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presents an author talk and book signing with  
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KENNETH T. WALSH -- author of PRISONERS OF THE WHITE HOUSE:  
THE ISOLATION OF AMERICA'S PRESIDENTS AND THE CRISIS OF LEADERSHIP  
Sunday, August 18, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.  
Henry A. Wallace Center at the  
FDR Presidential Library and Home**

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President Truman famously called the White House "the great white jail." One can scarcely imagine an environment outside the nation's penal system that is more isolating than the Executive Mansion, a habitat almost guaranteed to keep America's commander in chief far removed from everyday life. In fact, isolation is one of the most serious dilemmas facing the American presidency. In recent years, West Wing insiders have come up with a name for this syndrome. They call it the White House "bubble." Life under these conditions is a basic theme of **PRISONERS OF THE WHITE HOUSE**, along with ways out of it, including bus tours, pollsters, and an attentive first family.

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As presidents have become more isolated, the role of the presidential pollster has grown. Ken Walsh has been given exclusive access to the polls and confidential memos received by presidents over the years, and has interviewed presidential pollsters directly to gain their unique perspective. “The ‘bubble’ is real, intense, hard to pierce, and hard to find your way out of,” according to White House Press Secretary Jay Carney in one of several interviews for this book. Ken Walsh gets inside the bubble and punctures the mythology surrounding the presidency.

**Kenneth T. Walsh** has covered the White House full-time since 1986 and is one of the longest-serving White House correspondents in history. He is former president of the White House Correspondents’ Association and has won the most prestigious awards for White House coverage. He is an adjunct professorial lecturer of communication at American University in Washington, D.C. **PRISONERS OF THE WHITE HOUSE** is his fifth book. Walsh is a frequent speaker on topics related to the presidency and often serves as an analyst on television and radio.

Copies of Walsh’s book will be available for sale after the talk. There is no charge for this program. Please contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 or email [clifford.laube@nara.gov](mailto:clifford.laube@nara.gov) with questions about the event.

### **Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum**

As generations of Americans that have no personal memory of the Roosevelt Era emerge, it is more critical than ever that the lives and legacies of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt be preserved and presented to new generations. The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum stands ready to serve as a visible and valuable resource for children and families, educators and students, and an international audience seeking to understand the past to make a better tomorrow. With a newly

renovated building and new permanent museum exhibits the Library seeks to honor President Roosevelt's vision in dedicating his Library to the American people. The Roosevelt Library is one of thirteen presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. For more information about the Library or its programs call (800) 337-8474 or visit [www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu](http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu).

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