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**R**odney Reeves is a living-history interpreter at the **Mission San Luis** ([missionsanluis.org](http://missionsanluis.org)), a re-creation of a centuries-old community that was once home to Apalachee Indians, Spaniards and Franciscan friars. It's only a few minutes from the **Florida State University** campus. I photographed Reeves when he opened the gates one warm summer morning in full costume as an early 1700s Spanish mi-

litia soldier. We talked about the lifestyle, weapons and fashion (linen, which Rodney is wearing, was the popular choice in the summer). I even learned about the traditional ballgame that the Apalachees played where hundreds of villagers kicked a small, clay ball covered in buckskin toward the "goal" (a pole topped with a stuffed eagle). I guess 'Noles games at Doak Campbell Stadium weren't the first big sporting events in town.