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Buffalo Sabres head coach to fly with aerobatic flight team

NIAGARA FALLS AIR RESERVE STATION, N.Y. – Lindy Ruff, the longest-tenured coach in the National Hockey League, will receive an aerobatic aircraft flight with the John Klatt Airshow Team at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station on Friday, September 9 at 10:00 am.

Coach Ruff will be riding along with John Klatt, one of the featured performers at this weekend's Thunder of Niagara Airshow. This flight will be in an EA-300L aircraft sponsored by the Air National Guard.

The Extra EA-300L is a two-place, high performance aerobatic aircraft used primarily for incentive rides to media, VIP and sponsor personnel; it also functions as a back-up performance aircraft as needed.

The plane is equipped with an in-cockpit camera which will capture video and audio of Coach Ruff during his flight. Credentialed media present for this event will receive a copy of this footage.

Coach Ruff coaches the NHL Buffalo Sabres in one of the most noted sports towns in the country as Western New York is a hockey hot bed with a multitude of teams and leagues for men and women as well as youth. Due to his successes on the national and international stage, in this hockey town, Coach Ruff is a prominent figure in the community.

Media interested in covering this event should report to the main gate on Lockport Road at 9:30 am, Friday, September 9. Coach Ruff will be available for interviews following his flight.

For more information please contact the 914th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office at 716-236-2136.

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