



Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport

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FLIGHTS ADDED FOR SPRING AND SUMMER

Delta Air Lines, United Airlines and American Airlines added flights to their schedules for the Spring and Summer of 2018.

Delta added an extra flight to Atlanta for the summer, United added a flight to Houston, and American added a flight to Dallas that began in April. The extra flights enhance connectivity to and from Gulfport-Biloxi, and give travelers more options and greater flexibility when traveling during the Spring and Summer.



"We are pleased to have the additional flights," said Clay Williams, Executive Director at Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport. "We hope travelers will continue to take advantage of the flexibility of increased air service offerings from Delta, United and American."

As air carriers continue to add service at Gulfport-Biloxi, passengers will also see larger aircraft in the market as airlines upgauge to accommodate more passengers.

As of May 2018, airport traffic was up 10% year-to-date.

For more information about the GPT arrivals and departures schedule, visit flygpt.com and click, "Track A Flight."



SERVICE TO MINNEAPOLIS RETURNS TO GPT

Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport welcomes the return of nonstop service to/from Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, this fall.

The seasonal service, offered by Sun Country Airlines®, will run September through December with flights arriving to Gulfport-Biloxi on Thursdays and departing Gulfport-Biloxi on Sundays.

“Sun Country Airlines is pleased to continue with seasonal service between Minneapolis/St. Paul and the Gulfport/Biloxi area in the fall of 2018. The stunning natural beauty and growing gaming industry of Gulfport/Biloxi is a natural draw for visitors and Sun Country is proud to be a part of the area’s tourism growth,” said Ben Brookman, Vice President of Network and Pricing at Sun Country Airlines.



Route	Start Date	End Date
MSP/GPT	Sept. 6, 2018	Dec. 9, 2018

Flights are on sale now. To book, visit suncountry.com.

BAYOU VIEW STUDENT JOB SHADOWS AT GPT

Bayou View Middle School student Avery Pike was tasked with spending a day job shadowing, and chose Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport. She learned about airport operations, the airport’s role in the community and various airport tenants.



Passengers traveling for business make up a large portion of the air traffic to and from Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport. Much of that business travel can be attributed to Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula. Ingalls Shipbuilding employees, thank you for supporting your local Mississippi airport!



2018 EMERGENCY EXERCISE

The airport completed a full-scale airport emergency exercise on April 24. Airport emergency exercises allow the airport and first response agencies to evaluate emergency response systems, techniques, capabilities and communication networks as they relate to a major aircraft incident. Participants included Mississippi Air National Guard CRTC, Gulfport Fire Department, Harrison County Sheriff's Office, Harrison County Fire Service, American Medical Response, Gulfport Police Department, FAA, American Red Cross, FBI, Air Med, Keesler Air Force Base and numerous airlines.





ENERGY EFFICIENCY INITIATIVE

Mississippi Power awarded GPT a \$50,000 energy efficiency grant for the airport's HVAC optimization project which will reduce dollars spent per ton of cooling delivered every day of the year.



T-HANGAR UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Electric bi-fold doors are being hung and final adjustments made for the opening of the second T-Hangar Facility at GPT. The project is made possible by the MDOT Multi-modal program. The facility is the second to be built at Gulfport-Biloxi Airport and will have space available for eight aircraft. Contact Don Shepley at 228-863-5951 for details and availability.





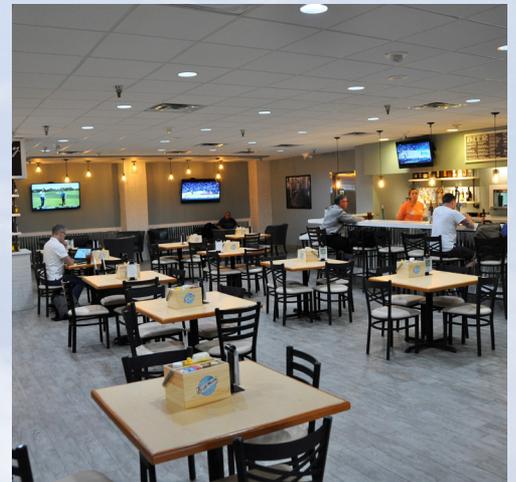
GPT CELEBRATES OPENING OF GULF COAST GRILL AND TAPROOM



The Grand Opening of Gulf Coast Grill and Taproom was held February 1 at Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport. The restaurant features local cuisine, selections from a variety of local and regional craft breweries and a new breakfast menu. The full menu is also available at the landside bar pre-security.

The owner operator of the Gulf Coast Grill and Taproom is MSE Branded Foods. The company runs full-service restaurants, bars and food courts in a spectrum of airports, universities, hotels and premium shopping centers throughout the country.

For more information about MSE Branded Foods, visit msebranded.com.





ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RETIRES



Jim Foster, Assistant Executive Director at Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport, retired in June after 19 years with the Airport Authority.

Jim's commitment and efforts helped see the airport through many milestones and achievements. Through his tenure at the airport, multiple changes occurred in the aviation industry and in the Mississippi Gulf Coast marketplace. His endeavors helped aid the airport as it evolved after the 9/11/2001 terrorist attacks, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the economic recession in 2008 and the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill. The terminal

expansion, the relocation of General Aviation, and other major upgrades on the airfield have been made possible through Jim's due diligence and expertise.

Jim has been an integral member of the Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport team, and is greatly admired and appreciated by fellow airport team members, airport tenants and the Gulf Coast community at-large. On behalf of the Gulfport-Biloxi Regional Airport Authority, we thank Jim for his service, and we wish him all the best with his upcoming retirement.



CENTURIONS DONATE TO USO AT GPT



USO director Felice Kelly Gillum accepts a donation from members of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber Centurions organization to support their mission to strengthen America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation. The USO at GPT welcomes approximately 1,000 service members and their families each month and is supported by outside contributions.



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