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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **USAG BENELUX TO HOST VIRTUAL TOWN HALL ON U.S. ARMY HOUSING ON SEPT. 11**

To understand residents' concerns, there will be a Virtual Town Hall Sept. 11 from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to discuss U.S. Army Housing. If you are living in the single service member quarters and Army-leased family housing, we want to hear from you! Go to the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Facebook page on Wednesday and ask your questions. If you would like to ask a question in advance, you can send a message on Facebook or email [usarmy.benelux.id-europe.mbx.communication@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.benelux.id-europe.mbx.communication@mail.mil).

### **BENELUX HOUSING OFFICES CLOSED SEPT. 12**

All Benelux Housing Offices will be closed Thursday Sept. 12 for the staff's housing summit. During that day, if you encounter an emergency that requires immediate assistance, please contact the Military Police Desk at your location:

-Brussels/Zutendaal: DSN 314.368.9769 or +32 (0)2.717.9769

-Chièvres Air Base/SHAPE/Dülmen: DSN 314.361.5301 or +32(0)68.27.5301

-Schinnen/JFC Brunssum/Eygelshoven: DSN 314.597.4555 or +31(0)45.534.0555

You can also dial 112 for emergencies in Europe. The housing offices will return to regular operations Friday Sept. 13.

### **STAY VIGILANT THIS FALL**

As fall begins in Europe, many activities such as festivals, concerts and markets will occur throughout the European theater. Please remember to always maintain vigilance. Read our full message [here](#).

### **POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY BREAKFAST TO BE HELD SEPT. 20**

The American Legion "Flanders Field" Post BE02 cordially invites the community to the POW (prisoners of war)/MIA (missing in action) Recognition Day Breakfast at the SHAPE Chapel Friendship Hall on Sept. 20. The program starts at 8 a.m. An exhibition of the "Missing Man" table will be presented at the AAFES PX from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### **RELOCATION OF THE SCHINNEN DES/IACS OFFICES FINISHES SEPT. 6**

The Schinnen DES/IACS offices are currently relocating to the USAG Benelux-Brunssum location from Sept. 2 to 6. Effective Tuesday, the IACS office will be open for business, all personnel with IACS related issues should report to BLDG #14, RM# 9. Effective Thursday at noon, the USAG Benelux-Brunssum DES will be open for business, all law enforcement reporting and emergencies will be directed to BLDG #14, MP Desk. Posted phone numbers will remain the same.

### **RELOCATION OF THE DRIVERS TRAINING STATION 405TH ARMY FIELD SUPPORT BRIGADE OFFICES IN BRUNSSUM STARTING SEPT. 14**

The Drivers Training Testing Station 405th Army Field Support Brigade offices are currently relocating to the USAG Benelux-Brunssum location from Sept. 16 to 19. DTTS will be open on USAG Benelux-Brunssum from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 18 and 19. DTTS will return to normal business hours on Sep. 22. All personnel needing DTTS services should report to BLDG #7, RM #12. For all DTTS matters, personnel should report to USAG Benelux-Schinnen until noon Sept. 16. After noon, personnel should report to USAG Benelux-Brunssum BLDG #7. For DTTS assistance, the primary/alternate phone numbers remain as followed. For more information, call DSN 314.597.4102 or +31(0)45.534.0102.



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

*Lara Harrison, SHAPE International Library employee, talks to an event attendee during the Benelux Employment, Career and Volunteer Expo on Sept. 5, 2019, at SHAPE, Belgium. The SHAPE International Library employees were on-site to talk about career resources such as books and online materials available at the library as well as speak to attendees about volunteer opportunities. (U.S. Army photo by Jessica Ryan)*



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## NEWS

### BOXING GLOVES TELL WAR, FRIENDSHIP STORY IN MONS

A pair of boxing gloves came to complete the collections of the Mons Memorial Museum Aug. 30 during the commemorations marking the 75th anniversary of the town's liberation. More than historic artifacts, they represent how fortunes of war can cross paths of individuals in the most unexpected manner. [\[READ MORE\]](#)



### HERITAGE DAYS IN WALLONIA: DISCOVER THE REGION'S UNIQUE HISTORY ON SEPT. 7 AND 8

European Heritage Days will be held Sept. 7 and 8 in the Wallonia region of Belgium. Each year, these days allow visitors to discover monuments and sites that are often inaccessible otherwise. More than 450 activities are organized through the region. Before the weekend, an opening ceremony will be held Sept. 6 in the beautiful castle of Seneffe. From 9 p.m., visitors will see tightrope walkers, acrobats, jugglers and more performers. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

### PUBLIC HEALTH COMMAND EUROPE RECOMMENDS MWR VACCINE SCREENING

Due to an increased prevalence of measles and mumps in Europe, Public Health Command Europe officials are recommending that military community members ensure their measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines are up to date.

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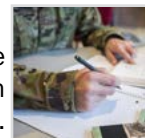
### CAREER SKILLS PROGRAM HELPS SOLDIERS TRANSITIONING OUT OF THE ARMY

The Army Career Skills Program provides Soldiers transitioning out of the Army with an opportunity to participate in free or minimal-cost apprenticeships, on-the-job training, employment-skills training and internships. IMCOM has 200 career skills programs hosted at 32 garrisons, with more than 4,000 employers that return an impressive 93% career placement rate for Soldiers. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

### ARMY TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA) FY19 END OF FISCAL YEAR GUIDANCE EXPLAINED

As we approach the beginning of a new fiscal year and in preparation for year-end close-out, the following guidance is provided concerning use of Army Tuition Assistance or TA. All course enrollments with start dates through Sept. 30, 2019 must be requested in GoArmyEd before 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Sept. 13, 2019.

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### FOOD SAFETY MONTH: SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS AWARENESS OF FOODBORNE ILLNESSES

In observance of Food Safety Education Month in September, the Defense Commissary Agency joins the CDC, the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Food Safety Inspection Service, the Department of Health and Human Services and other organizations to help prevent foodborne illnesses by increasing awareness of improperly handling food items. [\[READ MORE\]](#)

### FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE AMERICAN FESTIVAL IN CHIÈVRES

The city of Chièvres is hosting its annual American Festival on Sept. 6 to 8. The event is an opportunity for the city neighboring Chièvres Air Base to celebrate its partnership with the American community. Throughout the weekend, there will be many events and activities for all ages such as live music, food, games and an American market.

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