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## **New Concessions on the Way**

The Capital Region Airport Commission has announced that there will be four new dining options available in the airport by the end of 2025! The Commission approved partnerships with airport concession vendor Faber, Coe & Gregg (F, C & G) and local operator, The Beet Box.

Hardywood Park Craft Brewery (F, C & G), another local brand, is also on its way to RIC, bringing in more Richmond Region flavor to the airport. Hardywood's bar will be near gates A-15 and A-16, and Beet Box will open two concepts entitled "The Beet Box" and "Homegrown Local Bar and Marketplace" near gates A-8 and A-11. The Wolfgang Puck Bar & Bites (F, C & G) restaurant will be near gates B-14 and B-15.

## Donate to the USO!

By Tricia Riggs, Senior Center Operations Specialist – United Service Organization

RIC's USO has recently added a Little Library for military children visiting the pediatric unit at Kenner Medical Center at Fort Gregg-Adams (Ft. Lee). The library was created by USO volunteers Judy and Blane Cox (pictured right). The Little Library will be refilled as needed with books for children up to 18 years of age. We are actively looking for donations!

The USO is seeking new and gently used books to keep the library stocked this summer. Donations can be dropped off in the box behind the USO's volunteer desk any day from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.



# **ARRIVALS**

**Miles Outlaw** Bryce Mehigan Max Neuwirth Ben Stanley Sydney LaFleur

**Capital Region Airport** Commission Interns

April 2025	404,851	I	18.4 million lbs.	I	8,932	
	-0.95%		-2.04%		+4.27%	Γ

## **Richmond Goes International with BermudAir!**

On Saturday, June 7, we celebrated the launch of the first international service from RIC in over a decade! Twice-weekly nonstop flights to Bermuda are now soaring from Virginia's Capital Region.

BermudAir's founder and CEO, Adam Scott, made the trip to Richmond for this special occasion. Jerrine Lee, vice president of sales for Richmond Region Tourism (RRT), as well as the Commission's chief growth officer (CGO), Martin Rubinstein, were in attendance to greet the newest airline at the airport. ARFF provided a water arch upon the plane's arrival.

Just two hours away by nonstop flights, BermudAir offers a comfortable and efficient way to experience Bermuda's legendary pink sand beaches, worldclass golf courses, and vibrant culture. <u>Book your flight today!</u>

## **RIC vs Human Trafficking**

by Dereck Tingfah, Airport Operations Manager, Capital Region Airport Commission

<u>The Blue Lightning Initiative (BLI)</u>, is an element of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign. BLI trains aviation industry personnel to identify and report potential traffickers and human trafficking victims to federal law enforcement. To date, over 140 aviation industry partners have trained more than 350,000 employees through BLI.

RIC joined BLI in February of 2021. More than 500 employees have received training since RIC signed on. BLI training is available to all employees as either an online, computer-based course, or facilitator-led in-person session. To arrange BLI training and view the BLI training

video (shot right here at RIC), contact RIC Airport Operations. Additionally, awareness materials like posters, pamphlets, key tags, and wallet cards are available.

Please join us for in-person Human Trafficking Awareness Training on June 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the South Conference Room, and be sure to wear blue!

#### **Itinerary: Important Dates**

June 12	Inaugural flight to Detroit with Spirit	LUE CA					
June 15	Forced labor   sex trafficking   domestic servit	UDE					
June 19	Juneteenth 1-866-347-2423 VICTIM SUPPORT CALL or text INFO or 1-888-373-7888 to BeFree (233	HELP					
June 20	Blue Day at RIC	133					
	Human Trafficking Awareness Training – 1:30 p.m., South Conference Room						
June 21	First Day of Summer						
June 25	RIC Irregular Operations (IRROPS) Plan Review – 10 a.m., South Conference Room						
June 30	Airport Commission's Fiscal Year 2025 Ends						
July 4	Independence Day						
July 21	Blood Drive - Delta & the American Red Cross – 10 a.m2:45 p.m., South Conference Room						
-	Schedule your appointment at <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u> using sponsor code DeltaRIC.						



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