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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED MAY 17 FOR GARRISON FULL-SCALE EXERCISE

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux will conduct a full-scale exercise **May 17 and 18** on Chièvres Air Base. We are looking for volunteers, age 18 and over, to serve as role players and controllers for the exercise for approximately five to six hours on **May 17**. Interested in participating? Please email the S 3/5/7 office at [usarmy.benelux.id-europe.mbx.dptms@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.benelux.id-europe.mbx.dptms@mail.mil).

### ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF CAMPAIGN RUNS UNTIL MAY 15

The 2019 Annual Army Emergency Relief campaign is happening **now through May 15**. The annual campaign provides support to Soldiers with emergency financial needs. Anyone can donate on the [AER website](#). For more information, please contact your unit representative or Army Community Service at DSN 366-6804 or +32(0)65-32-6804.

### CINCO DE MAYO 5K TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY ON CHIÈVRES AIR BASE

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting a free [Cinco De Mayo 5K Fun Run/Walk](#) on Sunday starting at 2 p.m. at the Chièvres Fitness Center. This is a family-friendly run/walk. Strollers and dogs (must be on a leash) are welcomed. The run is open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Registration is currently open! Stop by the [Chièvres Fitness Center](#) to sign up no later than 1 p.m. on race day.

### ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH OBSERVANCE TO BE HELD MAY 20

AFNorth Battalion and the Benelux Equal Opportunity Office will host a special event in honor of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May. This year's theme is "Unite Our Mission." Come to the SHAPE Chapel on **May 20** starting at 11 a.m. to hear Col. Romeo Macalintal, HQ, U.S. NATO SHAPE, speak during a special presentation. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call the EO Office at DSN 361-5235 or +32(0)68-27-5235.

### EXPERIENCED RIDER COURSE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 17 ON CHIÈVRES AIR BASE

This one-day course is held **May 17** from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Chièvres Air Base Bldg. 20105 (Training Center) for experienced motorcycle riders. This course builds upon and provides additional skills taught in the Basic Rider Course or gained through previous experience. It includes a fast-paced classroom segment with several interactive activities to improve perception and hazard awareness. Range exercises enhance both basic skills and crash avoidance skills. Upon course completion, graduates receive a Motorcycle Safety Foundation ERC completion card that is valid for five years. To register, contact the USAG Benelux Garrison Safety Office at DSN 314-597-5571 or +32(0)68-25-5571 or [register online](#) (CAC users only).



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

*The SHAPE Community Chapel hosted a special brunch to recognize and show appreciation for the behind the scenes hard work and dedication of the community's religious affairs specialists and religious education coordinator April 30, 2019, at SHAPE, Belgium. Army Chaplain Maj. Ronald Boyd presented awards to (from left to right): Spc. J'Marcus Carson, Sgt. Leon Mendoza, Sgt. 1st Class Reginald Ross and Frank Leon. (U.S. Army photo provided by the Religious Support Office)*



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## NEWS

### **LIBERATION DAY AND REMEMBRANCE DAY TO BE OBSERVED IN THE NETHERLANDS THIS WEEKEND**

Each year, The Netherlands observes Remembrance Day on May 4 and Liberation Day on May 5. Both days are significant to the country as its people will remember the fallen in World War II and celebrate the country's freedom. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



### **"GOT YOUR BACK" TRAINING TEACHES SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION TO COMMUNITY**

In recognition of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in April, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program, commonly referred to as SHARP, staff invited Catharsis' Productions to host "Got Your Back" training April 23 and 24 at locations across USAG Benelux. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

### **COMMUNITY WILL REMEMBER THE ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II IN EUROPE ON MAY 8**

On May 8, 1945, at 3 p.m., the bells rang to mark the end of World War II in Europe. Since that day, and until now, Victory in Europe Day, or V-E Day, commemorates the day the Germans officially surrendered, making an end to the European phase of World War II. U.S. Army Garrison Benelux leaders will join local officials on the main squares of Chièvres and Bruges at 6:30 p.m. on May 8. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



### **IMCOM-EUROPE AWARDS BEST IN THEATER AT TOPPERS**

For the third time in its much longer history, the Tournament of Plays, or Toppers, was held April 27 at U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden to recognize the best in community theater from across U.S. Army Europe. Among the winners included cast and crew members of the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre and JFC Brunssum Alliance Players. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

### **REACH YOUR PEAK WITH STRONG B.A.N.D.S.**

"Reach Your Peak" is the theme for the ninth annual STRONG B.A.N.D.S. campaign in May 2019. 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. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



### **MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH: COMMISSARIES HIGHLIGHT PATRONS' SERVICE WITH EXTRA SAVINGS**

The month of May is the commissary's time to recognize the strength, courage and sacrifices of military family members. "It's Military Appreciation Month for commissaries, and we're saying 'thank you' to our servicemen and women, retirees, and their family members through events and sales that reflect how much we appreciate their service and their patronage," said Army Command Sgt. Maj. Tomeka N. O'Neal, the Defense Commissary Agency's senior enlisted advisor to the DeCA director. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



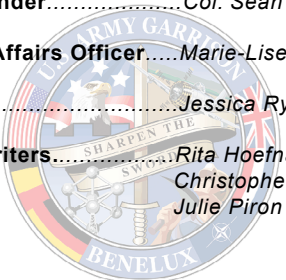
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