



Dinner Meeting and Lecture, Thursday April 18th, 7:00 PM
Roger Launius, former NASA Chief Historian
The Berlin Airlift:
Flexible Air Power and the Early Cold War



Please join us this month when we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift, the only direct confrontation of the U.S. and Soviet Union during the Cold War. When the Soviets capitulated and ended the blockade on May 12th, 1949, the U.S. won, not with tanks, not with P-51s and B-29s, but with C-54s – with AIRLIFT. Our dinner will be held within three days of the 75th anniversary of the peak day of the airlift, April 15th, 1949, when 12,941 tons of cargo were delivered to Berlin in a 24-hour period.

AIAA Fellow Roger D. Launius is former chief historian of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and most recently Associate Director for Collections and Curatorial Affairs at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum. From 1987-1989 he served as chief historian of the U.S. Air Force Military Airlift Command (MAC), during which time he co-authored "MAC and the Legacy of the Berlin Airlift." He is a recipient of the NASA Exceptional Service Medal and the Exceptional Achievement Medal.

Thursday, April 18th, at Rizotto Italian Eatery and Sweetery, 930 Maple Road, Williamsville, NY 14221

Cash bar at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm, presentation to follow

Cost: \$35 per person, \$20 for full-time students

Choose the following meal selections: Red Snapper ☐ Pork chop ☐ Maccheroncini ☐

RSVP by Monday, April 15th with meal selection, name(s) and whether member, guest or student to Pam Crassidis at nf.aiaa@gmail.com

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