

**19th Annual Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival
September 19, 2015**

**Commemorating the 150TH Anniversary of the ending of the Civil War
Honoring the 400+ African American Slaves & Freed Slaves from Baltimore
County who served faithfully in the Civil War**

On *Saturday, September 12, 2015* Historical Committee Chairman, Louis Diggs, will guide a bus tour to various historical African American communities and churches where many of these former slaves resided and were laid to rest. Information will be made available beginning in August 2015 about the tour, and permit interested persons will be informed as to how to sign up for the tour.

In the Historical Area of the festival, Chairman Louis S. Diggs and his committee will share historical information about the African American heroes of the Civil War including the battles they fought in; the conditions they had to serve in; and the overall hardships they had to endure, which in some cases were worst than when they were slaves.

There will be several photographs of the Civil War on display, and Mr. Diggs, who recently published his tenth book on African American life and experiences in Baltimore County will be available for questions. His book is titled: "African Americans From Baltimore County Who Served in the Civil War: Maryland's Six Regiments of Slaves."

Visit us at the festival to participate in a raffle for a copy of this historical book.

**Louis S. Diggs
Board Member and
Chairman of the Historical Committee
February 9, 2015**