

AUGUST 30, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY TO HOST WELCOME EXPO ON AUG. 30

Join us at the 3 Star Recreation Center on Friday, Aug. 30, for the [Brussels Welcome Expo](#) starting at 5:30 p.m.

U.S. ARMY GARRISON BENELUX TO OBSERVE U.S. LABOR DAY ON SEPT. 2

The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community will observe U.S. Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 2. Some U.S. offices will be closed or have reduced hours of operation in observance of the holiday. **Gate 1 at Chièvres Air Base will be closed.** When in doubt, please contact the office to verify hours of operation.

SHAPE-CHIÈVRES AIR BASE SHUTTLE TO FOLLOW NEW SCHEDULE STARTING SEPT. 2

Starting Sept. 2, the shuttle with service to SHAPE and Chièvres Air Base will follow a new schedule. The shuttle will no longer provide service to Caserne Daumerie. Please remember that the shuttle service is available Monday to Friday. Service is not provided on weekends and Belgian/SHAPE holidays. If you have not received the schedule, please contact the Transportation Motor Pool at +32(0)65.32.6332 or +32(0)68.27.6342.

SCHINNEN MWR PIN POINT CAFÉ WILL BE CLOSED SEPT. 2

The Schinnen Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's [Pin Point Café](#) will be closed Sept. 2, for mandatory maintenance. The café will re-open Sept. 3 at 9 a.m.

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.

PARTICIPATE IN THE AMERICAN FESTIVAL'S DAUMERIE RUN ON SEPT. 8

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux will host, in partnership with the Tourism Office of Chièvres, a free 5K Fun Run/Walk on Sunday, Sept. 8, starting at 10 a.m. The race starts at Caserne Daumerie. The event is open to runners and walkers of all levels. All ages are welcome, and strollers are permitted. Registration is required. Please email daumerierun@gmail.com to sign-up. If you or your guests are not U.S. or NATO ID cardholders, please request gate access in your registration email.

CENTRAL ISSUE FACILITY ON CHIÈVRES AIR BASE WILL BE APPOINTMENT-ONLY STARTING SEPT. 3

Due to limited staffing at the Central Issue Facility, or CIF, on Chièvres Air Base, customers must make appointments for all services starting Sept. 3 until further notice. Please call DSN 314.361.5365/5187 or +32(0)68.27.5365/5187 to schedule your appointment. Emergencies will be handled on a case-by-case basis.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

On Aug. 28, the Sherman tank, named "In the Mood," was placed on display across from the Esplanade Dolez, opposite the Mons Memorial Museum in Mons, Belgium. After calling Chièvres Air Base home since 2006, it will remain at its new location for the long term to represent the sacrifices made in World War II. The "In the Mood" tank replicates the third of three tanks assigned to the U.S. Army 32nd Armored Regiment, 3rd Armored Division and commanded by Staff Sgt. Lafayette G. Pool. (U.S. Army photo by Christophe Morel)

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 NEWS

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



FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE AMERICAN FESTIVAL IN CHIÈVRES

The city of Chièvres is hosting its annual American Festival on Sept. 6 to 8. The event is an opportunity for the city neighboring Chièvres Air Base to celebrate its partnership with the American community. Throughout the weekend, there will be many events and activities for all ages such as live music, food, games and an American market. Here are five things that you need to know about this year’s American Festival. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

CHIMAY AND RUMES TO COMMEMORATE 75 YEARS OF FREEDOM

In the days leading up to Sept. 2, 1944, Germans, posted in Belgium and across the French border, were getting nervous as the Allied forces were approaching. The Allies liberated northern France and prepared to liberate Belgium. Cendron, Belgium, was one of the first villages to be liberated by American forces who landed on Normandy’s beaches a few months earlier. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



WOMEN’S EQUALITY DAY: RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WOMEN’S CONTRIBUTIONS

August 26 is Women’s Equality Day. U.S. Army Garrison Benelux’s Equal Opportunity Office and the 650th Military Intelligence Group hosted a special celebration Aug. 26 on SHAPE. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE BENELUX CAREER, EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER EXPO

The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Employment, Volunteer and Career Expo returns Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the SHAPE Club in Bldg. 903. The expo will feature organizations that are looking to hire military spouses, veterans, retirees, civilians and transitioning service members. To enhance community readiness, Army Community Service planned an event focused on informing people on opportunities. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



MONS MEMORIAL MUSEUM OFFERS WORLD WAR II VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCE

First, I saw Belgian resistance fighters preparing an ambush against a German convoy. I could see them on the street, and I could hear them talking. I then heard the explosion, and I saw the fire. Around me, there were trees and then flames. Above me, there was the sky. Sometimes, I had the feeling that I could talk to the resistance fighters so I could help them with their mission. A few minutes later, everything was over. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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