

Honor To The Dead

**Saturday, August 17th, 2019 at the
St. Francis Barracks and National Cemetery,
St. Augustine, Florida**



**Commemorating the
1842 Parade and Ceremony in St. Augustine
That Marked the End of the
Second Seminole War
and Honored Those Who Perished In It.**



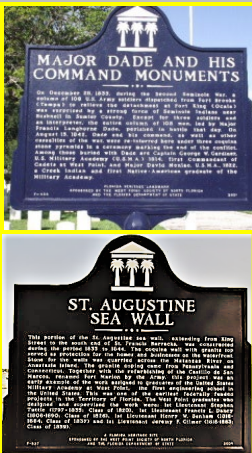
THE WEST POINT SOCIETY OF NORTH FLORIDA WELCOMES YOU

to the 12th annual commemoration of the historic parade through St. Augustine in August, 1842, and the subsequent ceremony of interment on these grounds. These events closed the 2nd Seminole War and honored those who perished in it. As many under these pyramids were West Point graduates, our Society has organized this commemoration to honor all who suffered and sacrificed—soldier, civilian, and Seminole alike—in that long, difficult struggle.

This year's commemoration is specially dedicated to the late Lieutenant Colonel Gregory A. Moore, long time Command Historian of the Florida National Guard. Colonel Moore had a profound civic impact -- keeping the military heritage of St. Augustine and Florida alive in the public consciousness. It was his drive and dedication that began the annual tradition we continue today.

Our Society is dedicated to furthering the principles and welfare of the United States Military Academy. We vigorously support the academy's Admission Directorate by engaging, advising, and helping

young men and women interested in becoming part of the United States Corps of Cadets. We are intertwined with the community through a variety of programs, like this event, that highlight the military and civic contributions West Point graduates have made, and continue to make, to our great Nation. St. Augustine is a classic example. As these state markers attest, even as their fellow graduates were fighting Seminoles in the 1830's, West Point engineers were non-violently defending civilians by leading construction of the town's sea wall.



Thank you for your attendance today as we commemorate the Academy's role in St. Augustine and our Nation's history, and remember the sacrifices made by those before us.

LTC Elizabeth Evans, USMA, class of 2000
President, West Point Society of North Florida.

THE 1842 PARADE AND CEREMONY



The Second Seminole War began with the disastrous ambush of Maj. Francis L. Dade and his command on 28 December, 1835. The last hours of the battle are depicted here in Jackson Walker's painting, "Do Your Best." When Gen. Gaines' column arrived on the scene six weeks

later, the remains of Dade's men lay exactly where they had fallen, and they were buried on the spot. (Contemporary sketch below.)



In contrast to its dramatic beginning, the war ended without a climactic battle or treaty. In his July, 1842 order, Col. W. J. Worth, 4th Commandant of Cadets and commander of troops in Florida, simply announced that, "hostilities within this territory have ceased." He ordered a "ceremony of interment" be conducted in St. Augustine on August 15th for those who fell in Major Dade's command among others. Their remains were to be "gathered and transferred to the town where suitable vaults are constructed for the final reception."

The *St. Augustine News* vividly reported the event with the headline, "Honor to the Dead." The parade was "melancholy," the ceremony "poignant." Details from every regiment in Florida, honor guards, and music contingents escorted seven wagons bearing the remains through the city. Clergy, civic officials, and the public followed the marchers to the cemetery. There, a ceremony of interment featuring Catholic and Episcopal church leaders concluded with a prayer. These are the events we are remembering today.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:30 AM -- REGISTRANTS GATHER

[St. Augustine Officers Club]

[Photo montage remembering Greg Moore by Ted Pappas]

[Introductions and announcements: Joe Naftzinger, USMA '60]

Welcome to the Historic St. Francis Barracks

Alison Simpson, Florida National Guard Historian

10:45 -- PARADE TO THE NATIONAL CEMETERY

[Marine Street]

Commander of Troops:

CSM David Lanham, Florida National Guard

Marching Soldiers, others identified on facing page

11:15 -- CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE

[Dade Pyramids in the National Cemetery]

Remarks by W.P.S.N.F. President

LTC Elizabeth Evans, USMA 2000

Laying of the Commemorative Wreath

Mr. Alphaeus Richburg, Dir., Jacksonville Nat. Cemetery

Cadet Prayer, led by,

Honorable Howard O. McGillin, COL, USA (ret), USMA '81

Musket Volley, Cannon Salute, Taps, Adjournment

12:00 -- LUNCH AND PROGRAM

[St. Augustine Officers Club]

The West Point Society of North Florida

LTC Elizabeth A. Evans, USMA 2000

Awarding of Reenactor Challenge Coins

Don Jacobovitz, USMA '77

Greg Moore and Seminole War Research and Education

Mr. Steven Rinck, President, Seminole Wars Foundation

Developments at Ft. King

Bill McCall, President, Fort King Heritage Association

Donation of Jackson Walker Painting, "Do Your Best"

Alison Simpson, FLNG Historian for Nancy Moore

FEATURE PRESENTATION

Veterans History Program and the St. Augustine Nat. Cemetery

Professors Amy Giroux + Scot French University of Central FL.

PARTICIPATING LIVING HISTORIANS AKA REENACTORS

Mounted Officers

Leroy Sykes

Bud Thayer

Marching Soldiers

Tom Allen

James A. Clark

Hewitt DuPont

William Gruber

Thomas Jesse

John Pfluger

Rob Pfluger

Steve Rinck

Daniel Sampson

Calvin Slaughter

Kevin Slaughter

Alex Solera

Seminoles

Bettie DeBary

Earl DeBary

Jeremy DeBary

Paul Morrison

Jamie Jones Newman

Stephen Teeter

Black Seminoles

Arthur Battles

Larry McCalley

John Russell

Joel Wilder

Richard Wilder

H. L. Williams

Townspeople

Sondra Clark

James Fiske

Musicians

Arthur Tenney, Piper

John Poe, Bugler

Robert Arthur, Drummer

Cannon Crew of the "Peace River Artillery"

(Replica of a type in use during the Second Seminole War.)

Mark Akers

Allen Pratt

Doug Killian

Howard Walker

Sue Killian

Gerald Walker, Jr.

Mule-drawn Period Caisson and Limber

(Hand constructed replica of those in use during the war.)

Tom and Denise Fitzgerald.

"Officer in White"

Lt. Col. Harry Metz, USAF (ret.)

Commemorative wreath: **Flowers by Shirley**: 904-824-8163

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GREGORY A. MOORE'S LEGACY AS HISTORIAN

Lieutenant Colonel Greg Moore, shown on the cover page in his St. Francis Barracks Office, served as the Florida National Guard Command Historian for 15 years. During that time he left a legacy of broad and lasting impact in all aspects of his many faceted work. Today, we remember his enduring contribution to the public's understanding of early Florida's military history, in particular that of St. Augustine and the Seminole Wars era.

For example, Colonel Moore has written the seminal work on the city's historical treasure -- it's National Cemetery (*Sacred Ground*, back page), and it was his initiative and drive that created the annual Commemoration we are continuing today. His efforts in keeping history alive extended beyond speaking and writing, however. He strongly supported the efforts of "living-historians" throughout Florida, and often assumed the role of living historian himself.

Thus we are indebted to today's participating living-historians, many of them Greg Moore's friends, for volunteering their time, talent, and effort to make this event successful. More than reenactors, they are truly "living" history, dedicated to stimulating the public's appreciation of the Seminole Wars era. They take great pains and expense to ensure accurate dress and equipment. All have unique stories to tell. Such portrayal is especially important given that this era's history preceded photography and sound recording.

THE 2019 REENACTOR CHALLENGE COIN

An illustration of Colonel Moore's drive to exceed the ordinary is the "Reenactors" challenge coin, awarded to the participating living-historians. Not only was this his idea, but he designed and sponsored



the first coin himself. We have kept Greg's pyramid design for the face, and changed the featured individual each year. This year's, the sixth in the series, honors the originator himself.

Lt. Colonel Moore was a strong advocate of West Point, and an inspiration to his classmates. As a token of their esteem, two fellow members of the class of 1974 have generously sponsored this memorial coin. The organizers thank:

Colonel Joe R. Miller (ret.) and LTC Frederick W. Stellar (ret.)

"May It be Said ---WELL DONE"

"SUPPORT BRIGADE"

HONOR ROLL

The organizers are especially grateful to the following members of the "Support Brigade" whose generous contribution have also helped defray the costs of this event.

COMMANDERS

John Brinson
Dr. Robert Davis
John Davis
Elizabeth Evans
CDR (R) Nels Frostenson, USNA '80
William McCall, Pres. Ft. King Heritage Association
Harry Metz
Middleburg Museum, Home of Ft. Heileman c/o
Jerry Casale at fitzgerard@aol.com (240) 483-8799

Steven Rinck
Mark Tolzmann
Richard Tombrink

LOYAL TROOPERS

John Brinson
Fred Jackson
Christopher Kimball

The organizations below have made a special contribution to this event in remembrance of LTC Gregory A. Moore and the significant contributions he made to their missions as an officer and highly active member in each.

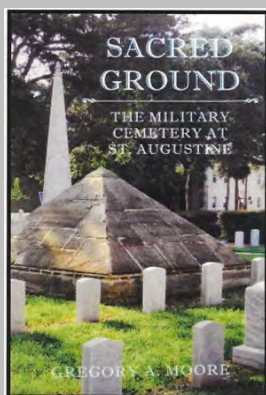
The Ancient City Chapter, M.O.A.A.
The Seminole Wars Foundation
The West Point Society of North Florida

We extend special thanks to Scoutmaster **Corey Coates** and the **Scouts of Troop 205** for their help in logistical set up.



Sgt Tom Fitzgerald, USMC, Former and his wife Denise, constructed the Seminole War era caisson and limber used in this ceremony. They provide such traditional elements drawn by "elegant mules" to military funeral services in Florida.
heyamule@mail.com.

THAT "SACRED ABIDING PLACE" -- 177 YEARS ON



The "garden of Saint Francis Barracks" the final resting place for the Seminole War's "honored dead," is now a National Cemetery (1881). Its stature as an honored resting place for fallen soldiers long predates the creation of the national system itself. As Alison Simpson, the Florida National Guard Historian, observes, "the Dade pyramids. . . are believed to be the oldest memorial in any U.S. national cemetery." A true gem of historic tranquility, the scene is often overlooked by the daily St. Augustine tourist.

The definitive work to date on its history and grave sites is LTC, ret. Gregory A. Moore's, *Sacred Ground: The Military Cemetery At St. Augustine*; Florida National Guard Association, 2013.

THE CADET PRAYER

O God, our Father, Thou searcher of human hearts, help us to draw near to Thee in sincerity and truth. May our religion be filled with gladness and may our worship of Thee be natural.

Strengthen and increase our admiration for honest dealing and clean thinking, and suffer not our hatred of hypocrisy and pretence ever to diminish.

Encourage us in our endeavor to live above the common level of life. Make us choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half truth when the whole can be won.

Endow us with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that scorns to compromise with vice and injustice, and knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy.

Guard us against flippancy and irreverence in the sacred things of life. Grant us new ties of friendship and new opportunities of service.

Kindle our hearts in fellowship with those of a cheerful countenance, soften our hearts with sympathy for those who sorrow and suffer.

Help us to maintain the honor of the Corps, untarnished and unsullied, and to show forth in our lives the ideals of West Point in doing our duty to Thee and to our Country.

All of which we ask in the name of the Great Friend and Master of all.

Amen.