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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIÈVRES AIR BASE GATE 14 (MAIN GATE) WILL BE CLOSED JUNE 24-25

Gate 14 (gate near Carrefour) on Chièvres Air Base will be under maintenance June 24 to 25. During the day, Gate 14 will be closed, and Gate 1 (gate next to the Total Gas Station) will be open. However, due to road construction in Chièvres and Brugelette (please see more information on our [website](#)), Gate 1 will be inaccessible at night. Gate 14 will be open on June 24 from 7 p.m. to June 25 at 6 a.m. and then June 25 from 7 p.m. to June 26 at 6 a.m. Normal operations for Gate 1 and Gate 14 are scheduled to resume on June 26. For gate updates, please check our [Facebook](#) page.

BRUSSELS AUTO SKILLS CENTER SCHEDULED TO CLOSE JULY 1

Based on a thorough analysis of our customer usage over recent years, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation concluded that terminating services at the Brussels Auto Skills Center best fits the future demands of our Benelux customers. The Chièvres Auto Skills Center will continue to be available to serve your automotive needs. We encourage our Brussels community members to utilize the same great features at our Chièvres location. For additional information about your automobile needs, please contact the [Chièvres Auto Skills Center](#) at DSN 314.361.5796 or +32(0)68.27.5796. The Chièvres Auto Skills Center will also have new operating hours starting July 1. Visit their website for more details.

CELEBRATE U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY IN THE BENELUX

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux will host U.S. Independence Day Celebrations June 28 at [SHAPE](#) and [Brussels](#) and July 4 at [Schinnen](#). Come out and celebrate with us!

ARMY'S 2019 FEDERAL EMPLOYEE VIEWPOINT SURVEY OPEN THROUGH JUNE 25

The Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) is an annual government-wide survey that measures U.S. federal employees' perceptions of critical work-life areas that drive employee engagement, satisfaction, and retention across the workforce. Click [here](#) to read more about this survey.

GARRISON TO RECOGNIZE LGBT PRIDE MONTH ON JUNE 27

Come to the Chièvres Air Base Bldg. 5 (Garrison Headquarters) Multi-purpose Room for a special observance for [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month](#) on **June 27** starting at 11 a.m. There will be free food and refreshments in addition to a special panel session. For reasonable accommodation, please contact the EEO on Caserne Daumerie Bldg. 24 at DSN 314.361.5057/5235 or +32(0)68.27.5057/5235.

DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT BELGIAN TAX FORMS TO THE U.S. NMR BEFORE JUNE 30

U.S. personnel should submit Belgian tax forms (which come in a brown envelope in the mail) to the U.S. National Military Representative in SHAPE Bldg. 101 before **June 30**. For questions, call DSN 314.423.4403/4132 or +32(0)65.44.4403/4132.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux leaders and employees visited NATO Headquarters in Brussels, June 13, 2019. During the visit, employees learned about the history of NATO and toured the new headquarters building. The visit gave garrison employees a better understanding of NATO and our garrison's role in supporting their mission. (U.S. Army photo by Marie-Lise Baneton)



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 NEWS

COL KATHLEEN SPANGLER ASSUMES COMMAND OF SHAPE HEALTHCARE FACILITY, BRUSSELS ARMY HEALTH CLINIC

Army Col. Kathleen G. Spangler assumed command of the SHAPE Healthcare Facility and Brussels Army Health Clinic during a ceremony, June 19, on SHAPE, Belgium. Spangler replaced Army Col. Yolonda “YR” Summons who took command in June 2017. Summons was the first female to serve as the commander for the facility.

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DOD WANTS RESIDENT INPUT ON HOUSING BILL OF RIGHTS

Development of a bill of rights for those living in privatized Defense Department housing is underway, and DOD is seeking the input of residents, the assistant defense secretary for sustainment announced in a memo. In the memo, Robert H. McMahon invited residents of privatized family and unaccompanied housing to take part in an online survey to provide feedback on a draft bill of rights aimed at identifying the basic privatized housing rights of service members and their Families. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

BENELUX SOLDIERS EARN GERMAN ARMED FORCES BADGE FOR WEAPONS PROFICIENCY

U.S. Army Benelux Soldiers participated in weapons-firing qualifications in Geilenkirchen, Germany, May 16, to earn the German Armed Forces Badge for Weapons Proficiency known as the Schützenschnur. Soldiers became familiar with two German weapon systems, the G36 rifle and the P8 pistol. They received instructions on each weapon, firing techniques and a safety briefing before firing. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



ARMY CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES TO CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF ITS ‘JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE’

Child and Youth Services, a program of the Installation Management Command’s G9 Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation division, will celebrate its 40th birthday in April 2020. With the theme “Journey to Excellence,” the observance kicks off this summer with historical notes and special events. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

AFRC RESORTS INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

To ensure future generations of service members are able to experience the locations worldwide, AFRC Resorts are undergoing a strategic initiative to reinvest nonappropriated funds totaling over \$145 million in facility improvements. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



AER OFFERS \$2,500 RELICENSING AID FOR SPOUSES

Army spouses can now apply for reimbursement of up to \$2,500 in professional relicensing expenses through Army Emergency Relief when they move to another state. Last month, top Army officials announced a \$500 limit on relicensing costs for military spouses for permanent change-of-station moves. However, if additional funds are needed for relicensing, AER will help offset those costs for eligible spouses. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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