR-4 in Tampa to check out their council and lodge. Though raised in the SEC, I have nothing negative I can say about Seminole Lodge 85 as I was highly impressed with scouting in the area. Finally on May 29-31 I was able to attend Tsalis Ordeal at Camp Daniel Boone. Not only was I highly impressed with the camp, but every Arrowman, youth and adult, made me feel like a member of the lodge. The weekend was very successful with 34 new Ordeal members and 9 new Brotherhood members. The weekend gave me confidence to say that Tsalis Lodge has one of the best American Indian Affairs programs in the country. Kiffen, Pierce, Ryan, and Lucas (along with all the committee charimen) all display outstanding leadership in their lodge and they and the rest of the lodge gave me pride to me in their presence. The lodge is also blessed with great advisers and I can't wait to be back! [new paragraph] Make sure to keep up with all we have going on in SR-5. Please check out ArrowTour at Camp Barstow on July 3rd. Registration is now live so please make sure to sign up! I hope you're enjoying what we're doing in SR-5 and I would love to heard your feedback. Please email me at [section.chief@sr5.org](mailto:section.chief@sr5.org). I look forward to talking with you at ArrowTour or one of your lodge events as I travel around. Remember that "those who chose you, need you!"

Yours in WWW,  
Reed Powell  
SR-5 Section Chief