



CORRECTED COPY – Michael was in 10th Company as a Plebe.
Also, the second email with the header of ‘four timely items’ was an email system glitch. Apologies.

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Dear Classmates,

It is my sad duty to report that our Classmate, Michael Edwin Williams, passed away suddenly at home in Guam on March 27th.

Michael joined us from Farmville, NC. He was a 10th company plebe and graduated in 20th Company, with a degree in Physical Science. He took an unconventional path to SWO, entering from Naval Aviation, courtesy of the Flight Surgeon. He served on USS O'BRIEN (DD 975).

Upon leaving the Navy in 1994, Michael took an unconventional path back to aviation. He earned his private pilot's license, and flew for Continental Express, Continental and finally United, where he served for 20 years, attaining the rank of Captain. Michael first visited Guam in January 2005 on TDY and after returning 2007, never left. He accomplished some firsts there: flying the inaugural Narita to Cebu flight, as well as recently ferrying the first 737Max to Guam. He was a highly sought-after check pilot, specifically noted by the training center. An avid sailor and serial sailboat buyer, he had planned to retire in Guam and sail the world on retirement.

Mike is survived by his wife Danthea, whom he married in 2021 and her daughter, Dianne and grandson, Gian. Mike is also survived by daughters: Emily, Ashley and Spencer (Hunter), and grandsons, Jameson and Carter.

There will be plans later to hold a memorial service stateside and details will be announced as they become available.

Please take a moment and join me in remembering Michael. RIP Classmate.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Herbener'.

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