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The Exchange's standard policy allows returns anywhere from up to 15 to 90 days of purchase with a sales receipt. The holiday return/exchange policy extends these terms through Jan. 31, 2017.

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MP, Belgian Army, Belgian police chase down active shooters

Spc. Jonathan White, USAG Benelux military police watches the door while the rest of the team is clearing a room during an active-shooter training exercise in Vilvoorde, Belgium, Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Donovan Abrassart)

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Trunk or Treat!



Left, Three minions plead with their master for candy during the Trunk or Treat event Oct. 31 at Chièvres Air Base. Above, A young vampire trick or treats during the annual event at Chièvres Air Base Oct. 31. Right, Iron Man looks skeptically at an eyeball during the Trunk or Treat event at Schinnen Oct. 31. (U.S. Army photos by Marie-Lise Baneton and Rita Hoefnagels)

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Multinational team tracks down active shooters in exercise

Story and photos by Donovan Abrassart
USAG Benelux Public Affairs



Exercise, exercise, exercise! Active shooters did not have a single chance as they were stalked by USAG Benelux MP, Belgian Army and police during a combined training in Vilvoorde, Belgium, Oct. 27.

It was the first participation of the garrison MP in the third iteration of a joint training between the local police of Zaventem and Belgian Soldiers taking about 50 participants through different scenarios.

"The goal is not to build a single unit but to share best practices," said Freddy Dekeyser, Chief Inspector at the local police of Zaventem.

The training is meant to harmonize modus operandi of the different units and familiarize participants with each other.

"Overall the basics are the same, with very minor differences," said Staff Sgt. Matthew Severino, USAG Benelux Military Police Desk Sergeant. "In the end, it does not matter how the clearing of a room or building is done, so long as it is done in a dynamic and successful manner with no casualties to responding officers or Soldiers."

In case an incident would happen within the garrison, the MP might have to cooperate with the local police. "We count on them to lead us through the buildings," Dekeyser said. "It's easier when you know each other." During the day-long training, the units bypassed the language barrier and rotated leadership when responding to active-shooter incidents.

"Language was not an issue because we have hand signals," Severino said. "So long as you can point to what you want, you will be fine. In the heat of the moment, you are not concerned about what language is being spoken."

(Photos clockwise from top left) Spc. Lynzee Stilwell, Spc. Jonathan White and Spc. David Reyes enter the building as first responders to an active shooter incident in Vilvoorde, Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016. • Spc. Travis Inglis watches the hallway as his team is responding to an active-shooter incident in Vilvoorde, Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016. • A Belgian police officer gets instructions through the radio during an active-shooter training exercise Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016. • A Belgian police officer partners with garrison MP to search a building as they are responding to an active-shooter incident in Vilvoorde, Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016. • A Belgian Soldier holds an active shooter at gunpoint during a training exercise in Vilvoorde Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016. • A Belgian police officer handcuffs an active shooter during a training exercise in Vilvoorde, Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016.



ALL COMMUNITIES

Register now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - To sign up, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824 for SHAPE ACS, DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783 for Brussels ACS and DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437500.
- **Insurance Plans** - This workshop will take a look at various types of life insurance and when it's optimal to use each, what amount you need to protect your family, various cost factors, and the importance of insurance. The class is **Nov. 9** from 11 a.m. to noon.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Election Night party in Brussels** - Hosted by the American Club of Brussels and The Bulletin, the event is at the Brussels Marriott Hotel, Rue Auguste Orts, 3-7 starting at 8:30 p.m. Admission is €14.95. For registration and pre-payment, check <http://www.uselections.be>.
- **CYSS Youth Sports & Fitness Volleyball Clinic** - Register until Nov. 14 for season starting Nov. 15 through Nov. 18. Cost is \$20. For information, call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651.
- **CYSS Youth Sports & Fitness Winter Cheerleading** - Open to children ages six to 12. Spaces are limited based on availability of court space and volunteer coaches. Registration is \$40 and open until Dec. 31. Cheerleading season runs from Jan. 3 to March 19, 2017. Volunteer coaches are needed and will receive a discounted registration fee.
- **CYSS Youth Sports & Fitness Winter Basketball** - Open to children ages three to 15. Spaces are limited based on availability of court space and volunteer coaches. Registration is open until Dec. 31. Basketball season runs from Jan. 3 to Feb. 27, 2017. Volunteer coaches are needed and will receive a discounted registration fee. For more information on Winter cheerleading and basketball registration fees, practice times, and sports physical requirements, contact the Youth Sports and Fitness Office at DSN 368-9539 or 02-7179539.

Nov. 3

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Asian ribs and stir fried noodles with rice and salad as of 5:30 p.m. Cost: adults \$12, children, ages 12 and under, \$6. For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.
- **Community Movie Night "Captain America: Civil War" (PG-13)** - At the BOSS Movie Area, Bldg. 1, third floor at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 3, 5, 10

- **Photography Workshop** - This five-part series kicks off at the 3 Star at 7 p.m. Each one-hour class will be taught by a former Army combat photographer. Cost is \$10 for all sessions. To register, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Nov. 12

- **Canadian Christmas Market** - The market is held at the International School Cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a visit from Santa Claus at 1 p.m.

Nov. 15

- **U.S. Town Hall and Information Fair** - Meet with community leaders and agencies to ask questions and receive information. The information fair begins at 3:30 p.m. and the town hall Q&A at 4 p.m. at the SHAPE Events Center. The event is open to all U.S. service members, civilians, and dependents. AFN will also broadcast the event live for those who cannot attend. For more information, contact USNMR at DSN 423-4032 or commercial 065-444032.

Tickets available now

- **SHAPE Performing Arts Centre** - Winner of the Tony and the Drama Desk Awards for Best Book, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. **Nov. 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19**. Matinee performances will be at 3 p.m. **Nov. 13 and 20**. For details on ticket sales, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.
- **"It's All About You"** - Steadman Graham, longtime partner of media powerhouse Oprah Winfrey, will be the headliner of the Army Community Service Resiliency Seminar "It's All About You" in the SHAPE 100 Area Auditorium in Building 102's Room 115 **Dec. 2** from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. This seminar will also present motivational speaker Joseph Oubelkas of the Netherlands and Charles Ruffolo of NetworKing. To register for this event and for information about the shuttle, contact Brussels ACS at DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

3 Star Photo Workshop Series
OCT 20, 27 & NOV 3, 5, 10
7 - 8PM



TO PLACE RESERVATIONS, CALL DSN: 368-9819 or CIV: 02-717-9819

This is a five part series, designed to inspire participants to take advantage of the wonderful opportunity of living in Europe with a camera and having a passion for photography. The workshop is open to beginners and photographers, at all levels of experience and should bring their own equipment. iPhones and Smart phones are encouraged. Four sessions and one field trip and a chance to join the MWR Digital Photo Contest.

The Workshop Coach, Robert Hyatt, worked as an Army Combat photographer from 1993 to 2013. His duties have taken him to four continents to help tell the story of the US military. Hyatt is a graduate of the Syracuse University Military Journalism program.

\$10 for all sessions!

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SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **JFC Chapel Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner** - Register by Nov. 18. The potluck is **Nov. 24** at the Alliance Restaurant from 6 to 8 p.m. To register, sign up on the bulletin board in the chapel foyer, first floor.
- **Winter Clinic Snowboarding** - Open enrollment for ages 10 to 18 until Nov. 11 at the CYSS on JFC Brunssum, Building H602. Clinic dates: **Dec. 7 & 14; Jan. 11, 18 & 25; Feb. 1 & 8**. Cost is \$280 paid at time of registration (incl. transportation, helmet, skis or snowboard, 2 hours of professional instruction). You must be registered with CYS services and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Contact CYSS Sports & Fitness for more information or details at DSN 606-244-3121 or civilian +31 (0)45-5264195.
- **Jr. Girls Basketball** - Enrollment is open for ages 13 to 15 until Nov. 25 (spaces are limited) at the CYSS on JFC Brunssum, Building H602. The 2017 season is from Jan. 17 to Feb. 25. Cost is \$40. You must be registered with CYS services and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Contact CYSS Sports & Fitness for more information or details at DSN 606-244-3121 or civilian +31 (0)45-5264195.
- **Co-ed Basketball** - Enrollment is open for ages three to 15 years until Nov. 25 (spaces are limited) at the CYSS on JFC Brunssum, Building H602. This is for the 2017 season which runs from Jan. 17 to Feb. 25. Cost is \$20 for children 3 to 5 years old and \$40 for six to 15 year olds. You must be registered with CYS services and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Contact CYSS Sports & Fitness for more information or details at DSN 606-244-3121 or civilian +31 (0)45-5264195.
- **Cheerleading** - Open to children ages six to 15 years old until Nov. 25 (spaces are limited) at the CYSS on JFC Brunssum, Building H602. The 2017 season is from Jan. 17 to Feb. 25. Cost is \$40. You must be registered with CYS services and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Contact CYSS Sports & Fitness for more information or details at DSN 606-244-3121 or civilian +31 (0)45-5264195.

Nov. 4

- **Community Movie Night "Sausage Party" (R)** - At the BOSS Movie Area, Bldg. 1, third floor at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 8

- **Harlem Globetrotters** - Enjoy the athleticism, theater and comedy of the basketball show team -- the Harlem Globetrotters -- founded in 1926. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Schinnen Fitness Center. Tickets are free and available at Bldg. 41, Rm. 2.30 or call +31 (0)45-5262626.

Ongoing ACS courses

- **Meditation Mondays** - Every Monday from noon to 1 p.m. Come join us and begin the week by slowing down, getting centered, and quieting your mind.
- **Schinnen 10,000 Steps Club** - Every Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Come join us for a walk on this stroller friendly trail to work toward a healthy goal of walking 10,000 steps a day while socializing and meeting new people.



Inside the gate

Movies at Events Centre during SHAPE Cinema renovations

The Events Centre dinner theater is now open during SHAPE Cinema renovations. The cinema is expected to reopen in February. The ECDT ticket sales are as follows: Rates — 2D movies: adults, €6.50; children, ages 12 and under, €3.75. 3D movies: adults, €8.50; children, ages 12 and under, €5.75. Visit <http://www.shape2day.com>, and click "Cinema Schedule" icon. Ticket sales begin 30 minutes prior to each showing. Films will start promptly. Wild Wednesday and Thrifty Thursday mean half-price popcorn and free movies as well as half-price pizza and calzone at the Pizza Bowl. Wednesday movies will be for teenagers and older. Thursday movies will be from the same film series (or related subject matter) as an upcoming film.

Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Rates — adults, €6.50; children, ages 11 and under, €3.75. For the movie schedule, visit <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146>.

Army Benefits Center - Civilian hosts health benefits presentations

The Army Benefits Center - Civilian hosts several 2016 Pre-Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Open Season Defense Collaboration Services presentations until Nov. 9.

The presentations will instruct employees on how to make an FEHB Open Season election using the Employee Benefits Information System, FEHB Open Season navigation tips in EBIS and on the Office of Personnel Management website for plan comparisons, provider coverage details and premiums.

Employees should enroll in the session in the Civilian Human Resources Training Application System at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/chrtas/default.asp>. Under "Student" click on "apply for training".



course code: JB8AFEHB and course title: FEHB OPEN SEASON 2016.

Select Fort Riley, Kansas and then choose the course date. The dates and times (Central Time) for presentations are:

Nov 3 - Session (02A) 1 to 3 p.m., Session (02P) 5 to 7 p.m.

Nov 7 - Session (03A) 8 to 10 a.m., Session (03P) 2 to 4 p.m.

Nov 9 - Session (04A) 3 to 5 p.m., Session (04P) 7 to 9 p.m.

Once the enrollee is accepted into the class, they will be sent an email with the DCS login information.

Questions about the DCS presentations can be addressed to the ABC-C by calling 877-276-9287 between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. central time Monday

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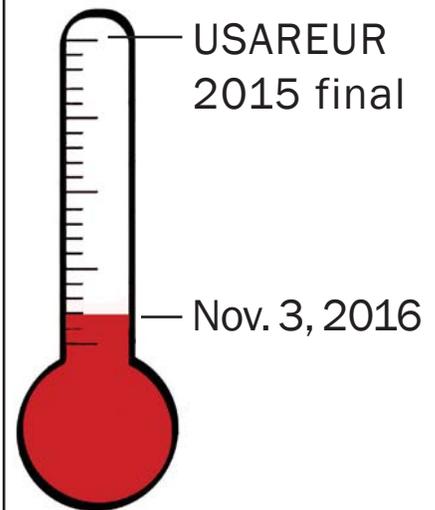
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Upcoming organized trips

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- **Flanders Field/World War I tour, Ieper (Ypres), Belgium, Nov. 12**
- **Lord of the Dance in Oostende, Nov. 19**
- **Ice Magic Hasselt, Nov. 26**
- **German Christmas markets (Rothenburg, Frankfurt/Main and Aachen), Dec. 3 to 4**
- **German Christmas markets (Bonn/Cologne), Dec. 10**
- **German Christmas markets (Dortmund, Berlin and Potsdam), Dec. 16 to 18**
- **Paris in winter, Dec. 27**
- **New Year's in London, Dec. 30 to Jan. 2, 2017 (Sign up by Nov. 16.)**
- **London with Aladdin, Feb. 4, 2017**
- **Prague, Czech Republic, Feb. 25 to March 1, 2017**
- **Lloret de Mar and Barcelona, Spain, April 3 to 12,**

2017 (spring break)

- **Crete, Spa and Middelkerke, all year**

SHAPE Travel Group

For details, visit <http://www.facebook.com/groups/SHAPETravelGroup>.

- **Taste of Belgium, Nov. 15**
- **Cologne Christmas markets, Nov. 22**
- **Valkenburg, the Netherlands, Nov. 29**
- **Canterbury, Dec. 8**
- **Paris Lights, Dec. 15**
- **London sales, Jan. 19, 2017**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

Call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **Paris, Nov. 19**
- **Cologne Christmas Markets, Dec. 3**
- **London Express, Dec. 17**
- **Malgrat de Mar, Spain, April 14 to 23, 2017**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Nov. 4 to 6

- **Wine and cheese fair in Floreffe** - Held at Rue Romedenne 30 offers 5,000 square meters dedicated to wine and cheese. Find more information at <http://www.salonduvinfloreffe.be>.

Nov. 5 to 6

- **MCM Comic Con in Brussels** - Held Brussels Expo at Place de Belgique 1 is a fair dedicated to comics, manga, cosplay, movies and video games. Find more information at <http://www.mcmcomiccon.com/belgium/>.

Nov. 6

- **Volksmarch in Le Roeulx for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km** - Departs from Rue de l'Ange Gardien 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Erbisoeul for 5, 10, and 20 km** - Departs from Chemin du Prince 115 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Mainvault for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km** - Departs from rue du Mont 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Brussels Vintage Market** at Place Saint-Géry from noon to 7 p.m. More information at <http://www.brusselstvintagemarket.be>.

Ongoing

Through Nov. 6 (Exhibit has been extended)

- **Harry Potter exhibit in Brussels** - Open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Brussels Expo on Place de Belgique at Palais 2. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://ticketmaster.be>.
- **Wildlife photographer of the year in Bruges** held at the Xpo Center Bruges is an exhibition of the most beautiful images in the world of nature. Every year, the London Natural History Museum organizes a worldwide competition for professional and amateur photographers. More information at <http://xpo-center-bruges.be/en/welcome/#expo>.

Through Nov. 13

- **Household fair in Charleroi** - Offers entertainment and products for the whole family: food, beers, local products, furniture, cars and more. The fair is held at Charleroi Expo on Rue de l'Ancre 3. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the week and to 7 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Find more information at <http://www.artmenagers.be>.

Through Dec. 8

- **Brussels museums late night opening** - Every Thursday at least five museums greet visitors from 5 to 10 p.m. Find the schedule and the list of participating museums at <http://brusselstmuseumsnocturnes.be/en/>.



Read about events near Brunssum and Schinnen (in the Netherlands unless otherwise indicated).

Through Nov. 6

- **Chrysanthemums show in Arcen** - In and outside displays at Kasteeltuinen Arcen on Lingsforterweg, 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Admission is €15 per adult, €7.50 for children 4 to 17 years old and free for children under 4.
- **Collectors & Curiosa Market in Nieuwegein** - A large, international market is held at Beursfabriek, Symfonielaan 1. The market is open Nov. 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Nov. 5 to 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Entry Nov. 4 is €7.50 and Nov. 5 to 6 is €5.
- **Hanseatic Fair in Dortmund, Germany** - The traditional fair features old crafts, farmers market, knights' camp and tourney, music, acrobats, actors and lots more.

Nov. 5 to 6

- **Family & Trends Event in Assen** with fashion shows, demonstrations, culinary, health, beauty and more at TT Hall on De Haar 11. Entry is €8 for adults and free for children 12 and younger. Open Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Martinsmarkt in Bonn-Endenich, Germany** at the Endenicher Straße market is open Nov. 5 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **International Wine Fair in Düsseldorf, Germany** at the InterContinental Düsseldorf on Königsallee, entry is €12. The fair is open Nov. 5 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Warm Winter at Castle Hernen Fair in Hernen** - Vendors from Belgium, France, The Netherlands and UK will sell their products on Dorpsstraat. The fair is Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €2.50 and free for children 12 and under.

Nov. 10 to 13

- **La Table Fair in Naarden** - Christmas Fair held at Grote Kerk in the center on Grote Markt 13 will feature more than 50 antique and modern china vendors. Entry is €15 and free for children 13 and younger. Open Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Nov. 12 to 13 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Pre-Christmas Art Market in Senden, Germany** at the town hall (Rathaus) in the center Nov. 10 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.; Nov. 11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Nov. 12 to 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.