



# Aero Club of Buffalo

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## Mark & Matthew Ables

### The Airbus Family

Thursday 21 March 2024

Rizotto Italian Eatery & Sweetery  
930 Maple Road, Williamsville NY 14221  
6:00 p.m. Cash Bar  
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Matthew Ables grew up the son of an Air Force pilot and had dreams of one day taking to the skies as a pilot like his father, Mark. Airshows, base visits and of course airplane rides with his grandfather, father and his brother on Father's Day to places like Oneonta, New York to the Baseball Hall of Fame and Dayton, Ohio to the Air Force Museum sealed his fate. After attending the United States Airforce Academy and graduating in 2008, he flew cargo planes (like his Father), the T-1 trainer and eventually the KC-10 Refueler. Today he flies Airbus's oldest model, the A300 Airbus for FedEx. Mark learned his craft in the United States Air Force where he flew the Lockheed C-130 Hercules for 36 years. He was hired at American Airlines in 2000 where he first flew the Fokker 100. Today he is a Check Pilot on the Airbus A319, A320 and A321, teaching the new-hires and upgrading Captains in the art of aircraft operations using the latest Artificial Intelligence technology. Therein lies the interesting part of the story. Both Ables fly Airbus aircraft, father flies the newer fly-by-wire plane developed in the 1980's with all the wizardry and his son flies the legacy A300, a plane designed in the 1960's. Both aircraft are still used in daily operation at both Federal Express and American Airlines, however, the A300 and A320 series are as operationally different as any aircraft can be! Come to the dinner in March and learn how these unique machines are employed in both wide-body cargo hauling and passenger travel on domestic and international routes. Bring your questions, this will be a fun talk sure to pique your interest, we'll see you in March!

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

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Salmon \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicken Fricassee \_\_\_\_\_  
Ravioli \_\_\_\_\_

Members - \$35.00  
Guests - \$35.00  
Total \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please print your name and email address*

Reservations must be received by Monday 18 March 2024 via four convenient choices: you may register and pay online today for this dinner at our website <https://aeroclubofbuffalo.org/payments/> or you can e-Mail [aeroclubofbuffalo@gmail.org](mailto:aeroclubofbuffalo@gmail.org) or mail this form to Aero Club of Buffalo, Box 676, Williamsville, NY 14231 or even call (716) 901-6126! Please make your check payable to the **Aero Club of Buffalo**.