



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, and 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

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Seminole War Commemoration



"Honoring Those Who Perished" St. Augustine National Cemetery

82 Marine Street

Saturday - August 23, 2014

9:00 AM - Reenactors & Living History Display

10:30 AM - Parade To The National Cemetery

11:15 AM - Commemoration Ceremony

The West Point Society Of North Florida

The Seminole War Foundation - Dade Battlefield Society

Veterans Council of St. Johns County - The 450th Military Commemoration Committee

Poster design by Ted Peppers

WELCOME!!



On behalf of the organizers below, we welcome you to this year's parade and ceremony commemorating the end of the Second Seminole War and honoring all those who perished in it. The leitmotiv of this event was a dramatic parade through the town of St. Augustine on 15 August, 1842. That parade escorted the remains of soldiers and officers -- collected from temporary graves on Florida's battlefields -- for interment under the three pyramids in this "sacred ground," now a National Cemetery. The parade was poignantly described by the local newspaper at the time, and that article is reproduced in this program. Eight days later, Colonel William J. Worth, then commander of troops in Florida, issued Order No. 28 announcing that "hostilities with the Indians have ceased." Thus ended seven years of bloody, difficult conflict.

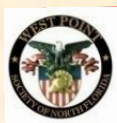
The war had begun in December, 1835, when about 180 Seminole Indians ambushed a column of 108 United States Army troops under the command of Major Francis L. Dade. All in the column were killed, save two wounded and one who lived to describe the action, often referred to at the time as "Dade's Massacre." Of the seven officers under Dade's command, five were West Point graduates, including the first Commandant of Cadets, Captain George W. Gardner.

West Point graduates continued to play a prominent role in the war as the years dragged on, with over two thirds of some classes in the 1830's being sent a thousand miles to serve in the swamps and jungles of the remote, inhospitable early Florida territory. Thus, in 1848, "Dade's" monument (depicted left) was erected over-looking the Hudson River at the Military Academy in honor of their service.

It was against this backdrop that seven years ago the West Point Society of North Florida decided to remember the parade of 1842 that ended the war and brought attention to those who suffered and sacrificed during it. The suffering, of course, embraced soldier, civilian and Seminole alike. We are now joined by three other organizations in this endeavor. All are particularly indebted to the many re-enactors from throughout Florida who make this event possible. Given the absence of photography and sparse contemporary artwork, their "living-history" depictions are essential in keeping this difficult and important period of Florida and American history in the public's consciousness.

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Command Historian -- Florida National Guard
Class of 1974, USMA

Colonel (Ret.) Joseph E. Naftzinger
West Point Society of North Florida
Class of 1960, USMA



West Point Society of North Florida



Seminole War Foundation, Inc.



450th Military Commemoration Committee



Dade Battlefield Society

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The organizers extend their sincere appreciation to all those who have made this event possible :

To the many **re-enactors** named on the opposite page who are the heart of it;

To the **Ancient City Chapter, MOAA** for their generous contribution;

To the **Veterans Council of St. Johns County** for their cooperation, and;

To the following members of the **"Support Brigade"** whose contributions helped defray costs.

"SUPPORT BRIGADE"



Soldiers and Officers of the 53rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, FLNG.
"Strength in Action."



GREGORY A. MOORE - - Command Historian for the Florida national Guard and author of *Sacred ground: The Military Cemetery at St. Augustine*. Copies can be purchased at the reception following the ceremony or ordered on line at <http://www.floridanationalguardfoundation.org/>



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- * Charles Baker, USMA, Class of 1959. Author of: *Gray Horse Troop: Forever Soldiers*.
- * Thomas F. McMorrow, Class of 1959.
- * Joseph E. Naftzinger, USMA Class of 1960.
- * Zach and Carlie Peyton, USMA Class of 2004. www.superiorfenceandrail.com/NorthFlorida.htm.
- * Bernal Quiros, USMA Class of 1957.

WE ALSO WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANT ASSISTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- * Ponce de Leon's Fountain of Youth Archeological Park, overnight billeting of horses.
- * Hosts and Hostess from the St. Augustine 450th Youth Ambassadors: For more information, contact Nancy Birchall at 904-794-2883.



St. Augustine Lions Club -- Provision of bottled water.

- * Krystal R. Sheeley, FLNG, and sons, tents, seating, and facilities setup.
- * Carolyn Gaspard, supper and reception organization.
- * Ted Pappas, event photographer. Visit Ted's excellent web site at: <http://www.tedpappas.com>

Parade and Ceremony Marking the End of the 2nd Seminole War: 15 August, 1842

As described by, *The St. Augustine News*, 20 August, 1842.

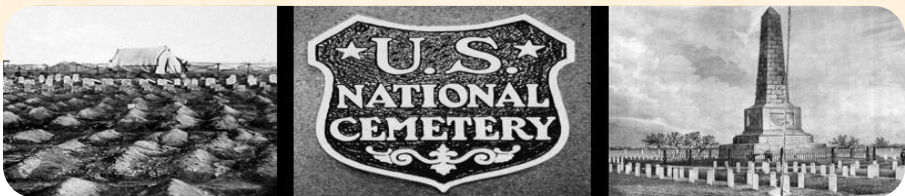
“Honor to the Dead”

“The burial of Major F. L. Dade's martyred dead, and those officers and soldiers who have died in Florida, took place on Monday last. *So solemn and interesting an event excited on the part of our citizens the liveliest sympathy and feeling, and afforded them, by joining in with the military, the heartfelt satisfaction of commingling their tears in union with those who had assembled to pay the last sad duties of love to their fallen comrades.* At half-past ten, a gun was fired from the battery in front of the green by a detail of 3d Artillery under Lieutenant Churchill, when the Mayor and Council, the Masonic Fraternity and St. Augustine City Guards, Capt. P. R. Lopez, proceeded to the St. Sebastian Bridge to await the arrival of the remains. In a short time the melancholy wail of music was heard in the distance, the bright glitter of arms was seen glancing among the deep green of the woods, and the wagons covered with the stars and stripes, containing all that was of the honored dead, moved slowly onward. It was indeed a brilliant, a melancholy spectacle. On arriving at the public square, the cortège wheeled to the right, and proceeding up George Street, continued down St. Francis Street, when moving up Marine Street they were brought to the spot appropriated for interment, the garden of St. Francis' Barracks.

“The remains being removed from the wagons, amid the firing of minute guns, the Rev. Mr. Waters, of the Catholic Church, addressed the assembled multitude with great eloquence and beauty. The service of the Episcopal Church was read by the Rev. Henry Axtell. The remains were then placed in vaults prepared for their reception; and after a salute of musketry, the troops retired, and were marched into quarters. The Masonic Fraternity proceeded from the tombs to the Presbyterian Church, where a monody on the dead was pronounced by D. Whitehurst, Esq. Half-hour guns were fired until sun set, closing the solemnities of the day.

“And thus closed the honors,. . . we leave them, sepulchered among the green of the orange tree and the aroma of its flower, with the shadow of our country's flag, as its folds catch the breeze from the staff of the cupola resting on their tomb, amid the booming morning gun, the clear note of the bugle, the music of the drum, the ring of the musket, and the quarters of the garrison. Fitting home for the martyred and the honored dead! And when we, who have been the witnesses of this melancholy scene shall have passed away, when the wilds of our border shall have again bloomed with culture, and its solitude send forth the busy hum of men, and the song of thanksgiving in grateful voices be heard in the land, that hallowed ground will be the resting spot of the pilgrim, as he bends at the sepulcher of the dead! - from which, if the fires of his patriotism should ever grow cold, they will be kindled anew as he treads the sacred abiding place of their honored remains.

“The tombs, three in number, erected by the troops of the Post, in which the remains are deposited, are vaults each about ten feet square, surmounted by a pyramid of five feet high, rising from a grassy mound enclosing the body of the tomb. It is designed to cover these pyramids entirely with marble, on which will be placed the names of all other officers who have died or been killed in Florida, in addition to those deposited beneath.”



Order of march, 15 August, 1842

ESCORT

Captain Gwynne, 8th Infantry, commanding
Lieut. A. T. Lee, Acting Adjutant.
Company K, 8th Infantry - Lieut. J. Selden.
Company A, 8th Infantry - Lieut.  [L. Smith](#).
Company B, 3d Artillery - Lieut.  [W. H. Shover](#).
Company E, 3d Artillery - Lieut.  [B. Bragg](#).
Colors and Band of the 8th Infantry.
Field music of the Artillery.
Clergy.
Platoon of the Guard of Honor.
Details from the different regiments serving in Florida.

REMAINS

Contained in seven wagons,
each covered with the American flag as a pall, and drawn by five elegant mules.
1st and 2d wagons, soldiers and officers of Dade's command;
3d and 4th wagons, soldiers and officers killed in battle;
5th, 6th and 7th wagons, officers who have died in Florida.

PALL BEARERS

 [Lieut. Benham](#), U. S. Engineers; Dr. Martin, U. S. A.;
Major Van Ness, Pay Master; Lieut. Col. Hunt, D. Q. M. Gen.;
 [Lieut. Jordan](#), 3d Infantry; Capt. Hanham, Antg. Ord. Officer;
Capt. Sewall, 7th Infantry;
 [Capt. Graham](#), 4th Infantry.

HONOR GUARD PLATOON-

 [Lieut. Wallen](#).
Colors and Band of the 3d Infantry.
Field Music of the 8th Infantry.
Company F, 4th Infantry -  [Capt. Page](#).
Company C, 8th Infantry -  [Capt. Kello](#).
Medical Faculty.
Mayor and Aldermen of St. Augustine.
Members of the Bar and officers of the Court. Masonic Fraternity.
St. Augustine City Guards - Capt. P. R. Lopez.
Citizens generally of St. Augustine.

 [Indicates West Point graduate.](#)



PARTICIPATING RE-ENACTORS

Third Artillery

Tom Allen
Eric Ardjewski
Frank Billetter
Shawn Butler
Wayne Hartley
Stephen Mack
Dennis Marshall
Calvin Slaughter
Kevin Slaughter
Bob Waters

Fourth Artillery

James Clark

Peace River Artillery

Dallas Allen
Toney Hodges
Doug Killian
Gerald Walker, Jr.
Howard Walker

Artillery Soldiers

Hewitt Dupont
Andrew Kasmar
Hal Merritt
James Shillinglaw

Second Florida Cavalry

George Scott
Bud Thayer

Fourth Infantry

Steven Rinck



Seventh Infantry

Bucky Anderson
David Lanham

Infantry Soldiers

Ronald Brown
Bailey Lennon
Blake Lorentzson (Drummer)
Joseph Lorentzson
Brian McNamara

Soldiers

Brian Butler
Adrian Geary (Officer)
William Gruber
Harry Metz (Officer)
Paul Remis
Jonathon Yonce

Liberty Guards

Joe Blunt
Walter Cook
James Permane

Florida Frontier Guard

Mark Miller

Military Food Demonstrator

Jerry Morris

Seminole

Steve Creamer

PROGRAM

Commemorating the end of the Second Seminole War,
and Honoring those who perished.

ON THE PARADE FIELD

Living History Display, Campaign Camp
Jerry and Linda Morris

"6 Pounder" -- Exact Replica Of That Accompanying Major Dade's Column
Peace River Artillery

10:00 -- Cannon fire and Assembly

Bugler Master Sergeant (Ret.) Arthur Tenney

Welcome On Behalf Of The Florida National Guard
Major (P) Elizabeth Evans

Historical Perspective
Roger Smith, PhD

10:30 -- Cannon Fire and Adjutant's Call

PARADE PASSES IN REVIEW

Commander of Troops
Command Master Sergeant David Lanham

Narration by Steven Rinck
Dade Battlefield Society

[N.B. spectators are invited to follow the parade into the national cemetery]

CEREMONY IN THE CEMETERY

Welcome On Behalf Of Organizers,
Colonel Joseph Naftzinger, USA, ret.

Welcome On Behalf Of National Cemetery Administration
Mr. Cliff Shields

Historical Context
Lt. Colonel Gregory Moore, USA, Ret.

Relevance For Today

Invocation - Cadet Prayer,
Colonel Howard McGillin, USA, ret.

Cannon Fire, Ceremonial Movement Of Casket/Wreath To Tomb.

12:00 -- CEREMONY CONCLUDED

All are invited to the organizers' reception in honor of the re-enactors and the awarding of coins,
immediately following the ceremony, at the FLNG Officers Club, St. Francis Barracks.

[Memorial wreath from " Flowers by Shirley"]

[Re-enactor raffle prizes handmade and donated by Jerry Morris on behalf of the Seminole War Foundation]