

EA 1996 Admin

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“PIT approach, United Nineteen Ninety Six: With you at eight thousand for six thousand. We have information Tango, expecting IFR on two eight right. Company traffic in sight seven-four-seven heavy, maintaining two one zero for separation.”

Does that sound like gibberish to you? Well it doesn't sound foreign to **Jeff Algeri**, our class's premier commercial pilot for United Airlines. I mentioned in a previous email and website post that our graduating class has an abundance of top-performing professionals that have excelled in their fields. Jeff just happened to excel a couple of hundred knots faster than the rest of us.

I remember as a young kid when Jeff and I hung out, that I had a subscription to a mail publication for kids called “Wheels & Wings”. Every month, they'd send a couple of pages with full-color pictures and statistics on some really cool vehicles and aircraft. I had a budding interest in planes & aviation, but like all kids, my early interests were short-lived and I was soon onto something else. But I knew that Jeff was into planes too so I passed my collection on to him. Little did I know that his interest was so strong that he'd succeed in becoming a professional airline pilot many years later.

It's a tremendous accomplishment to be able to obtain even a private pilot's license, let alone a commercial license, instrument & multi-engine ratings, etc. There's a reason why only an elite class of dedicated professionals climb to that level. They don't let just any pilot behind the yoke of a multi-million dollar aircraft with a couple of hundred souls onboard and a zillion systems to maintain simultaneously while hurling through the air at several hundred miles per hour.

I'm anxious to catch up with Jeff, just as I'm anxious to catch up with all of you. I'd like to hear about his journey from Corporate Air to where he is now because I haven't seen him in years. If it wasn't for this reunion and the information provided by Jeff on the website, I wouldn't have learned of his professional accomplishments. The next time you're flying United, pay attention to the voice on the PA – it just might be one of our own.

If you haven't been there yet (or recently), hop on [the website](#) and update your info. I know we're not all pilots, but we've all got a story to tell and it's our diversity that makes us interesting.

We NEED your input and direction on the reunion. And don't forget, we also need everybody's help with getting in touch with the remaining classmates on [the “missing” list](#)!!

The next meeting is August 5th. All are welcome.

Oh yeah... [FILL OUT THE SURVEY!!](#)