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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### STAY VIGILANT DURING SPRING BREAK

As spring break approaches, it is important to remember that many events such as festivals, concerts and markets will occur throughout the European theater. Read the full vigilance message [here](#).

### NEW U.S. OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR SHAPE/CHIÈVRES

U.S. official passports will be handled by the U.S. Army Post Office at SHAPE and Caserne Daumerie (Chièvres). Patrons will need to submit an appointment request form to the post office staff. The forms are located on the [Passport Services](#) website. For questions, please call DSN 366-6309 or +32(0)65-32-6309.

### NEW HOURS OF OPERATIONS FOR BRUSSELS CAC/ID CARD OFFICE BEGIN APRIL 8

The Brussels CAC/ID Card Office will be closed every Monday and Tuesday until further notice. For full CAC services on closure days, call the ID Card Section at SHAPE at DSN 314-366-6292/6291 or +32(0)65-32-6292/6291 or Schinnen at DSN 606-244-3848 or +31(0)45-526-3848.

### DIESEL NO LONGER AVAILABLE AT THE SCHINNEN EXCHANGE GAS STATION

As of April 3, diesel fuel is no longer available at the Schinnen Exchange Gas Station. Euro 95 and 98 are still available. The gas station is scheduled to close by the end of the April as the Schinnen site is relocating to Brunssum. The gas station is, however, not relocating to Brunssum. 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.

### VA-ACCREDITED SERVICE OFFICER TO BE ON SHAPE APRIL 10

A Department of Veterans Affairs accredited service officer will be conducting office hours at the SHAPE Army Community Service (Bldg. 318) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you require assistance or more information, contact the service officer at [serviceofficer.arc.be@gmail.com](mailto:serviceofficer.arc.be@gmail.com).

### DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE EVENT TO BE HELD APRIL 12 AT SHAPE

Community members are welcomed to attend the Day of Remembrance/Holocaust Remembrance Day observance April 12 at SHAPE East Chapel starting at 1:30 p.m. The featured guest speaker is Mr. Paul Sobol, Auschwitz Concentration Camp survivor.

### BENELUX TAX CENTERS ARE OPEN FOR THE SEASON

U.S. Army Europe tax centers re-prioritized services in 2019 and focused assistance on those that generally make less than \$54,000 per year, in accordance with Army regulations and IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance guidelines. More information is located [here](#).



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community kicked off Month of the Military Child with a [Colorful Rush](#) event March 29, 2019, at SHAPE, Belgium. The event, hosted by Child and Youth Services, was a time for military families to enjoy a sunny afternoon while getting covered in color powder. The community will continue to celebrate military children throughout April. Visit [Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's website](#) to see the latest events and programs. (U.S. Army photo by Cassandra Spohn)

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**COMMUNITY HONORS VIETNAM WAR VETERANS**

In observance of National Vietnam War Veterans Day, the Benelux community hosted a special observance March 29 at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Mall on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium. Paying homage and tribute to the veterans is one of the objectives of the observance which will held each year on March 29. The date signifies the anniversary of the withdrawal of combat and support units from South Vietnam in 1973.

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**INTERNET DELIVERS FACTS FOR CAR SHIPPERS**

U.S. personnel overseas can find facts about shipping vehicles to the United States on the internet. [PCS My POV](#) offers information on vehicles shipping from overseas assignments. The [U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection](#) offers tips on converting foreign vehicles to U.S. emission and safety standards, washing requirements to prevent spreading bugs and diseases stateside and tells you how to import a vehicle without paying duty. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

**COMMUNITY LEADERS SPEAK ABOUT OVERCOMING ADVERSITY DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

In observance of Women’s History Month, Benelux community leaders participated in a special panel discussion March 27 at SHAPE, Belgium. Aligned with the observance’s theme “Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence,” military and civilian leaders spoke about how they overcame adversity. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMAND EUROPE OFFERS GUIDANCE ON HOW TO STAY TICK-FREE THIS YEAR**

As people spend more time outdoors, so do many insects and pests. Among those are ticks, which can carry several potentially serious diseases. One of the most common is Lyme disease. According to Public Health Command Europe officials, a person with Lyme disease may develop fever, headache, fatigue and a skin rash. This rash is sometimes referred to as a “bull’s-eye” rash because it is red and circular in appearance. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

**BE AN ACTIVE BYSTANDER IN PREVENTING SEXUAL ASSAULT**

As long as there have been people who care about making the world a better place, there have been individuals advocating for sexual assault prevention. The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community is dedicated to supporting survivors of sexual assault every day of the year. In April, the community further highlights the issue by observing Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



**NATO ENGAGES: THE ALLIANCE AT 70**

On the eve of the meeting of NATO Foreign Ministers in Washington D.C., a “NATO Engages” conference took place April 30 to discuss “the Alliance at 70”. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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