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Howard County Library System
In Freedom's Name: 400 years, 63 Stories, 250 Images, 6 Branches
**Systemwide Exhibition Explores the Contribution of
Maryland's Black Men and Women in Defense of Freedom**

Ellicott City, MD – Howard County Library System (HCLS) will present its first systemwide exhibition beginning June 15 when it hosts *In Freedom's Name*, the largest exhibition of its kind in US history.

The six-part series of display panels commemorates the military contributions of Maryland's Black men and women to the expansion of freedom from 1634 until today. Each HCLS branch will host a selection of different modules from the exhibition. Together the panels document 400 years of history through 63 stories and 250 images. Featured content and the specific branch location are listed below.

- **HCLS Central Branch:** World War I, Freedom's Frontier, & Winning the Frontier
- **HCLS Elkridge Branch:** Civil War
- **HCLS East Columbia Branch:** Colonial Era, American Revolution, Spanish American War
- **HCLS Glenwood Branch:** World War II
- **HCLS Miller Branch:** War of 1812 & Korean War
- **HCLS Savage Branch :** Fight Against Slavery, Vietnam War

To further enhance the *In Freedom's Name* learning experience, an **HCLS Compass Learning Adventure** will accompany the systemwide exhibit. This recently introduced, self-directed, adult learning initiative, provides participants the opportunity to design their own path by choosing from a variety of related educational activities. The new learning module can be found online at hclibrary.org and at all library branches beginning June 15.

In Freedom's Name will be on display through August 18, 2019. *In Freedom's Name* is produced by the Maryland Military Historical Society, and researched and curated by Stevenson University Department of Public History & Humanities.

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