



YEAGER AIRPORT

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## YEAGER AIRPORT ADDING WEST VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TO NAME

The Central West Virginia Regional Airport Authority has unanimously voted to add West Virginia International to Yeager Airport's name effective January 1, 2022. The airport's full name will be West Virginia International Yeager Airport.

"We have met with air service consultants who said this name addition would help attract new service," said Yeager Airport Director and CEO Nick Keller. "This name addition will also coincide with the completion of our U.S. Customs Building."

To have an international designation in the airport's name does not require international commercial service. It requires the airport to have a United States Customs and Border Patrol Facility. That facility is under construction now at the airport and will be completed this December.

"Yeager Airport has served West Virginians and our visitors for more than 70 years, providing accessible flights in and out of the Mountain State. The newly named West Virginia International Yeager Airport will continue to provide West Virginians with quality service for decades to come, and I look forward to seeing the benefits of the name change for our tourism and manufacturing economies," said Senator Manchin.

"As our state's largest airport, Yeager is important to not just Charleston, but the entire state of West Virginia. On a more personal note, Yeager plays an important role in my life since I am a frequent traveler in and out of these terminals. With the addition of the New River Gorge National

Park and Preserve, tourism and demand for air travel into West Virginia is going up. Establishing West Virginia International Yeager Airport will help market our state more effectively to travelers, while also increasing services and opportunities for our residents. I'm excited for what the future holds for Charleston and future air travel in our state," Senator Capito said.

Currently, Yeager Airport is one of 31 commercial airports in the country without a city, state, or region in its name, and West Virginia is one of only five states without an international airport.

"We will soon be opening a state of the art United States custom facility at Yeager Airport. We fought hard for this opportunity to have international flights land directly at Yeager Airport. This completes a significant opportunity for the sates of WV and is a fitting tribute to an international hero, General Chuck Yeager," said Kanawha County Commission President Kent Carper.

"The rebranding of our Airport to the West Virginia International Yeager Airport shows the great economic engine Yeager is for Kanawha County and the State of West Virginia. The more passengers who fly into our International Airport means there will be more people spending money in our area and spurring the local economy. Our Airport continues to grow and bring more opportunity to the Kanawha Valley," stated Commissioner Ben Salango."

"This renaming is another step to revitalizing Kanawha County with new economic development opportunities. I look forward to the day I can fly internationally out of the West Virginia International Yeager Airport." Said Commissioner Lance Wheeler.

**About Yeager Airport (CRW):** A study done by the West Virginia Aeronautics Commission says Yeager Airport is responsible for nearly 3,000 jobs and has a \$225-million economic impact in the state. Yeager Airport is the largest commercial Airport in West Virginia, with service provided by American, Delta, Spirit, and United Airlines. The Airport's Organizational Vision is: "To become the most important economic engine for the state through advances in aviation and education." Yeager Airport, in conjunction with the West Virginia National Guard, hosts the [Home Base Program](#). The program works to facilitate military ground, tactical, and air training in West Virginia.

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