



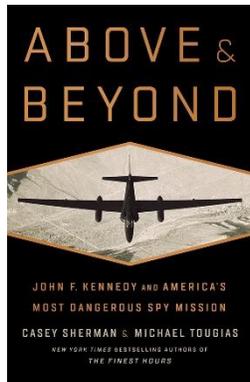
The Westwood Historical Society and the Westwood Public Library Host Michael Tougias:

Thirteen Days in October/ The Untold Cuban Missile Crisis

On **Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m.**, the Westwood Historical Society – in collaboration with the Westwood Public Library – will be hosting noted author, Michael Tougias, via Zoom.

Michael Tougias has conducted extensive research on disasters and historic moments in our history – and authored several books. During this program, Michael chronicles the thirteen harrowing days of the Cuban Missile Crisis and then outlines the steps President Kennedy made to reach a decision on a course of action. The edge-of-your-seat presentation focuses on four incidents during the crisis that “had us a whisker away from nuclear war” and talks about the lessons learned.

Special emphasis is given to the heroes of the crisis: the U-2 pilots who flew unarmed over Cuba to secure the photographic proof that the Soviets were installing nuclear missiles on the island. These pilots helped President Kennedy achieve a difficult objective: have the nuclear missiles removed from Cuba without triggering Armageddon. JFK secretly audio recorded every meeting conducted during the Cuban Missile Crisis. These transcripts, as well as recently declassified CIA documents, support and inform Tougias’ presentation.



Tougias, best-known for his award-winning books examining extraordinary survivors and rescuers, is a sought-after speaker on leadership and crisis management. He has written and co-written 30 books for adults and six for children. The author uses the same storytelling skills that landed him on the *New York Times* bestseller list to both engage and inspire his audience.

How to Join the Program. Please visit the library website: <https://www.westwoodlibrary.org/calendar> (or call 781-320-1045) to register for the program. (Find the program on the calendar and use the “Click to Register” button to sign up.) You will receive an e-mail the day before the event with the information you need to join the program.

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We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with the Westwood Public Library during these times.