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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PX SURVEY FOR TRI-BORDER COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Exchange is looking for input for the product assortment that will be carried at the new Brunssum Exchange store, which is scheduled to open in fall 2019. Please fill out the [survey](#) before Jan. 31.

CHIÈVRES FITNESS CENTER EXTENDS 24-HOUR FITNESS TO DEPENDENTS (AGE 18+) AND RETIREES

The Chièvres Fitness Center will offer 24-hour fitness to U.S. members, their dependents (age 18+) and retirees. Stop by the [fitness center](#) during business hours to register your ID card. Restrictions may apply.

THE EXCHANGE (PX) CLOSED ON SELECT DATES IN JANUARY

The Exchange (PX) will be closed for inventory during the following dates and locations: Jan. 14 at Chièvres (food court will remain open) and Jan. 15 at Brussels. The stores will resume normal operations the following day.

BRUSSELS POST OFFICE HAS NEW HOURS STARTING JAN. 14

The Brussels Post Office will have new hours of operation starting Jan. 14. The new hours are Monday: 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday: closed and Friday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The post office is closed on weekends and U.S. federal holidays. For more information on the postal services, go to our [website](#).

LIMITED PASSPORT SERVICES BEGINNING FEB. 1

Beginning Feb. 1, 2019, U.S. Passport Services will be limited at all Central Processing Facilities in the Benelux: SHAPE, Brussels and JFC Brunssum. USAG Benelux will continue providing U.S. official no-fee passport issue and renewal by appointment only. For more information, go to our [website](#).

TAX ASSISTANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SHAPE AND CHIÈVRES

The Northern Law Center is looking for volunteers to support our tax assistance offices from January to June. Free IRS training provided! For more information, contact the Northern Law Center at DSN 423-4868/4061 or +32(0)65-44-4868/4061.

U.S. ARMY EUROPE TAX CENTER CHANGES IN 2019

U.S. Army Europe tax centers will re-prioritize services in 2019 and focus assistance on those that generally make less than \$54,000 per year, in accordance with Army regulations and IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance guidelines. More information on the changes are [here](#). Free filing options are still available to service members and families through websites such as [Military OneSource](#) and the [IRS](#).



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

The U.S. Air Force conducted landing zone operations as a C-130J Hercules from the 37th Airlift Squadron in Ramstein Air Base, Germany, did take-offs and landings on SHAPE Air Field on Chièvres Air Base, Jan. 8, 2019. (U.S. Army photo by Christophe Morel)



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NEWS

INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS REPORTING EXPLAINED

Although the Benelux region has a milder climate compared to other areas in Europe, it is wise to be informed when inclement weather hits the area. Garrison officials at U.S. Army Garrison Benelux installations will do everything they can to keep services running, but some weather conditions may result in changes in road conditions, school closures, work delays or temporary shutdown on some of the garrison services. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



ARMY TO SURVEY FAMILY HOUSING RESIDENTS BY EMAIL STARTING JAN. 15

Residents of Family housing owned and leased by the Army will have a chance again to rate the quality of housing and housing services in 2019. The second online survey of about 10,000 residents living in Army-owned and Army-leased housing worldwide will be emailed Jan. 15. CEL & Associates Inc. will administer the survey for the Army. The email will be from ArmyHousingSurvey@celassociates.com. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

HOW TO BEST PREPARE FOR A POWER OUTAGE IN BELGIUM

Due to the current renovations of nuclear plants in Belgium, there are reports of possible planned power outages in the country during the winter. While the Belgian government is trying to prevent a power shortage, people should be prepared in the event of an outage this season. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



CHANGES TO UCMJ TAKE EFFECT IN JANUARY

A host of changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice became effective Jan. 1, modernizing definitions for many offenses, adjusting maximum penalties, standardizing court-martial panels, creating new computer-crime laws and much more. The changes strike a balance between protecting the rights of the accused and empowering commanders to effect good order and discipline, said Col. Sara Root, chief of the Army's Military Justice Legislation Training Team. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

Army Emergency Relief, or AER, announced the application window for the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship for the 2019 to 2020 academic year. The window is open from Jan. 4 to April 1. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



SERVICE MEMBERS, ARM YOURSELF WITH BASIC CAR BUYING SKILLS—STAND YOUR GUARD WHEN IT COMES TO ADD-ON PRODUCTS

You shopped for auto financing. You decided whether a new or used car was right for you. You worked out a great rate. As you near closing the deal, and are dreaming about taking a victory lap in your new car or truck, the car dealer may bring up another topic: how many and which add-on products they might interest you in. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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