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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **BELGIUM TO OBSERVE ITS NATIONAL DAY ON JULY 21, SOME SERVICES CLOSED ON JULY 22**

On July 21, Belgium will celebrate its national day with special commemorations across the country. On Monday, July 22, SHAPE will observe the public holiday. Some offices and services will be closed or have reduced hours of operations. When in doubt, please contact the office to confirm hours of operation.

The **Logistics Readiness Center (LRC)** reported the following closures on July 22:

- **Chièvres Air Base:** Supply Support Activity, HAZMAT, Procurement, Transportation Motor Pool, Maintenance and Shuttle Service will be closed. The Central Issue Facility and Property Book Office will be open.
- **SHAPE:** All services are closed. Please call the emergency phone number for assistance.
- **Brussels:** All services are closed. Please call the emergency phone number for assistance.

For emergencies, please call +32(0)495.405.420.

### **ID CARD OFFICE CLOSURES AT JFC BRUNSSUM AND BRUSSELS IN JULY**

**From July 19 to 30**, the USAG Benelux Central Processing Facility (CPF) and ID card office in JFC Brunssum will be closed due to unforeseen circumstances.

**From July 22 to 26**, the Brussels CAC/ID Card office will be closed due to low manning. Issuance and other related CAC and U.S. ID cards will still be possible during this period by making an appointment at one of the following ID card offices:

- **SHAPE ID Card Office:** SHAPE Bldg. 253  
Phone: DSN 314.366.6292/6291 or +32(0)65.32.6292/6291
- **Geilenkirchen CAC/ID Card Office:** Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, Bldg. 88  
Phone: DSN 314.458.6070 or +49(0)2451.63.7234
- **Brussels CAC/ID Card Office:** Brussels Bldg. 4, Room 311 (After July 26)  
Phone: DSN 314.368.9847 or +32(0)2.717.9847

### **GARRISON TO MIGRATE TO ALERT! MASS WARNING NOTIFICATION SYSTEM; UPDATE YOUR ATHOC PROFILE**

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux will migrate to the Army-owned Alert! Enterprise Mass Warning Notification System in late July. Take the time now to update your contact information in AtHoc so that it is successfully migrated to ALERT! Go to the self-service portal to update your information. You will need a CAC and card reader when accessing the [website](#) or click on the **Purple Globe** on your desktop computer. For questions, please call DSN 314.368.9644 or +32(0)2.717.9644.

### **VIEW OUR WORLD WAR II COMMEMORATION PHOTOS**

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux service members and host nation partners commemorated those who made the ultimate sacrifice in World War II. Check out our photo album of observances throughout our footprint from January to June 2019 [here](#).



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Army Maj. Gen. Andrew M. Rohling (left), deputy commanding general for U.S. Army Europe, visited NATO, SHAPE and Chièvres Air Base, Belgium, July 12, 2019. During his visit, he went inside the air traffic control tower and spoke to 424th Air Base Squadron leaders, including Air Force Maj. Timothy O'Rourke (right), director of operations, to discuss the airfield. Rohling also met with garrison leaders during the tour. (U.S. Army photo by Julie Piron)



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## NEWS

### CELEBRATING BELGIUM'S NATIONAL DAY

On July 21, Belgium celebrates an important day in its history. Belgian National Day commemorates an event that occurred July 21, 1831. Leopold of Saxe-Cobourg swore allegiance to the new Belgian Constitution and became the first King of the Belgians. July 21 is a day of national pride for Belgians who celebrate this public holiday with concerts, parties, fireworks and other festive events. Because the holiday occurs on a Sunday, SHAPE will observe the holiday on the following Monday on July 22. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



### VA EMPLOYMENT COURSE STARTS IN OCTOBER

For military members separating or retiring from overseas, the search for that first job as a civilian can be a challenge. To assist in Europe, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is offering a career-skills training opportunity to help transitioning troops potentially become VA employees through the Warrior Transition Advancement Course, or WARTAC, which is being held **Oct. 9 to Dec. 19 at the IMCOM-Europe Workforce Development Center on Sembach Kaserne**. Must establish a [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) profile and apply using the WARTAC-specific USAJobs link provided by VA no later than Aug. 16. The application site will be open Aug. 12-16. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

### 10 PLACES TO COOL DOWN IN THE BENELUX

With warm temperatures and plenty of sunny days, summer in the Benelux is the perfect time to enjoy the outdoors. In the local area, there are many swimming pools, lakes and water parks for people to relax and cool down. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



### MILLEY TALKS MODERNIZATION AT CONFIRMATION HEARING

The effects of delayed defense budgets, the dearth of confirmed civilian leadership in the Pentagon, modernization, Afghanistan, and great power competition were all topics the president's nominee to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff faced from the Senate Armed Services Committee at his confirmation hearing. If confirmed, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley would be the 20th military officer to fill the role, succeeding Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford, whose term expires Sept. 30. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

### ARMY GARRISONS IN EUROPE MIGRATING TO NEW MASS WARNING SYSTEM

U.S. Army installations across Europe will soon migrate to a new emergency messaging system beginning this summer. Alert! Mass Warning Notification System, or MWNS, will replace the current AtHoc system. The migration will affect all U.S. Army personnel stationed at or on assignment in Europe. U.S. Army Garrison Benelux is scheduled to migrate to Alert! from **July 29 to August 2**. Current AtHoc user accounts will automatically be migrated to the Alert! system, so there's no need to register. Personnel not covered by the AtHoc system will be afforded the opportunity to register for the Alert! after the migration is complete. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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