



BAY OF PIGS

BRIGADE 2506 MUSEUM

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Dear Brigadistas, family and friends:

On April 17, 2021, as part of the commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Bay of Pigs Invasion, the Board of the Association held several events of remembrance and respect for our fallen brothers, and especially our martyrs. These occurred with the presence of a high number of Brigadistas, family and friends.

At 10:00 am we met at the Monument of the Liberation Air Force-Brigade 2506, at the Miami Executive Airport, where about 500 guests attended the event. The keynote speaker was Governor Ron DeSantis as well as distinguished guests Senator Marco Rubio, Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez, Congressmen Mario Díaz-Balart and María E. Salazar, and Mayors Daniella Levine-Cava and Francis Suarez.

Also present were several Representatives from the Florida Legislature and Commissioners from Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami. We were also honored with their presence by representatives of several sister organizations that together continue the fight for the freedom of Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua, and against communism. This event was a great success, where the values and patriotic duty of the members of Brigade 2506 were exalted.

At 5:00 pm we met again at the Brigade Monument on Calle 8 and 13th Ave. of Little Havana for the historic "List Pass", where each of the martyrs was named with due respect and honor called out "Present!". It was a very emotional act and with the satisfaction of seeing the place full of Brigadistas along their families, including many young people of the third generation.

We wish to inform you that the Brigade monument on 8th Street celebrated its 50th anniversary on April 17th. During the last two months it was fully restored to celebrate this event, in which for the first time in history the flag of the Brigade was raised and a plaque was installed describing the impact that the Invasion of the Bay of Pigs as well as the members of Brigade 2506 have had in the city of Miami. We express our appreciation to the City of Miami and Commissioner Joe Carollo for their genuine interest, support and consideration.

Finally, at 6:30pm Holy Mass was celebrated at the headquarters of the House / Museum of the Brigade in memory of all our fallen. The mass was officiated by Father Alberto García and it was very well attended and emotional.

We are very grateful to everyone who joined us at these events, considering that there are still certain limitations due to the pandemic. We should also be proud of the fact that the high attendance at these events shows not only the respect for our organization, but the leadership that the Brigade maintains in the fight for the freedom of Cuba.

We will never abandon our homeland!

For the Board of Directors,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.R. Lopez de la Cruz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

J.R. Lopez de la Cruz Colonel, U.S. Army (R)
President, Veterans Association-Brigade 2506