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Apollo 13 astronaut James A. Lovell Jr. to sign books September 23 at Lincoln Presidential Museum

*Lovell's portrait to be unveiled that evening as the most recent
recipient of the Lincoln Leadership Prize*

SPRINGFIELD – Houston, we have a book signing.

Apollo 13 astronaut Captain James A. Lovell Jr. will sign copies of his book *Apollo 13* on Thursday, September 23 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum Book Store in Springfield. The book signing is free and open to the public, and copies of Lovell's book may be purchased at the store. Only books will be signed.

Lovell will be in town for the unveiling of his portrait at a private reception that evening at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation honored him in February 2010 as the third Lincoln Leadership Prize recipient, joining past honorees Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and Lovell's portrait will be displayed alongside portraits of the two past recipients in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. All three original portraits have been painted by renowned artist Marla Friedman.

Among America's astronauts, Lovell is regarded as a leader of near mythic proportion, maintaining calm and discipline aboard Apollo 13 while the mission experienced monumental equipment failures that threatened to leave the crew stranded in outer space. Commander Lovell and his crew successfully modified their lunar module into an effective lifeboat, assuring their survival in space and safe return to Earth. The story was made into the motion picture "Apollo 13" with actor Tom Hanks playing Lovell in the film. Hanks, and Lovell, both uttered the phrase that has become synonymous with the mission: "Houston – we have a problem."

For more information about the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, visit www.presidentlincoln.org.

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