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About Us

The Peninsula Airport Commission (PAC) is made up of six representatives, four from the City of Newport News and two from the City of Hampton. All appointments to the airport commission are made by the city council of each representing city. The charge is to govern the Newport News Williamsburg International Airport.



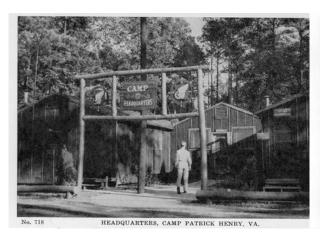


Our History

Camp Patrick Henry is a decommissioned <u>United States Army</u> base which was located in <u>Warwick County</u>, <u>Virginia</u>. After World War II, the site was redeveloped as a commercial airport, and became part of <u>City of Newport News</u> in 1958 when the former City of Warwick and Newport News were politically consolidated as a single independent city. The airport is known in modern times as <u>Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport</u>.

Camp Patrick Henry also served as a <u>prisoner of war</u> camp, housing over 5,000 German and Italian prisoners of war between 1944 and 1945.[3] The prisoners were assigned to alleviate the critical shortage of manpower in the area within the limits of the Geneva Convention. The first German prisoners of war permanently assigned to the Port of Hampton Roads were members of the <u>Afrika Korps</u> who had been captured in early 1943 in North Africa. A prisoner-of-war canteen was established within the compound where the prisoners, within existing regulations, could make limited purchases.

Named for Virginia patriot - orator Patrick Henry (1736–1799). An Army base of 1,700 acres (6.9 km²) of Peninsula woodland became a World War II staging area of 35,000 personnel capacity with shuttle rail service to shipside. A key component of the vital Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation. Almost a million and a half people were processed through this camp. After deactivation, the land was sold in 1949 for community development."





Meet Our Comissioners





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Teamwork

PHF employees are dedicated to the community.



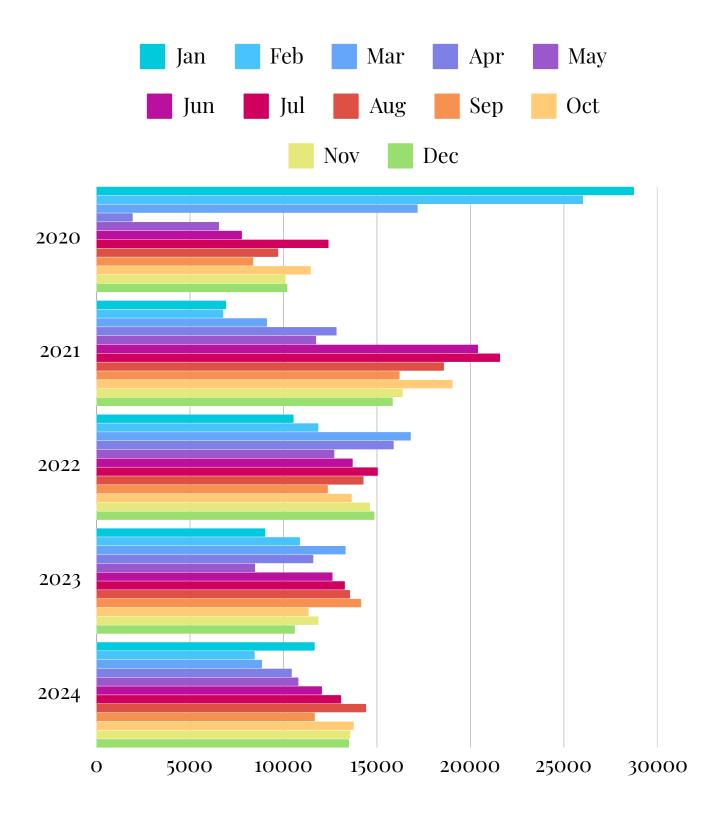








Air Service Passengers



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