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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.

POSSIBLE TRAFFIC DISRUPTIONS DURING BRUSSELS SUMMER FESTIVAL

The 18th edition of the Brussels Summer Festival began Wednesday and will last until Sunday. The Place des Palais, in front of the Royal Palace, will be closed-off for traffic during the event together with major parts of the Mont des Arts area. For more information, visit [here](#).

COMMISSARY SIDEWALK SALE SCHEDULED AUG. 16 AND 17

A Commissary Sidewalk Sale is scheduled at the Schinnen Commissary Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you need additional information please contact the Schinnen Commissary at +31 (0)46.443.7441.

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.**

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 314.597.5770/5772 or +32(0)68.25.5770/5772.

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

Newcomers got an opportunity to explore different community organizations and services during the Welcome Expo Aug. 10, 2019, at SHAPE, Belgium. There will be two other events: Aug. 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in [Schinnen](#), and Aug. 30 from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in [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. (U.S. Army photo by Marie-Lise Baneton)

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 **NEWS**

THESE SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS TARGET THE MILITARY

Nowadays, you have to be cautious of everything you do online. Scammers are always trying to get money, goods or services out of unsuspecting people – and military members are often targets. Here are some scams that have recently been affecting service members, Defense Department employees and their families. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



BENELUX COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY ON AUG. 26

August 26 is designated in the U.S. as Women's Equality Day. Instituted by U.S. Rep. Bella Abzug and first established in 1971, the date commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, the Woman Suffrage Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave U.S. women full voting rights in 1920. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

GIANTS RETURN TO CITY OF ATH ON AUG. 23 TO 26

From Aug. 23 to 26, thousands of visitors gather in Ath to celebrate the famous Ducasse, which holds the distinction of being a UNESCO Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. Goliath of Gath from the Bible and Gallic War hero Ambiorix of the Belgae come to life in Ath on the fourth weekend of August each year. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



FIRST SGT. JAIME E. NEGRÓN ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY OF BENELUX HHC

Army 1st Sgt. Jaime E. Negrón took responsibility as the first sergeant of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, Aug. 7 during a ceremony in Brussels. Army 1st Sgt. Natalee C. Simms, who assumed responsibility of HHC on Feb. 5, 2018, reminisced about her time in HHC and thanked Soldiers from the company as well as mission partners for their support. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



DOD LAUNCHES NEW PROGRAM TO CATCH REPEAT SEXUAL ASSAULT OFFENDERS

The Department of Defense now has a new investigative tool to help identify perpetrators of sexual assault. The new Catch a Serial Offender--or "CATCH"--Program, fully operational as of August 5, 2019, is run by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service for all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and the National Guard. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

MONS TO COMMEMORATE THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS LIBERATION

2019 is a very special year for Belgium and for Mons in particular. In September 1944, American troops entered Belgian territory. Mons was one of the first cities in Belgium to be liberated. Seventy five years later, Mons will commemorate its liberation and the heroic actions made by the 83rd Reconnaissance Battalion of the 3rd U.S. Armored Division "Spearhead" who liberated the city's population after years of occupation. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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