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~Spanish and Apalachee Military Life in La Florida~

TALLAHASSEE - On Saturday, May 8, 2010, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Mission San Luis visitors will witness colorful pageantry and the firing of muskets and cannons. Learn about the world of Spanish soldiers and Apalachee warriors when the Castillo de San Luis at Mission San Luis welcomes The St. Augustine Spanish Garrison, a member unit of Florida Living History, Inc. 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. Military drills, black powder cannon and musket fire, and other colonial military activities are scheduled. The North Florida Paso Fino Horse Association will showcase this breed's unique history and abilities and the Tallahassee Bowhunters Association's Primitive Weapons Group will provide hands-on archery activities for children and adults. There will also be pike drills and colonial arts and crafts for children. Robert Fleischmann will play period music and Jim Hale will play Native American flute music.

The Spanish Golden Age theater group, *Mission:Theatrical*, will perform a scene from Lope de Vega's play *El perro del hortelano* (*The Dog in the Manger*) at 12:30 P.M. in front of the Messer House. They will also present a scene from Miguel de Cervantes' play *El cerco de Numancia* (*The Siege of Numancia*) at 1:00 P.M. and again at 3:00 P.M. at the fort.

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. Managed by the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Bureau of Archaeological Research, 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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