

### [Honors for Cuba's eternal father, Fidel](#)



Floral wreaths from Army General Raul Castro Ruz, first secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba Central Committee, and President of the Republic Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez were placed before the monumental boulder in Santa Ifigenia Cemetery that holds the ashes of Comandante en Jefe Fidel Castro Ruz, on the occasion of Fathers Day, conveying the sentiment of a people who, in these days of battle, turn to the legacy of our eternal father, sure of victory.



Lazaro Expósito and Beatriz Johnson led the tribute in Santiago de Cuba's legendary Santa Ifigenia Cemetery. Photo: Eduardo Palomares

Lazaro Expósito Canto and Beatriz Johnson Urrutia, members of the Party Central Committee and the highest authorities of the Provincial Defense Council, assumed the task, on a morning when, the tribute offered on behalf of the Cuban people was extended to Carlos Manuel de Céspedes and José Martí, as well.

This reverence was also present in a message from President Miguel Díaz-Canel, who congratulated Cuban fathers, tweeting, "In a nation of worthy fathers who defeated two empires, fatherhood is a source of pride."



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Authorities of the Provincial Defense Council honored the country's founding father, Carlos Manuel de Céspedes. Photo: Eduardo Palomares

In another message to Cuban medical professionals battling the COVID-19 pandemic in more than 20 countries, the President stated: "My first greeting this Sunday, Fathers Day, is for the doctors and nurses of the Henry Reeve brigade, who left behind the embrace of their children to kiss to the world, where there is the most suffering," in a reference to the Buena Fe song Valientes.

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