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Benelux news briefs

USAREUR emergency DSNs align with Europe

Effective Jan. 1, 2015, the DSN emergency phone number for all USAG Benelux sites became 112; calls will now go to the MP Desk. All of USAREUR is going to 112 for DSN, which makes it align with civilian usage.

Gym open during reno

The Brussels Fitness Center's locker rooms will be renovated from Jan. 19 to March 3, and the front entranceway will be closed, including the locker rooms. Customers will have to use the back entrance way to the fitness.

The gym will still be open for patrons to work out, but locker rooms won't be available for patrons to shower or change.

ACS closes for one day

The USAG Benelux Army Community Service offices in SHAPE, Brussels and Schinnen will be closed Jan. 23, due to strategic planning requirements.

In case of an emergency please contact ACS on cell: +32 (0) 472-485985.

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Marie-Lise Baneton

Laroche-en-Ardenne celebrates liberation anniversary

A U.S. color guard – composed of noncommissioned officer in charge Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy King, Spc. Devlin Trefethen, Sgt. Joseph Quirarte, Sgt. Jay Butler and Pfc. Antonio Jones – represents the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux and SHAPE Healthcare Facility at a ceremony held in Laroche-en-Ardenne Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015. They joined platoons of the Belgian 1st/3rd Lancers Battalion, the Belgian Air Force Band and representatives of the Scottish 51st Highland Division to mark the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the city Jan. 11, 1945. On that cold day of the Battle of the Bulge, the U.S. and Scottish troops linked up in the heart of the small Ardennes town that the German troops had just abandoned. The town had endured harsh combat and was almost destroyed. The ceremony took participants to four different monuments honoring the civilians and military who lost their lives there. From La Roche, the troops had to liberate Houffalize before they could link up with Patton's Third Army Jan. 16, 1945.