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Performance to Commemorate Emancipation Proclamation at the Newcomer House: Race and #RealTalk

Frederick, MD – The Newcomer House on Antietam National Battlefield will host the HALO Quartet on the 157th anniversary of the Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, Saturday, September 22. The performance will begin at 1:30 PM. In the event of rain, this program will be moved to the Antietam National Battlefield Visitor Center (5831 Dunker Church Rd, Sharpsburg, MD 21782).

Harmony’s African-American Legacy Organization, HALO, was founded by the first quartet of African-American singers to compete on the international contest stage of any of the major barbershop organizations. HALO seeks to lead a transformative movement of Community Music Therapy in which barbershop singing (and listening) serves as a metaphorical model by which a diverse people in one nation can learn to heal century-old wounds.

The program is presented by the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA) with support from a Creativity Grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. Additional support is provided by Antietam National Battlefield and Visit Hagerstown.

Registration to attend the performance is free; please RSVP on Eventbrite at bit.ly/haloatnewcomer.

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