

Aero Club of Buffalo, Box 676 Williamsville, NY 14231

[aeroclubofbuffalo@gmail.com](mailto:aeroclubofbuffalo@gmail.com)

call: (716) 901-6126,

Website: [aeroclubofbuffalo.org](http://aeroclubofbuffalo.org)

Dear All, I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving together with family and friends with not too many political disagreements which naturally go along with the traditional turkey to spoil the day! Poor bird as if it was all his fault! As you prepare for the next great Christmas/New Year Holiday please consider coming to the December 14th Aero Club meeting when we will have a sumptuous dinner, a very interesting and thought-provoking speaker and a basket raffle for the scholarship fund. Please bring all those unwanted gifts from last year to raffle. Anything goes! They do not have to be in a basket, (bottles are good too), because what you reject others may consider the perfect Christmas gift for uncle Joe and a cousin or two or three.....! Please bring the items with you to the dinner.

It was wonderful to see so many members and guests at the dinner meeting at Rizottos Eatery and Sweetery on November 16th when Dr. Chris Scolese, Director of the National Reconnaissance Office (and 1978 graduate of the University at Buffalo) discussed how we can progress to a more capable future in space explaining that throughout the space age from the earliest days to today there have been great advancements made through the civil and national security space programs.



**Presentation of the winged buffalo to speaker Dr Chris Scolese by Mary Mattocks (Willy) President Aero Club of Buffalo**

The speaker at our December 14 2023 meeting (see flyer) will be Col Andrew Carlson, Commander 107 ATKW Niagara Falls, who will discuss the mission of the 107th Attack Wing, New York Air National Guard. In addition to the wing's primary mission operating the MQ-9 Reaper, Col Carlson will also address the responsibility for space command and control, tactical air control party operations, and support to domestic operations. A recent example of the latter was the lifesaving support the 107th Mission Support Group provided to Erie County during the paralyzing blizzard last December.

To get a better understanding of the importance of the above to our National Security a viewing of Eye in the Sky is recommended, if not already done so, released in the United States April 2016, and directed by Gavin Hood, starring Helen Mirren, Alan Rickman and Aaron Paul. The film forces us to confront the ethical complexity of war.

The names of the elected new board members will be announced in January 2024 together with the new Executive Board of Directors.

To register for this dinner email: [aeroclubofbuffalo@gmail.com](mailto:aeroclubofbuffalo@gmail.com), call (716) 901-6126, or mail the form at the bottom of the flyer to: Aero Club of Buffalo, Box 676 Williamsville, NY 14231. Please make your check payable to the Aero Club of Buffalo. You can also pay at the door providing you have made your dinner selection in advance

All dinner meetings are held at Rizotto's Eatery and Sweetery, 930 Maple Road, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Mary Mattocks (Willy) 90<sup>th</sup> President Aero Club of Buffalo.

**Please note that this will be the last paper mailing as in January 2024 all notifications will be via email unless you indicate to the address above that you would prefer paper notification.**