

# Event Arrangements



- Event will begin at 7:00 pm EST.
- Event is being recorded.
- If you do not want to disclose your name, voice, or image, please change your participant name, mute microphone, and keep video off.
- You may type questions or comments in the chat.
- Speaker view or Gallery view recommended.
- Introduce yourself in the chat if you wish. Share your name, location, and organization affiliation, if applicable.



# *Peace Through Action Event*



**Voice of Remembrance:  
Understanding Black History  
Through Spoken Word Poetry**

**Thurs. February 23, 2023  
7:00 – 8:00 pm ET**

**Mallary McHenry**

**Group Piece National Poetry Slam Champion**

**Register at [PeaceThroughAction.org/events](https://PeaceThroughAction.org/events)**

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# Session Outline



- **Introducing Our Speaker**
- **Slam Poetry Performance**
- **Micro-Interview Conversations**
- **Whole Group Q&A Discussion**

# Presenters



**Chris Walonski**  
**Peace Through  
Action USA**



**Mallery McHenry**  
**National Poetry Slam  
Champion**

# Project Purpose



Peace Through Action USA activates and equips Americans to implement practical peaceful solutions to aggression and violence in their communities and our country.



# Project Partners



## ▪ Broadview Church

- Mission to grow deeper and broader in our spiritual lives while partnering to meet needs in our community.
- Serving Calvert County since 2003.

## ▪ The Calvert Peace Project

- Our project's mission is to increase understanding, collaboration, and community among youth and adults in Calvert County by providing civic and social engagement activities with a focus on peace.



# Featured Presenter Introduction



- **Mallary McHenry, National Poetry Slam Champion**



**Mallary McHenry**, of East Akron, Ohio, is a father, National Poetry Slam Champion, Black law enforcement trainer, and accomplished military Veteran who served for 15 years in the United States Army and rose to the rank of Captain after multiple deployments in combat zones abroad. He now operates as the Director of Homeownership for East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation.

Mallary has performed as a touring spoken word poetry artist for over a decade. He is the recipient of the International Poet of Merit Award and contributed to the world-record holding World's Longest Poem for Peace. In 2014, he contributed his skills as both a performer and team coach to the Colorado Springs Hear Here National Slam Poetry team that performed poetry around the United States and went on to win Group Piece Finals at the National Poetry Slam. Mallary has also been a member of the Denver Slam Nuba poetry team and performed at the Individuals World Poetry Slam in 2017. He now dedicates his time to amplifying the voices of the younger generation and provides vital guidance for emerging writers and performers.

Mallary brings to this speaking event a special talent for bridging intimate personal experiences with wider cultural legacies through the power of poetry. His unique experiences as a father, military Veteran, and law enforcement trainer provide this event's commemoration of Black History Month with a necessary and vital perspective. Mallary is motivated to contribute to this event because he strives to open minds with the potency of his voice.



# While You Watch



As you are watching tonight's performance, please record any questions or themes you would like to bring up for discussion. At the end of our session, we will have an opportunity to engage in an interactive Q&A conversation.



# Q & A Discussion



Please share any questions or comments you would like to present for discussion.

# Project Engagement Opportunities

- Sign up for project newsletter
- Follow project on social media
- Attend speaker and film discussion events
- Join book club
- Join service projects

# Project Engagement Opportunities

- Encourage youth participation in leadership development group
- Invite us to present to your group
- Promote project activities and events
- Donate event space or project supplies
- Make a donation of money

# Peaceful Dialogues Announcement

- In service of our Calvert community, we are partnering with the Calvert Library to offer a Peaceful Dialogues program that will provide a series of guided conversations among community members of Calvert County, Maryland on civic and social issues with an attention to fostering mutual respect and mitigating the negative effects of polarization.



# The Peaceful Leaders Summer Experience



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Peaceful Leaders Youth Program  
Summer 2023



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# Project Contact Information

## Website

[PeaceThroughAction.org/calvert](https://PeaceThroughAction.org/calvert)

## Social Media

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