

CALUSA LODGE 219 BACKSTORIES

(most of the following is derived from the book FROM KUNA AND CALUSA, written by Rick Obermeyer).

F-1 The sole patch issued by Calusa Lodge was created no earlier than December 1953, shortly after the National Order of the Arrow Committee authorized the creation of a flap-shaped lodge emblem in 1950. The number of patches made is unknown, but it is unlikely that more than 220 were made. Back at that time, a typical loom run of flap-shaped patches would be about 220 pieces, and with such a small lodge, this amount would have lasted through the dissolution of the lodge in 1955. Several fakes have been made.

Z-1 "white Calusa". A reunion banquet of former members was held in 1962, with 100 flaps created with a white background for attendees. Sixty members were in attendance, with each person receiving one, and extras sold 1/ former member until they were sold out. At least two fakes have been made of this patch, itself an unauthorized issue.