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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY 244TH BIRTHDAY, U.S. ARMY!

Older than the nation it serves, the U.S. Army was established on June 14, 1775. Please join us in celebrating the Army's birthday. The Army's greatest asset is its people, and we appreciate our Soldiers and civilians for standing ready to meet any challenge.

BRUSSELS AUTO SKILLS CENTER SCHEDULED TO CLOSE JULY 1

Based on a thorough analysis of our customer usage over recent years, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation concluded that terminating services at the Brussels Auto Skills Center best fits the future demands of our Benelux customers. The Chièvres Auto Skills Center will continue to be available to serve your automotive needs. We encourage our Brussels community members to continue to utilize the same great features at our Chièvres location. For additional information about your automobile needs, please contact the Chièvres Auto Skills Center at DSN 314.361.5796 or +32(0)68.27.5796.

SCHINNEN AND JFC BRUNSSUM POST OFFICE WILL NOT RECEIVE INCOMING MAIL JUNE 20

The Schinnen and JFC Brunssum Post Office's retail windows will be closed Thursday, June 20. The post offices will resume regular operations on Friday, June 21. If you have any direct questions or concerns, please DSN 314.360.7273 or +31(0)46.443.7273.

GEILENKIRCHEN U.S. MEDICAL CLINIC WILL BE CLOSED JUNE 20

Geilenkirchen NATO AB follows the German holiday schedule. Therefore, the 470th Military Treatment Facility at Geilenkirchen NATO AB will be closed on Thursday, June 20. If you have questions or need to schedule for your next appointment, please call the following appointment lines:

- **Medical Appointment Line:** +49(0)2451.994.996
- **Dental Appointment Line:** +49 (0)2451.993.535
- **Dental Emergencies:** +49(0)171.260.9570
- You can also make an appointment 24/7 [here](#).

ARMY'S 2019 FEDERAL EMPLOYEE VIEWPOINT SURVEY OPEN THROUGH JUNE 25

The Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) is an annual government-wide survey that measures U.S. federal employees' perceptions of critical work-life areas that drive employee engagement, satisfaction, and retention across the workforce. Click [here](#) to read more about this survey.

DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT BELGIAN TAX FORMS TO THE U.S. NMR BEFORE JUNE 30

U.S. personnel should submit Belgian tax forms (which come in a brown envelope in the mail) to the U.S. National Military Representative in SHAPE Bldg. 101 before **June 30**. For questions, call DSN 314.423.4403/4132 or +32(0)65.44.4403/4132.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Take a look outside as poppies are growing everywhere such as in this field in Havré, Belgium. The poppy flower is a symbol to remember those who have given their lives for war. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Reginald Ross)



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NEWS

75 YEARS AFTER THE UTAH BEACH LANDING, ISAAC CURTIS PHILLIPS CELEBRATED HIS 95TH BIRTHDAY

Four days after the 75th anniversary of D-Day, U.S. Army veteran Isaac Curtis Phillips' family members and friends in addition to Soldiers and leaders from U.S. Army Garrison Benelux celebrated the 95th birthday of the last American veteran from World War II who currently lives in Belgium. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

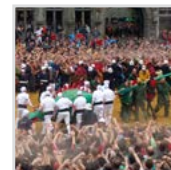


TRI-BORDER COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS HONORED FOR THEIR SERVICE

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux leaders honored Tri-Border Community volunteers during the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony June 6 in Schinnen, The Netherlands. The community includes personnel stationed in Schinnen and Joint Force Command Brunssum, The Netherlands. "We thank you and admire you for all that you've done for the community," said Army Col. Sean Hunt Kuester, USAG Benelux garrison commander. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

CITY OF MONS TO HOST DOUDOU THROUGH JUNE 23

Through June 23, more than 250,000 people will participate in the Doudou, a popular event that happens annually in Mons, Belgium. Mons' Doudou, also called the Ducasse, was recognized by UNESCO in 2005 as a "Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity." The most anticipated part of the event will be "Trinity Weekend," during which the public will pay tribute to Saint Waudru, the patron saint of the city, and will participate in the battle known as the "Lumeçon." [\[READ MORE\]](#)



ARMY MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO FAMILY READINESS GROUPS

The Army recently made some of the most significant changes to Family Readiness Groups since their creation following the first Gulf War. The groups have been re-named "Soldier and Family Readiness Groups" or SFRGs. This designation links Soldier readiness to the family, and clarifies the role of the SFRG to be more inclusive to Soldiers who are single, are single parents or have non-traditional families. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

ARMY LENGTHENS TOURS FOR SOLDIERS IN EUROPE, JAPAN

The Army is adding a year to overseas tours for some Soldiers heading to Europe and Japan, as part of an effort to boost readiness and reduce moves. Under the new policy, which applies to permanent change-of-station orders published after June 14, tours for Soldiers who have no dependents and are not married to other service members will extend from 24 to 36 months. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



BERLIN AIRLIFT COMMEMORATION DRAWS 45,000 VISITORS

More than 45,000 people attended a celebration at U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden's airfield on Clay Kaserne June 10 and 11 in commemoration of 70 years since the end of the Berlin Airlift. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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