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Sesame Street

Elmo and the gang are back in the Benelux Oct. 17 (Schinnen) and 19 (Brussels) For more information on the Brussels show, see page 6.

405th LRC

The 405th Logistics Readiness Center will be closed Sept. 19 from noon to 4:30 p.m. This includes services such as the Central Issue Facility, Property Book Office, Transportation Motor Pool, Transportation and Maintenance. Shuttle service will still be in operation.

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Community gets in shape during Fitness Day

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted U.S. Army Installation Management Command Directorate-Europe's Fitness Day Sept. 12, 2017, at Chièvres Air Base, Belgium. "Get Fit. Don't Quit" was the motto for the day as people enjoyed an afternoon of fitness, support and fun at Chièvres Fitness Center. (U.S. Army photo by Jessica Ryan)

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Community commemorates 9/11 anniversary

By Jessica Ryan

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

It was a morning of recollection and contemplation for the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community as two remembrance race events occurred on the 16th anniversary of September 11 at Chièvres Air Base, Belgium.

At 6 a.m., the U.S. Army 39th Strategic Signal Battalion hosted a Patriot Day remembrance ruck march. Over 40 Soldiers and family members marched along a 9.11-kilometer path as some wore over 40 pounds of gear.

"Commemorating 9/11 with a 9.11 kilometer road march was a tremendous opportunity for our Soldiers to reflect on why they choose to serve. Personally, I believe that I'm still in the uniform today because of what happened on that day," said Lt. Col. Nicholas Prisco, commander of the 39th Strategic Signal Battalion.

At 9:11 a.m., another remembrance event began as over 30 people gathered at the starting line for the Patriot Day Run hosted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Participants ran or walked up to five kilometers along the air base.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Leandro Rocha was the second person to cross the finish line. He said he participates in



The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community ran to honor 9/11 victims and their families during the Patriot Day Run Sept. 11, 2017, on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium. (U.S. Army photo by Jessica Ryan)

races on commemorative holidays such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Patriot Day to honor the fallen.

"I remember when I was in Grafenwoehr, Germany, in 2001. We heard of the attacks when we were training. Family members were trying to contact us, but they couldn't," he said. "I could never forget that day."

Some runners brought their children to the event. Army spouse Gretchen Faunce ran the route while pushing her son in a stroller. Although her older children were in school, she said she typically brings them to commemorative races.

"It's important to bring our kids to these type of events," she said. "They weren't alive when 9/11 happened, but it's important for them to remember that day."

After the Patriot Day Run finished, participants gathered at the Chièvres Fitness Center for refreshments. Keamia Rasa Lucas, MWR fitness program specialist, reflected on the event.

"Sept. 11 is an important day to remember and respect. It was a good that people were able to come together in remembrance of it," she said. "I'm thankful for everyone who came out and supported the community."



The U.S. Army 39th Strategic Signal Battalion pose together after they complete their Patriot Day remembrance ruck march Sept. 11, 2017, on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Van Rinawma)

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Garrison performs full-scale exercise

By Jessica Ryan
USAG Benelux Public Affairs

Emergency situations can happen when one least expects it. September is National Preparedness Month, and it was an opportune time to refine team members' skills in handling crisis situations. Communities within the Benelux footprint conducted a full-scale exercises Sept. 7. Participating agencies and organizations tested their capabilities in responding to emergencies happening at the garrison. The exercise demonstrated how the garrison personnel worked with tenant units and Belgian and Dutch civilian agencies to control a situation while keeping the community safe and informed. The U.S. Army prepares our communities today for the hazards of tomorrow. To learn more about the Ready Army campaign, go to <http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy>.



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1. Senior Airman Diamond Winston searches a role player. 2. An observer-controller takes notes as Winston and Jeffrey Turncliff, U.S. Air Force Security Forces with the 424th Air Base Squadron, get ready to intervene during Sentinel Shield 2017, a full-scale exercise that tests the collaboration between U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, tenant units and Belgian civilian agencies on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium, Sept. 7, 2017. (U.S. Army photos by Pierre-Etienne Courtejoie) 3. When brought to a safe place, Staff Sgt. Taylor B. Morrisseau was finally able to apply first aid to stabbed victim Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. George Cottrell during an exercise in Schinnen, The Netherlands, Sept. 7, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Frans Meisen)



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U.S. military police work with the Royal Marechaussee (Dutch Military Police) in controlling the situation during a full-scale exercise Sept. 7, 2017, in Schinnen, The Netherlands. The exercise demonstrated garrison personnel's ability to work with civilian agencies during crises. (U.S. Army photo by Frans Meisen)

Fitness Day promotes fun, camaraderie

By Jessica Ryan

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

“Get Fit. Don’t Quit!” was the motto of the day as people gathered for an afternoon of fitness at Chièvres Air Base, Belgium, for U.S. Army Installation Management Command Directorate–Europe’s Fitness Day Sept. 12.

Joining other garrisons in IMCOM-Europe, the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community participated in Fitness Day by attending fitness classes including WELLBEATS Spin, Family Zumba, Adult Circuit Training and TRX Suspension Training.

“Basically, we want to get people to the facility so they can see what we have to offer,” said Jonathan Hopkins, recreation assistant for Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Chièvres Fitness Center.

According to the MWR website, the fitness center has two full-size basketball floors, saunas and an outdoor multipurpose field with a quarter-mile running track. In addition, there is a large physical exercise area with cardiovascular machines, strength equipment and free weights.

The website also states that all programs, including fitness classes, are offered at no cost to their patrons.

The IMCOM Europe Fitness Day featured those classes as both new and returning participants signed up.

Rebecca Zubia, a special education assessor for the Department of Defense Education Activity, completed three classes that afternoon. Even though she works in the SHAPE area, she regularly makes the drive to Chièvres for TRX.

“Our instructor is really good at focusing on each one of us and making sure our posture is right and that we make the correct movements so we don’t injure ourselves,” she said.

“For a lot of us, it is just not physical, but it is mental. We have to think about each and every single muscle in our body. Everything has to be at a certain angle. We have to think about where our hands, our feet, our shoulders, and our knees are and that we are engaging our abdomens all the time.”

To her, the fitness classes have more than just health benefits.

“We [the classmates] all really support each other,” she added. “We all do it for health, but we also built some strong relationships.”

IMCOM Europe Fitness Day will occur Sept. 16 in Brussels and Schinnen. Class listings and other activities are posted on their website. To learn more about fitness programs at USAG Benelux, visit <https://benelux.armymwr.com>.



Top: Fitness instructor Keamia Rasa Lucas corrects Rebecca Zubia's form during a TRX suspension training class. Bottom: Army spouse Jacuelyn Matherly follows a Zumba routine. The fitness classes were held during IMCOM Europe Fitness Day Sept. 12, 2017, on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium. (U.S. Army photos by Jessica Ryan)

Threats on social media highlight need for strategic approach, Army leadership says

By Nathan Van Schaik
USAG Bavaria Public Affairs

Soldiers and family members are facing the growing need to protect themselves from cyberthreats on social media, according to top leadership.

A Soldier within the U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria footprint recently received messages on a private Facebook page deemed by investigators as malicious and aggressive.

"Potential foreign adversaries are using social media to make threats toward service members," said Adam Troxel, lead special agent with the 66th Military Intelligence Brigade.

The threatening messages on Facebook underscore the need to grow awareness about social media as part of the cyberspace domain -- potentially exploitable by online predators and adversaries.

The U.S. Army Operating Concept -- which presents a vision of how future Army forces will operate in an unknowable and constantly changing environment -- acknowledges that state and non-state actors have used social media to influence perceptions and provide cover for large-scale military operations. The concept also explains that "social media amplifies and accelerates interaction between people, governments, militaries and threats."

But to date, social media remains largely outside the scope of Army doctrine. That leaves the responsibility on social media users -- 83 percent of Americans have a social media account, according to the U.S. Army Social Media Handbook -- to protect themselves within the cyber domain.

Leaders here are now calling on service members, DOD employees and families to take a more strategic and proactive role in social media.

"The future operational environment is not only unknown, but unknowable and constantly changing," said Brig. Gen. Tony Aguto, commander of 7th Army Training Command. "It's time we acknowledge social media as an extension of cyberspace within our complex world."

As social media continues to evolve, so too has the number of online predators. While only a few years ago cybersecurity implied protecting personal information online, today cybersecurity translates into a more proactive role.

"As members of the U.S. military deployed



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overseas, we need to approach social media in the cyber domain the way we might approach any dangerous and unfamiliar territory: Be smart and keep a low profile," said USAG Bavaria Garrison Commander, Col. Lance Varney.

Soldiers and their families need now more than ever to step up their game in protecting their online identities -- from tightening security settings on Facebook to ensuring name tags are not in view in photographs shared online.

"Question legitimacy of unsolicited online traffic and don't leave your personal details open to unfamiliar eyes," Aguto said. "Open source intel collection is real, and as U.S. personnel we shouldn't make it easy for adversaries to target, collect or intimidate."

If you or someone you know is in receipt of threatening or malicious social media messaging, you can submit an online report at iSalute at <https://www.inscom.army.mil/isalute>. If you live within the USAG Benelux community, contact the 5th Military Battalion at CIV 011-32-68-27-5048/5222/5357 or DSN 361-5048/522/5357 or email at usarmy.benelux.3-mp-gp.list.benelux-cid@mail.mil.

To learn more on how to protect you and your family on social media, visit the Army's Social Media Handbook at www.army.mil/socialmedia or the Army Cyber Command's cybersecurity awareness factsheets at <http://arcyber.army.mil/Pages/FactSheets.aspx>.

"Together we can increase Army readiness overseas and on the battlefield through social media vigilance," Aguto said. "Soldiers, families and civilians all play a role in our cyber mission force readiness."



KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

The Official Website of the American Forces Network Benelux

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SHAPE : 106.5 | Tri-Border community : 99.7 and 96.9 FM

AFN BENELUX 360 Internet Radio <http://benelux.afneurope.net>

All communities

MWR is Hiring

- Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hiring part-time and full-time U.S. employees. Visit USAJobs.gov and search for listings in Belgium or the Netherlands. The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program offers classes and personalized assistance. For additional information and to register for classes, contact your local ACS office.

The following are VTC-projected classes. For information about and to register for VTC classes, contact:

- For SHAPE: DSN: 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.
- For Brussels: DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.
- For Schinnen: DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31(0)46-4437500.

Sept. 27

- **Master Resiliency Training: Effective Praise and Active Constructive Responding**- Held from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This training focuses on how to use the Active Constructive Responding style to strengthen relationships.



BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

See also above in "All Communities"

Through Sept. 22

- **Community Movie Night** - Watch free movies on selected Thursday and Friday nights at the 3 Star Recreation Center starting at 6:30 p.m. This month's schedule includes *Baby Driver* (R) on Sept. 15, *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2* (PG-13) on Sept. 21 and *The House* (R) on Sept. 22. For more information, call +32 (0)27-17-9822 or DSN 368-9822.

Sept. 16

- **Fitness Day** - Visit the Brussels Fitness Center for exercise and fun starting at 10 a.m. The first 60 participants will receive a free tee shirt. For more information, call +32 (0)2717-9667 or DSN 368-9667.

Sept. 21

- **3 Star Dinner Special "All You Can Eat Taco Bar"** - Starts at 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$11 for adults; \$5 for children. Reservations can be made at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

Sept. 27

- **Host Nation Orientation** - Held from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Newcomers will receive information about USAG Benelux and the Brussels community, visit local sites, and learn about the language and local customs. Advance registration is required. To register, call +32 (0)2717-9783 or DSN 368-9783.

Oct. 19

- **The Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families** - The show starts at 5 p.m. at Steerebeck CYS Gym. Doors will open 30 minutes prior. Free admission for military families and their children. For more information, call +32 (0)2717-9535 or DSN 368-9535.

Oct. 27

- **The Trick-or-Treat Spooky Bash** - From 5:30 to 8 p.m., enjoy a frightfully fun night for the whole family at the 3 Star Recreation Center. For more information, call 02-717-9822 or DSN 368-9822.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

See also above in "All Communities"

Sept. 16

- **IMCOM Europe Fitness Day** - Get Fit! Don't Quit! Each year, IMCOM Directorate-Europe designates September as fitness month. The Schinnen community can participate in the following events: 5K Fun/Run Walk starting at 10 a.m., Adult Circuit Training session at 11:30 a.m., and community volleyball games at 1 p.m. For more information, call the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7561 or +31 (0)46-4437561.

Sept. 20

- **Start of the Schinnen Bowling Center Mixed League** - The competition will start at 6:30 p.m. It is four person teams with at least one female per team. This is a fun league and a good time to spend on Wednesday nights. To sign up a team, contact the Schinnen Bowling Center at DSN 360-7207 or +31 (0)46-4437207.

Sept. 21-22

- **ACS Host Nation/Newcomer's Orientation and Cultural Tour** - All newcomers and spouses are invited to learn about their new community from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Army Community Service. On the first day, explore the Dutch culture with an introduction to the language and get an overview of Tri-Border services. On the second day, go beyond the gate to visit local attractions and shopping areas and learn how to use the local train system. For more information, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437500.

Sept. 22

- **Ladies Night** - Enjoy a night out at the Schinnen Bowling Center starting at 6 p.m. There will be dollar tacos at the taco bar, a live DJ and dancing. For more information, call +31 (0)464-43-7207 or DSN 360-7207.

Sept. 23

- **Operation Market Garden Day Trip** - Join Schinnen Trips and Tours on a day trip to Arnhem and commemorate Operation Market Garden. Also included is a visit the Dutch National Liberation Museum to relive the country's liberation by American, British, Canadian and Polish troops. Cost is \$59. To sign up, call +31 (0)464-43-7560 or DSN 360-7560.

The following are Soldier For Life and Transition Assistance Program classes and events mandatory for separating and retiring service members:

- **Sept. 25: Veterans Affairs I and II Briefings.** VA Benefits I and II briefings are part of VA's portion of Transition Goals, Plans, Success, or GPS, which is designed to help military members make the transition to civilian life. Find out the latest on VA policies, benefits and eligibility from the people who know.
- **Sept. 25-29: Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program SFL/TAP** registration is now open! This is also a reminder that SFL/TAP classes are mandatory for separating and retiring service members.
- **Sept. 26-28: Department of Labor Employment Workshop.** Learn the skills needed to make your transition to civilian life successful. DOLEW includes effective job search, résumé-writing and interviewing techniques. Be sure to bring a laptop computer or electronic tablet to the workshop.
- **Sept. 29: Personal Financial Planning for Transition.** This briefing will help prepare you and your family with the financial management tools and resources to help assure your family's strong financial future. All classes will take place at the JFC Brunssum Library's Multipurpose Room from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can attend all or any that you may be interested in. For more information, call DSN 606-2443848/3475 or +31 (0) 45-5263848/3475.



Sept. 30 to Oct. 2

- **New Orleans Saints vs. Miami Dolphins NFL Game in London** - Attendees will get to experience National Football League regular-season action at Wembley Stadium. The trip includes transportation, lodging for two nights and a game ticket. Call DSN 360-7560 or +31 (0)464-43-7560 to be put on the waiting list.

Oct. 12

- **Army Community Service 5K Domestic Violence Walk/Run** - Join the Schinnen community in taking a stand down against domestic violence and abuse. The event starts at 9 a.m. and participants are encouraged to wear purple. For more information, call the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7561.

Through June 1, 2018

- **Commander's Cup Challenge** - The fitness center has started a Commander's Cup Challenge, offering teams and individuals challenges to secure the Commander's Cup Trophy. Line drills will be the next challenge. Participants must complete this challenge from Sept. 25 to 29. Please stop by or call the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7561 or +31 (0)46-4437561 for more information.

Netherlands Law Center Announcement

The Office of The Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 25 active-duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense. Selected officers will attend law school beginning the fall of 2018 and will remain on active duty while attending law school. Interested officers should review Army MILPER Message 17-051 and Chapter 10, AR 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility. This program is open to commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants must have at least two, but not more than six, years of total active federal service at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and is non-waivable. Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at AHRC, send the original application to the Office of The Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT (Rm 28517), 2200 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310 to be received by Nov. 1, 2017. Submission of the application well in advance of the deadline is advised. Interested officers in the Netherlands can contact the Netherlands Law Center at DSN 360-7693 or +31 (0)46-4437693.

SHAPE/CHIÈVRES COMMUNITY

See also page 8 in "All Communities"

Every Monday

- **Mocha Mondays at Youth Center** - Join Child, Youth and School Services for free warm drinks, friendly conversation and fun from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Youth Center (SHAPE Bldg. 503). Open to CYS eligible youth in grades 6-12. For more information, call 065-326813 or DSN 366-6813. To register, call Parent Central Services at 065-326839 or DSN 366-6839.

Through Sept. 27

- **Watercolor Exhibition with Eric Delbart** - Watch artist Eric Delbart work on watercolor paintings at the SHAPE Club every Friday starting at 2 p.m. For more information, call + 32 (0)498-937315.

Sept. 18-19 and Oct. 16-17

- **Host Nation Orientation** - Army Community Service is inviting all service members, civilians and their family members to participate in Host Nation Orientation from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m at ACS Bldg. 318. Registration is required. Call DSN 366-6824 or +32 (0)6532-6824.

Sept. 21

- **Suicide Stand-Down Resiliency Olympics** - From 7:30 a.m. to noon, come to the SHAPE Fitness Center and build your resiliency with fun, Olympic-style competitions, For more information, call DSN 423-2633/7141.

Sept. 22

- **Parents' Night Out** - Enjoy a date night as your children have fun with Child, Youth and School Services from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. This is open to all eligible CYS youth. CYS annual registration is required. Cost is \$25 per child. Registration ends September 20. To sign up, go to Parent Central Services (SHAPE Bldg. 503) from Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 065-32-6839 or DSN 366-6839.



Oct. 11

- **U.S. Town Hall and Information Fair** - Meet with community leaders and agencies to ask questions and receive information at the SHAPE Events Center starting at 3:30 p.m. The town hall is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. Open to all U.S. service members, civilians and dependents. For more information, call USNMR at DSN 423-4032.

Oct. 20

- **Kid-Friendly Zombie Run** - Sign up your "human" kids to be chased by "kid-friendly" zombies for a run starting at 4 p.m. behind the SHAPE Total Station. For more information, call 065-32-6839/6797 or DSN 366-6839/6797.

Oct. 20-21

- **Haunted Clinic** - The SHAPE Healthcare Facility presents two spooky nights from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is €5 per person.
- **Grimms Garden** - The SHAPE Healthcare Facility presents two nights of entertainment for younger guests from 6 p.m to 9 p.m. Admission is €3 per person.

Oct. 27

- **Trunk or Treat** - Celebrate Halloween with the SHAPE/Chièvres community at Chièvres Air Base. Carnival rides begin at 5 p.m. and the trunk trail opens at 6 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. For more information or to sponsor a trunk, visit chievres.armymwr.com.

Inside the gate

Upcoming Organized Trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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- **Atlantic Wall Museum & Oostende, Sept. 23**
- **Medieval Dinner in Brugge, Sept. 30**
- **Trier, Germany, Oct. 7**
- **India, Oct. 7-17**
- **Alsace Vineyards, Oct. 14-15**
- **Paris, Oct. 21**
- **Amsterdam, Oct. 28**
- **Polish History and Vienna, Oct. 28 - Nov. 3**
- **Flanders Fields, Nov. 13**
- **Cooking Class in Lille, Nov. 4**
- **Moulin Rouge, Paris, Nov. 11**

- **Harry Potter Studio Tour, Nov. 18**
- **London, Nov. 25**
- **Luxembourg Christmas Markets, Dec. 2**
- **Reykjavik & Iceland, Dec. 3-7**
- **German Christmas Markets, Dec. 9-10**
- **Aachen and Monschau, Germany, Dec. 23**
- **Paris, Dec. 27**
- **Berlin, Dec. 29 - Jan. 1**
- **Crete, Spa and Middelkerke, all year**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

Call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **Operation Market Garden Day Trip, Sept. 23**
- **Prague Express, Oct. 27-29**

Heritage Days in Brussels

By **Christophe Morel**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

The next edition of Heritage Days will take place Saturday and Sunday in the Brussels-Capital Region. The theme of the 29th edition is "Nature in the City."

Heritage Days are a perfect occasion to discover Brussels from another point of view. Parks, gardens and squares will be featured, as will the close relationship between architecture and nature. Visitors will have an opportunity to learn about the presence of nature in buildings, from its influence on decoration to the use of natural materials.

In addition to the sites to be visited, numerous activities are scheduled throughout the region, such as walking tours, cycling routes, discovery of fauna and flora, bus circuits, exhibitions and more. We selected four different activities:

From Mont des Arts to Egmont Park

Location: Statue of Albert I, at the bottom of Mont des Arts/Kunstberg

Hours: Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Estimated Duration: 2 hours

Tour Language: French

This walking tour will take you through Square du Petit Sablon/Kleine Zavel square, a neo-Renaissance style garden decorated with a series of sculptures created by the greatest Belgian artists of the 19th century, a small jewel in the heart of Brussels. While the first two gardens are well-known to those living in Brussels, Egmont Park has always kept itself in the background. Few people are aware of its existence, but it's the only public park in the Pentagon located within a rear courtyard. Reservations are required. Call +32 (0)23-19-4560 from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A Canal in the City

Location: Avenue du Port

Hours: Sunday only at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Estimated Duration: 2.5 hours

Tour Language: French

The Senne, Brussels's river, enabled the social and economic development of the city. The boat tour will take you, via the Molenbeek-Saint-Jean/Sint-Jans-Molenbeek and Anderlecht locks, along a route that's filled with contrasts. After the urban zone, crossing the Biestebroek basin, you will encounter old barges



Photo courtesy of Visit.Brussels.

converted into homes and see water birds that keep fishermen and walkers company. Reservations are recommended. Call +32 (0)24-10-9950 from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Brussels and Its 100 Parks Bus Tour

Location: Boulevard de Berlaimont

Hours: Saturday only at 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Estimated Duration: 2 hours

Tour Language: French

Brussels is the greenest capital in Europe. It is home to small and large parks with stories and charm. During this bus tour, you will learn about mythology and anecdotes. Reservations are required.

Call +32 (0)25-37-6875 from Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

German Photographs (1917-1918): Belgium's Artistic Heritage through the Occupier's Lens.

Location: Brussels Park

Hours: Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

As part of the commemorations of the First World War, the Royal Institute for Cultural Heritage has launched the scientific project called "Belgian Artistic Heritage During the Great War: Weapon or Means of Resistance." The objective was to showcase the IRPA's collections of photographs exhibiting the shots taken just before or during the Great War. This open air exhibition will present a selection of photographs taken in 1917-1918 with a focus on their breathtaking technical quality and the esthetical and political motivations behind the German campaign to compile a photographic inventory.

Discover all the other activities at <https://visit.brussels/en/sites/heritage>. The telephone helpline is open September 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call +32 (0)22-04-1769.

This Sunday is Car Free Sunday in Brussels. From 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., car traffic is not allowed in the Brussels region including the city of Brussels. The ban applies to all motorized vehicles except taxis, journey buses, emergency services, police and persons with a special permit. The public transport of the STIB and De Lijn (metro and tram) will be free on that day. The SNCB train will take you to the heart of the city. By car, you can drive to parking C of Heysel where there will be 11,000 parking spaces available for a daily fee of €5. Other transit parking areas along the edges of the region will be well-indicated from the ring. It's also possible to reserve your free parking spot before Saturday at www.autolozedag.brussels/.

Expect heightened security for Oktoberfest

By Jackie Pennoyer

USAG Bavaria Public Affairs

The 2017 Oktoberfest in Munich runs Sept. 16 through Oct. 3 and fest-goers can expect to see stringent security measures again, according to their official.

The heightened security plans include a secured perimeter, a significant police presence with up to 450 security wardens on duty at a time, a multi-language loudspeaker system for crisis communication, standby emergency phones and restrictions on festival entry, according to official news releases.

The 100-acre plot of land, nestled in Munich's central Ludwigsvorstadt-Isarvorstadt district, will be fenced off – including the open area along the Theresienhoehe – to enable 100 percent control of festival access, according to Munich police officials. Barriers can be dismantled in seconds for quick escape, however, city officials assured.

All backpacks and large bags, or anything with a capacity of more than three liters, are strictly prohibited at the festival, Munich police said. Exceptions may be made on a case-to-case basis for justified reasons, such as support for handicapped people.

Small handbags and other belongings will be checked at all entrances, the police said.

Other prohibited items include glass bottles, spray cans and any items that can be used as a weapon. Strollers and buggies are allowed, except on Saturdays, German Unity Day on Mon, Oct. 3 and all other days after 6 p.m.

Despite tightened security and the general concern of random violence, the two-week Bavarian festival is expected to attract large crowds, city officials said, with nearly half a million visitors each day.

For your safety, download, print and keep the USAG Bavaria Oktoberfest tri-fold at www.bavaria.army.mil/docs/oktoberfest.pdf.

PREPARING FOR THE FESTIVAL

DO NOT BRING:

- Backpacks and large bags.
- Anything that could be construed as a weapon.

BRING:

- An official passport or photo ID.
- A copy of passport or photo ID, in case it is lost or stolen at the festival.
- The beer price ranges from €10.40 to €10.70. Be prepared to also pay a server fee, or "Bedienungsgeld," in some cases.
- Traditional Bavarian dress "Tracht." It's not required, but it is highly encouraged.
- Your Oktoberfest safety trifold with important numbers.

TRANSPORTATION: Driving is not recommended, due to heavy traffic congestion around the city and limited



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parking. Drivers are encouraged to utilize Park-and-Ride areas or take public transportation.

REGISTER for AtHoc to receive alerts and security messages from the garrison

Check out the Wiesn-Barometer to see a schedule of the festival's busiest days and times, and visit the U.S. Consulate General page for a list of tips, emergency contacts and festival map. You can also download the official smartphone app for more maps and tips in English and German.

OKTOBERFEST SAFETY

The Oktoberfest Service Center: The Service Center, or Servicezentrum, houses the police station, Red Cross, Sichere Wiesn security point for women safety and lost-and-found facility. It is located beside the large Bavarian statue and behind the Schottenhamel tent.

- POLICE STATION: Open daily. Contact +49(0)89-500-3220
- RED CROSS: Open daily. Contact +49(0)89-502-22424.
- SICHERE WIESN SECURITY POINT FOR WOMEN: Open daily from 6 p.m. – 1 a.m. and Saturdays from 3 p.m. – 1 a.m. Contact +49(0)89-502-22366.
- LOST-AND-FOUND: Open daily from 1 – 11 p.m. Contact kvr@muenchen.de.

Emergency phones with police officers on the other end are located on light poles around the fest grounds. You may have to go directly to the police station for access to an English-speaking police officer.

Other emergency contacts: Police at 110, Fire and Emergency Medical Services at 112

- Garmisch MP Station: +49(0)8821-750-3801.
- Vilseck MP Station: +49(0)9662-83-3398/3397
- USAG Bavaria Installation Operations Center: +49(0)9641-70-526-3025
- U.S. Consulate in Munich: +49(0)89-2888-580 (After hours and on weekends: +49(0)89-2888-0)

For more information about Oktoberfest, visit <http://www.bavariannews.com/oktoberfest/>.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Sept. 15-17

- **"Fêtes de Wallonie" in Mons** - Held in the center of the town Friday from 6 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., Saturday from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Theater performances, concerts, activities for children and more. Don't miss fireworks Friday at 10:30 p.m. For more information about the program, visit <http://www.mons.be>.
- **Dour Liberty Camp (5th Anniversary)** - Held on Rue Grande from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to see a military camp as it existed in 1944 when allied troops liberated Belgium. There will also be exhibitions, Jeep rides and many other activities. For more information, go to <http://www.lwha.be>.

Sept. 16

- **Flea market in Deux-Acren**- Held on Rue des Culants featuring 300 booths from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Woluwe-Saint-Lambert** - Held on Avenue des Constellations featuring 500 booths from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sept. 16-17

- **Heritage Days in Brussels** - Held in the Brussels Region and on the territory of the City of Brussels. These days allow visitors to discover the wealth of buildings, institutions and real-estate in Brussels. See page 9 for more details.
- **Flea Market in Brussels** - Held on Rue de Flandre featuring 150 booths from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sept. 17

- **Flea Market in Ormeignies** - Held on Place d'Ormeignies featuring 200 booths from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Pipaix** - Held on Place de Pipaix featuring 100 booths from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Sirault for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** -Departs the park on Rue du Parc from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Soignies for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** Departs Chemin de la Guelenne, 20 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Braffe for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs Rue du Quesnoy, 1 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Brussels Bike Circus** - Held on Place de la Monnaie, Place Emile Bockstael (Laeken) and Place Peter Benoit (Neder-Over-Heembeek). The event is a part of the Car Free Sunday. The schedule includes pumptrack (a type of off-road terrain for cycle sport), food trucks, funny bikes, race bike circus, BMX, music and more activities. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Vinyl Records Sale in Mons** - Held at Lotto Mons Expo on Avenue Thomas Edison 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The sale features 80 booths. Entry: €5.



Read about events near Brunssum and Schinnen (in the Netherlands unless otherwise indicated).

Sept. 15-17

- **Fiesta Eurasia (BE)** - Held in the Shoppingcentra on Centrumlaan in Ninove (BE). The market features both European and Asian goods. Open Friday from noon to 10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Fall Fair (NL)** - Held in the Castle Cannenburch, Maarten van Rossumplein 1 in Vaassen (NL). The fair has regional products, plants, decorations, curiosa, country fashion and more. Open Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €6.50; free entry for children age 11 and younger.

Sept. 15-18

- **Wine Fest (GE)** - Held on Market Square in the center of Remagen (GE).

Sept. 16

- **Airborne Commemoration (NL)** - Held at Ginkelse Heide (Heath) near Ede (NL) to commemorate Operation Market Garden. About 1,000 paratroopers will jump out of a variety of airplanes, among which a Hercules and Dakotas. Starts at 9:30 a.m.
- **Antique & Curiosa Market (NL)** - Held at Kloosterwandplein in the center of Roermond (NL) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sept. 16-17

- **Apple Fest (GE)** - Held in the center of Bad Waldliesborn (GE). This traditional festival has lots of activities and entertainment. Open Saturday from noon to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Römerfest (BE)** - Held in Holz-Erde-Mauer and Arena Römerpark in Bergkamen-Oberaden (GE). There will be games, fights, Roman market, food, beverages and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Garden Fair (GE)** - Held in Castle Hardenberg on Zum Hardenberger Schloss 1 in Velbert GE) with plants, flowers, decorations and more. No entry fees.

Through Sept. 17

- **Musica Sacra Maastricht (35th Anniversary)** - For the program and locations, go to www.musicasacramaastricht.nl.
- **Rotterdam Philharmonic Gergiev Festival (NL)** - Held at De Doelen, Schouwburgplein 50 in Rotterdam (NL). This is a classical music festival with a rich program of opera, symphonic music, happenings and musical pearls with world famous artists. For more information, go to www.gergievfestival.nl.
- **Antique & Curiosa Market** - Held at the park and in the castle Rosendaal on Rosendaal 1 in Rozendaal (NL). Entry: €6.50; €3 for children age 4-16. Open 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.