

# 39th Signal Battalion to partner with Belgian unit



(Picture left) Belgian Army Lt. Col. Michel Flohimont, Commander, 6th Computer and Information Systems Group in Peutie, Belgium, sits next to Lt. Col. Eric Van den Bosch, Commander, 39th Signal Battalion and Capt. Phillip Gilchrist from Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 39th Signal Battalion during the initial meeting on Caserne Daumerie, Chièvres, Tuesday, January 19, 2016. (Picture below) The 39th Signal Battalion hosted the 6CIS Commander and some of his staff members to evaluate how they can partner together. Several options were already brought forward: plan a visit during a NATO exercise, participate in functional training, organize a joint combatives or weapon training, and participate in fiber optic training were some of the options. Both units are looking at enhancing their ability to have the American and Belgian systems to interact and learning from each other's experience while maintaining a positive, intercultural partnership. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook)



# In Memoriam



The men and women of the USAG Benelux community mourn the loss of Hugo Herenalsteen, Dispatcher at the Distinguished

Visitor Support Element, NATO Brigade Brussels, who passed away Jan. 17 at the age of 64. Hugo is survived by his wife Rita, his two children and four grandchildren.

Hugo was born in Elsene, Belgium, in 1951. He started his career in 1975 as a gardener with the Directorate of Public Works. In 1997, he became a driver in the Brussels Motor Pool, and in 2009 he became a dispatcher.

Hugo is remembered by his friends and colleagues as a technical expert preparing and conducting dignitary missions behind the scene for the NATO Ministerial conferences. He was very talented when it came to creating IT forms and reports used in daily dispatch operations. He was a very friendly person appreciated by all co-workers and customers.

The funeral service will take place in Sterrebeek, Jan. 22 at 10 a.m.

A memorial service will be held in the USAG Brussels chapel at a later date and time.

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