

APRIL 19, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHAPE AND HOST NATION HOLIDAYS TO BE OBSERVED APRIL 19 AND 22

Good Friday will be observed April 19, and Easter Monday will be observed April 22. During these days, services provided by SHAPE and NATO may be closed or have limited hours. Please know that stores and businesses may be impacted as local communities will observe both holidays. The SHAPE/Chièvres Air Base shuttle bus will not have service April 19 to 22. **The Central Issue Facility (CIF) at Chièvres Air Base will be open April 19.** When in doubt, contact the organization regarding hours of operation.

RELIGIOUS SUPPORT SERVICES TO BE HELD IN APRIL

The Benelux Religious Support Office will host services in observance of Good Friday and Easter. Visit the [Religious Support Office](#) page for the full schedule.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GARRISON FULL-SCALE EXERCISE IN MAY

USAG Benelux will conduct a Full-Scale Exercise **May 17 and 18** on Chièvres Air Base. We are looking for volunteers, age 18 and over, to serve as role players and controllers for the exercise for approximately five to six hours on **May 17**. Please email usarmy.benelux.id-europe.mbx.dptms@mail.mil.

SCHINNEN EXCHANGE GAS STATION TO CLOSE APRIL 19

The Schinnen Exchange Gas Station will close April 19. Patrons can still get fuel on the economy with their FORAX card at ESSO stations in The Netherlands. More information on the program is on [The Exchange](#) website. For updates on the Schinnen Troop Store and other Exchange services, follow their [Facebook](#) page.

GOT YOUR BACK TRAINING TO BE HELD APRIL 23-24

On April 23 and 24, there will be GOT YOUR BACK training. The training addresses how sexualized language, and a tolerance for coercive cultural norms contribute to an environment that allows perpetrators to offend against both female and male victims, and avoid accountability. Training will be held:

- April 23 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the SHAPE Bldg. 102 Auditorium
- April 23 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Chièvres Air Base Bldg. 5 (Garrison Headquarters) Auditorium
- April 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Brussels Conference Room
- April 24 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the JFC Brunssum East Chapel

This training counts as annual SHARP/SAPR training. For more questions, please call DSN 314-423-2473 or +32(0)65-44-2473.

HOURS OF OPERATION CHANGE FOR BRUSSELS AAFES (PX) SHOPPETTE

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the [Brussels AAFES \(PX\) Shoppette](#) will not be open on Sundays until further notice. The shoppette will be open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. We apologize for the inconvenience.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community had the special privilege to host Paul Sobol, a survivor of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp, as he shared his story during our Holocaust Remembrance Day observance April 12, 2019, at SHAPE, Belgium. The event, hosted by the garrison and 39th Strategic Signal Battalion, presented a memorable opportunity for community members to learn about the Holocaust through the words of someone who lived it. Read our full story on Sobol in the upcoming issue in May. (U.S. Army photo by Pierre-Etienne Courtejoie)

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HONORING THE ROYAL FLUSH VICTIMS IN FOULENG, 75 YEARS LATER

Seventy five years ago, on April 13, 1944, a B-17 flying fortress, called the “Royal Flush,” was coming back from a successful raid over the ball bearing industries in Schweinfurt, Germany when it was hit by the German flak based in Chièvres, Belgium. The plane crashed in a nearby field in Fouleng, Belgium, killing six out of the 10 crew members. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



SACEUR HOSTS COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE AT SHAPE

Supreme Allied Commander Europe General Curtis M. Scaparrotti hosted a Commander’s Conference at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe from April 11 to 12. The leaders discussed NATO priorities, the adaptation and readiness of the Alliance, and the focus for the future as General Scaparrotti prepares to turnover command in May. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

THE BELLS ARE COMING TO TOWN: EASTER TRADITIONS IN BELGIUM

According to an old legend in Belgium, France and The Netherlands, the church bells disappeared on the Thursday before Easter and flew to Rome to be blessed by the Pope. While there, they picked up chocolate eggs that they could drop in the children’s garden on their way back to the country. The origins of this legend dates back to the 7th century. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



ARMY LAUNCHES HOUSING HEALTH REGISTRY TO ADDRESS HOUSING HEALTH OR SAFETY CONCERNS

The U.S. Army Medical Command is establishing a Housing Environmental Health Response Registry to address housing health or safety concerns of current or former Army housing residents. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

EARTH DAY: ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ENHANCES READINESS AND MODERNIZATION

April 22 is Earth Day in the U.S. First observed in 1970, the U.S. Army is highlighting its environmental stewardship achievements through its proactive measures to maintain, restore and enhance environmental resources year-round. At U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, environmental stewardship is important since the garrison is uniquely situated with three main locations and Army Pre-positioned Stocks sites in Belgium, The Netherlands and Germany. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



KINDER SURPRISE EGGS STILL BANNED IN U.S.

People who are thinking of sending chocolate eggs stateside this Easter should be aware of the U.S. Customs regulation banning Kinder Surprise eggs from import to the U.S. “U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents will remove Kinder Surprise chocolate eggs from your baggage or any package mailed stateside,” said Tim Sellman of the U.S. European Command Customs Executive Agency. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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