

# TAL-MOAA TIMES



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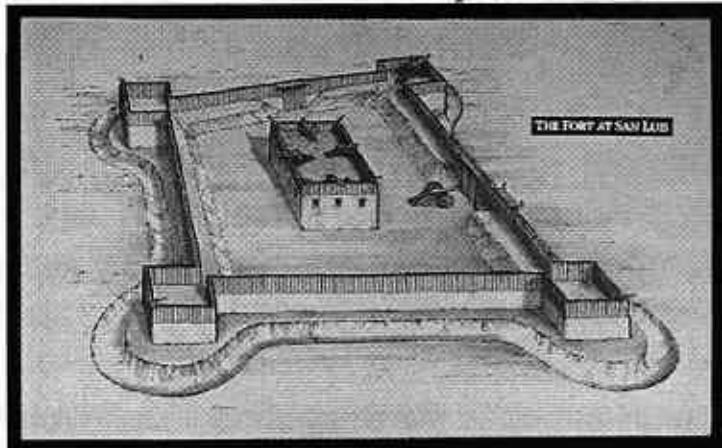
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## MARCH PROGRAM TO FEATURE MISSION SAN LUIS DE APALACHEE

Located atop one of Tallahassee's most scenic hills, Mission San Luis de Apalachee (also known as San Luis de Talimali) is a beautiful 60 acre archaeological park. The site of a 17th century Spanish Franciscan mission, San Luis contains archaeological evidence of a Spanish fort, church and residences, as well as an Apalachee council house and Indian village. Spain used the mission in an effort to colonize region and convert the Indians living there to Christianity. The mission lasted until 1704, when it was destroyed to prevent its capture by Creek Indians and South Carolinians. Interpretive displays and programs bring these early settlers to life. Once a month, a living history program focuses on Spanish life at the mission in the 1680s. Archaeologists work in the lab and field at San Luis year round, and answer questions about their discoveries. Regular tours are provided on weekdays at noon, and with advance notice, staff provides personalized tours for school children and other groups. The Gift Shop offers specialty items related to Native American and Spanish history and archaeology. San Luis is in the process of expanding its living history program—over the coming year, an Apalachee Indian house and Spanish house will be reconstructed on the plaza. This is but the first stage in a comprehensive reconstruction program [from [www.tal.gov.org](http://www.tal.gov.org)].

Representatives of the Mission will join us for a presentation of what it would have been like to be a soldier at Mission San Luis. The presenters are former or retired military, and it will be interesting to see their presentation and get their prospective on life in those times.

## **MOAA 2007 Dinner Meetings**

**March 26**

**April 23**

**May 28**

**June 25**

**July 23**

**August—no meeting**

**September 24**

**October 22**

**November 5**

**December 20th—Military Ball at Capital City Country Club**

**Meetings are held monthly at the Silver Slipper except for August and December. There is no meeting in August.**

**Please note the change in the date for the Military Ball from December 1 to the 20th.**

### **The President's Pen**

It's March in Tallahassee, the flowers are budding, the birds are singing. Meanwhile, the Surge is working, our warriors are prevailing, and things are looking better for Iraq. Amen to that. It makes me very happy to open my latest issue of *Leatherneck Magazine* to find not a one of our courageous marines has been injured or killed in the preceding month. I pray we keep making progress toward peace and stability in that war-torn, but strategically important country, and I ask that we all pray for the welfare and safety of our fighting men and women in all climes and place.

March also is a time to help MOAA get its message out to our legislators about the needs of our veterans. Please take time to visit the Florida Council of Chapters web site at [www.moaafl.org](http://www.moaafl.org) and click on the "Committees", then the "Legislative Activities" links. There you will find a draft letter for you to tailor and send BY MARCH 24 to our legislators. This link also gives a full explanation for your information and use. In April our Florida MOAA representatives will be "storming the Hill" to talk with our legislators about issues important to us. They need our support and this letter will help immensely.

Our program for March should prove interesting from a military as well as an historical prospective. What would it have been like in 1686 as soldier at a fort in the Florida Panhandle at Mission San Luis. That is what the folks from the mission have suggested awaits us when they visit us in March. Do not miss this interesting meeting. I'll see you there.

**Cray J. Coppins**  
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# MARCH DINNER RESERVATIONS

Please mail to Tal-MOAA, P.O. Box 4038, Tallahassee, FL 32315-4038

**Time:** 1830 hours, fourth Wednesday of each month except August and December

**Place:** Silver Slipper, 531 Silver Slipper Lane, Tallahassee PH 850-386-9366

For questions, phone reservations or cancellations, call Cray Coppins 284-8246

Reservations for the Tal-MOAA dinner on Wednesday March 26th @\$16.50 (advanced reservations)  
\$17.00 at the door

Reservations: I request \_\_\_\_\_ reservations

Entrée selection: \_\_\_\_\_Steak \_\_\_\_\_Shrimp \_\_\_\_\_ Charbroiled Tuna \_\_\_\_\_ Charbroiled chicken

Social hour begins 1830 hours; dinner is served at 1915 hours

Dinner \$16.50 Each \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial fund Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Junior ROTC support Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Foundation (make check out to Tal-MOAA Foundation) Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide names and titles for name tags

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Suggestions for speakers?

Suggestions for Improvements in TAL-MOAA?

Area(s) in which I am willing to volunteer?



## **YOUR HELP AND COOPERATION ARE NEEDED!**

**Our chapter is reestablishing its membership database. Due to the sudden and untimely death of Dave Eccard, maintenance of the database has slipped.**

**Dave was a key officer of the chapter, and a person upon whom we greatly depended. He handled the database. He was the treasurer. He made trips to the bank and picked up mail from the post office. He and his wife, Becky, produced mailing labels and affixed them to the monthly newsletter and delivered the *TAL-MOAA Times* to the post office. He was like the air: no one misses it until you're not getting any.**

**We know that we have members who are not receiving our newsletter, but have paid their 2008 dues. We also know there are officers who are receiving the newsletter and are in the database who have not renewed their membership for this year. [Membership runs January to December]. We know we'll get it right, but your help and patience are solicited.**

**So, over the next couple of months, expect to receive correspondence querying you about your membership status. Please be supportive and responsive.**

**As a first step in the process, please look at your mailing label. If it has "2008" we know that you have paid your 2008 dues. If you do not see "2008" please check your records to make sure that you renewed your membership. If you neglected to renew, please use the form on page 4 to do so. If you did renew, please have patience with us.**

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## COMING EVENTS AND MISCELLANEA

**TAL-MOAA LADIES' AUXILIARY MEETS THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CAPITAL CITY COUNTRY CLUB, 1200 NOON. HUSBANDS AND SPECIAL GUESTS OF MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**

THE FLORIDA COUNCIL OF [MOAA] CHAPTERS WILL BE HOLDING ITS 2008 CONVENTION AT THE HILTON COCOA BEACH OCEANFRONT HOTEL FROM 2 MAY TO 4 MAY 2008. MOAA HAS SECURED SPECIAL RATES FROM THREE DAYS BEFORE TO THREE DAYS AFTER THE CONVENTION. SPACE SHUTTLE *DISCOVERY* IS SCHEDULED TO LAUNCH ON 24 APRIL, SO THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THE SHUTTLE WILL BE RETURNING TO CAPE CANAVERAL THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY. CARNIVAL CRUISE LINES HAS OFFERED A TOUR OF THE *CARNIVAL GLORY* ALONG WITH A LUNCH AT NO CHARGE OTHER THAN THE \$10 FOR ROUND-TRIP TRANSPORTATION FROM THE HOTEL TO THE SHIP. IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION, YOU WILL BE CONTACTED CONCERNING YOUR INTEREST TO TOUR AND DINE ON THE *GLORY*. SPACE IS LIMITED TO 50 PEOPLE. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION, THE DEADLINE TO DO SO IS APRIL 18TH.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CONFERENCE, VISIT THE COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS WEBSITE AT [WWW.MOAAFL.ORG](http://WWW.MOAAFL.ORG) YOU CAN FIND INFORMATION ABOUT AREA ATTRACTIONS, INCLUDING GOLF, HOTEL RATES, AND REGISTRATION FORM, AND CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT THIS WEB SITE.