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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATE U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY IN THE BENELUX

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux will host U.S. Independence Day Celebrations June 28 at SHAPE and Brussels and July 4 at Schinnen. Come out and celebrate with us!

CHIÈVRES COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER AND FITNESS CENTER CLOSED JUNE 28

In support of the 2019 Independence Day Celebration on SHAPE on June 28, the Chièvres Community Activity Center (CAC) and the Fitness Center will be closed. 24/7 fitness remains available to registered U.S. ID card holders, their dependents age 18+ and retirees. If you would like to register your ID card, please visit the Chièvres Fitness Center during normal operating hours

BRUSSELS MAIN GATE 1 CLOSED JUNE 29

On June 29, Brussels Main Gate 1 will be closed and will reopen on June 30. Gate 2 will be used as the entry and exit point during this period.

BRUSSELS AUTO SKILLS CENTER SCHEDULED TO CLOSE JULY 1

Based on a thorough analysis of our customer usage over recent years, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation concluded that terminating services at the Brussels Auto Skills Center best fits the future demands of our Benelux customers. The Chièvres Auto Skills Center will continue to be available to serve your automotive needs. We encourage our Brussels community members to utilize the same great features at our Chièvres location. For additional information about your automobile needs, please contact the Chièvres Auto Skills Center at DSN 314.361.5796 or +32(0)68.27.5796. The Chièvres Auto Skills Center will also have new operating hours starting July 1. Visit their website for more details.

LIMITED SERVICES IN SCHINNEN HOUSING OFFICE ON JULY 4 AND 11

The USAG Benelux Schinnen Housing Office will provide limited service on July 4 and 11.

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.

FOLLOW OUR TRAVEL TUESDAY CAMPAIGN ON FACEBOOK

We know our community members are travelling around the Benelux region, especially during summer. Each Tuesday, this summer, we will highlight our favorite destinations. Do you have a favorite travel destination in the Benelux? Tell us on USAG Benelux Facebook in the comments section of our #TravelTuesday posts.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Josh Barrett, manager of Andrews Federal Credit Union, Army Spc. Belinda Blankenship, military policeman, and Mass Communication Specialist Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher Snider, assigned to AFN Benelux, answer questions from the audience during the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month Celebration June 27, 2019, on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium. (U.S. Army photo by Christophe Morel)



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 **NEWS**

**424TH AIR BASE SQUADRON WELCOMES NEW COMMANDER**

Air Force Lt. Col. Steven A. Schnoebelen assumed command of the 424th Air Base Squadron during a Change of Command ceremony on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium on June 21. He replaced Air Force Lt. Col. Craig D. Lindstrom. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

**CSM CAROLYN TURELL ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY OF 39TH STRATEGIC SIGNAL BATTALION**

Army Command Sgt. Maj. Carolyn Turell assumed responsibility of the 39th Strategic Signal Battalion after receiving the unit colors during a ceremony, June 25, on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium. Turell replaced Army Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy McGuire who took responsibility in July 2017. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



**EIGHT COUNTRIES TO COMPETE IN WOMEN'S WORLD CUP IN FRANCE**

Twenty four women's national teams are competing to win the eighth edition of the FIFA World Cup, a worldwide soccer event that occurs every four years. This year's competition is held throughout France in June and July. There are just eight countries left to compete: U.S., The Netherlands, Germany, Norway, England, France, Italy and Sweden. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

**TOUR DE FRANCE COMES TO BELGIUM JULY 6-8**

This year, for its 106th edition, the Tour de France will be in Belgium July 6 to 8. The "Grand Départ" (the "Start of the Tour") will be held July 6 in Brussels, 50 years after famed Belgian bicycle racer Eddy Merckx's first victory. Since World War II, 55 cities hosted the "Grand Départ" in the Tour de France. After the first two stages in Brussels, the city of Binche will host the third stage on July 8 for the very first time. The city predicts that 20,000 spectators will be in the city during the day. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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



**HOW TO PREPARE FOR, RESPOND TO EXTREME HEAT**

In the summer of 2003, Europe experienced temperatures 20 to 30 percent higher than the seasonal average. Extreme maximum temperatures of 95 to 104 degrees Fahrenheit (35 to 40 degrees Celsius) were recorded in July and continued into August. This extreme weather was the cause of an anti-cyclone that had firmly anchored itself over the western European land mass, resulting in the impediment of life-giving, rain-bearing depressions that usually enter the continent from the Atlantic Ocean. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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