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Benelux news briefs

Offices close to set up Plain White T's concert

The Brussels Fitness Center and Auto Skills Center will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 13, in order to provide support for the setup of the free Plain White T's concert at the Brussels American High School gymnasium, scheduled for that evening. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the 7 o'clock performance. (No tickets necessary. Seating is on a "first come, first served" basis.)

Brussels SATO closed Monday

Due to nonavailability of staff, the Contracted Travel Office-Scheduled Airline Traffic Office, or CTO-SATO, at USAG Benelux-Brussels will be closed Sept. 15. Normal operations will resume for the Brussels travel-agency office Sept. 16. In case of an emergency, contact Chièvres Carlson Wagonlit Travel-SATO, or CWT-SATO, at DSN 361-5783 or civilian 068-657125/fax 068-657170.

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Chimay, Cendron celebrate WWII liberation

Members of the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Color Guard, followed by a USAG Benelux platoon and Belgian and French flag bearers of various patriotic associations, march in the footsteps of the American troops who entered Belgium at Cendron 70 years ago. (U.S. Army photo by Cis Spook)

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Trenches to Foxholes

Belgium commemorates 70th anniversary of liberation

Chimay area



Marie-Lise Baneton



Tim Clark



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(Clockwise from top left) A concert by the SHAPE International Band at the Chimay castle kicks off commemoration events Friday, Aug. 29, 2014. • World War II vehicles parade through the local area of Cendron Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014. • The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Color Guard and Honor Platoon participate in the official commemorations that started Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014, honoring the U.S. troops who entered Belgium in Cendron 70 years ago. • Local school children wave the American colors during the ceremonies. • U.S. Ambassador Denise Campbell Bauer addresses the audience at the ceremony in Monceau-Imbrehies where the first 12 GIs were killed in the liberation of Belgium. • USAG Benelux commander Col. Marty Vannatter, Christel Delahaye of the "Duty to Remember" Association and Adj. Maj. Stéphane Charlier from the Belgian Air Force Base in Florennes pay respect to the fallen. • The 424th Air Base Squadron Color Guard participates in the ceremony at St. Rémy Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014, commemorating the American aviators and Belgian resistance fighters who were shot by the Nazis. • Family members of the Susan Ruth B-17 crew pay tribute at the memorial erected on the spot where the plane crashed Feb. 8, 1944. • The 424th Air Base Squadron commander, Lt. Col. Christopher Kuester, salutes during the playing of the anthems at the Susan Ruth monument. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook unless otherwise specified)



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