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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CLOSURES IN SCHINNEN

The IACS Office/PMO Admin at the Schinnen MP Building will be closed on Thursday, May 30 and Friday, May 31 in observance of Ascension Day. The JFC Library will be closed too.

### CLOSURE IN BRUSSELS

The USAG Benelux Brussels Housing Services Office (HSO) will be closed May 30 and 31 and will reopen June 3.

### STRONG B.A.N.D.S. EVENTS HAPPENING THROUGHOUT MAY

Reach your peak with STRONG B.A.N.D.S. events happening throughout the month. The campaign, run by U.S. Army Installation Management Command's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation G9 Directorate, motivates service members, family members, veterans, retirees and civilian employees to meet their health and fitness goals. Check out our event listings [here](#).

### MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES TO BE HELD IN EUROPE

Memorial Day will be observed in the Benelux at various places:

- May 25 at 11 a.m. at Ardennes American Cemetery in Neupré, Belgium
- May 25 at 2 p.m. at Luxembourg American Cemetery in Hamm, Luxembourg The Netherlands
- May 25 at 4 p.m. at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Plombières, Belgium
- May 26 at 10 a.m. at Lafayette Escadrille Cemetery in Marnes-la-Coquette, France
- May 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Normandy American Cemetery in Normandy, France
- May 26 at 3 p.m. at the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, The Netherlands
- May 26 at 3 p.m. at Flanders Field American Cemetery in Waregem, Belgium
- June 1 at 3:30 p.m. at the Mardasson in Bastogne, Belgium (organized by the city of Bastogne)

Visit the [American Battle Monuments Commission](#) website to have more information about all the other ceremonies.

### VOLUNTEERS RECOGNITION CEREMONY JUNE 6 IN SCHINNEN

U.S. Army Garrison volunteers will be honored June 6 during the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony held in Schinnen, The Netherlands. Volunteers spend time serving the community in events such as child and youth events, family readiness groups and community recreations events.

### NEXT GAZETTE JUNE 29

The next Gazette will be published earlier than usual, on Wednesday June 29.



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Americans, Dutch and Belgians will honor their brother in arms during Memorial Day ceremonies May 25, 26 and June 1. Henry-Chapelle American Cemetery (photo) will host its annual Memorial Day Ceremony May 25 at 4 p.m. Attendance is free and open to the public. (U.S. Army photo by Julie Piron)



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## NEWS

### USAG BENELUX PERFORMS FULL-SCALE EXERCISE WITH TENANTS UNITS AND HOST NATIONS PARTNERS

U.S. Army Benelux conducted its full-scale exercise on 17 and 18 May on Chièvres Air Base in order to assess their emergency and recovery plans. The scenario focused on an insider threat, a former employee who build explosive devices to be detonated on the installation. USAG Benelux only go through full-scale exercises every two years, allowing everyone to further train. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



### ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH: "BE PROUD OF YOUR HERITAGE"

AFNorth Battalion and the Benelux Equal Opportunity Office hosted a special event May 20 at the SHAPE Chapel in honor of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, a time to recognize the contribution of Asian American and Pacific Islanders have made to enrich America's history. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



### BRUSSELS VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SERVICE

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Volunteers were honored May 16 during the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony held in Brussels, Belgium. Volunteers spent time serving the community in activities such as child and youth events, family readiness groups and community recreation events. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

### HONORING THE MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR FREEDOM

Words incised into the façade of the memorial in Ardennes American Cemetery sum up Memorial Day and the comrades in arms it honors. On May 27, the U.S. will observe Memorial Day, an annual observance honoring the military men and women who gave their lives in defense of our nation and its values. Each year, thousands gather for Memorial Day ceremonies to honor these individuals in the Benelux. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

### CHEESE MARKETS IN THE NETHERLANDS

When asked what comes to mind when thinking of The Netherlands, people will say: tulips, the Night Watch by Rembrandt, the waterworks, windmills and wooden shoes. But there is more. The country is also known for its variety of cheese and its cheese markets. When visiting in spring and summer try to go to one of the following places and enjoy the hustle and bustle of these traditional and cultural happenings. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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