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presents a book talk with
Blanche Wiesen Cook, author of the forthcoming
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, VOLUME 3:
THE WAR YEARS AND AFTER, 1939-1962
Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.
Henry A. Wallace Center at the
FDR Presidential Library and Home**

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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, VOLUME 3: THE WAR YEARS AND AFTER, 1939-1962 is the long-awaited third and final volume in Blanche Wiesen Cook's definitive biography on Eleanor Roosevelt. This new volume follows the arc of war and the evolution of a marriage, as the first lady realized the cost of maintaining her principles even as the country and her husband were not prepared to adopt them. Eleanor Roosevelt continued to struggle for her core issues -- economic security, New Deal reforms, racial equality, and rescue -- when they were sidelined by FDR while he marshaled the country through war. The chasm between Eleanor and Franklin grew, and the strains on their relationship were as political as they were personal.

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Eleanor also had to negotiate the fractures in the close circle of influential women around her at Val-Kill, but through it she gained confidence in her own vision, even when forced to amend her agenda when her beliefs clashed with government policies on such issues as neutrality, refugees, and eventually the threat of communism. These years -- the war years -- made Mrs. Roosevelt the woman she became: leader, visionary, guiding light. FDR's death in 1945 changed her world, but she was far from finished, returning to the spotlight as a crucial player in the founding of the United Nations.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, VOLUME 3 is a sympathetic but unblinking portrait of a marriage and of a woman whose passion and commitment has inspired generations of Americans to seek a decent future for all people. Modest and self-deprecating, a moral force in a turbulent world, Eleanor Roosevelt was unique.

Blanche Wiesen Cook is a distinguished professor of history at John Jay College and Graduate Center, City University of New York. In addition to her biography of Eleanor Roosevelt, her other books include THE DECLASSIFIED EISENHOWER and CRYSTAL EASTMAN ON WOMEN AND REVOLUTION. She was featured on air in Ken Burns's recent documentary, THE ROOSEVELTS.

Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov with questions about the event.

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