

51st Venceremos Brigade arrives in Cuba

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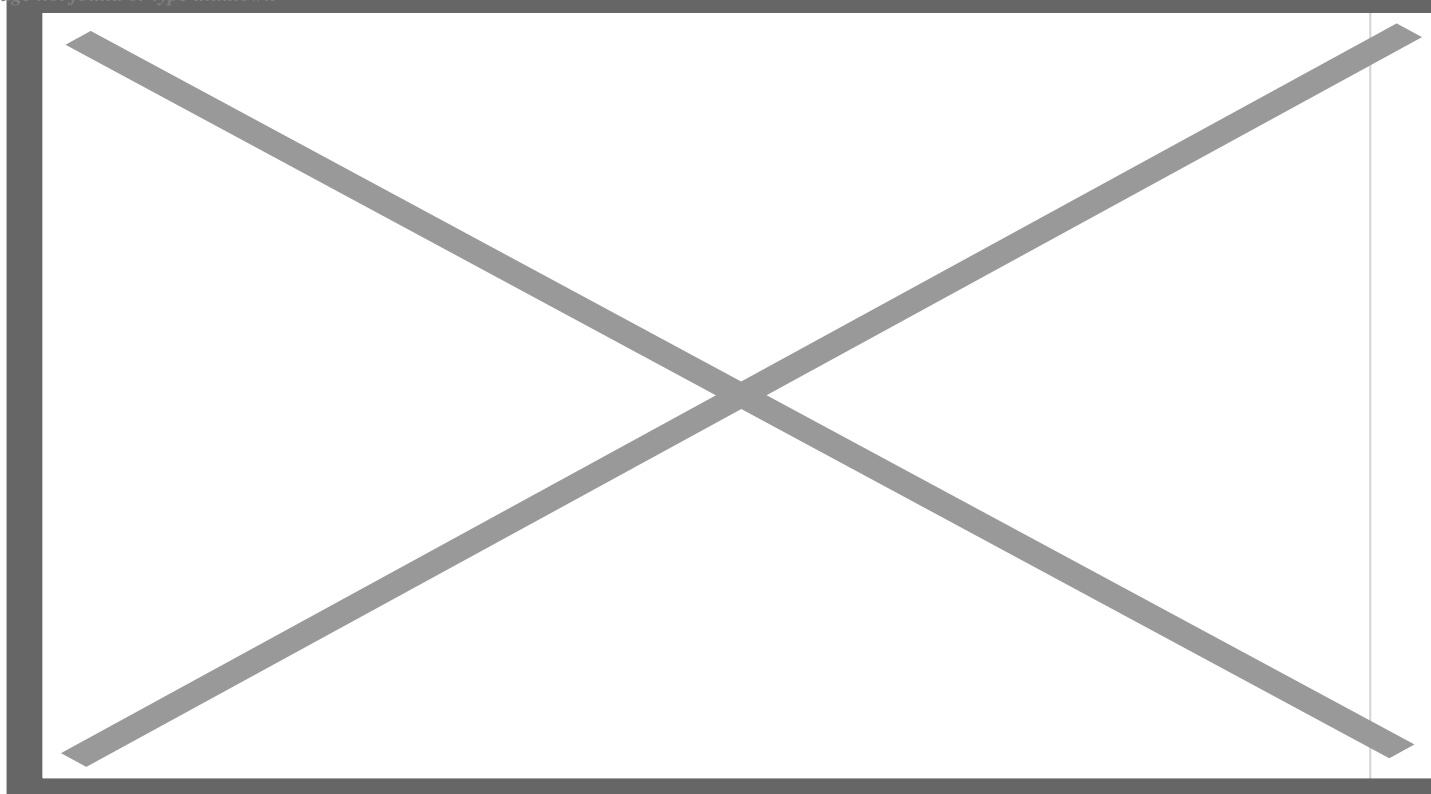


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Havana, Dec 28 (RHC)-- The 51st contingent of the Venceremos Brigade, the flagship of the solidarity movement of the U.S. people towards Cuba, was received today in the city of Holguín.

On a flight from Miami, 60 of its members arrived at Frank País International Airport in Holguín to carry out an intense program of activities in health institutions, scientific research centers, and cultural projects in the provinces of Santiago de Cuba and Camagüey.

Yunia Pérez Hernández, deputy governor of Holguín, offered an overview of the territory, distinguished for its tourist and industrial potential, affected by many of the measures of the economic, commercial, and financial blockade of the United States against the largest of the Antilles for more than six decades.

On its way to Santiago de Cuba, the brigadistas will visit the Historic Complex of Biran, in the municipality of Cueto, Holguín province, noted for the preservation of its buildings, as well as the collection of 1,175 objects linked to the life of the Castro Ruz family.

In the eastern province, they will visit the cultural project of plastic artist Alberto Lescay, the Oriente Pharmaceutical Laboratory, and the Santa Ifigenia Heritage Cemetery and will bid farewell this year with the people of Santiago de Cuba at the Flag Festival on December 31.

During their stay in Camagüey, they will also visit, the Dr. Eduardo Agramonte Piña Provincial Pediatric Teaching Hospital and the Nicolás Guillén sculpture, before a meeting with the Aponte Commission of that province to learn how the issue of racism is approached and dealt with due to the impact of the reality they live in the North American nation.

Shanon Joy Shird, member of the Brigade for the fourth time, stressed that the group demands the end of the blockade and all measures that seek to affect the Cuban economy, the prohibition of travel from the United States, and the illegal occupation of the territory of the Guantanamo Naval Base.

For his part, Enmanuel Pardilla, from the New York borough of the Bronx, said that joining this contingent is an opportunity to condemn the blockade and coming to Cuba is one of the ways he has of denouncing it.

The Venceremos Brigade, which will be in the country until January 6, was founded in 1969 by young Americans interested in learning about the social transformations being carried out by the Cuban Revolution. Since then, nearly 10 thousand members of the Brigade have visited the island. (Source: ACN)

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