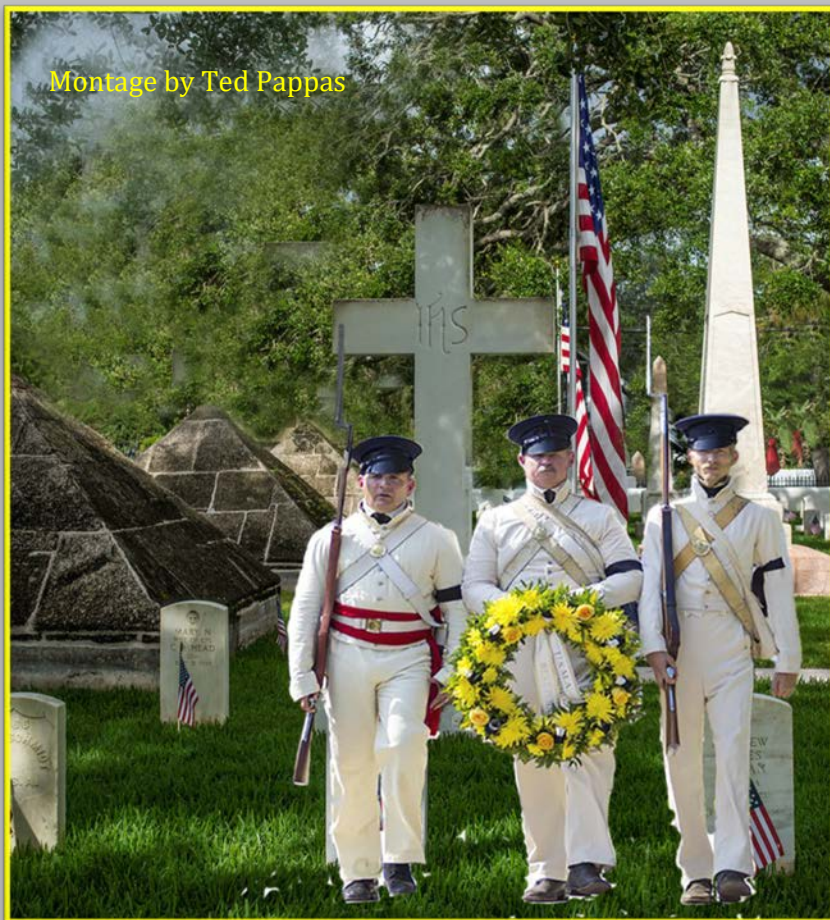


Honor To The Dead

Saturday, August 18th, 2018

**St. Francis Barracks and National Cemetery
St. Augustine, Florida**



**A Commemoration of the
1842 Parade and Ceremony in St. Augustine
Ending the Second Seminole War,
and Honoring Those Who Perished In It.**

THE WEST POINT SOCIETY OF NORTH FLORIDA

WELCOMES YOU



to the 11th annual commemoration of the historic parade through St. Augustine and the subsequent ceremony that marked the end of the Second Seminole War and honored those who perished in it. The interment ceremony took place August 15th, 1842 and many interred under these

pyramids were graduates of the United States Military Academy. Our purpose here is to honor all who suffered and sacrificed—soldier, civilian, and Seminole alike—in that long, difficult struggle, and to keep this formative period in the history of our state and nation alive in the public consciousness.

Our Society is an organization of West Point graduates and friends dedicated to furthering the principles and welfare of the United States Military Academy in northeast Florida. We provide a social network for area graduates and vigorously support the academy's Admission Directorate -- being particularly active in spotting, advising, and helping young men and women who are interested in becoming Cadets. We also reach out to the local community through a variety of programs, like this event, that highlight the important military and civic contributions West Point graduates have made, and continue to make, to the development of our country—St. Augustine being a classic example as these State Historical markers attest. Even as their fellow graduates were fighting the war, four West Point engineers defended civilians non-violently by leading construction of the city's sea wall.



**George Godfrey, President,
West Point Society of North Florida.**

THE 1842 PARADE AND CEREMONY



The Second Seminole War had begun with the disastrous ambush of Major Francis L. Dade and his command on 28 December, 1835. When Gen. Gaines' column arrived on the scene six weeks later, the remains of Dade's men lay exactly where they had fallen, (contemporary sketch above) and they were buried on the spot.

In contrast to this violent beginning, the war ended without climactic battle or final treaty. In a July 25th, 1842 order, Col. William J. Worth, 4th Commandant of Cadets and Army commander in Florida, simply announced that "hostilities within this territory have ceased." Earlier he had ordered a "ceremony of interment" be conducted August 15th for those who fell with Major Dade's command and certain others. Their remains were to be "gathered and transferred to St. Augustine where suitable vaults are constructed for the final reception." "Every corps now serving in the Territory" would be represented. The event was vividly recorded five days later in the *St. Augustine News* under the headline, "Honor to the Dead."

According to the article, the parade was "melancholy," the ceremony "poignant." Six companies of infantry and artillery, details from all regiments in Florida, a guard of honor, an honor guard platoon, and four music contingents all escorted seven wagons bearing the remains through the city. The marchers were followed to the cemetery by clergy, civic officials, and the public generally. There the ceremony of interment featured Catholic and Episcopal church leaders, concluding with a prayer. This is the event we are remembering today.

PROGRAM, SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 2018

9:45 -- WELCOME, SPECIAL PRESENTATION

[In the St. Augustine Officers Club]

LTC Mark Tolzmann, USA, (ret) USMA '84

Ms. Alison Simpson, Florida National Guard Historian

Research programs at the St. Augustine National Cemetery

Dr. Scot French and Dr. Amy Giroux

University of Central Florida

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10:30 -- PARADE TO THE ST. AUGUSTINE NAT. CEMETERY

[along Marine Street]

Commander of Troops:

CSM David Lanham, Florida National Guard

Marching Soldiers, Musicians identified on facing page

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11:00 -- CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE

[At the Dade Pyramids in the National Cemetery]

Remarks

COL. Joseph E. Naftzinger USA, (ret), USMA '60

Laying of the Commemorative Wreath

COL Edmund W. Woolfolk, Jr, USA (ret), USMA '81

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

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1200 -- LUNCH AND PROGRAM

[In the St. Augustine Officers Club]

The West Point Society of North Florida

Mr. George Godfrey, USMA '90, President

Awarding of Re-enactor challenge coins, Remarks

Mr. Steven Rinck, President, Seminole Wars Foundation

Developments at Ft. King

Mr. David Laffey, Fort King Heritage Association

PRESENTATION: "St. Augustine Is Healthy And Delightful.

Capt. John Rogers Vinton In The Second Seminole War."

Award winning authors Mary Lou and John Missall

PARTICIPATING LIVING HISTORIANS AKA RE-ENACTORS

Marching Soldiers

Dallas Allen
Tom Allen
Brian Butler
James A. Clark
Hewitt DuPont
William Gruber
Thomas Jesse
Blake Lorentzson
Joseph Lorentzson
Hal Merritt
Robert Mitchell
James Murphy
James E. Permane
John Pfluger
Rob Pfluger
Steven "Bear" Pfluger

Andrew Puckett
Steven Rinck
Daniel Sampson
Kevin Slaughter
Black Seminoles
Arthur L. Battles, II
John Russell
Joe Wilder
Richard Wilder
H. L. Williams
Seminole Warriors
Steven Creamer
Farris Powell
Townpeople
Mary Lou Missall
Angela Powell

Musicians

Piper, Arthur Tenney Bugler, John Poe
Drummer, Evan Brown

Cannon Crew, "Peace River Artillery"

(Replica of the "6 pounder" with Dade's column.)
Mark Akers Doug Killian
Dallas Allen Howard Walker
Toney Hodges Gerald Walker, Jr.

Period Caisson and Limber Display

(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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PORTRAYING YESTERDAY TODAY

We are indebted to the participating living-historians for volunteering their time, talent, and effort to make this event a successful reflection of the drama that played out here 176 years ago. More than re-enactors, they are truly "living historians," dedicated to stimulating the public's appreciation of the formative history underpinning the Seminole Wars era. They take great pains and expense to ensure accurate dress and equipment, and have unique stories to tell of the various figures they represent. Such first person portrayal especially important when their history preceded photography and sound recording, as did that of the Seminole Wars.

THE 2018 RE-ENACTOR CHALLENGE COIN



This is the fifth in the series of challenge coins awarded to those living historians who participate in this annual remembrance. The obverse of each coin depicts the pyramids and Dade monument in the St. Augustine National Cemetery. On the face this year is Brig. Gen. (then Colonel) William Jenkins Worth who, in 1842 as commanding officer in Florida, issued the orders announcing that "hostilities had ceased" and directing the parade and re-interment as a concluding act. Commissioned in 1813, Col. Worth was the 4th Commandant of Cadets at West Point (1820-1826). He distinguished himself in the Mexican-American War, and died of cholera in 1848.

We are grateful to the following for supporting the our participating living-historians by underwriting this year's coin.

The West Point Society of North Florida
Gordon Arbogast George and Peggy Linardos
Joe Naftzinger Steven Rinck

Coin design: Greg Moore and Ted Pappas

"SUPPORT BRIGADE" HONOR ROLL

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

COMMANDERS

**Fort Fulton Historic Trust
Seminole Wars Foundation**

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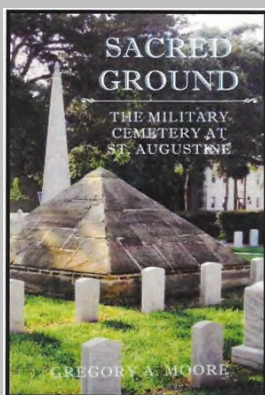
Reeves King

And Boy Scout Troop 205, Cub Scout Troop 23
for their help in logistical set up.



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

THAT "SACRED ABIDING PLACE" -- 176 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.

Perhaps the definitive work on its history and grave sites today 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.