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VING Family Event -Poetry in Motion-

The Virgin Islands National Guard Family Program Office invites all military personnel and the community to a Poetry event in recognition of Black Poetry Day on Sunday, October 24 at the Los Angeles Café Bar & Restaurant (between KFC & Nova Scotia Bank, Frederiksted) from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on St. Croix.

In recognition of Black Poetry Day, everyone is encouraged to spend this day appreciating African-American authors and spreading the word of Black poets through friends, family members, and all communities throughout the world.

The birth of Black Poetry Day came as an anniversary of the first published African-American poet, Jupiter Hammon, who was born into slavery in 1711 on the Lloyd plantation in Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York.

With the birth of the Harlem Renaissance, Black Poetry has strived to become what it is today.

On this day we recognize many past and present famous black poets like Phillis Wheatley (one of the first female black poets), Langston Hughes, Maya Angelou, Paul Laurence Dunbar and many more.

Feel free to share an original or favorite poem during this event.

For more information and poem recital contact Anselma John Ayala, Family Assistant Center Specialist at (office) 340-712-8020 or (cell) 340-227-7919

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