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ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST IS ANTITERRORISM AWARENESS MONTH

August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month. While living in the Benelux provides many opportunities to travel around Europe, people should understand that antiterrorism efforts should happen beyond the local community and workplace. Always maintain vigilance, practice good personal security habits and alert the proper authorities of suspicious behavior.

COMMUNITY LEADERS INFORMATION FORUM (CLIF) TO BE HELD AUG. 14 ON SHAPE

The Community Leaders Information Forum (CLIF) is held monthly and is hosted by USAG Benelux's command team. **The next CLIF will be held Wednesday, Aug. 14 at the SHAPE Community Chapel starting at 10 a.m.** Got information for the community? Email usarmy.benelux.id-europe.mbx.dptms@mail.mil.

BELGIUM TO OBSERVE ASSUMPTION DAY ON AUG. 15

Belgium will observe the national holiday on Thursday, Aug. 15. Please remember that some SHAPE and NATO services will be closed or have reduced operating hours.

SEE THE U.S. ARMY EUROPE BAND IN DÜLMEN ON AUG. 17

Don't miss a special, FREE performance of the U.S. Army Europe's Rhine River Ramblers Dixieland Band in the city square of Dülmen, Germany starting at **11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17**. Stay tuned for more updates on our Facebook page.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY TO HOST A TOWN HALL ON AUG. 22

Join us at the 3 Star Recreation Center on **Thursday, Aug. 22, for a community town hall starting at 5:30 p.m.** Community leaders will discuss upcoming events, ways to get involved, and updates on the construction efforts at the Brussels American School on Sterrebeek Annex. If you cannot attend the event in person, AFN Benelux will host a livestream on their [Facebook](#). Got an issue or topic to share with the community? Email usarmy.brussels.id-europe.mbx.dptms@mail.mil.

GARRISON TO OBSERVE WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY ON AUG. 26

The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Equal Opportunity Office and 650th Military Intelligence Group present a special celebration in honor of Women's Equality Day on **Monday, Aug. 26 at the SHAPE PAO Auditorium Bldg. 101 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** For reasonable accommodation requests, please contact the USAG Benelux EEO/EO at DSN 314.597.5770 or +32(0)68.25.5770.

SIGN UP FOR A BOOTH AT THE AMERICAN FESTIVAL IN CHIÈVRES ON SEPT. 6-8

The city of Chièvres and U.S. Army Garrison Benelux are co-organizing the American Festival on **Sept. 6 to 8**. The organizers are looking for American vendors who sell food, drinks, clothes, accessories or other products. Interested in setting up a booth? Contact the Public Affairs Office by calling +32(0)68.25.5423 or sending an email to usarmy.benelux.id-europe.mbx.communication@mail.mil.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

A U.S. Air Force C-130J Super Hercules of the 37th Airlift Squadron taxis on Landing Zone Charlie on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium, July 30, 2019. U.S. Airmen, assigned to the 1st Combat Communications Squadron, 435th Air Ground Operational Wing, trained with the 424th Air Base Squadron, by setting up a field air traffic control point and a tactical air navigation system. (U.S. Army photo by Pierre-Etienne Courtejoie)



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NEWS

BENELUX RELIGIOUS SUPPORT PERSONNEL HONOR WWII CHAPLAINS

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux chaplains and religious affairs specialists braved the record-breaking heat to remember and honor those who served before them by visiting World War II sites in Belgium on July 25. The visit was a time for Religious Support Office, or RSO, Soldiers to learn about the chaplains and chaplain assistants' roles in the war and visit the graves of three chaplains buried in Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



DEADLINE NEARS TO REGISTER FOR VA EMPLOYMENT TRAINING COURSE

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-Dec. 19 at the IMCOM-Europe Workforce Development Center on Sembach Kaserne. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

5 REASONS TO ATTEND THE BENELUX WELCOME EVENTS

As newcomers arrive to U.S. Army Garrison Benelux this summer, they will get an opportunity to explore different community organizations and services. Welcome events will be held Aug. 10 (Chièvres/SHAPE), Aug. 17 (Schinnen/JFC Brunssum) and Aug. 30 (Brussels). Each welcome event is a time for representatives from garrison activities and facilities, community programs, Family Readiness Groups, private organizations and clubs to gather in one spot. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



HAVE A GOOD IDEA FOR THE ARMY? HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHINE

Think you have a great idea that will revolutionize Army readiness and resilience? The Army wants to boost your chance at making it happen. Starting in June, the Army implemented a formal process to capture and evaluate grassroots, personal readiness and resilience initiatives, before considering the idea for potential Army-wide use. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

WILDLIFE PARKS AND AQUARIUMS IN BELGIUM

Summer is here! It is a time bursting with possibilities around Belgium, especially for animal and nature lovers. Here is a list of the 10 wildlife parks and aquariums you do not want miss in Belgium. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



PROGRAM OFFERS PROACTIVE MEASURES TO ASSESS HEALTH OF SOLDIERS, ARMY CIVILIANS

Few things are more difficult or traumatic for Soldiers than an operational deployment overseas. Even civilians who work for the Department of the Army are sometimes called to deploy to these operations. Problems that can emerge days or even months after a Soldier or civilian returns home include traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress, depression, suicide, substance abuse, chemical exposure, and long-term injuries. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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