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### **Dade Battlefield Society, INC. Annual Re-enactments**

The Second Seminole War began at Dade Battlefield on December 28, 1835 when Seminole Indian warriors ambushed 108 soldiers under Major Francis L. Dade's command. Only three soldiers survived to report the battle. The park might have been lost, however in the 1950's, dedicated local residents answered a call to action to save the site and Dade Battlefield received its designation as a state park. The Dade Battlefield is a beautiful historic park with a mission to preserve the events that occurred during the attack while protecting the natural environment that existed when soldiers and Seminoles fought more than 180 years ago.

In 1980 the park began to hold various ceremonies to commemorate the attack on Major Dade's command. The ceremonies were always scheduled on the weekend closest to the attack, and in the mid 1980's, the first re-enactment was held.

The Dade Battlefield Society, Inc. was organized in 1987 as a state Citizen Support Organization with a focus on continuing the reenactment. This volunteer organization helps plan and implement the yearly re-enactment, as well as other events in the park.



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