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MISSION SAN LUIS CELEBRATES THE 17th CENTURY WITH A MILITARY MUSTER

~ A Viva Florida 500 Commemoration of Spanish and Apalachee Military Life in La Florida ~

TALLAHASSEE - On Saturday, March 11, 2013, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Mission San Luis visitors are invited to witness colorful pageantry and blackpowder musket and cannon fire. Learn about the world of Spanish soldiers and Apalachee warriors when the *Castillo de San Luis* militia welcomes Florida Living History, Inc. re-enactors from St. Augustine, Florida.

This living history program will bring Florida's heritage to life as visitors focus on the lives and tasks of soldiers at Spanish Florida's western capital. There will be archery for all ages, "make-and-take" craft activities for children, and demonstrations of blacksmithing, period cooking, and more!

The event is included with the regular admission fee of \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors 65+, and \$2 for ages 6-17. Children under 6, members, and active military get in FREE.

Mission San Luis, *Florida's Apalachee-Spanish Living History Museum*, was the western capital of Spanish Florida from 1656 to 1704. Today the Mission brings the early 1700s to life with living history interpreters in period dress, reconstructed period buildings, exhibits, and archaeological research. The site is managed by the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Bureau of Archaeological Research, and support is provided by the Friends of Mission San Luis, Inc. *VIVA Florida 500* is a statewide initiative that highlights the 500 years of historic people, places and events in present-day Florida since the arrival of Juan Ponce de León in 1513.

Mission San Luis is located at 2100 West Tennessee Street in Tallahassee, Florida, and is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. For more information please call 850.245.6406 or visit www.missionsanluis.org.

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