

Appendix 5C to
THE HISTORY OF SCOUTING IN SOUTH GEORGIA

Appendix Updated on: April 18, 2021)

Photos of Past Council Presidents¹
of Chehaw Council



J. W. (James Wesley) Bush, Sr.
1939 and 1940

J. W. (James Wesley) Bush, Sr. was the first Chehaw Council President serving for 1939 and 1940. He was the Clerk of the Superior Court for Dougherty County. He died in 1974 and is buried in Albany.



Levi Walter (L. W.) Smith, III
1941 and 1942

L. W. Smith was President of Chehaw Council in 1941 and 1942. He was in the lumber business and was a Lt. Col. in the Georgia State Guard during WWII over the Albany area. He died in 1954 in Greenville, South Carolina.

¹ All Past Presidents are assumed to be a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award; therefore, those are not listed.



**William R. Turner
1943, 1944 & 1945**

William R. Turner of Cordele served as President of Chehaw Council in 1943, 1944 & 1945. He died in 1966.



**James Raymond Blair
1946**

James Blair was President of Chehaw Council in 1946. He owned the newspaper in Americus, Georgia. He died in 1988 and is buried in Americus.



**Gordon Columbus McKenzie
1947 and 1948**

Gordon Columbus McKenzie was president of Chehaw Council in 1947 and 1948. He was a physician in Ashburn, Georgia. He died in 1958 and is buried in Turner County.



**Frank Judson Lunsford
1949 and 1950**

Frank Lunsford was President of Chehaw Council from 1949 to 1950. He had been a state Senator from Early County. He passed away in 1969 in Leary, Georgia.



**Roger H. Dickinson
1951**

Roger was President of Chehaw Council in 1951. He was the manager of Coats and Clark Thread Mill in Albany. He died in 1964 in Albany.



**John Temple Phillips, Sr.
1952 and 1953**

John Temple Phillips served as President of Chehaw Council from 1952 to 1953. He was the President of Lilliston Manufacturing in Albany. He is a Distinguished Eagle Scout from Chehaw Council. He died on December 2, 2007 in Albany, Georgia.



**Robert Earl (R. E.) McTigue
1954 and 1955**

R. E. was President of Chehaw Council in 1954 and 1955. He was President of the Albany Candy Company. He died in 1963 and is buried in Albany.



**Leo Leader
1956 and 1957
(Leo Leader is his full name)**

Leo Leader was President of Chehaw Council in 1956 and 1957. He was with Albany Federal Savings & Loan. He was born in Michigan and died in Albany in 1967 which is where he is buried.



**Elston Lowe Johnson
1958 and 1959**

Elston Lowe Johnson of Tifton was President of Chehaw Council from 1958 to 1959. He was the part owner of a number of farm, oil, and auto businesses in the Tifton Area. He died in 2001 in Tifton.



**Chester Osborne Lee
1960 and 1961**

Chester was Chehaw Council President in 1960 and 1961. He worked for Coats and Clark. He died in Albany in 1978 and is buried in Albany.



**William Johnson Boswell
1962**

William Johnson "Jaye" Boswell served as Chehaw Council President in 1962. He was owner and manager of Mutual Loan and Investment Co. and Georgia Garden Center of Albany. He died in 1993 while living at St. Simmons Island.



**Franklin Keith Reyher Sr.
1963 and 1964**

Keith served as Chehaw Council President in 1963 and 1964. He was a retired Colonel in the US Air Force. He died in 1996 in Florida, but is buried in Turner County, Georgia.



**Don Robert Farr
1965 and 1966**

Donald Robert Farr of Americus served as Chehaw Council President for 1965 and 1966. He also served on the Executive Committee for Region Six. Don owned a pecan farm and was Executive Director of the Lower Chattahoochee Planning and Development Commission. He died in 1999 at Magnolia Manor in Americus and is buried in Americus.



**Raymond A. Hudson
1967 and 1968**

Raymond A. Hudson from Dawson was President of Chehaw Council in 1967 and 1968.



**B. J. Sumner
1969, 1970, and 1971**

B. J. Sumner served as council president in 1969, 1970, and 1971. He was District Manager of Georgia Power in Tifton. He died at his home in Tucker, Georgia in 2015.



**Ben Milner Turner
1972 and 1973**

Ben M. Turner from Cordele served as President of Chehaw Council in 1972 and 1973. He is an Eagle Scout from Cordele. He died in 1989 and is buried in Cordele.



**George B. Plummer
1974 and 1975**

George Bennie Plummer served as President of Chehaw Council in 1974 and 1975. He moved to Albany from Miami, Florida in 1951 where he started Albany Brokerage Co., Inc. He died in 2007 while living in Macon, Georgia.



**Frank Douglas Koran
1976 to 1977**

Frank Koran of Tifton was President of Chehaw Council from 1976 to 1977. He was founder of Tifton Aluminum. He died at St. Simons Island in 2013.



**Milton C. Sterling, Sr.
1978 and 1979**

Milton Sterling was Southwest Georgia Council President in 1978 and 1979. He was a CPA and Partner with Mauldin & Jenkins, CPAs in Albany, Georgia. He died in Titusville Florida in 1994.



**Eley Cappleman Frazier, III
1980, 1981 and 1982**

Eley served as Council President for 1980, 1981 and 1982. He operating partner of F & W Forestry Services. Eley died in 2018 in Albany.



**Frank Adams Wilson, III
1983**

Frank Adams Wilson, III was Council President in 1983. He was a physician in Leslie, Georgia. He was a recipient of the Silver Antelope from Region 6. He died at his home in Leslie in 2016 and is buried in Leslie.

**From 1984 until 2006 the council was known
as Southwest Georgia Council.**



**Carl Hancock
2004, 2005 & 2006**

Carl Hancock was President of Chehaw Council from 2004 to 2006. He was a physician in Albany. Carl was a 1952 Eagle Scout from Chehaw Council. He died on October 2nd, 2020 in Albany.

It was under Carl's term as President that the Council name was changed back to Chehaw Council.



**Joe Najjar
2007, 2008 & 2009**

Joe Najjar was President of Chehaw Council in 2007, 2008 and 2009. Joe is a retired Marine officer and retired Assistant to the President of Albany Technical College. He is still alive as of 2020.



**Clay Chester
2010, 2011 & 2012**

Clay Chester was the last President of Chehaw Council serving from 2010 to 2012. He owns a series of restaurants and food stores. He is still alive as of 2020.