Exile Hero 'Alive And Fighting,' Says Spokesman

A mysterious figure known as Commandant Yarey, reportedly leading guerrilla forces against Fidel Castro in eastern Cuba, has emerged as a hero — legendary or real - among exiles.

Yarey was reported killed in combat against Castro forces two weeks ago.

But the Cuban Exile Representation (RECE), which says he's real and is its military commander inside Cuba,

reports he escaped to the hills after the battle, and is continuing his war. The militant anti-Castro group produced a tape it said was smuggled into the United States after the battle. A

voice described as that of Yarey says:

"Upon starting the freedom war on our soil, we call on all Cubans to join in helping overthrow the Communist tyrant who enslaves our people."

The message added: "We also address a revolutionary and fraternal message to the worthy members of the rebel

Castro army and the militia. It is the hour to turn your arms against the tyranny. The hour of liberty has come."

RECE spokesman Jorge

Mas said Yarey is 30, only 5foot-3, and slender. Mas said the guerrilla chieftain's real name is Amancio Mosqueda, and that he has a wife in Miami.