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- Nashville (BNA)
- Orlando (MCO)
- Orlando Sanford (SFB)
- Punta Gorda (PGD)
- Sarasota (SRQ)
- St. Petersburg (PIE)



Nonstop to:

- Charlotte (CLT)
- Chicago (ORD)
- Philadelphia (PHL)



Nonstop to:

- Atlanta (ATL)



Nonstop to:

- Chicago (ORD)





Record Breaking Year!



Historically, there's never been a busier year at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE).

1,067,114 passengers traveled through ABE in 2025 – the highest traffic total on record for the airport. The previous mark was set in 2000 – 1,041,442 passengers.

“Thank you to everyone for making ABE the airport of choice in the region. We appreciate the dedication of our airport staff in delivering the highest-level of customer service,” said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA).

ABE has been recognized as one of the Best Small Airports by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards for two straight years.

“Beyond expanding flight options for travelers, ABE has made significant investments to enhance the passenger experience and is committed to bringing even more improvements in the future,” said Stoudt.

Meanwhile, 301,979,109 pounds of air cargo processed through ABE in 2025 – a 21.0% increase from 2024 and the highest cargo volume on record.

“This number reflects ABE's integral role in logistics across the Northeast Corridor of the United States. Improving airfield infrastructure to meet current demand is critical, with the Airport prioritizing the following projects: ongoing rehabilitation of Runway 6-24 and Taxiway Alpha, plus the construction of Taxiway Delta,” said Stoudt.

Flyer Feedback

I have been flying nearly every day for the past 30 plus years, worked in 47 States in the last 3 years, so I've seen most of the Airports in the US.

From where I live, I could fly out of four different Airports, but I always try to make ABE work, when possible.

Everything there is done well, from the TSA Agents to the Parking Authority, to the Baggage system, and the American Airlines staff has been great to deal with and exceptionally accommodating.

Tony C.



More Connections to Chicago!

Starting May 21, 2026, American Airlines will provide nonstop service from Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) to Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD).

"Strengthening our connection with Chicago O'Hare brings significant benefits to the Lehigh Valley, offering travelers more convenient flight options and expanded access to West Coast and international destinations," said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA).

Daily departures from ABE are scheduled for 6:00 a.m. and 5:18 p.m., with arrivals from ORD at 4:48 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.

American's existing service at ABE includes two daily nonstop flights to Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) and six daily roundtrips to Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) aboard Landline Motorcoach.

Save the Date!

TSA Precheck Open Enrollment at ABE from April 6th - April 9th. Appointment registration is coming soon.

Happy 10th Anniversary!

Canines Offering Passengers Encouragement (C.O.P.E) launched in December 2015.

Ten years later, it's among the most popular programs at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE).

With tails wagging, sixteen current C.O.P.E. therapy dogs celebrated alongside passengers, sharing delicious cupcakes and treats.



Sherman and Sue Ann Reibman have served C.O.P.E. for the last 10 years.

For more information about C.O.P.E., visit <https://www.flyabe.com/abe-advantage/c-o-p-e-therapy-dog-program/>.

Shopping with Smiles

For almost a decade, the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority Police Department (LNAA) has responded to the call for spreading holiday cheer.

"It's all smiles here today," said Officer Timothy Varga, LNAA Police Department.

(19) students from the Catasauqua Area School District were selected to participate in the 9th Annual "Shop with an Airport Cop", which focuses on fostering a positive relationship between youth and law enforcement, while also providing an opportunity to help local families.



"This event takes months of planning. We encourage the students to make a list ahead of time, so we get what they need and don't miss anything", said Chief Steven Gensits, LNAA Police Department.

Following the shopping spree, there is a pizza party and gift-wrapping session, which also includes each participant receiving a full holiday meal (turkey, ham, and side dishes), gift cards to Weis Markets and Target, pre-lit Christmas Trees / ornaments, and event attire from Phillipsburg / Easton Honda.

"They've bought food and supplies for home and weren't even thinking of buying gifts for themselves. It really hits a special place in the heart," said Officer Troy Leonard, LNAA Police Department.

Thank you to our amazing sponsors: Lehigh Valley Community Benefit, Pure Country Dancers in Tatamy, Isabella's Pizza and Italian Restaurant, North End Wanderers Club, Sweet Valley Treats, Nam Knights - Lehigh Valley Chapter, LNAA, Phillipsburg Easton Honda, Target, Mission BBQ, Bethlehem Volunteer Fireman's Home Association, and Bun Busterz.





Flight to Remember!



15 families from the Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley (PCFLV) boarded a United Airlines flight (operated by SkyWest) to the North Pole, as Santa Claus anxiously awaited their arrival.

"Every time we have been involved in the North Pole Flight, it's been an incredible experience," Michelle Zenie, Executive Director, PCFLV.

"Day in and day out, these families have so much stress in their lives with treatments, side effects, thoughts of relapsing, or worrying about if the cancer journey is over. Life can be heavy for all of them, and this is a joyful escape," said Zenie.

Thank you to our many sponsors and volunteers for your support in helping us make this moment possible.



"These are children that are enduring something early in life that shouldn't be happening. I'm honored and humbled to be the captain of this flight bound for the home of Santa Claus," said Captain Jeff Shea (a.k.a. - Captain Candy Cane), SkyWest Airlines.

Tunes and Trees

Three high school chorale groups from across the Lehigh Valley performed in ABE's Annual Holiday Concert Series: Freedom High School Les Chanteurs, Emmaus High School Aca Bella and Fermata Nowhere, and Dieruff High School Choir and Husky Harmony.



Also, (15) schools created a festive travel environment in the Main Terminal during the Annual Festival of Trees:

- Catasauqua Middle School
- George D. Steckel Elementary School
- Governor Wolf Elementary School
- Hanover Elementary School
- Hopewell Elementary School
- Lehigh Parkway Elementary School
- Lower Macungie Middle School
- Mercy School for Special Learning
- Miller Heights Elementary School
- Moore Elementary School
- Roberto Clemente Charter School
- Spring Garden Elementary School
- Washington Elementary School
- Whitehall High School
- William Allen High School

Thank you to all the participants!





Supporting Our Troops!

Serving the community goes well beyond providing air travel.

ABE volunteers supported military service members, veterans, and their families in December by packing over 500 boxes for the Military Share Pack program at Second Harvest Food Bank.

Easing Fears!

Four (4) attendees at the most recent Fear of Flying Seminar were provided helpful advice and relaxation tools from Dina Lomas, a licensed therapist.

TSA Manager, Lori Avizof discussed travel tips when going through the security checkpoint and airline pilot, Rosanne Stencil-Johnson explained airplane dynamics and what to expect when flying on a commercial aircraft.

To learn more about Fear of Flying Seminars, visit <https://www.flyabe.com/fear-of-flying/>



Going Above & Beyond!

The Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) hosted a special luncheon to recognize the (19) recipients of PROPS - Positive Rewards for Outstanding Performance or Service in 2025.

Nominations for LNAA employees and airport stakeholders are submitted by the public using the following criteria: offers great customer service, makes your day great, is respectful, solves problems, has a joyful attitude, provides exceptional effort, or goes above and beyond.



Holster Your Razor!

The Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) Police Department raised \$1,575 during No Shave November to support For Pete's Sake Cancer Respite Foundation (FPS).

FPS enables cancer patients and their loved ones to strengthen, deepen, and unify their relationships by creating unforgettable and lasting respite experiences.

LNAA Police proudly participate in this campaign every year to honor the memory of former employee, Makala A. Ashmar.





Employee Spotlight Robert Tyler (Passenger Services)

Rob is a native New Yorker, who's very proud of his Brooklyn roots. He relocated to Lehigh Valley in 1985.

He enlisted in the Pennsylvania State Police in 1992, serving at several Barracks between the Poconos and Philadelphia, but mostly assigned to Troop M, Bethlehem, serving many years as the Troop M Public Information Officer. He was promoted to Corporal in 2004, Sergeant in 2006, Lieutenant in 2014, and retired in 2018.

Fueled by a desire to travel the world, Rob joined Piedmont Airlines, a wholly own company of American Airlines, and began working at ABE in 2019.

He joined the LNAA Passenger Services team in 2023 and began driving the Airport Shuttle in 2024. Rob understands he's often the first point of contact at ABE for many travelers, so he takes pride in being able to provide accurate information.

He often welcomes travelers by saying "Welcome to your new favorite airport", then tries to end every encounter by saying "Thank you for choosing ABE".



Canine Corner Evelyn Kondash & Margo (C.O.P.E. Volunteers)

Margo is a tricolor collie that has always been very independent and wanted things her own way. She can be described as a little Diva!

Since June 2021, Margo has made 70 visits to Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE).

Margo loves pasta, potatoes, pizza, enjoys being outside, and loves all animals.

She is one of three therapy collies that her owner, Evelyn, brings to the airport as members of ABE's C.O.P.E. program.