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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARNAVAL TO BE CELEBRATED IN THE SCHINNEN AREA MARCH 3-5

This year, Carnaval will be celebrated March 3 to 5. Shops in Limburg and parts of Germany will close while pubs and bars will stay open until at least 3 a.m. The streets will overflow with Carnaval revelers and parades. If you are held up by a parade, do not try to cut through the revelry. Be careful and remain vigilant when in a large crowd. The parade in Schinnen will be held **March 4** between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and will delay access to the base during that time.

CROSSAGE IN CHIÈVRES TO BE HELD MARCH 6, CAB GATE 14 CLOSED NOON TO 6 P.M.

The golf-like sport of Crossage takes places **March 6** starting at noon in Chièvres and surrounding villages. During the day, some streets will be closed. If you are driving in the nearby area, please use an alternative route and watch for pedestrians. **Chièvres Air Base Gate 14 (The Main Gate) will be closed from noon to 6 p.m. that day.** During those hours, please use Gate 1 (near the PX/Commissary) to access the base. See more information [here](#).

ARMY CAC HOLDERS NEED TO ACTIVATE PIV AUTHENTICATION BY MARCH 31

Army Common Access Card (CAC) holders have until **March 31, 2019**, to activate their Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Authentication certificate to ensure uninterrupted access to military networks and data. Personnel should use Internet Explorer when updating their security certificates at this [website](#).

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](#). Free filing options are still available to service members and families through websites such as [Military OneSource](#) and the [IRS](#).

COMMUNITY LEADERS INFORMATION FORUM (CLIF) SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 3

The next Community Leaders Information Forum (CLIF) will be held Wednesday, **April 3**. Got information for the community? Send an email to usarmy.benelux.id-europe.mbx.dptms@mail.mil.

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**. Volunteers play a critical role in the exercises by adding a sense of realism playing roles such as controllers, victims, witnesses and at times even get dressed up with Moulage. If interested, please email usarmy.benelux.id-europe.mbx.dptms@mail.mil.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

The parking lot at Chièvres Air Base Bldg. 5 was cleaned and marked for painting Feb. 28, 2019, at Chièvres Air Base, Belgium. Offices from Caserne Daumerie are currently moving to Chièvres Air Base as a part of U.S. Army Installation Management Command's European Infrastructure Consolidation. (U.S. Army photo by Christophe Morel)



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NEWS

ARE YOU READY FOR CROSSAGE?

In Chièvres, Crossage is a must-see event. This year, it will take place March 6 starting at noon in the heart of the city. If you don't know yet this local tradition, here are five important things to know about Crossage.

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ARMY FY20 BUDGET PROPOSAL REALIGNS \$30 BILLION

The Army is slated to release its fiscal year 2020 budget request on March 12, which will include the realignment of nearly \$30 billion over the next five years to improve readiness and better support the Army's six modernization priorities. "We've been very consistent about where we're trying to take the Army ... by 2028," said Under Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy. "We are trying to enable the National Defense Strategy, and we have taken some pretty dramatic steps to get there." [\[READ MORE\]](#)

CARNIVAL CELEBRATIONS IN EUROPE

The Carnival season has started. In Europe, Carnival is celebrated especially in countries with a Catholic presence sharing similar traditions and customs, such as carnival wagons, masks, jokes and cheerfulness. The festivities often take place in public parades where playful and imaginative elements come alive. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



OPINION: CIVILIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM IGNITES LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL AMONG CIVILIAN CORPS

If a tree falls in the forest, and no one is there to hear it, does it make any noise? If professional leadership and leader development training is not required, has no cost to an organization and an Army Civilian Corps professional attends, does it have any value? The first question is often discussed in introductory philosophy classes, and while a great discussion point, can be answered, beyond reasonable doubt, scientifically. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

PARTNERSHIP BRINGS MORE SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES IN BRUSSELS

A unique partnership in Brussels united an international community with more recreational activities and events. Brussels American School and U.S. Army Garrison Benelux in Brussels worked together to host more opportunities for adult recreational sports in the area. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



CAREER SUMMITS IN EUROPE TO CONNECT SOLDIERS, SPOUSES WITH EMPLOYERS

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Hiring Our Heroes program will sponsor three career summits in Europe during March and April. The first one will be held at U.S. Army Garrison Italy, March 28-29, and the others at USAG Bavaria, April 1-2, and USAG Rheinland-Pfalz, April 3-4. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



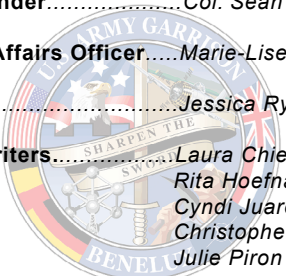
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