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BEST SUMMER SEASON EVER!



Records are made to be broken.

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) produced its busiest summer travel season in history with 320,058 passengers from June – August (surpassing the 2025 record total of 299,799).

“The combination of additional flights and larger aircraft brought more available seats to the region. More importantly, our community used the additional seats and chose to Fly Local and Fly ABE,” Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA).

In August, 103,565 passengers used ABE – a 6.57% increase from the previous year.

Thank you to our ABE staff and airline partners for delivering the highest level of service.

Flyer Feedback

“A nice airport. An Airport police officer was friendly when I walked in and guided me through with patience and directed me to my ticket-counter. The airport had many places to eat and drink, and it was clean. Everyone was polite and professional.”

– Jonathan J.

Save the Date!



Our next Fear of Flying Seminar is scheduled for November 3 from 6:00 pm. to 8:30 p.m. Visit **flyabe.com** for more info.



Happy 250th, America!

An "Old Fashioned Family Picnic" took over the Gate Concourse at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE), complete with hot dogs, popcorn, cupcakes, and patriotic stickers and gifts for holiday travelers to enjoy.



"Music in the Airport" performer, Jeni Hackett, provided an upbeat and patriotic soundtrack for this milestone event across our nation.

Forget about a prohibited item in your baggage?

ABE is now home to Flippit — an airport-authorized service that allows travelers to securely ship TSA-prohibited items back to their home or another address, making it easy to recover personal belongings instead of discarding them.

The Flippit collection box is located on the 2nd Level (Main Terminal) prior to entering the TSA Checkpoint. Learn more by visiting about.flippit.com.



Need a quiet place to work before your flight?

The newly installed Jabbrrbox at ABE is located on the lower level of the Gate Concourse near the Children's Play Area and the American Airlines gate area.



These private and sound-insulated spaces offer travelers a productive work environment away from the sounds of a busy airport terminal. Visit jabbrrbox.com for more information.

Wings for All!

In partnership with The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties and Delta Air Lines, Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) hosted (45) families for Wings for All®.

"I've talked to a lot of these families over the years, and they've said - we made it as far as getting something to drink or getting to the door. And then you see a picture of their young adult sitting on a plane and their arms are in the air saying, "I'm going to Disneyland" - that means the world to me," said Lisa Musselman, CEO, The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties.







This trademarked program of The Arc of the United States delivers a one-of-a-kind travel experience for individuals with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Wings for All® itinerary at ABE includes:

- Check-in at the ticket counter
- Security screening by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
- Boarding a Delta Air Lines aircraft
- Tour of the Sensory Room located in the Lower-Level Concourse
- Refreshments during a special reception

"There are many significant programs and initiatives we've added over time to make travel accessible to all, and this program is the cornerstone of those efforts," said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA).

Thank you again to Delta Air Lines for providing the staff and aircraft for this impactful community event.

Fire Camp Fun

(47) campers ranging from ages 9 to 16 years old attended this year's 3rd Annual Junior Fire Camp at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE).



During each single-day session, campers are introduced to the important role of Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) while learning more about the specialized emergency response vehicles used at the Airport.

Activities also include: a search and rescue operation simulated inside a Boeing 727 aircraft, fire extinguisher training, first aid training, and an obstacle course challenge.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year!



Horses at the Airpark?

Over 800 spectators attended the 12th Annual Lehigh Valley Polo Match at Braden Airpark (N43) in Forks Township.

All proceeds from the event support Equi-librium - their mission is to empower individuals with special needs to reach their highest potential through horse-related activities.



"We surpassed all expectations raising over $170,000 – the biggest revenue for this event. We're so grateful to our sponsors, the number of sponsors, and the level of sponsorship this year," said Equi-librium Board of Governors Chair, Wenda Boyer.

Allentown native and Navy veteran Herman Lee Harris sang the national anthem, followed by a jet flyover before the match commenced. The Marketplace Tent was open to everyone looking to enter the basket raffle, sample local spirits, or have a souvenir picture taken courtesy of Lehigh Valley Style.

During half-time, the polo players and horses enjoyed a well-earned break, as spectators participated in the Traditional Stomping of the Divots.

When the final horn sounded, The East Coast Jets were victorious over Brown Daub, 7.5 to 7.

Welcome Back, DOC!

Historic warbirds landed at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) in September with B-29 (DOC) and a P-51 (Gunfighter) offering flight deck and ground tours, as well as flight experience rides to the public.

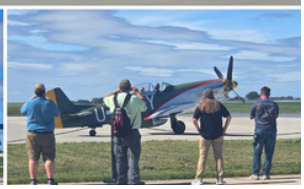
Among the 1,644 Boeing B-29 Superfortress bombers built during World War II, DOC is one of only two still airworthy and flying.

"When you climb inside a military artifact, it really makes history come alive. We're hopeful that we can inspire the next generation of aviation workers and aerospace engineers, and people who want to protect our country," said Josh Wells, CEO of B-29 DOC.

Equally rare, only 15,000 P-51 Gunfighter, (D-model Mustang), were produced with approximately 150 still in existence.







Building an Aviation Generation

High school students from Northampton Area School District (NASD) chose Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) as one of their summer destinations.



During a four-day Career Mentorship Program, students visited with aviation professionals from Allegiant, New World Aviation, Hangar 7 (FBO), Scott Richards Aviation, LNAA Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting (ARFF) & Police departments, Queen City Airport (XLL), and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to get an up close and personal view of their daily job functions.



"The Northampton Area School District partnership with ABE completely changes the way students think about an airport. By going behind the scenes and meeting the people who keep the airport operating, students begin to understand that aviation is a vast industry with opportunities in operations, safety, logistics, customer service, technology, transportation, and so much more," said Scott Oste, Secondary Curriculum Supervisor (Grades 6-12) Northampton Area School District.





Restocking the Shelves

During the summer, blood donations typically decline.

(12) employees from Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) helped restock the shelves when Miller-Keystone Blood Mobile stopped by in June.

Thank you for your blood donations – you are making a difference in our region.

Proud to Pack

In less than three hours, 566 boxes were packed and put on a pallet for delivery.

Volunteers from the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) were proud to roll up their sleeves to support the MilitaryShare Pack Program at Second Harvest Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania.

The MilitaryShare Pack Program currently provides food assistance to over 500 military families per month (active-duty, veteran, and reserve).

Thank you for your service to our country!



Employee Appreciation

Over 100 employees from the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) enjoyed a delicious lunch courtesy of Victory BBQ in August. The menu had something for everyone; such as, Victory Loaded Potato, Meat & Mac, and pulled pork or chicken sandwiches, served with coleslaw or fries.





Volunteers are Valuable

"The Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) celebrated volunteers from across various programs during their annual Appreciation Picnic at Canal Park.

Thousands of hours are provided by (65) volunteers to deliver passenger assistance including Navigators, Junior Navigators, and C.O.P.E. (Canines Offering Passengers Encouragement) Programs.

Several volunteers received special recognition pins and certificates for years of service:

5 years
Anne Marie Markowitz / Barkley

10 years
Sue Ann Reibman / Sherman
Evelyn Kondash / Rustle, Margo, Breeze
Terry Talbot / Logan
Bonnie & Andy Hodge / Murphy and Brodie
Donna Atkinson

20 years
Karen Bader

Thank you for your dedication!









Employee Spotlight

Dagmar Gonzalez (Custodial)

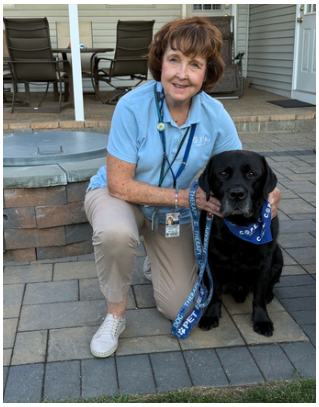
Since 2019, Dagmar has been a valued member of our custodial staff at the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA).

She was born and raised in Bayamón, Puerto Rico. The youngest of five siblings, family has always been an important part of her life.

Dagmar and her husband, Carlos, have a 23-year-old daughter and a dog named Bella.

In her spare time, she enjoys decorating her home, traveling, and shopping.





Canine Corner

Ann Marie Markowitz & Barkley

Ann Marie and Barkley began visiting Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) as part of the C.O.P.E. program in July 2021.

An English Labrador Retriever, Barkley was named after Eagles football player Saquon Barkley.

His favorite things include retrieving, swimming, and, of course, getting belly rubs!

Barkley has received several obedience and field work awards through the AKC including CDX in Obedience and Junior Hunter in field work.

Ann Marie truly believes he was born to be a therapy dog.

“His gentle nature and genuine love of people make him a natural at bringing comfort and happiness to others. It is always such a joy to see people’s faces light up when Barkley approaches them. He has a special way of making people smile, feel welcome, and brighten their day.”