

UPDATE

200TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION



JULY 17, 1821

- Spanish governor transferred Florida to Governor Andrew Jackson, USA
- Formal ceremony took place in Pensacola
- Only 2 counties in new Territory: Escambia and St. Johns
- New form of government established: democracy

ORGANIZATION AND EVENTS

2021 Commemoration Commission for County and City

- Chair, Dr. Judy Bense, Co-Chair Ms. Margo Stringfield, began January 2019
- 13 diverse commission members
- Funded by County, City and state matching request
- Events by local organizations leading up to July 2021
 - Monthly Archaeological Society presentations (virtual)
 - St. Michaels cemetery tour of 1821 residents graves
 - Weekly historical articles in PNJ

July 17, 2021 Commemoration Event Committee

- Representatives from 19 organizations will participate
- Plan “A”: Formal ceremony in Museum Plaza
 - Public invited
 - VIPs: Spanish consulate, Florida Governor, Secretary of State, Mayor, County Commission chair, local dignitaries
 - Native and African American and Hispanic performances
 - Music: Navy band, mariachi band
 - Flag ceremony
 - Reenactors
 - Booths along plaza and in historic district
 - Food, special historic drink, breakfast

PRODUCTS

- Historic markers (state and local)
- Pensacola News Journal weekly articles on variety of topics from 1821
- Public database identifying residents here in 1821
- Interactive website with historical information of 1821 residents and pop up images of individuals from our community standing for them
- In discussions with public media WSRE TV and WUWF radio for programing
- Florida Humanities magazine and support
- Discussing publication of PNJ articles for the public

THANK YOU!
QUESTIONS?

