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MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020
10:00–11:30 a.m.
“The African Diaspora Experience in Florida”
Anthony E. Dixon, Ph.D.

Florida has a relationship with African descendants unlike any other state. Early Spanish inhabitants believed that it reminded Africans of their homeland. From its earliest beginnings, it became a place for African descendants to come to create a better existence for themselves and their kin. By providing a safe haven for runaway slaves from English plantation society, Florida became the first destination for the Underground Railroad.

Beginning in the late 19th century, numbers of Afro-Caribbean people began to come to Florida seeking opportunities they may not otherwise have. This migration continues today. Join Anthony E. Dixon as he discusses this relationship by utilizing both broad and specific topics from 1513 to the present.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2020
12:30–2:00 p.m.
“Above & Beyond: JFK and the Untold Story of the Cuban Missile Crisis”
Michael J. Tougias

Join us for this narrated and gripping multimedia presentation based on Michael J. Tougias’ book *Above & Beyond. The New York Times* bestselling author chronicles the 13 harrowing days of the Cuban Missile Crisis and then outlines the decisions President Kennedy was forced to make.

Special emphasis is given to the heroes of the crisis: the U-2 pilots who flew from Orlando, Florida, to Cuba to secure the photographic proof that the Soviets were installing nuclear missiles. This presentation will put you right in the middle of the story and events.
ANTHONY E. DIXON

BIO: Dixon is a native of Fort Valley, Georgia. He received a Bachelor of Science in History with a minor in African American Studies from Florida A&M University in 1994. In 2001, he received a Master of Applied Social Science from Florida A&M University with a concentration in history. In 2007, he received his Ph.D. from Indiana University’s History Department, where he majored in the African diaspora.

His studies included African American history and African history, with a minor in library science/special collections and archives. Currently, he is the founder and president of Archival and Historical Research Associates, university archivist, and adjunct professor at Bethune Cookman University. For more information about Dixon, visit profaedixon.com.

MICHAEL J. TOUGIAS

BIO: Tougias is a New York Times bestselling author and coauthor of 29 books. Among his bestsellers are The Finest Hours, Fatal Forecast, Overboard, King Philip’s War, and There’s a Porcupine in My Outhouse: The Vermont Misadventures of a Mountain Man Wannabe. Tougias lectures across the country on each of his book topics.

He also offers leadership/inspirational programs for business groups and has spoken to companies and organizations such as General Dynamics, Raytheon, Massachusetts School Library Association, New York University Surgeons Round Table, and many more. For additional information, visit michaeltougias.com.

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