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**REDDICK MANSION TO PARTICIPATE IN BLUE STAR MUSEUM PROGRAM**

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The Reddick Mansion will offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families this summer as part of the Blue Star Museums program. Blue Star Museums is a collaboration of the National Endowments for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and more than 1,800 museums across America to offer free admission to all duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day, May 27<sup>th</sup>, through Labor Day, September 2, 2013.

Blue Star Families is a national, nonprofit network of military families from all ranks and services, including guard and reserve, dedicated to supporting, connecting, and empowering military families. The complete list of participating museums is available at [www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums](http://www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums).

According to Diane Sanders, president of the Reddick Mansion Association, "the Reddick Mansion is proud to be part of the Blue Star Museums program, which gives us a chance to thank our military families for their service and share with them one of Ottawa's and Illinois' cultural treasures."

The Reddick Mansion, built in 1858, is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and is open for tours 6 days a week from 11am-3pm (closed on Tuesdays). The Mansion, at 100 W. Lafayette Street, Ottawa, IL, also has meeting/reception rooms available for rent for special events.