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MISSION SAN LUIS CELEBRATES THE 17th CENTURY WITH A MILITARY MUSTER
~Spanish and Apalachee Military Life in La Florida~

TALLAHASSEE - On Saturday, March 10, 2012, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Mission San Luis visitors will 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 at Mission San Luis welcomes Los Presidiales de San Agustín, (a member unit of Florida Living History, Inc.) from St. Augustine, Florida. The event is included with the regular admission fee of \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors 65+, \$2 for ages 6-17. Children under 6, members, and active military get in FREE.

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 make-and-take colonial arts and crafts activities for children, primitive weapons demonstrations, and period music. Also, the Spanish Golden Age theater group, *Theater with a Mission*, will perform scenes from Lope de Vega's play *El nuevo mundo descubierto por Cristobal Colon (Columbus' New World)*.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

- 10 A.M.-4 P.M. Living history demonstrations of blacksmithing and cooking
Learn about the lives of soldiers at San Luis.
- 10 A.M.-3 P.M. Primitive weapons demonstrations (atlatl and flintknapping)
- 10 A.M. Militias present at the north walkway outside the visitor center to
begin parade march to the fort
- 10:20 A.M. Flag raising with drummer
- 10:30 A.M. Cannon blessing
Blackpowder demonstrations (at the fort)
- 11A.M. Period music (at the Spanish house)
- Noon Theater with a Mission performance of scenes from Lope de Vega's
Nuevo mundo (in the council house)
Period music (at the Spanish house)
- NOON-2 P.M. Colonial Crafts for Children (on the plaza)
- 1 P.M. Period music (at the church)
- 1:30 P.M. Military procession from the fort to the church for the
Blessing of Our Lady of the Rosary banner
- 2 P.M. Blackpowder demonstrations (at the fort)

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3 P.M. Book signing by Wayne Torbert, author of
Alvarez, A Spanish Colonial Family (in the visitor center)

Mission San Luis was the western capital of Spanish Florida from 1656 to 1704. Today the Mission brings the early 1700s to life through costumed interpreters, reconstructed period buildings, exhibits and archaeological research. The site is a National Historic Landmark and recipient of a *Preserve America* Presidential Award. Mission San Luis is located at 2100 West Tennessee Street in Tallahassee. It 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. The site 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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