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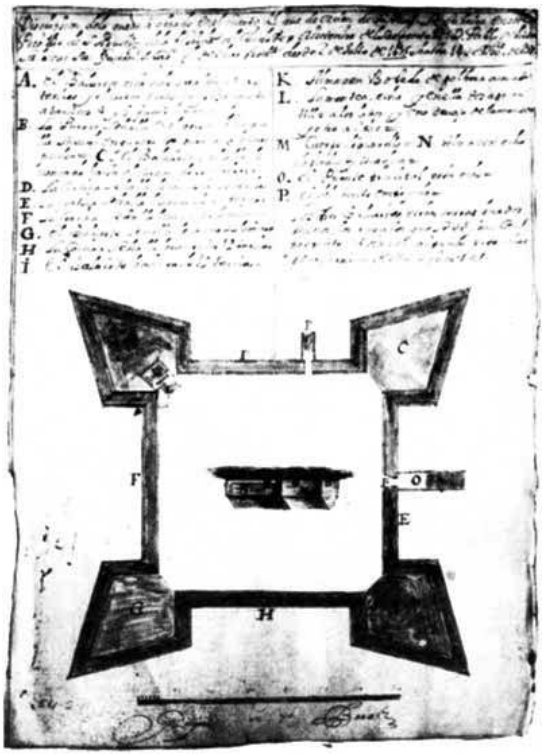
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THE FOUNDING OF THE CASTILLO DE SAN MARCOS
LA FUNDACIÓN DE LA CASTILLO DE SAN MARCOS

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Castillo de San Marcos National Monument / St. Augustine, Florida



"Description of what has been constructed in the Royal fort that by order of His Majesty is being built in this Presidio of St. Augustine of Florida…"
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ST. AUGUSTINE, FL – April 4, 2016 – In 2016, the U.S. National Park Service (NPS) will observe its Centennial Anniversary, celebrating 100 years of faithful stewardship of America's national parks.

On October 2, 2016, Florida Living History, Inc. (FLH – www.floridalivinghistory.org), in partnership with the National Park Service's Castillo de San Marcos National Monument (https://www.nps.gov/casa/), will honor the NPS' Centennial by presenting a new heritage Event commemorating the founding of the Castillo de San Marcos. Established on October 2, 1672, the Castillo de San Marcos was the guardian of colonial San Agustín, the cornerstone of Spanish Florida's defenses, and is today the oldest masonry and only extant 17th-century fortress in the continental United States.



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In conjunction with *National Hispanic Heritage Month*, FLH and the Castillo de San Marcos will commemorate this important date in American history - 344 years later, to the very day and on the very site - with the re-enactment of the 1672 "ground-breaking" ceremony featuring General Don Manuel de Cendoya, royal Governor and Captain-General of Florida, and the royal officials of the *presidio* of San Agustín.

This new heritage Event will also feature day-long colonial Spanish demonstrations and historical demonstrations within the Castillo, focusing on its 17th-century construction and its vital role in Florida's history. From 9AM to 4PM, join FLH volunteers, NPS rangers, and other participants in commemorating the 344th anniversary of the founding of the Castillo de San Marcos and the 100th anniversary of America's National Park Service!

There is a Castillo admission fee of $10 per adult; children (age 15 and younger) are free. Admission to the historical re-enactment on the Castillo lawn is ***free*** of charge to the public.

For more information on the new *Founding of the Castillo de San Marcos* heritage Event, please contact:

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The *Founding of the Castillo de San Marcos* heritage Event is sponsored by non-profit Florida Living History, Inc., and by the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument. Financial support for this Event is provided, in part, by the St. Johns Cultural Council (www.stjohnsculture.com/), the NPS' Castillo de San Marcos National Monument (https://www.nps.gov/casa/), and by the continued generosity of FLH's donors.

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FLH supports educational initiatives that promote a greater understanding and appreciation of Florida's, and America's, rich and diverse heritage. For more information on Florida Living History, Inc., please contact us via e-mail at info@floridalivinghistory.org !

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