

# THE GAZETTE

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## Benelux News Briefs

### Chièvres Trunk-or-Treat

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Trunk-or-Treat is held Oct. 27 at Chièvres Air Base. From Friday morning to Saturday morning, the first three rows of the Commissary parking lot will be blocked off. Those spots will be designated for Chièvres Army Lodge employees and visitors for Trunk-or-Treat. From 1 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., unauthorized vehicles will not have access to the event site. For event information, see page 10 or visit [chievres.armymwr.com](http://chievres.armymwr.com).

### Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time ends in Belgium and the Netherlands Oct. 29 at 3 a.m. Please remember to set your clocks an hour backward Saturday night.

### All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day will be observed Wednesday, Nov. 1. This is a national holiday in Belgium and the Netherlands. Some businesses and organizations, will be closed or have different hours of operation. See page 12 to learn more about the holiday's history and traditions.

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### USAG Benelux welcomes the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade

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# ACS Date Night promotes healthy relationship habits

By Jessica Ryan

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux's Army Community Service hosted a Date Night Oct. 19. at the SHAPE Cinema in Belgium.

The audience was treated to a special screening of "Spiderman: Homecoming," but the event was more than just a fun date night.

"We want to encourage healthy relationship habits like going out to a date night," said Betty McCain, the ACS Family Advocacy Program, or FAP, manager at USAG Benelux.

ACS program facilitators and the SHAPE chaplain were on-site to introduce themselves to attendees as well as inform them about community resources.

In October, the Army observed Domestic Violence Awareness Month and programs like ACS put the issue to the forefront of their communication efforts during the month.

"It's a month to bring attention to a problem that is prevalent throughout all society and in the military as well," said Bill Gault, victim advocate for FAP. "It can be prevented, which the most important message we can put out."

FAP provides services and classes year-round, which increase self-sufficiency, resiliency and community cohesion for active-duty service members, families, civilians and retirees so they do not resort to handling problems in unhealthy and abusive ways.

However, if issues do escalate to that level, FAP staff members are there to help victims. FAP's Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate program, in particular, provides comprehensive support services 24/7 to adult victims of domestic abuse including crisis intervention, safety planning, help obtaining medical treatment for injuries, information on legal rights and proceedings, referral to military and civilian shelters and other resources, according to the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's website.

"If you are a victim of domestic violence, you do not have



Betty McCain (left), family advocacy program manager at Army Community Service, informs Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Danielle Brandt (right) about available programs and services in the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community Oct. 19, 2017, at SHAPE, Belgium. (U.S. Army photo by Jessica Ryan)

to suffer in silence or suffer alone," said Gault. "We can put you in touch with a multitude of resources that are right here on SHAPE. We want to make sure people are aware of them and reach out to receive the help they need. Ultimately, family readiness is mission readiness."

Domestic violence is never okay. If you or someone you know needs help, please call ACS at DSN 366-6824 or +32 (0)6532-6824 (SHAPE/Chièvres), DSN 360-7500 or +31 (0)464-437500 (Schinnen) or DSN 368-9783 or +32 (0)2717-9783 (Brussels).

If you need immediate assistance, please contact the host nation police at 112 or call the military police:

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- Chièvres: DSN 361-5301 or +32(0)68-275301
- Schinnen: DSN 360-7555 or +31(0)46-4437555
- JFC Brunssum International Military Police: DSN 606-244-3200/2616 or +31(0)45-5263200/2616
- SHAPE International Military Police: DSN 423-3333 or +32(0)65-443333

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# In Memoriam: Sgt. Michael S. Yachanin

By USAG Benelux Religious Services Office  
Special to the Gazette

On Oct. 6, the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community suffered a tragic loss after the death of a beloved Soldier.

Army Sgt. Michael S. Yachanin was born on Jan. 15, 1983 in Groton, Connecticut. He enlisted in the Army as a 56M Chaplain Assistant (Religious Affairs Specialist) and graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina in August 2013. Upon graduation he attended the Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson. His military assignments include: 101st Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Brigade Special Troop Battalion, and the 502nd Headquarters and Headquarters Company at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, from October 2013 to October 2016. From 2016 to 2017, he was stationed in the Netherlands assigned to the USAG Benelux as a religious affairs non-commissioned officer.

His deployment to Afghanistan was from February to November 2014.

His awards and decorations include: the Army Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC) the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal and the Air Assault Badge.



*Photos courtesy of the Yachanin family.*

He is survived by his wife Jennifer; parents Edward and Ladessa Yachanin; brother David Yachanin; sisters Andrea Gates and Kara Dimick.

He will be remembered in the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community for his dedication to serving the military as well as his love for playing the bagpipes. The JFC Brunssum community will hold his memorial ceremony Nov. 1 starting at 1 p.m. at the JFC Chapel in USAG Benelux - Schinnen, The Netherlands.

## Brugelette children follow MPs for a day



Army Staff Sgt. Antonio McNutt, a military policeman at U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Directorate of Emergency Services, shows children from Brugelette how to use the equipment in a patrol car during their visit Oct. 21 at Chièvres Air Base, Belgium. Brugelette officials offered children ages eight to 12 the opportunity to job shadow different professionals such as bakers, mechanics and hair stylists in the local community. Military police had the biggest draw, and the children learned about training, equipment and what it means to be both a Soldier and a law enforcement officer. The children left the base stating they would all join the military police as soon as they would come of age. (U.S. Army photo by Marie-Lise Baneton)

# Chièvres Air Base personnel provide support to 1ACB helicopters, troops

By Jessica Ryan

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

Helicopters filled in the sky and landed on the airfield of Chièvres Air Base, Belgium, during an October weekend. The air base became a staging area for the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade's helicopters before they deploy to support Operation Atlantic Resolve and other training and missions across Europe.

The brigade, which is in the 1st Cavalry Division, stationed in Fort Hood, Texas, deployed with 89 aircraft, including Apaches, Chinooks and Black Hawks. The helicopters arrived by ship Oct. 19 at the port of Zeebrugge, Belgium, and were then staged at Chièvres Air Base, which is a part of U.S. Army Garrison Benelux.

It was reported that it took less than 60 hours for the helicopters to go from the port to the air base. It was originally estimated that the process would take 96 hours.

As the helicopters and troops quickly arrived, the base and local community welcomed them.

Army Col. Cain Baker, the commander of the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, credited the operation's success to teamwork among the brigade, 424th Air Base Squadron on CAB and garrison employees.

"The important thing that has occurred here, in the last week, in Belgium, was a tremendous partnership. It has been a total team effort," said Baker. "The amount of support and the welcome we received here is overwhelming. I would like to say thank you to the local community for letting us be there and share this key point, key time in our mission as we go forward."

To support the mission, the 424th Air Base Squadron, which manages the base's airfield, worked on a short notice to prepare for the helicopters' and crews' arrival.

According to Air Force Lt. Col. Craig Lindstrom, the commander of the 424th Air Base Squadron, the airfield was the perfect platform to stage the helicopters and prepare the brigade for rapid movement to their next destination.

"Our airmen, in conjunction with the garrison, had an integrated plan in order to receive them," he said.

"We put together the parking plan. We had to make sure there was enough surface area to receive these helicopters. We also run the air traffic control for sequencing their flights in and out of here. We have a fire department, which provides fire and rescue response in the event that there is an emergency. We have a fueling team and refueling capacity so they were able to get adequate fuel to move onto their next destination."

The employees at USAG Benelux were also credited for their teamwork.

Army Col. Kurt Connell, garrison commander, acknowledged the garrison employees for their ability to support the incoming



*Helicopters from the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade line the airfield Oct. 24, 2017, on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium. The brigade, which is in the 1st Cavalry Division, stationed in Fort Hood, Texas, deployed with 89 helicopters, including Apaches, Chinooks and Black Hawks. The helicopters arrived by ship Oct. 19 at the port of Zeebrugge, Belgium, and were then staged at the base before they deploy throughout Europe. (U.S. Army photo by Jessica Ryan)*

personnel, such as building life support areas for the troops, under a short deadline.

"We did what garrisons always do, which is to find out what those gaps are that the mission units can't fill on their own and see what we can do to help them," he said.

"We get U.S. Army civilian employees that rotate here every three to five years. They bring a breadth of experiences from other bases and other places that they have been assigned. Then we have our Belgian and Dutch professionals [in Schinnen, Netherlands, another location for the garrison], many of whom have been here for a long time, have the institutional knowledge of the place. When you marry those two things up, it gives us a very well-rounded response to do things."

The 1st Air Cavalry Brigade will replace the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade, which has been in Europe for nine months as part of the continuing deterrence mission.

Approximately 1,900 Soldiers will deploy for a nine-month rotation from November 2017 to August 2018. According to Baker, the Soldiers will be dispersed into Germany, Poland, Latvia and Romania.

Baker emphasized that the deterrence is not with just helicopters.

"It's a total team concept with our ground forces. With the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, we have one job and one job only. That is support to our ground forces," he added. "We are their overhead to provide tech. aviation, medical and lift capabilities. We enhance the Soldier on the ground."

For more information on Operation Atlantic Resolve, follow #AtlanticResolve on social media or visit [www.eur.army.mil/AtlanticResolve](http://www.eur.army.mil/AtlanticResolve).



# CSM Pitre assumes garrison responsibility

By Christophe Morel

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

Army Command Sgt. Maj. Samara Lyn Pitre took the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux flag from garrison commander Army Col. Kurt Connell signaling her assumption of responsibility as the garrison senior enlisted advisor during a ceremony held Oct. 24 at the Community Activity Center on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium.

Pitre, a native of Staten Island, New York, enlisted in the U.S. Army in June 1990 as a split-option trainee reservist, completing Basic Training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, in September 1990, and advanced individual training as a legal specialist, at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, in October 1991. She transferred to active duty in November 1991 and completed her second AIT as an administrative specialist at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, in June 1992.

Before assuming responsibility of the garrison, she recently completed a tour as the CSM for the Special Troops Battalion of the 2nd Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade.

"I was inspired. I was inspired that once again I would be given the opportunity to take care of people. When I



Army Command Sgt. Maj. Samara L. Pitre (center) assumes responsibility as the senior enlisted advisor to the garrison commander Oct. 24, 2017, during the Change of Responsibility ceremony held on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

say 'people' I don't just mean Soldiers. Just because I'm wearing a uniform that doesn't mean my job stops with those wearing uniforms. When I say I'm here to take care of people I mean I'm here to take care of everyone in the Benelux community, all Army professionals, military and civilian personnel alike," she said.

Army Command Sgt. Maj. William L. Majors, who assumed responsibility of USAG Benelux in June 2015, said his farewell address at the event. He spoke about the Benelux team.

"The most self-disciplined, the most highly-trained professionals. Everyone looks out for one another...I really appreciate the fact that you continue to move the ball forward," he said. "Allies and partners, I thank you for building a strong community of friends and family members. That's necessary for keeping us going forward."

The garrison commander spoke about Majors. "You need that best friend, that partner who will bolster you up when you need it. That's what CSM Majors did for me over the course of the last year and a half...That's why I'm so grateful to the Army for putting someone like CSM Majors in my path to provide me with the true coaching you get from your peers," Connell said.

A retirement ceremony honoring Majors' career followed the Change of Responsibility that day.



Mr. Michael Formica, director of U.S. Army Installation Management Command Directorate-Europe, congratulates Army Command Sgt. Maj. William L. Majors on his retirement Oct. 24, 2017, after a ceremony on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)



# Benelux communities show appreciation to military retirees

By Ron Macauley and Jessica Ryan

Special to the Gazette

More than 75 military retirees and their families gathered in the Schinnen Community Activity Center for the annual Retiree Appreciation Day held Oct. 20.

The attendees were treated to a free breakfast by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and live entertainment by Music 4 Vets Nederland before Thomas Joyce, the deputy to the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux garrison commander, addressed the community.

More than 30 Tri-Border community groups were represented, including the 470th NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen medical and dental clinics, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Spangdahlem Air Base Casualty Assistance Representative, Defense Finance and Accounting Services, local and national veterans groups and service organizations. All were on-site to answer retirees' questions as the medical clinics provided free services.

This year, a special Vietnam Veterans Lapel Pin ceremony was held as part of a nationwide initiative started by former President Barack Obama to mark the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War campaign. The lapel-pinning ceremony was a way to thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War era and their families for their service and sacrifice on behalf of a grateful nation.

The day's event allowed the Schinnen community to show their gratitude to military retirees, Vietnam veterans, and their families.



*The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community hosted a Retiree Appreciation Day event Oct. 20, 2017, in Schinnen, The Netherlands. During the event, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation provided a pancake breakfast for the attendees. (U.S. Army photo by Rita Hoefnagels)*

"We received a lot of positive feedback from all of the retirees and veterans who attended today. They were very appreciative of the services provided, but most importantly they were grateful to have the occasion to visit with their comrades," said Ron Macauley, the event organizer. "The event went off without a hitch -- and it's all because of our amazing volunteers and supporters whose dedication and expertise made for an outstanding job well done."

Retiree Appreciation Day was also held Oct. 21 at the SHAPE Health Clinic for those living in Belgium.

Similar to the Schinnen event, Vietnam War veterans received a special lapel pin. Air Force Col. Max Weems, U.S. national military representative to SHAPE, presented the lapel pins while Shun Thomas, military personnel division chief for USAG Benelux, narrated the ceremony.

"We are honored this morning to have several veterans of that conflict. We would like to recognize with the Vietnam Veterans lapel pin, a lasting memento of the nation's thanks," said Thomas.

As the veterans stood in front of the room, Weems personally pinned and expressed his gratitude to each recipient. He then addressed the crowd, particularly about how veterans may not have received appreciation for their service when they initially came back home from the Vietnam War and other conflicts. Weems emphasized his respect and appreciation for the veterans' dedication and service to their country.



*The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community hosted a Retiree Appreciation Day event Oct. 20, 2017, in Schinnen, The Netherlands. During the event, Tom Joyce (second from the right), deputy to the garrison commander, presented the lapel pins to Vietnam War veterans. (U.S. Army photo by Rita Hoefnagels)*

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"I thank you for your service, and I appreciate the sacrifices you made without having the same welcome when you came back [home]. You served your country honorably and well when it was your time to serve," he said.

Among the recipients were familiar faces in the USAG Benelux community. Mike Doorbal, financial readiness and Army Emergency Relief program manager, and Wallace Turner, another Army Community Service program manager, received the Vietnam Veterans lapel pin.

Both use their military experience to help service members, veterans, retirees and their families today. After the pinning ceremony, they talked to retirees about services provided by ACS.

"It [my military experience] translates to taking care of service members and their families," said Turner. "Today is like a networking fair, because we are meeting other retirees in the community. You learn about their challenges in the community and assist them in any way that you can."

In addition to ACS, other organizations and



Retired Air Force Col. Raymond Healy receives an immunization shot during the Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 21, 2017, in SHAPE, Belgium. The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community hosted the event to thank retirees for their service and give them an opportunity to get updated immunizations from the SHAPE Health Clinic. (U.S. Army photo by Jessica Ryan)



Retired Army Lt. Col. William "Bill" Bergman, president of the U.S. Army Benelux Retiree Council, addresses the crowd during the Vietnam Veterans lapel pinning ceremony at the Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 21, 2017, in SHAPE, Belgium. (U.S. Army photo by Jessica Ryan)

agencies were on-site such as the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Northern Law Center, Andrews Federal Credit Union and the SHAPE Health Clinic.

In addition, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service manager at Chièvres Air Base provided a cake, which was cut and served to attendees following the lapel pinning ceremony.

For those who could not attend the event, Dawn McCarty, the retirement and transition services officer at USAG Benelux, wanted them to know that help is available year-round.

"Any time a retiree has questions or has corrections for their record, they are always free to make an appointment with me," she said.

Retirement services are available in the U.S. Community Services Center (Bldg. 253) on SHAPE. To make an appointment, please call McCarty at DSN 366-6293 or +32 (0)65-326293. In addition, retirees can get information and access resources at <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement>.



# KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

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## All communities

### MWR is Hiring

- Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hiring part-time and full-time U.S. employees. Visit USAJobs.gov and search for listings in Belgium or the Netherlands.

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

See also above in "All Communities"

### Every Friday

- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the Brussels community every Friday for games, cards, music and movies starting at 5 p.m. at the 3 Star Recreation Center. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. U.S. Military, NATO, U.S. Embassy and mission cardholders are welcomed. For more information, call DSN 368-9822 or +32 (0)27-179822.

### Through Oct. 31

- **October Fitness Challenge** - The Brussels Fitness Center staff is challenging participants to do either 1,000 push-ups or 20,000-pound bench presses during the month. For more information, call the Brussels Fitness Center at DSN 368-9667 or + 32 (0)27-179667.

### Oct. 23 - Nov. 24

- **CYS Coed Basketball Open Enrollment** - Children age 3 to 15 can enroll for the winter basketball season from Dec. 4, 2017 to Feb. 17, 2018. A valid sports physical is required before a youth can participate. Spaces are limited. The cost is \$25 for participants age 3 to 5 and \$45 for participants age 6 to 15. This is open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders. For more information, call DSN 368-9651 or +32 (0)27-179651. Volunteer coaches are needed. Coaches receive waived and discounted registration fees. Contact the Youth Sports & Fitness office for more information.
- **CYS Cheerleading Open Enrollment** - Children age 6 to 15 can enroll for the winter season from Dec. 2017 to Feb. 2018. A valid sports physical is required before a youth can participate. Spaces are limited. The cost is \$45. This is open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders. For more information, call DSN 368-9651 or +32 (0)27-179651. Volunteer coaches are needed. Coaches receive waived and discounted registration fees. Contact the Youth Sports & Fitness office for more information.

### Oct. 27

- **Trick-or-Treat Spooky Bash** - From 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., enjoy a frightfully fun night for the whole family at the 3 Star Recreation Center. Activities include a costume contest, spooktacular trunk or table decoration contest, face painting and more. For more information, call +32 (0)27-179822 or DSN 368-9822 or email [reservations3star@yahoo.com](mailto:reservations3star@yahoo.com).



### Nov. 2

- **3 Star Dinner Special "All You Can Eat Taco Bar"** - Starts at 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$11 for adults and \$5 for children. Reservations are required by Tuesday and can be made at [reservations3star@yahoo.com](mailto:reservations3star@yahoo.com).

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

See also above in "All Communities"

### Netherlands Law Center Change of Office Hours

- The Netherlands Law Center's office hours at Schinnen have changed. The center will be closed each Thursday morning from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to conduct training. However, they will be open on Fridays except during tax season. The Netherlands Law Center will continue to be closed for client visits between noon and 1 p.m. daily. For questions, please call DSN 360-7682/7654 or +31 (0)46-4437682/7654.

### Through Oct. 30

- **Winter Driving Training Classes** - The 405th Army Field Support Brigade's Drivers Testing Station will host a series of mandatory annual winter-driving training classes on Mondays and Thursdays in October from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. This training is mandatory for all military personnel, U.S. civilian employees and local nationals of USAG Benelux-Schinnen as well as personnel at HQ SDDC Rotterdam and whomever possesses a U.S. government driver's license and operates military vehicles. For more information and to sign up for a class, call DSN 360-7433 or +31 (0)46-4437433.

### Oct. 23 - Nov. 24

- **CYS Cheerleading Open Enrollment** - Children age 6 to 15 can enroll for the winter season from Jan. 16 to Feb. 24, 2018. Practice begins Jan. 8 at the CYS Gym/AFNORTH Gym. Youth must be registered with CYS Services and have a valid health assessment. The cost is \$45. For more information, call DSN 606-244-3121/2023 or +31 (0)45-5263121/2023.



- **CYS Coed Basketball Open Enrollment** - Children age three to 15 can enroll for the winter season from Jan. 16 to Feb. 24, 2018. Practice begins Jan. 8 at the CYS Gym/AFNORTH Gym. Youth must be registered with CYS Services and have a valid health assessment. The cost is \$20 for youth age 3 to 5 and \$45 for youth age 6 to 15. For more information, call DSN 606-244-3121/2023 or +31 (0)45-5263121/2023. Volunteer coaches are needed. Coaches receive waived and discounted registration fees. Contact the Youth Sports & Fitness office for more information.
- **CYS Junior Girls Basketball Open Enrollment** - Children age 13 to 15 can enroll for the winter season from Jan. 16 to Feb. 24, 2018. Practice begins Jan. 8 at the AFNORTH Gym. Youth must be registered with CYS Services and have a valid health assessment. The cost is \$45. Volunteer coaches are needed. Coaches receive waived and discounted registration fees. For more information, call DSN 606-244-3121/2023 or +31 (0)45-5263121/2023.



#### Oct. 27-28

- **Haunted House: Twisted Tales** - The E-3A Component Services Branch presents "The Haunted House - Twisted Tales" at the Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base in Bldg. 93. The horror is open Oct. 27 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and on Oct. 28 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost for kids and adults: €5. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders. Non-component members must show a valid passport to enter the base.

#### Oct. 31

- **Trunk or Treat** - Join MWR for some spooky and not-so-spooky fun for the entire family starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Schinnen Outdoor Recreation and Equipmental Rental (Bldg. 46). Activities include a classic trunk or treat, scary trail through the haunted forest, Pre-Howl bowling contest from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., spooky bowling and children's activities. This is open to U.S. and NATO ID cardholders and guests. No dogs are allowed. To register a decorated car trunk or a table, call DSN 360-7560 or +31 (0)46-4437560. If you or your guests don't have a Schinnen IACS card, you must register no later than Oct. 27 by calling DSN 360-7331 or +31 (0)46-4437331.

#### Nov. 2-3

- **Polish Pottery Sale** - The American Spouses Club is hosting a Polish Pottery Sale at the International Conference Center in Brunssum. The Nov. 2 sale is for members of the American Spouses Club only. The Nov. 3 sale is open to all U.S. & NATO ID cardholders from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

#### Nov. 3

- **Game Night** - Here's a 'Clue': Don't run the 'Risk' that your work week will end in a 'Sorry' state! Pack up your 'Trouble' and 'Go' to the Memories Lane Lounge. They have a 'Monopoly' on Friday night fun! The event is held the first Friday of each month from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Schinnen Bowling Center. Call +31 (0)46-4437207 or DSN 360-7207 for details.

#### Nov. 10-12

- **Foggy Field Bazaar** - The Bazaar will be held in Hangar 2 on Geilenkirchen NATO Air Force Base in Germany. The event is open to all U.S. & NATO ID cardholders on Friday from noon to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Nov. 15

- **A Mixed Age Play & Parent Support Group** - This group is for parents with children from birth to 36 months-old. Each meeting has toys, circle time (with songs and books) and a sharing section where parents can discuss their parenting successes and challenges with Benelux new parent support home visitor. New Parent Support is available to all U.S. ID card holders. The home, office and hospital visits are all a great way to receive support and information from a caring professional regarding your pregnancy, newborn, young child or to discuss your family and transition to parenthood. For appointments and inquiries please call DSN 360-7500 or +31 (0)46-4437500.

#### Nov. 16-17

- **Host Nation/Newcomer's Orientation and Cultural Tour** - Army Community Service is inviting all service members, civilians and their family members to participate in Host Nation Orientation from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration is required. Call DSN 360-7500 or +31 (0)46-4437500.

## SHAPE/CHIÈVRES COMMUNITY

See also page 8 in "All Communities"

#### Airfield Restrictions

- There will be an influx of aircraft traffic and personnel movement in and around SAF-CAB. Please respect the airfield boundaries to ensure the safety of our air and ground crews. Please also follow the speed limits on post, watch for pedestrians, and always give them the right of way when they cross the streets. If you need to access any of these areas, please call DSN 361-6301.

### Demolition and Remediation Sites

- Works are currently ongoing at the two sites at Chièvres Air Base. At POL10-2 (near Bldg. 20006), works already started and are expected to be completed no later than the end of October. At POL10-3 (near Chièvres gas station), the contractor is now backfilling the pit. This phase of the project is currently planned to be completed no later than mid-November. There will be an increase in truck traffic related to the project during this time. Please remember to follow the speed limits and stay safe while driving near those areas.

### AAFES is Hiring

- AAFES is hiring food service workers at the Exchange Food Court on Chièvres Air Base. To apply, visit <https://www.applymyexchange.com>. For more information, call DSN 361-5337 or +32 (0)68-275337.

### Starting Oct. 30

- **Teen Babysitting Course** - Attend the class and earn pediatric CPR and basic first aid certification as well as receive a magic babysitter's bag! Sessions will be held Oct. 30 and 31 and Nov. 2 and 3. You must attend all four sessions to receive certification. The cost is \$25. Participants must be 12 years old (6th grade) or older (12th grade) and registered with SHAPE Child, Youth and School Services. To reserve a spot, stop by Parent Central Services or call DSN 366-6839/6797 or +32 (0)65-326839/6797.

### Through Dec. 9

- **American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Contest** - The American Legion "Flanders Field" Post BE02 will sponsor the first stage of the American Legion High School Scholarship Contest Dec. 9 starting at 1 p.m. at SHAPE American Middle School. The contest is open to U.S. high school freshmen through seniors, or the home-school equivalent. The local prizes are \$250 for first place and advancement to the Department of France competition, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place. For more information, visit <http://postbe02oratoricalcontest.weebly.com> or email [flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com](mailto:flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com).

### Through Dec. 13

- **Winter Driving Training Classes** - The Logistics Readiness Center will provide mandatory annual winter driving classes for government license holders. The classes will be held in Bldg. 30 auditorium at Caserne Daumerie on Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (in English) and 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (in French). Classes are also held at SHAPE Bldg. 220 training room on Wednesdays from 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (in English) from now until Dec. 13. For more information, call DSN 366-6603 or +32 (0)65-326603.

### Oct. 27

- **Trunk of Treat** - Celebrate Halloween with the SHAPE/Chièvres community! The festivities will be held within the vicinity of the Chièvres Army Lodge. Carnival rides begin at 5 p.m. The trunk trail opens at 6 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m.
- **Halloween Party** - Celebrate Halloween at this adult-only party at B3's on SHAPE starting at 10 p.m.



### Oct. 28

- **Halloween at the Library** - Sneak into the SHAPE International Library for a spooky afternoon of stories, crafts, trick-or-treating and more starting at noon! Costumes are encouraged. Story times will start at 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. For more information, call DSN 423-5631 or +32 (0)65-445631.

### Nov. 1-30

- **Dinovember** - Visit the SHAPE International Library during November to learn all about dinosaurs. Create your best Dinovember scene, take a photo of it and submit to the SHAPE International Library by Nov. 30 for a chance to win a DINOMYTE prize! For more information, call DSN 423-5631 or +32 (0)65-445631.

## Upcoming Organized Trips

### SHAPE Trips & Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 423-3884 or +32 (0)65-443884.

- **Amsterdam, Oct. 28**
- **Cooking Class in Lille, Nov. 4**
- **Boulogne sur Mer, France, Nov. 11**
- **Flanders Fields and Ypres, Nov. 13**
- **Harry Potter Studio Tour, Nov. 18**
- **London, Nov. 25**
- **Luxembourg Christmas Markets, Dec. 2**
- **Reykjavik & Iceland, Dec. 3-7**
- **Strasbourg, France, Dec. 16**

- **Aachen and Monschau, Germany, Dec. 23**
- **Paris, Dec. 27**
- **New Years in Berlin, Dec. 29 - Jan. 1**
- **Thermae 2000 in Valkenburg, Jan. 20, 2018**
- **Japan, Feb. 9-16, 2018**

### Schinnen Trips & Tours

Call DSN 360-7560 or +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **Paris Express, Nov. 18**
- **Cologne Christmas Markets, Dec. 2**
- **London Express, Dec. 9**
- **Bruges, Jan. 13**



# Highway Construction and Road Closures

You may experience some delays while driving in Belgium this season. Road construction projects are occurring throughout the country and may result in temporary lane closures and road congestion. We will provide regular updates to ensure that the community is informed and prepared.

Outside the Gate



**Mons-Saint-Ghislain (E42-E19/A7):** Good news! The rehabilitation of the covering of the E42-E19/A7 highway between Saint-Ghislain and Mons on a stretch of 6 km, in the direction of Saint-Ghislain, is finally done! Since Oct. 23, traffic has returned to normal.



**Mons-Obourg (E19-A7):** Rehabilitation of the section (8 km) between Mons and Obourg, in the direction of Brussels. Work is expected to be completed by the end of November. Traffic is reduced to two lanes and the speed of traffic is reduced to 50 km/hour. Please plan ahead and adjust your commute time if you have to enter or exit the highway in Mons or Nimy.



**Mons/Nimy:** Because of the Mons-Obourg project, there is still traffic congestion at all hours of the day on the boulevards in Mons and on N6 between Mons and the access to the highway in Nimy.



**Route de Wallonie:** Try to avoid this road until the beginning of November. Few projects are still underway, between Ghlin and Baudour, from the N552 to Bernissart and from Hautrage to Granglise.



**Andenne/Daussoux (E42/A15):** The three-way yard between Andenne and Daussoulx has been underway since August. This project involves 15 km, in both directions. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained. Work will be completed by August 2018.

Please be cautious and patient while driving at all times. If you have questions or would like to report other highway construction sites and road closures, please email the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Public Affairs Office at [usarmy.benelux.id-europe.list.pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.benelux.id-europe.list.pao@mail.mil).

# All Saints' Day honors the deceased

## Special to the Gazette

A public holiday in Belgium, All Saints' Day, Nov. 1, honors all Christian saints. Belgians often celebrate Toussaint, its French name, by placing chrysanthemums on the graves of dead relatives as All Souls Day, Nov. 2, is not a public holiday.

At this period of time, chrysanthemums are available in all flower shops, in all varieties and colors. It is one of the few flowering plants that flourish at this time and doesn't need a lot of care.

In many countries, such as Italy, France and Portugal, people place a lighted candle on the graves of deceased relatives. Filipinos traditionally observe this day by visiting the family dead and cleaning and repairing their tombstones. The first day of the Day of the Dead celebration in Mexico, All Saints' Day honors deceased children and infants. Although not a public holiday in the Netherlands, All Saints' Day is observed on the first Sunday in November there.

The first All Saints' Day occurred May 13, 609, when Pope Boniface IV accepted the Pantheon in Rome as a gift from Byzantine Emperor Phocas. The pope dedicated the day as a holiday to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the martyrs. Things turned bad for Phocas the following year, and in 610 he was beheaded by Heraclius who usurped the throne.

In 835, Pope Gregory III moved the holiday to Nov. 1 and expanded it to include the honoring of all saints. In Roman Catholicism, All Saints' Day is a holy day of obligation on which Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass.



*Chrysanthemums in various colors are placed on the graves in the Chièvres cemetery. It is traditional for Belgians to bring flowers and visit the graves of deceased relatives prior to or on All Saints' Day. This day is a Belgian national holiday and most stores will be closed while some supermarkets will remain open in the morning. (U.S. Army photo by Cis Spook)*

## Daylight Saving Time in Europe: Time to "fall back"

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Just like in the United States, people in Europe have to change their clocks twice year in observance of Daylight Saving Time. The time changes do not necessarily occur on the same date every year. In 2017, the biannual clock change will happen Sunday, Oct. 29.

When local daylight time will be about to reach Oct. 29 at 3 a.m., you will have to turn your clocks backward one hour to Oct. 29 at 2 a.m., local standard time instead. You will get an extra hour of sleep as you "fall back" an hour.

Sunrise and sunset will be about one hour earlier Oct. 29 than the day before. Also, there will be more light in the morning. Don't forget to change all your clocks before Sunday morning.



*Courtesy graphic.*





Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

#### Through Oct. 29

- **"The Art in the City" in Tournai** - Every year in October, art invades the city of Tournai. Events include exhibition openings, performances, meetings with artists, guided tours, workshops and more. Free entry. For more information, go to <http://www.visittournai.be/?lang=en>.

#### Through Nov. 4

- **Theatre: "Dracula" in Brussels** - The Brussels puppet theatre Toone brings Dracula (Bram Stoker) in Brussels. Held on Rue du Marché-aux-Herbes, 66 at 8:30 pm and also Saturday at 4 p.m. For more info, visit <http://www.toone.be> or +32 (0)2-5117137. Entry: €12.

#### Oct. 28

- **Balade d'Halloween in Leuze-en-Hainaut** - Bon-Air Renouveau offers a terrifying "HALLOWEEN BALLADE" in the streets of the neighborhood starting at 5 p.m. For more info, go to <https://be.eventbu.com/city/balade-d-halloween-quartier-bon-air-leuze/6571848>.
- **Halloween Celebration in Mons** - A great event for all family members. The schedule includes a hunt for monsters in the streets, craftsmen, shows, falcons, free activities for children, candies, gifts and more. Held in the center of the town from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. No entrance fee.

#### Oct. 28 - Nov. 3

- **Halloween at Pairi Daiza** - Held each day from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more info, go to <https://www.pairidaiza.eu/en/halloween-in-pairi-daiza>.

#### Oct. 29

- **Volksmarch in Le Roeulx for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs the school on Rue de l'Ange Gardien, 1 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Thoricourt for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs Rue de l'Enseignement, 1 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Anderlecht** - Held on Boulevard Sylvain Dupuis featuring 300 booths from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Oct. 29-Nov. 1

- **Guided Tours on All Saints' Day** - The "Laeken Découverte" association organizes special tours at the cemetery of Laeken in French at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Held at Parvis Notre-Dame, Laeken. Reservations are required and can be booked via [laeken.decouverte@gmail.com](mailto:laeken.decouverte@gmail.com) or +32 (0)47-9397715. Entry: €5. For more info, visit <http://www.laekendecouverte.be>.

#### Oct. 31

- **Cinema: "Shining" in English in Ath** - Held at Cinema L'Ecran on Rue du Gouvernement, 1 at 8 p.m. There will be a presentation of Kubrick's work before the movie (1980, GBR/USA, 2h26, VO). For more info, call +32 (0)68-336999.



Read about events near Brunssum and Schinnen (in the Netherlands unless otherwise indicated).

#### Through Oct. 29

- **Dutch Design Week (NL)** - Held in Eindhoven (NL), this is the largest design event in the Netherlands. This is the place where industrial design, concept design, graphic design, textile & fashion, spatial design, food design, design management and other trends come together. For more information, visit [www.ddw.nl](http://www.ddw.nl).

#### Oct. 27

- **Illuminated Market (GE)** - Held in the center at Market Square in Bergkamen (GE). The market has more than 80 stands with all kinds of regional products, arts and crafts. Open 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

#### Oct. 27-28

- **"The Nightmare Continues! Halloween Event (NL)** - Held in Mondo Verde on Groene Wereld 10 in Landgraaf (NL). When darkness falls, the normal beautiful walking route at Mondo Verde will change into seven different scary zones: The Asylum, The Haunted, Underworld vs. Blade, The Hills Have Eyes, The Corn Maze, Once Upon A Time and Evil Fairground. There are also three indoor scary zones! Open both days from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Entry: €15.

#### Oct. 27-29

- **Hubertus Market (GE)** - Held in the Market Square in Brühl (GE). The traditional market has vendors selling antique crafts as well as other activities.
- **French Market (GE)** - Held in the center at Market Square in Erkelenz (GE). The market offers all kind of French products, delicacies and activities. Open Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **"Hamms Bunter Herbst" (Colorful Fall) (GE)** - Held at Willie-Brandt-Platz and Bahnhofstrasse in Hamm (GE). This is a colorful year market with a lot of regional specialties and delicacies. Open Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Sausage Market (GE)** - Held in the center of Lübbecke (GE). The market will be opened after the cutting of a humongous sausage at 2 p.m. Vendors will sell a large variety of sausages at the market. There will also be entertainment and other activities.

#### Oct. 28

- **Antique & Curiosa Market (NL)** - Held at Kloosterwandplein in the center of Roermond (NL) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### Oct. 28-29

- **Martini Market (GE)** - Held around Elbrinzer Marktscheune in Lügde (GE). The market is a combination of a fall and arts and crafts market. Opens Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m.