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AFCU now hiring

Andrews Federal Credit Union is looking for individuals to fill the following positions: full-time position for head teller at the Chièvres branch as well as one full-time teller and one part-time teller (20 hours a week) at the Brussels branch. For the job listings, visit the AFCU website at <http://www.andrewsfcu.org>, click on the "Careers" link at the bottom right of the screen, then click on "Employment Listings."

AAFES has job opening

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's Brussels retail store is looking for a shift supervisor. The position has a regular, part-time work schedule. Call DSN 361-5337 or civilian 068-275337.

PXtra closes for good

The PXtra will be closed starting May 30 and won't reopen.

"Please be patient as we transition the rest of the merchandise from the PXtra to the new addition," said Joe Escobar, the manager of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, or AAFES, Chièvres Main Store.

The PXtra will be converted to office space.

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Children provide touching moments at Memorial Day event

Children from Waregem, Belgium, place flags on the graves of American Soldiers during the Memorial Day ceremony at the Flanders Field American Cemetery Sunday, May 24, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark) **See page 4.**



Crosses are decorated with Belgian and American flags at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery Saturday, May 23, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

Poignant Memorial Day ceremonies held

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Thousands of pristine white crosses on manicured green grass, each marked by flags, each the final resting place of a service member who made the supreme sacrifice.

People move down the rows of crosses reading the names of the fallen, some with fresh flowers to decorate graves of loved ones or graves that they have adopted.

"I met this man's daughter a number of years ago when she visited the cemetery, I made a promise to her that I would always come here on Memorial Day and leave flowers on her father's grave," a Belgian woman said.

Ceremonies with tributes by generals, politicians and school

children, color guards, the laying of wreaths, honor platoons and 21-gun salutes, it's the children that touch the heart.

"Thanks to them, we live in freedom and peace," the children of Plombières said in unison as they held cards that spelled out "T H A N K Y O U !" at the ceremony at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Hombourg, Belgium.

For 80 years at Flanders Field American Cemetery, the schoolchildren of Waregem have sung "The Star-Spangled Banner" to honor the Americans buried there, a moving tribute to America that brought tears to many Americans attending the ceremony.



Schoolchildren from Plombières say thank you at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery ceremony Saturday, May 23, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)



The fly-over at Flanders Field American Cemetery. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)



USAG Benelux Color Guard marches at Ardennes American Cemetery Saturday, May 23, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

Memorial Day I continued



Waregem schoolchildren wave Belgian and American flags at Flanders Field American Cemetery as they sing "The Star Spangled Banner" Sunday, May 24, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)



Two World War II vets are guests of honor at the Henri-Chapelle ceremony Saturday, May 23, 2015. (U.S. Army Photo by Tim Clark)



Memorial Day ceremonies were held in 16 locations around Europe. Taps is played at the Somme American Cemetery in Bony, France, Sunday, May 24, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Kathy Garrity-Cantwell)



A total of 77 wreaths were laid at the Memorial Day ceremony at Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, the Netherlands, Sunday, May 24, 2015. More than 6,000 people attended. (U.S. Army photo by Nino Antonacci)



After placing a rose on one of the graves adopted by USAG Benelux, Col. Marty Vannatter and Master Sgt. Nicole Morris salute at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery Saturday, May 23, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)