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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD MARCH 31

Daylight Saving Time in Central Europe Time will begin Sunday, March 31 at 2 a.m. Don't forget to set any clocks that do not automatically update **one hour ahead**.

STAY VIGILANT THIS SEASON

The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Antiterrorism Office is asking you to assist our security professionals across the Benelux in extending your eyes and ears to report incidents which might precede terrorist attack preparation or in-the-act of target surveillance. Read the full vigilance message [here](#).

CHIÈVRES AIR BASE ROAD CLOSED MARCH 26 TO APRIL 12

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will close the road between Community Activity Community (CAC) and Chièvres Air Base Bldg. 20120 until April 12. A detour will be set up that will lead drivers and pedestrians behind Bldg. 5 (Garrison Headquarters) to the back of the CAC.

ARMY CAC HOLDERS NEED TO ACTIVATE PIV AUTHENTICATION BY MARCH 31

Army Common Access Card (CAC) holders have until **March 31** to activate their Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Authentication certificate to ensure uninterrupted access to military networks and data. Personnel should use Internet Explorer when updating their security certificates at this [website](#).

COMMUNITY LEADERS INFORMATION FORUM (CLIF) SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 3

The next [Community Leaders Information Forum \(CLIF\)](#) will be held Wednesday, **April 3** at SHAPE Events Center starting at 10 a.m. Got information for the community? Email usarmy.benelux.id-europe.mbx.dptms@mail.mil.

BLOOD DRIVE TO BE HELD APRIL 4 AT SHAPE

The SHAPE Healthcare Facility is hosting a blood drive April 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the SHAPE Alliance Auditorium. The blood drive is accepting walk-ins. Donors can also reserve an appointment in advance [here](#).

CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES TO HOST JOB FAIR APRIL 4 AT SHAPE

[Child and Youth Services \(CYS\)](#) at SHAPE is hiring part-time and full-time positions during a job fair at SHAPE Bldg. 503 from 9 a.m. to noon. Get more details [here](#).

BENELUX TAX CENTERS ARE OPEN FOR THE SEASON

U.S. Army Europe tax centers re-prioritized services in 2019 and focused 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 is located [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

Sophie Dorn (right), library technician at the SHAPE International Library, shows Army Col. Yolonda "YR" Summons (left), SHAPE Healthcare Facility commander, and Army Sgt. Maj. Delonica Boyce (second from the left), operations sergeant major for Headquarters, U.S. NATO SHAPE, library books featuring women leaders during the Women's History Month observance March 27, 2019, at SHAPE, Belgium. During the event, community leaders spoke about how they overcame adversity in the military and the importance of fostering diversity. (U.S. Army photo by Jessica Ryan)



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NEWS

424TH ABS FUELS MANAGER GETS FIRST PLACE RECOGNITION IN ARMY DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Liking photography is an understatement for Air Force Tech. Sgt. Daisaku Dixon. He loves photography, he said, because it allows him to become a story-teller as he captures his favorite moments while living in the Benelux. Dixon's photo "Wanna Race" won first place in the 2018 U.S. Army Digital Photography Contest's "Still Life" category in the active-duty personnel division. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



COMMISSARY TO HONOR LIVING VETERANS MARCH 29

The Defense Commissary Agency is hosting commemorative ceremonies March 29 to recognize veterans who served on active duty during the Vietnam War era. In the Benelux, the ceremonies are scheduled to be held at Chièvres Exchange (PX) Mall from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and the Schinnen Commissary from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

SERVICE CULTURE SPOTLIGHT: TARA GRAVES

U.S. Army Installation Management Command made a long-term commitment to providing the best possible customer service to service members, families and community members. Examples of the commitment include employees being knowledgeable in their field, treating every customer with respect and to making customers feel special. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



'MILITARY KIDS CAN!' ART AND ESSAY CONTEST RUNS APRIL 1 TO 30

April is Month of the Military Child. Entries may be submitted April 1 through April 30 for the 2019 Young Lives, Big Stories contest sponsored by U.S. Army Installation Management Command G9 Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The essay and artwork contest is open to active-duty Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Army spouse or U.S. Army retiree children in preschool through grade 12. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

KEUKENHOF GARDENS: DISCOVER A WEALTH OF FLOWERS

In Lisse, between Amsterdam and The Hague, in the heart of the Bollenstreek (Bulb Region), close to the sea, you'll find a beautiful park called "De Keukenhof." It is the world's largest flower garden, displaying the pride of Dutch growers and a wealth of flowers, sorted by color. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



VOLUNTEERS: THE HEART OF THE BENELUX COMMUNITY

Volunteers make a meaningful difference in the lives of service members and families. They assist people in recreation programs, schools, hospitals and other settings. They greet newcomers, help with deployments and offer many additional services. Sandy Arvay, Army volunteer coordinator at U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, said volunteers in this area use their unique talents and skills to provide invaluable assistance to the community. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



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