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45 YEARS OF HUMANITARIAN WORK BY THE MMT

It has been 45 years since we started the humanitarian work of the Miami Medical Team. At the beginning, in the years 1980 and 1981, it was only humanitarian help with medications donated and collected in the Miami area by doctors and pharmacies and sent to the freedom fighters who were organizing in the mountains and plains of Nicaragua. In 1982 already existed a place in the rearguard of the armed struggle, for surgery.

At that time, the surgical visits on weekends began. Surgeons physicians of all specialties went to various Mash hospitals located at the rearguard of the “Nicaraguan freedom fighters” lines. The fight lasted nine years until the triumph of the Contras and elections were won and the “Nicaraguan Resistance” and Dona Violeta Barrios de Chamorro was officially proclaimed President.

At the same time, in the year 1987, the MMT was invited by President Jonas Savimbi and the UNITA Movement to visit Angola, who were against the invasion of Angolean territory by Castro communists Cubans. Simultaneously to the war in Nicaragua, the MMT visited Angola, performed surgeries and gave humanitarian help to the troops of UNITA; this help lasted for years.

During the first war in Afghanistan, after the demolition of the Twin Towers in New York, the MMT helped the Mujahidines combatants with a 40 bed mash hospital, including emergency room, portable x-ray machines, portable laboratory equipment and a “war medications” pharmacy to last nine to ten months.

This donation was sent to General Massut who was fighting in soviet territory.

Subsequently, the MMT became a “Rapid Response” group to attend victims of hurricanes in the Caribbean, earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, etc., mobilizing Cuban-american doctors and of other nationalities (all volunteers) and activate logistic for donations collected in the USA to be transported to the affected areas either by air or sea.

Also, when a refugee problem arose, Haitians and Cuban rafters began traveling to



Nicaragua

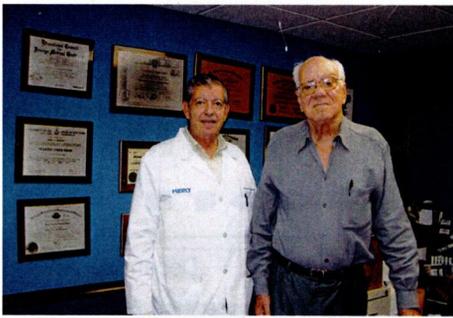


Angola



Afghanistan

MMT pictures inside



Adolfo Calero
Director Resistencia Nicaragüense



Comander Fagoth
(Miskito)
(Frente Atlántico)



Comander Cero
(Frente Sur)



Dr. Carlos Cadenas
(Farmacist MMT)



MMT logistic group



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the United States from 1984 to 1985, and were allocated at the Naval Base in Guantanamo, Cuba, the MMT took this opportunity and mobilized 100 specialists physicians to care for the Haitians and Cubans housed at the Naval Base in Guantanamo; Cubans who were thrown to the sea in rafts and boats by the communist government of the Island.

It was a great honor for the MMT and its members to work with the Armed Forces of the USA and provide medical services to over 50,000 refugees housed at the Naval Base and by invitation of the Department of Defense, USA.

This work lasted until June 1985 at which time, the last Cuban refugee had left the base towards free territory of America, the USA.

The MMT has visited and worked in tragedies in the continents of North, Central and South America, the Caribbean, the continents of Africa, Asia and Europe, helping more than 34 or 35



MMT Medal
to Dr. Diego Falcón



MMT Medal
to Dr. Wilfredo Ventura

countries (some, several times).

All expenses incurred were paid for by the members as well as all donations of equipment and medications made by them.

TRANSPORTATION OF DONATIONS:

- A) Donations collected in other cities or states, should be transported by trucks or railroad to the "Bases" (assigned warehouses) in the Miami area.
- B). Donations collected in the Miami area should be transported to the assigned warehouse to be classified, coded and recorded.
- C). An up-dated computer and/or typewriter, listing should be made of all the donations received, and should be maintained, properly recorded and codified. (per Donation Codes).
- D). Local donations should be transported by trucks, pick ups, trailer trucks, etc.

RECOGNITIONS OF MIAMI MEDICAL TEAM FOUNDATION

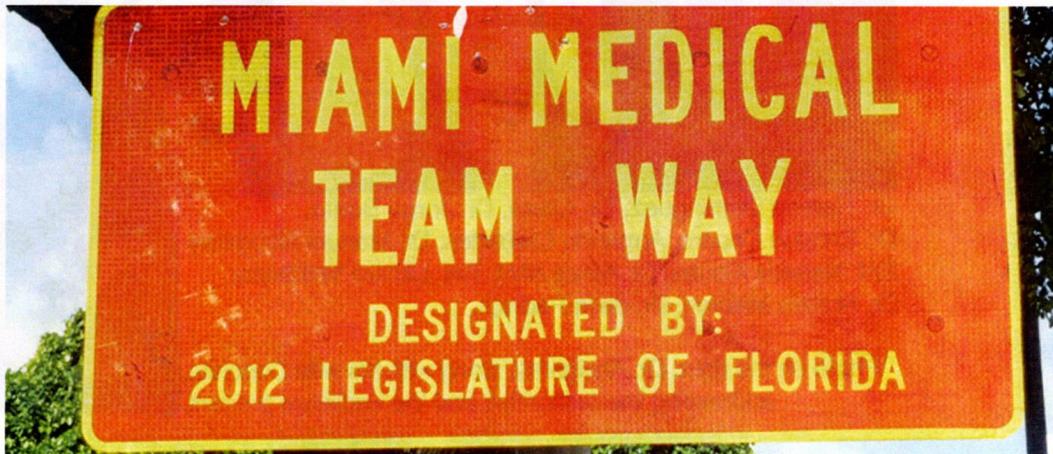
I.- "Heritage Park": Cuban Culture in Exile.

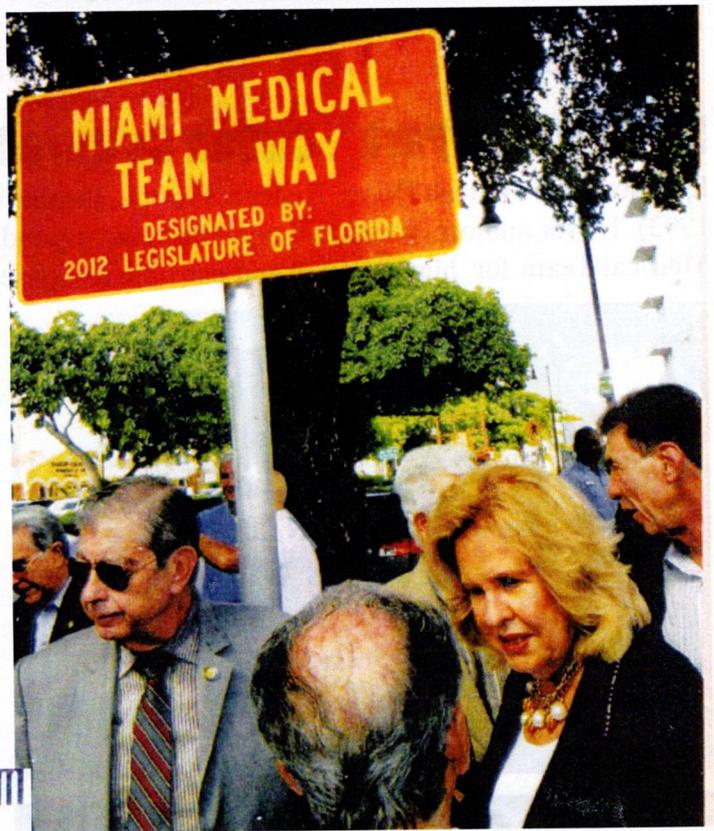
Location: 901 Hialeah Drive, Hialeah, Florida. Inspiration of Cuban actor and singer Pedro Roman, (year 1993). Honor authors, artists and organizations responding to those countries cry for freedom. **To the Miami Medical Team** for humanitarian and patriotic response..



II.- Dedication Miami Street to MMT on 2012.

September 20, 2012. Coral Way between 24 and 27 Avenues, Southwest, by State Legislature. Presentation by Mayor Tomas Regalado and State Representative Carlos Lopez Cantera.





Dr. Enrique Cepero, Mayor of Miami Tomás Regalado, Dr. Jorge Beato Rep. Carlos Lopez Cantera and Dr. Manuel Alzugaray



Dr. Ramón Domínguez, Dr. Otero, Dr. Jorge Beato, Dr. Enrique Cepero, Armando Quirantes, Dr. Manuel Alzugaray Enf. Nereida Alonso, Dr. Alexis Abril, Enf. Lázaro Verdasco, Dr. Nunzio Mainieri, Dr. de la Pedraja.

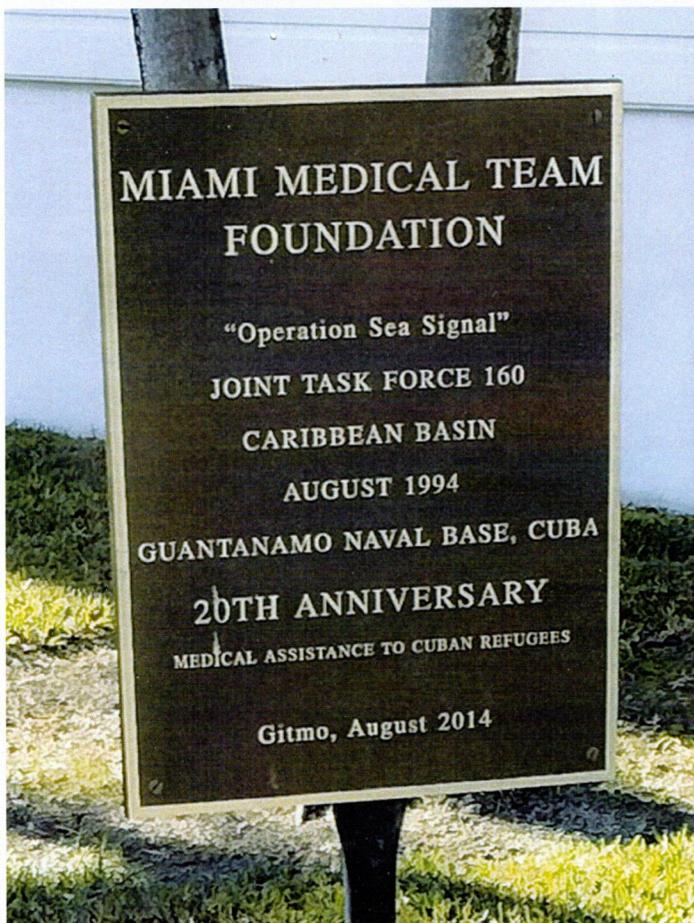


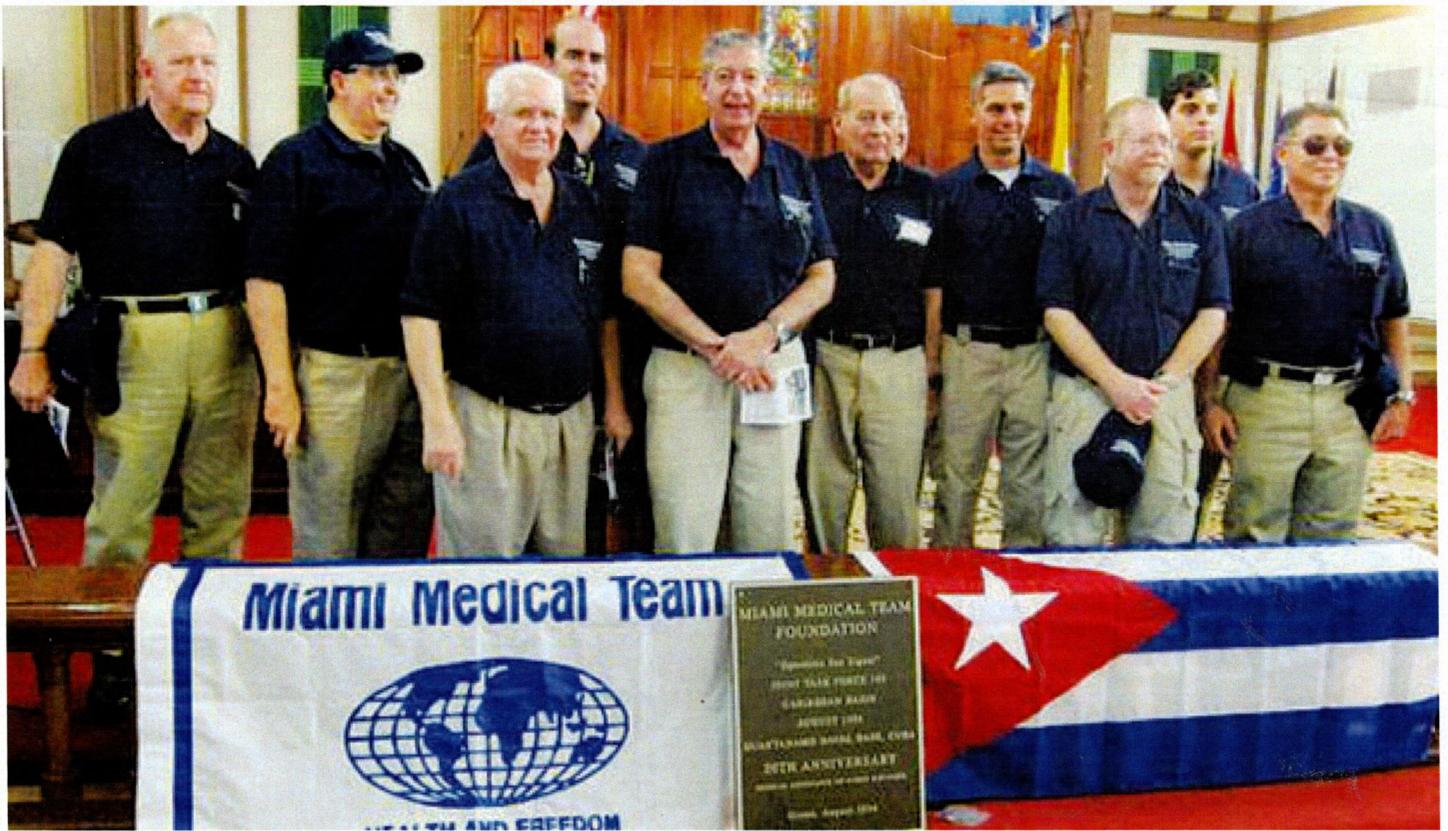
Photo on the right: Dr. Alzugaray, along with his wife Conchita, addressing the authorities and the audience present.

VII.- US Naval Base at Guantánamo, Cuba (Year 1994)

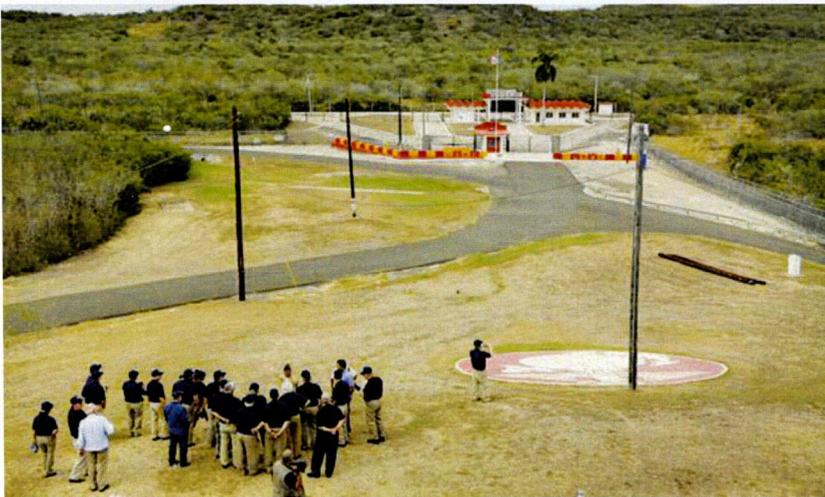
MMT in mission in Guantánamo, US Naval Base helping Haitians and Cuban rafters 1994 to 1995.

20 years later visit MMT to Naval Base and delivery of a plaque to the Military Museum (year 2014 at Naval Base).

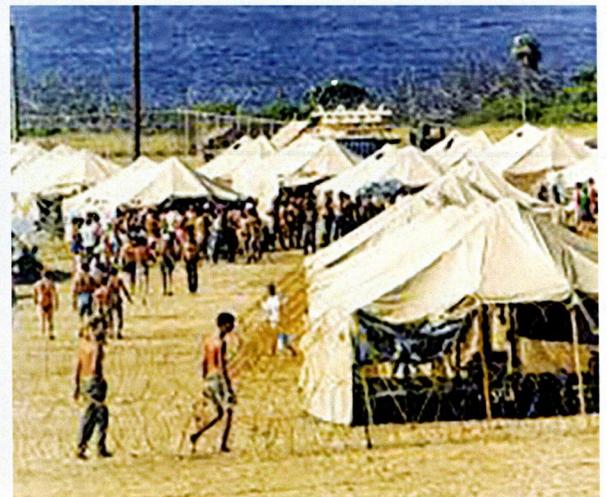




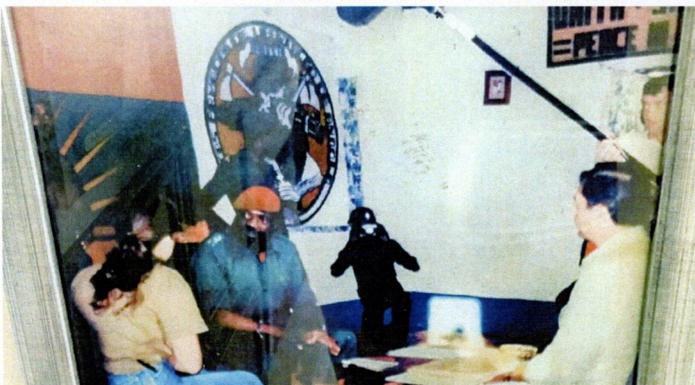
Welcome to MMT 20 years later



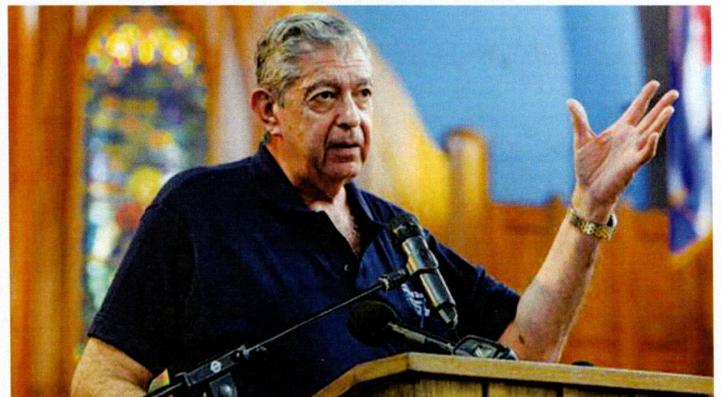
Mwembers MMT in Guantanamo Naval Base



Guantanamo Refugee Camp



Dr. Jonas Savimbi, Dr. Alzugaray and Mirta Ojito



Dr. M. Alzugaray in Naval Base

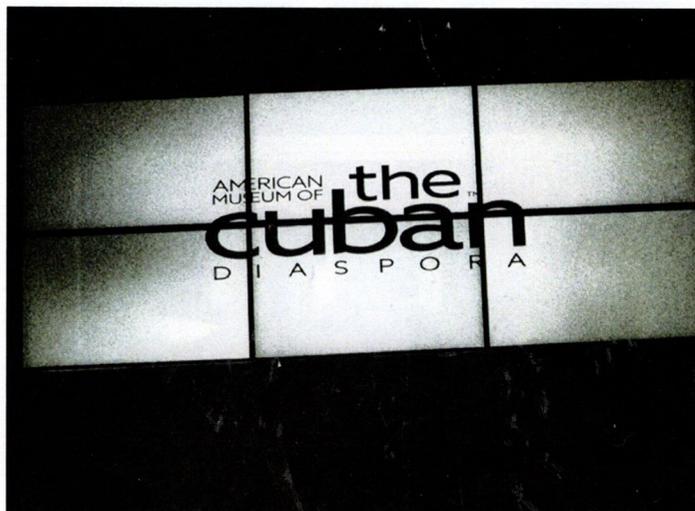
III.- Museum of the Cuban Diaspora

Location: 1200 Coral Way. Miami, Fl 33135

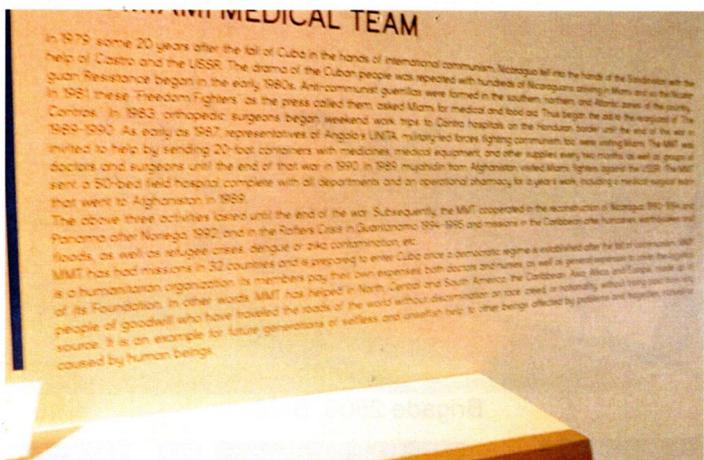
Honor to Miami Medical Team for humanitarian labor for many years, voluntary and self paid.



Museum of Diaspora



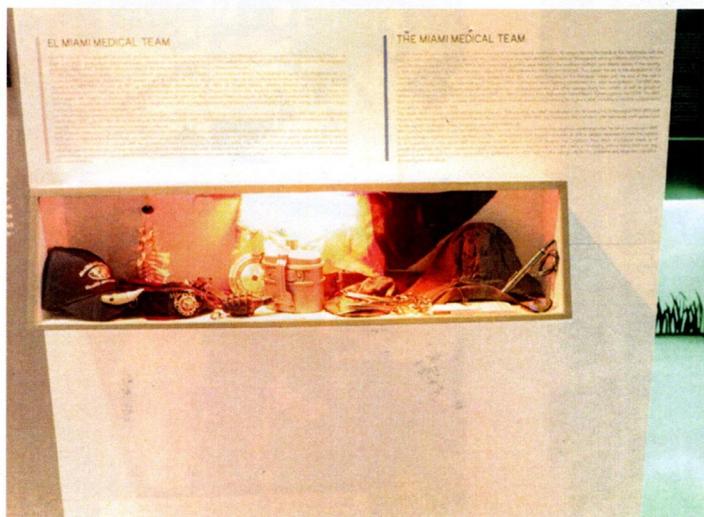
Museum



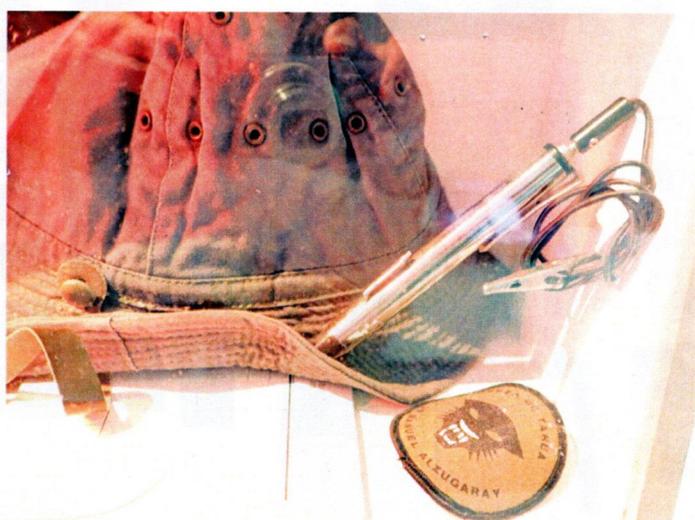
Exposition MMT



Exposition at Museum



Exposition at Museum



Museum

IV.- Assault Brigade 2506

Location: 13651 NW 107 Ave, Hialeah Gardens, FL 33018.

Combat in Cuba (Playa Girón). April 17, 1961



Brigade 2506 Museum



Brigade Sherman tank



Explosion Communist plane hit by Brigade B-26



Brigade 2506, B-26



MMT Gallery pictures



Cte. Mike Lima, Hosp. Aguacate.
Dr. Alzugaray, Dr. Alberto Hernández,
Dr. Armando Cruz

V.- Museum of the USA Armed Forces in South Florida (Year 2013)

Location: Miami Zoo

Invitation by Director Anthony Atwood, Ph.D with approval of all U.S. forces, considering MMT a paramilitary group, helping medically and humanitarian people fighting, for freedom during cold war years. MMT pay his expenses and visited Nicaragua, Angola, Afghanistan and 28 different countries.



Museum



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VI.- Miami Medical Team in Florida International University (Year 2013)

Group of students at the School of Medicine and working humanitarian medical work with MMT doctors, nurses, and medical students.



Same as above