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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRI-BORDER COMMUNITY AND BRUSSELS COMMUNITY FACEBOOK PAGES CLOSING JUNE 1

On June 1, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux will shut down the Tri-Border Community and Brussels Community Facebook pages. All community updates will be posted on the [U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Facebook](#) page. If you have not already, please make sure to like the USAG Benelux page to see the latest happenings in our community.

THE MURPH CHALLENGE SCHEDULED JUNE 2 AT THE CHIÈVRES FITNESS CENTER

The Murph Workout of the Day memorializes U.S. Navy SEAL Michael Murphy, who was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for actions in Afghanistan. A [special event](#) will be held **Sunday, June 2** starting at 1:30 p.m. at the Chièvres Fitness Center. All participants must register in advance. **Sign-ups will be held May 28 and 30 from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the SHAPE Rendez-Vous Cafe.**

HOST NATIONS TO OBSERVE ASCENSION DAY ON MAY 30

Belgium, Germany and The Netherlands will observe Ascension Day on May 30. During this day, many offices and services will be closed or have limited hours of operation. At U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, the following offices announced closures for the holiday:

- **Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base U.S. Medical Clinic:** Closed May 30
- **Installation Access Control System (IACS) and Provost Marshal Office in Schinnen:** Closed May 30-31
- **JFC Brunssum Library:** Closed May 30
- **Housing Services Office in Brussels:** Closed May 30-31
- **SHAPE Healthcare Facility:** Acute Care Clinic from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on May 30
- **Logistics Readiness Center (LRC):** Central Issue Facility (CIF) at Chièvres Air Base will be open. Other services across the Benelux will be closed. For emergencies, call +32(0)495.405.420.

For services not listed above, please call them in advance to verify hours.

U.S. HOUSING TOWN HALL TO BE HELD JUNE 5 AT SHAPE

To understand residents' concerns, we are hosting a [Garrison Town Hall](#) on Wednesday, June 5, starting at 10 a.m. at the SHAPE Community Chapel to discuss U.S. Army-leased housing. We encourage all residents in U.S. Army-leased housing, specifically barracks housing and homes assigned to military families, to attend this event. For those who cannot attend the event in person, the town hall will be livestreamed on the [AFN Benelux Facebook](#) page.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CEREMONY TO BE HELD JUNE 6 IN SCHINNEN

U.S. Army Garrison volunteers will be honored June 6 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. during the annual [Volunteer Recognition Ceremony](#) held in Schinnen, The Netherlands. Volunteers spend time serving the community in events such as child and youth events, family readiness groups and community recreations events.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Sgt. 1st Class Reginald Ross leads a joint color guard composed of Sgt. John Oh (U.S. Army Garrison Benelux), Sgt. Christian Hicks (39th Strategic Signal Battalion), Senior Airman Christopher Rodwick, and Airman 1st Class Halie Rauth (424 Air Base Squadron) at the Memorial Day ceremony in Flanders Field, Belgium on May 26, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Julie Piron)



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NEWS

CITY OF BASTOGNE TO OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY ON JUNE 1

On June 1, the city of Bastogne will observe Memorial Day. At 3:30 p.m., a service will be held at Mardasson in the presence of the Belgian and American authorities. This patriotic event is dedicated to honoring the memory of all those who gave their lives to preserve freedom and liberty around the world. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



GEN MCCONVILLE CONFIRMED AS NEXT CHIEF OF STAFF, 'PEOPLE' TO BE HIS TOP PRIORITY

The top priority for the next Army chief of staff will be people, whom Gen. James C. McConville says are the Army's greatest strength. On May 23, senators agreed and confirmed McConville to be the Army's top officer, a position he said will allow him to ensure the service remains the most lethal and decisive land force in the world. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

SOIGNIES HONORS ITS FOUNDER

Whit Monday is the "big day" for Soignies, highlighted by the "Tour Saint-Vincent" and its historical procession. The age-old Tour Saint-Vincent dates back to 1262. The historical procession has displayed living scenes honoring St. Vincent Madelgaire since 1921. Saint-Vincent is considered the founder of Soignies and was also the husband of Waudru of Mons. Madelgaire entered into religious. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



D-DAY 75: HONORING THE PAST - SECURING THE FUTURE

Nearly one-thousand U.S. service members stationed in Europe, and from U.S. based units with historical links to D-Day, will join contingents from more than five nations to recognize and honor the men and women of the "Greatest Generation" by performing music, marching in parades and honoring the colors of allied nations during the commemorative period of June 1-9 in the region of Normandy, France.. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

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. The survey results provide valuable insight to senior leaders on the strengths of the civilian workforce, as well as gauging areas for improvement and current challenges. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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