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Col Walter Gordon

USAF (retired)

Thursday 12 December 2024
Rizotto Eatery and Sweetery
930 Maple Road, Williamsville
6:00 p.m. Cash Bar
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
\$35.00

Please join us this month when our own Walter Gordon presents *Ten Things I Didn't Learn at War College*. This talk was initially developed in response to a request from the Air Force Reserve for senior officers with deployed leadership experience to speak at professional development seminars. It has since evolved, however, to reflect the successes and failures of a thirty-year active and reserve Air Force career. From the cockpit of a C-130 landing on a blacked-out runway in Iraq to counseling a sobbing sixty-year-old master sergeant pleading not to be sent home from his last deployment, Ten Things relates the lessons learned – lessons just as applicable outside the military – by a citizen-soldier pilot leading his flying squadron in peace and war.

Walter Gordon worked as an engineer in Western New York from 1979 to 2020 at four different aerospace firms, most recently at the Moog Space and Defense Group. He also retired as a colonel from a parallel 30-year career in the Air Force Reserve, serving as commander of the 328th Airlift Squadron and then 914th Airlift Wing in Niagara Falls, New York. He is a veteran of Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom and has over 2,000 hours flying time in the C-130. Walter has a long-time interest in aerospace and aerospace history, joining AIAA at age 17 and currently serving as chairman of the Niagara Frontier Section. He is also the chairman of the Niagara Frontier Aviation and Space Hall of Fame and a past president of the Niagara Aerospace Museum and Aero Club of Buffalo. He has B.S. and M.S. degrees in Aerospace Engineering from the University at Buffalo and an M.S. in Strategic Studies from the USAF Air War College.

Join us for Walter's talk, a wonderful dinner and a festive evening! Please note we will be holding our Aero Club Annual Holiday Basket Raffle at this meeting! Please consider donating a basket to this worthy cause. (Funds raised at this meeting are used to support Spring 2025 Aero Club of Buffalo Scholarships)

Mary Mattocks

90th President
Aero Club of Buffalo

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Petit Filet _____
Parmesan Crusted Cod _____
Pasta Bolognese _____

Members - \$35.00
Guest(s) - \$35.00

TOTAL _____

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS
Reservations must be received by Monday, 9 December 2024.

To register for this dinner email: aeroclubofbuffalo@gmail.com, call (716) 901-6126, or mail this form 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 provided you have previously made your reservations.