

Trenches to Foxholes

USAG Benelux celebrated Victory in Europe Day



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(Picture left) The USAG Benelux Color Guard composed of Spec. Edward Chambers, Sgt. John Webb, Sgt. Joseph Quirarte and Spec. Devlin Trefethen, led by Sgt. Gregory Roberts present arms during the V-E Day ceremony held in Chièvres, May 8, 2014.



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(Picture right) Col. Marvin G. Vannatter, Commander USAG Benelux, lays a wreath with Bruno Lefèbvre, Mayor of Chièvres during the ceremony.



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(Picture left from left to right) Belgian veterans André Trocmée, Robert Keytsman, Yvon Henry and Zénobe Sturbois were part of the 5th Fusiliers Battalion that fought side by side with the American Soldiers in the Battle of the Bulge during WWII. The 5th Fusiliers Battalion organized a V-E Day ceremony in Mons, May 9 at their plaque on the wall of the Military Headquarters of the Province.



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(From left to right) Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Carter, USAG Benelux, Marcel D'Haese, Chairman, 5th Fusiliers Battalion and Col. Pierre Bancu, Military Commander Hainaut Province, salute after the wreath laying ceremony at the Military Headquarters of the Province, May 9, 2014.



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(Picture left) Marc Duvivier (front), Mayor of Ath, and Lt. Col. Francisco Rivera (back), Director Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, pay respect after a wreath laying ceremony held at the monument honoring the WWII victims in Ath, May 8, 2014. The ceremony included a parade to four WWII monuments with the participation of the Ath band, patriotic associations and city officials.



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André Desmarlières (left), Mayor of Brugelette and Maj. Cesar Ocasio, Deputy Director Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, pay respect after laying a wreath at the Brugelette monument, May 8.