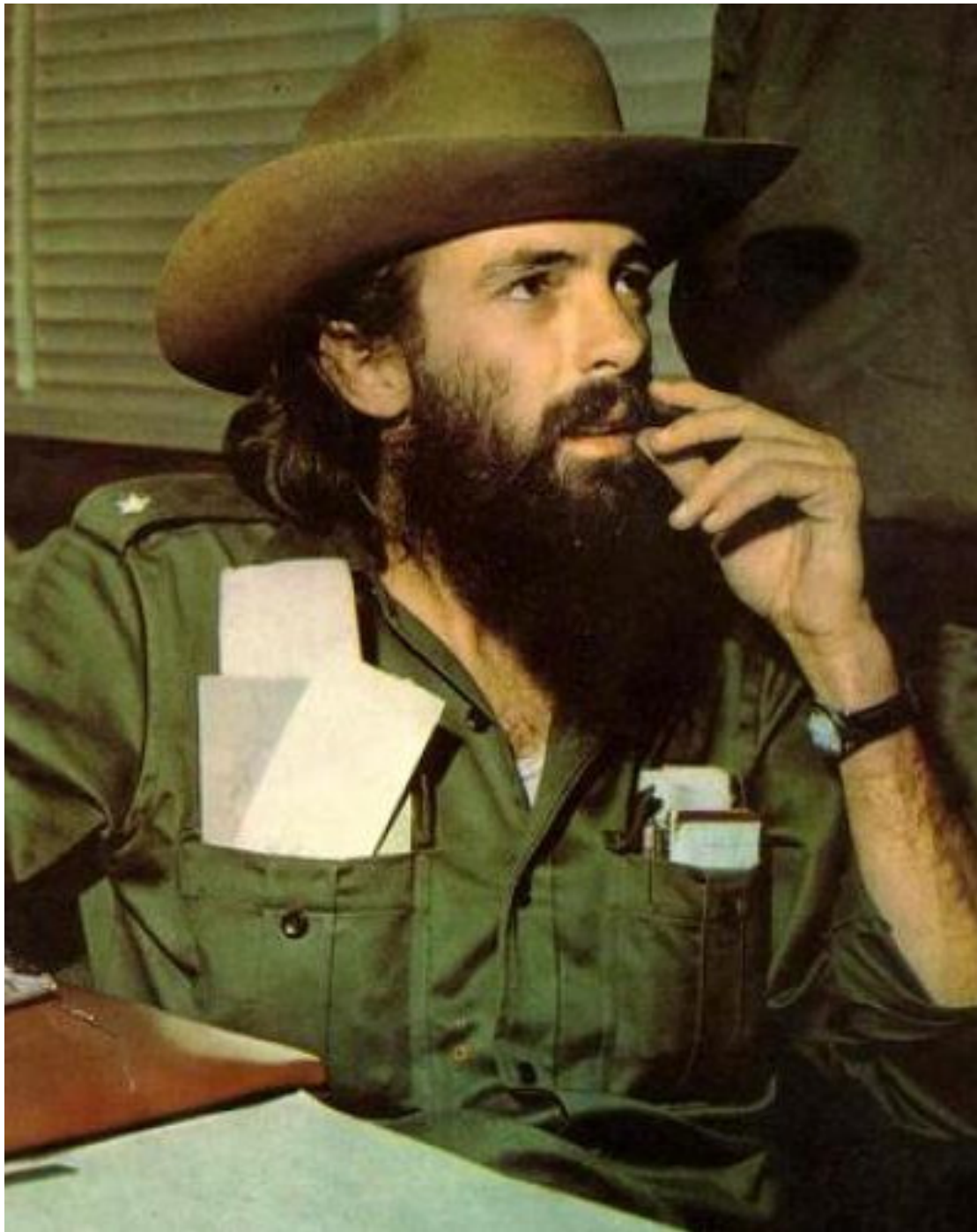


Cuba commemorates 90th anniversary of Camilo Cienfuegos' birth



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Sancti Spiritus, February 5 (RHC)-- Young people, workers and students in this central Cuban province are paying tribute to the 90th anniversary of the birth of Commander Camilo Cienfuegos.

The man known as the Lord of the Vanguard left indelible traces of friendship, combativeness and love in the northern part of the territory of Espiritu, where he fought his last victorious battle when he surrendered the forces of tyranny in the Yaguajay barracks.

Along the historical routes where the Hero of Yaguajay and his invading column number two Antonio Maceo were present, from Jobo Rosado to the Juan Francisco camp, meetings between combatants, peasants and students are taking place.

The director of the Camilo Cienfuegos Historical Complex, Gerónimo Besánguiz, told Prensa Latina that "the Commander with the big hat, planted the unitary spirit between rebels and citizens. His love turned into a smile and courage turned him into a man of legend".

This Saturday's event will conclude with an artistic and cultural evening with performances by local artists, young people and children.

As part of the program in the sculpture complex - the national museum, the mausoleum and the Plaza de la Revolución - awards will be given to the participants in the contest "I paint Camilo" and a palm tree (national tree) will be planted as every year.

Cienfuegos, one of the Granma expeditionaries, was appointed, after the triumph of the Cuban Revolution, Chief of Staff of the Rebel Army, a position from which he was in charge of the arrest of Hubert Matos after the attempted uprising in Camagüey.

The plane in which he was traveling disappeared on October 28, 1959 on a trip from Camagüey to Havana and was never found.

Every year, on that day, the people throw flowers into the sea and rivers all over Cuba as a tribute to his life and work.

He had many virtues, among them stood out his loyalty to the homeland, to the Revolution and to Fidel Castro, against whom he did not want to confront even in the ball game.

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