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**Reddick Mansion to Present “Bringing Back a Hero” by Captain  
Robert D. Jornlin**

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On Saturday evening, April 18th, at 7:00pm, the Reddick Mansion Association along with the Book Mouse will present the first in a series of “Readings by the Author”, Bringing Back a Hero, by Captain Robert Jornlin. The book tells the story of Jornlin and his crew of veterans (with an average of 72 years old) and their commitment and dedication to bringing LST 325 back to working condition and then sailing it more than 6000 miles, from Crete, Greece, to Mobile, AL.

The salvaged Landing Ship Tank transported men and machinery to war zones in Sicily and Salerno, Italy, and participated in the invasion on Omaha Beach in June, 1944, during World War II.

The ship’s current home base is Evansville, IN, and, during the past 14 years, has visited more than 45 cities within the US.

After the presentation, the author, who lives in Earlville, IL, will sign his books (which the Book Mouse will have available for sale).

This event is free and the public is invited. Refreshments will be served and any donations will be gratefully accepted. All money raised will be used for the preservation and renovation of the Reddick Mansion.

The Reddick Mansion, built in 1858, is listed in the National Register of Historic Sites. The Mansion, at 100 W. Lafayette Street, Ottawa, IL is open to the public for tours and also has meeting/reception rooms available for rent for special events.