Honor Flight Mission at SYR

Syracuse Hancock International Airport was again the proud host of the 2nd Honor Flight Mission on October 5, 2013. Honor Flight is an organization that was formed to transport veterans to Washington D.C. to visit memorials dedicated to honor their sacrifices.

The 65 veterans, along with their guardians departed Syracuse on a US Airways charter at 6:50 a.m. and arrived in Washington D.C. and despite the government shutdown, all of the veterans were able to visit the various memorials, including Arlington National Cemetery and the WWII Monument.

Upon return to Syracuse, the US Airways jet passed through a water cannon salute, compliments of the Syracuse Air Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) station and 174th Air National Guard firefighting units. Once deplaned, the veterans were led to the Welcome Home ceremony by the Civil Air Patrol Color Guard, the Syracuse Scottish Pipe Band and the Dr. Tom Dooley Choraliers. At the event there were various speakers including Onondaga County Executive Joanne Mahoney, Commissioner of Aviation, Ms. Christina Callahan and Syracuse Chief of Police Frank Fowler. The next Honor Flight mission is scheduled for Spring 2014.

Allegiant Air Announcement

On August 20, 2013, Mayor Stephanie Miner along with Aviation Commissioner Christina Callahan and Mr. David Holder from the Syracuse Convention and Visitor’s Bureau held a press conference at the airport announcing that Allegiant Air will begin providing new, non-stop air service between Syracuse Hancock International Airport and Tampa Bay, Florida via the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport. The twice weekly, year-round service will begin on November 7, 2013. The Allegiant Air ticket counter will be located in the South Terminal, next to US Airways.

TSA to Launch Pre✓

Syracuse Hancock International Airport has been selected to participate in TSA Pre✓™, a new TSA risk-based screening program for select frequent flyers who are traveling domestically.

Passengers who are eligible for TSA Pre✓™’s expedited screening will have that information imbedded in the barcode of their boarding pass. TSA’s document checker reads the barcode at the designated TSA Pre✓™ checkpoint and passengers who qualify for expedited screening will be directed to a TSA Pre✓™ lane for quick, convenient screening. Passengers who qualify may be able to leave on their shoes, lightweight jacket or outerwear and belt, leave their laptop in its case and their 3-1-1 travel-size liquids/gels bag in their carry-on bag. Check out the link on our website for additional information.

Newly Redesigned Airport Website!

On August 27, the airport launched a completely redesigned website. The new website includes a new address www.flysyracuse.com and additional features for users, including the airport’s Twitter feed, live flight arrival and departure information, weather forecasts, and links to local amenities, such as accommodations, dining, and entertainment.

The new site is optimized for mobile use and can be used just as effectively from a smart phone as from a tablet or laptop computer.

The site was designed locally by the C&S Companies (www.csicos.com) and Bentley Hoke (www.bentleyhoke.com).
Construction Corner
Below is an update on the Passenger Terminal Security and Access Improvement Project:

- South Concourse Egress Portals are operational
- North Concourse Egress Portals are operational
- South Gateway Café has reopened
- North Café Sienna has reopened
- First floor of the Center Terminal is almost complete and the conference rooms are open and operational

This will be the last Construction Corner update. The Terminal Security and Access Improvement Project is scheduled for completion at the end of October. Thank you to all of the airport tenants for your patience during this project. C&S Companies, Hueber-Breuer and all of the subcontractors that have worked on this project have done an amazing job transforming our airport. Thank you!!

Your favorite airport is now on Facebook and Twitter! That’s right; you can now be with us at all times! Like us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter to get the latest news and updates about SYR, flight schedules, and the great City of Syracuse!

Facebook: Syracuse Hancock International Airport
Twitter: @SyracuseAirport

Community Events!

**Enchanted Beaver Lake**
Thursday, October 24th through Sunday, October 27th Beaver Lake has over 500 specially carved jack-o-lanterns of different shapes and sizes, plus 500 glowing luminaria light the way along two winding, wooded trails greeting participants as they venture through the darkness at the award-winning, Enchanted Beaver Lake. Face painting, fortune telling, magic shows, and storytelling are all a part of this magical experience, one that is truly unique to Central New York. The Friends of Beaver Lake will be selling hotdogs, donuts, caramel apples, popcorn and cider.

For more information visit [www.onondagacountyparks.com](http://www.onondagacountyparks.com)

**Everson Museum of Art**
October 26th through January 19th visit The Art of Video Games exhibit at the Everson Museum of Art in Downtown Syracuse. The Art of Video Games is part of a ten-city national tour, The Art of Video Games is one of the first major exhibitions to explore the 40-year evolution of video games as an artistic medium, with a focus on striking graphics, creative storytelling and player interactivity. The exhibition features some of the most influential artists and designers across five eras of game development, from early pioneers to contemporary designers. The exhibition features 80 video games that demonstrate the evolution of the medium. The games are presented through still images and video footage. In addition, the galleries include video interviews with developers and artists, historic game consoles and large prints of in-game screen shots.

For more information visit [www.everson.org](http://www.everson.org)

A Special Dedication...

The Department of Aviation would like to dedicate this issue of The Hancock Flyer to Bob Phelps. Bob was employed by Hueber-Breuer as a Project Superintendent on the Passenger Security & Access Improvement Project and worked at the airport over the past two years. He was always smiling and quickly became part of our airport family, always having stories from camp and most importantly his endless bragging of his grandchildren, children and his wife Lynne. Bob became ill during the summer and passed away unexpectedly on August 30, 2013. He was one-of-a-kind and we were all extremely lucky to have crossed his path. We miss him, and that smile of his dearly.