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## **Performance to Commemorate Emancipation Proclamation at the Newcomer House: Race and #Real Talk**

**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).

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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.

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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](http://bit.ly/haloatnewcomer).

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*The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, comprised of portions of Washington, Frederick and Carroll Counties, is one of 13 organizations certified by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority. Our mission is to promote the stewardship of our historic, cultural, and natural Civil War resources; encourage superior visitor experiences; and stimulate tourism, economic prosperity, and educational development, thereby improving the quality of life of our community for the benefit of both residents and visitors.*

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