

Harold (Hari) Jones

Harold (Hari) Jones is a writer, lecturer, historian, curator and motivational speaker. For twelve years, he was the assistant director and curator at the African American Civil War Freedom Foundation and Museum in Washington, DC. He is currently an independent history consultant and on the Board of Directors of the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he presented his award winning lecture series “The Lost Story” in the fall of 2015. He is one of the foremost authorities on the role of African Americans in the Civil War.

Hari curated the permanent exhibit at the African American Civil War Museum entitled “The Glorious March to Liberty.” In that exhibit, his commitment to the use of primary sources is evident. “In our exhibit,” says Hari, “we quote no scholars. If you were not there in the making of the history, you do not get a quote in our exhibit.”

Hari has worked on exhibits on display across the country. He was a content developer for the National Park Service (NPS) museum at the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site at Tuskegee, Alabama, a content adviser for the American Civil War Center exhibit “Take Our Stand” and a content adviser for the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) exhibit “Discovering the Civil War.”

Hari has appeared in over fifty television programs and documentaries viewed on CSPAN, Fox News, NBC, PBS, the American Heroes Channel, the History Channel, the Smithsonian Channel and numerous local outlets. Among those programs were *Who Do You Think You Are?* featuring Vanessa Williams; *Legends and Lies* with Bill O’Reilly; and the Peabody Award winning *The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross* with Henry Louis Gates .

Hari served in the United States Marine Corps as an infantryman, an artillery officer and an intelligence officer. Reaching the rank of staff sergeant as an enlisted Marine, he retired as a captain in 1997 after twenty-one years of service.

Hari is the author of a book of poetry, a novel and an historical series entitled *For Light and Liberty*. The first in this series *The Road to Emancipation: How the War to Preserve the Union Became a War to End Slavery* was published in 2012.

Harold (Hari) Jones is a Pauls Valley, Oklahoma native and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma.