

JUNE 7, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOST NATIONS TO OBSERVE PENTECOST/WHIT MONDAY ON JUNE 10

Belgium, Germany and The Netherlands will observe the holiday on Monday. Please remember that some services will be closed or have reduced hours of operations in observance of the holiday. The community shuttle service for SHAPE and Chièvres will not operate during the day.

ANTITERRORISM MESSAGE: REMAIN VIGILANT THIS SUMMER

The USAG Benelux Antiterrorism Office is asking people to assist our security professionals across the Benelux. Read our full message [here](#).

SICK PUPPIES CONCERT HAPPENING JUNE 7 AT GEILENKIRCHEN NATO AIR BASE

The Australian rock band Sick Puppies is playing a free concert at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base's MBR Building on Friday, June 7. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information.

EXPERIENCED RIDER COURSES TO BE HELD JUNE 12-13; SCHINNEN PARKING LOT CLOSED

The Safety Office is conducting Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Experienced Rider Courses on June 12 on Schinnen and June 13 on Chièvres Air Base. To register for the course. People can [register online](#) (CAC users only) or call the Safety Office at:

- Chièvres Air Base: DSN 314-597-5571 or +32(0)68-25-5571
- Schinnen: DSN 314-360-7242 or +31(0)46-443-7242

For the Schinnen community, the north parking lot will be closed June 12 in support for the course.

CONSTRUCTION ON AVENUE D ANKARA ON SHAPE THIS SUMMER

Due to the new Belgian school construction, the two-lane road was reduced to one lane on Avenue D Ankara on SHAPE. As construction continues, please plan accordingly as there may be traffic delays during school pick-up and drop-off times. You can find all the information about "Inside the Gate" road closures and construction updates at our garrison's locations by visiting our [website](#).

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.

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.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Army Col. Sean Hunt Kuester, USAG Benelux garrison commander, recognized Tri-Border Community volunteers during a formal recognition ceremony June 6, 2019, in Schinnen, The Netherlands. Considered the heart of the Benelux community, volunteers make a meaningful difference in the lives of service members and families each day. (U.S. Army photo by Christophe Morel)



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 NEWS

NEW DIRECTOR JOINS IMCOM-EUROPE

Installation Management Command-Europe welcomed its new director while bidding farewell to his predecessor during a transition of authority ceremony May 31. Tommy Mize becomes only the fifth director for IMCOM-Europe, replacing Michael Formica, who will now serve as deputy to the commanding general of the Army's Combined Arms Center. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



USAG WIESBADEN TO HOST 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF BERLIN AIRLIFT CELEBRATION

U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden, and its partner the City of Wiesbaden, will host a public celebration June 10 for the 70th anniversary of the end of the Berlin Airlift. From 9:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. on the Clay Kaserne Airfield, visitors can enjoy food, fun, live music and history while getting the chance to see historic aircraft from the time of the Berlin Airlift, and modern day aircraft from the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

BASTOGNE COMMEMORATES MEMORIAL DAY AND 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE WOODS

Almost 75 years after the Battle of the Bulge, people observed Memorial Day on June 1 in Bastogne, Belgium, during events remembering and honoring those who gave their lives in World War II. This year was special for the city, because it was also the 25th anniversary of the Peace Woods. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



NEW AUTHORIZATION EXPANDS ELIGIBILITY FOR GUESTS AT EDELWEISS LODGE AND RESORT IN GARMISCH, GERMANY

Beginning June 3, active-duty military service members, retirees and civilian/military ID cardholders living outside Europe will be eligible to vacation at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany. The Edelweiss recently received approval from U.S. Army Europe and the Federal Republic of Germany to allow military members stationed outside Europe and retirees to visit the resort on a limited, space-available basis. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

BENELUX COMMUNITY PAYS SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN WITH "THE MURPH CHALLENGE"

An intense fitness challenge gave people more than just strength and endurance training. The mentally and physically challenging workout was a time for people to honor those lost lives in the protection of freedom. Benelux community members gathered in the Chièvres Fitness Center at Chièvres Air Base, Belgium, June 2 and dedicated their afternoon to completing the Murph Challenge. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



CITY OF MONS TO HOST DOUDOU JUNE 12-23

From June 12 to 23, more than 250,000 people will participate in the Doudou, a popular event that happens annually in Mons, Belgium. Mons' Doudou, also called the Ducasse, was recognized by UNESCO in 2005 as a "Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity." [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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