

# THE GAZETTE

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## Benelux news briefs

### Basketball court closes

Schinnen Fitness Center basketball court will be closed for unit basketball practice March 7 and March 14 from noon to 2 p.m.

### Highway E19 closes

A section of E19 will be closed in both directions to demolish the bridge over the highway in Thieu March 6 at 8 p.m. through March 8 in the afternoon. (The bridge will be dynamited Saturday at 3 a.m.)

If you are traveling on E19 from Mons to Brussels between these times, take Exit 22 in Obourg and follow the detour (déviation) on N552 to Havré-Ghislage, then get on the highway at the gas station in Thieu. During this time, the highway will also be inaccessible in Havré. Trucks going to Brussels must exit at Nimy and follow the detour to Soignies. Those coming from Brussels on E19 or from Charleroi on E42 must exit at Bois d'Haine and take RN501 to Ecaussines and Soignies. Drivers will then be able to access the highway at Maisières.

Steer clear of the area to avoid expected traffic jams.

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Donovan Abrassart

### Soldiers prepare to compete to be Best Warrior

Staff Sgt. Jacob Kasarda puts on his gas mask during training on Caserne Daumerie Wednesday, March 4, 2015, in preparation for the IMCOM-E Best Warrior Competition. Kasarda and Spc. Shane Sital, both of USAG Benelux-Schinnen, will compete in Grafenwoehr March 9 to 12.

# Black History Month Wereth 11 remembered

**Story and photos by Andrea Wales**  
USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

It was a different Army back then, the AFN Benelux news director said about World War II.

"Black officers had to give their seats to Nazi POWs," said Sgt. Vincent "Charles" Pedican, mentioning that the Army only had five black officers in its ranks in those days.

The 424th Air Base Squadron and the USAG Benelux military community teamed up Feb. 27 to host the African-American/Black History Month observance in the USAG Benelux auditorium on Caserne Daumerie in Chièvres.

Pedican familiarized the audience with the pre-1948 military — before President Harry S. Truman integrated blacks into the mainstream military. More than 1 million blacks were serving in the Armed Forces in WWII. The different branches handled the situation differently. The Army segregated them into black fighting units commanded by white officers mostly. The Marine Corps didn't allowed them in, at least at first. The Navy relegated them to menial jobs.

Because the Malmedy Massacre happened Dec. 17, 1944, — on the same day during the same battle — the Wereth Massacre is virtually unheard of in military-history circles, including history buffs of the Battle of the Bulge.



Sgt. Vincent "Charles" Pedican tells the story of the Wereth massacre of WWII during the Black History Month observance on Caserne Daumerie in Chièvres Friday, Feb. 27, 2015.

The segregated Battery C and Service Battery of the 333rd U.S. Field Artillery Battalion were 11 miles

**See next page.**

# In Memoriam

An employee at the Netherlands Law Center passed away March 1 at the age of 56 after a short illness.

Reggy F. Krijgsman was a claims adjuster under the 21st Theater Sustainment Command.



U.S. Army Photo

He was a frequent contributor to the Gazette, writing about making the most of the claims process and taking photos.

A native of Stein, The Netherlands, Krijgsman started working for the U.S. government as an employee of the Dutch Ministry of Defense March 1, 1982.

Krijgsman spent his federal career at U.S. Army Garrison Benelux-Schinnen and its legacy organizations: He started as an accounting technician with the Resource Management Office at Allied Forces Central Support Activity, commonly called AFCENT SUPACT (US). From 1987 to 1989, he worked as a budget analyst at U.S. Military Community the Netherlands. From 1989 to Aug. 31, 1994, Krijgsman was the senior budget analyst at the 54th Area Support Group the Netherlands.

Colleagues said he was very warm and would always take time to talk to you. Krijgsman was very driven and proud of what he did, and he went out of his way to help people with their claims.

During his career, Krijgsman earned numerous awards for excellence, including the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service and the Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

A memorial service will be held at Nedermaas Crematorium at Vouershof 1 in Geleen, the Netherlands, March 7 at 2:15 p.m.

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# New ACS program manager offers help to new parents

Story and photo by Andrea Wales

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

A licensed marriage-and-family therapist recently joined Army Community Service to provide assistance to new parents.

"When you become a parent, you're more open to change. Bringing a new life into the world opens up new possibilities," said Rachele Michaud, the new manager of the New Parent Support Program.

Michaud divides her time among the Brussels, Schinnen and SHAPE/Chièvres communities. She provides free educational classes, support groups, hospital visits and home visits to U.S. ID card-holders. They may also arrange consultations with Michaud in her office. For local nationals, classes and support groups are on a space-available basis. To find out more, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

"Parenthood is an invitation to learn more about yourself — how you were raised. You see what you want to repeat and what you don't want to repeat," she said.

Michaud chose this career field because she was learning about psychology and loved the idea of how humans develop and grow.

"A lot of it is based on the relationships we have with our primary care providers when we're very little," she said.

These feelings are usually passed along when a person becomes a parent.

"If you felt loved and cared for as a child, you want to have



The New Parent Support Program manager, Rachele Michaud, shows off the toddler toys in her office at Army Community Service in SHAPE's Building 318 Friday, Feb. 27, 2015.

that same experience for your own child."

However, some parents are at a disadvantage.

"Modern life can be stressful, and sometimes our childhoods are not ideal," Michaud said. "We can look to people to help us heal that pain so we can form close relationships and become parents who have healthy bonds with our children."

## Black History Month I continued

behind enemy lines Dec. 16, 1944, providing covering fire for the 106th Infantry Division.

Overrun by Germans, the 11 survivors of Charlie Battery — with their two weapons — stumbled through the snow (in the coldest winter in 20 years) to the village of Wereth, Belgium, Pedican said.

Mathias Langer opened his home to them. An unwavering supporter of the Allies, he sat them at the family dining table and fed them.

A Nazi collaborator told the SS where to find the 11. The next day, after the SS made them sit on the ground outside Langer's home for hours, they led the Soldiers away.

When the snow was melting in February, Langer and his family were walking by a nearby field on the way to church.

"He saw a man's hand emerging from

the snow," Pedican said.

The Soldiers were found with blows to the head and bayonet wounds, but there was no time to pursue justice, he said.

"Their family members had been told that they died in combat," he said. "Most went to their graves thinking that."

Pedican went on to encourage the audience to give of themselves.

"We are all our brothers' and sisters' keepers," he said.

During the observance, saxophonist Pfc. Joseph Kemp of 266th Finance on SHAPE accompanied two poetry readings. Air Force Staff Sgt. Nicole Walker recited "For my People," a poem by Margret Walker. Tech. Sgt. Christine Chisolm read the poem "the color of a Man's Character" by Marie Harrison.

The winner of an essay contest at SHAPE American Middle School, eighth-grader Kathryn Green, read her essay on "What civil rights mean to you." The contest was sponsored by a sorority-alumnae organization, the Belgium Zetas. Zeta Phi Beta has its roots at Howard University, which is a historically black college.



Kathryn Green reads her essay in Chièvres Friday, Feb. 27, 2015.

"It is important to study your culture," said Air Force Lt. Col. Christopher Kuester, the commander of the 424th Air Base Squadron. "With America being a melting pot of every culture from around the world, knowing and respecting all cultures is key."

Kuester conducted a roll call for the 11 men, and, one by one, 11 Soldiers from all over the auditorium responded, "Not accounted for, sir."

### The Wereth 11

- Tech. Sgt. William E. Pritchett
- Tech. Sgt. James "Aubrey" Stewart
- Staff Sgt. Thomas J. Forte
- Cpl. Mager Bradley
- Cpl. Robert Green
- Pfc. George Davis
- Pfc. James "Jimmie Lee" Leatherwood
- Pfc. George W. Moten
- Pfc. Due W. Turner
- Pvt. Curtis Adams
- Pvt. Nathaniel Moss

After the program, the soul-food sampling in Daumerie Chapel's fellowship hall offered a friendly, family-reunion atmosphere.

# Chaplain leaves impact on Brussels community

Story and photos by Cis Spook

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux honored Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Albert J. Ghergich Jr. for 25 years of service during a retirement ceremony in Brussels Feb. 26.

A native of New Orleans, Louisiana, Ghergich entered the Army in 1976 at the age of 17 and first served in the medical field. His caring attitude was already recognized then and bloomed as he re-entered the Army as a Chaplain in 1996.

"Soldiers in our Army answer the call to duty," garrison commander Col. Marty Vannatter said in his speech. "They are tasked with upholding the Constitution and protecting America's freedoms. Military chaplains answer that same call, but they also have the additional responsibility of caring for the spiritual well-being of Soldiers and their families."

After various assignments in diverse organizations, Ghergich arrived at U.S. Army Garrison Benelux-Brussels in 2013, and, throughout his time there, he has cared not only for Soldiers and their families, but for the civilian work force of the garrison as well.

"During his time here, he has gone beyond his normal duties," Vannatter said.

Vannatter mentioned a few examples of the strong impact the chaplain made in the community: Ghergich provided comfort and spiritual counsel to a civilian employee with a terminal illness. He prayed with and counseled a family when their young son was diagnosed with a serious brain tumor. He arranged transportation for elderly retirees with limited mobility to come to chapel services. He mentored his chaplain's assistant to earn a Master of Divinity.

After the official presentations during which Ghergich received the Meritorious Service Medal, the official retirement certificate, a presidential certificate of appreciation and the American flag, Ghergich recalled his career sharing some anecdotes but also explained the meaning of his two stoles. The first stole has two sides, one black and one white side. The black side is for official military events, memorial ceremonies and funerals. The white side is for more festive moments like baptisms and marriages.

"It reminds me of the highs and the lows of military service in chaplain's ministry," Ghergich said.



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Albert J. Ghergich and his wife, Ann.



Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Schramm presents the American flag to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Albert Ghergich during his retirement ceremony in Brussels Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015.

He described the symbolism of the stole in his own life.

"The black side reminds me of the times I had to walk into some very difficult and often hopeless situations. It also reminds me of all the funerals I preached for Soldiers killed in action, for friends who were lost along the way and children lost to accidents and illness, the families and units who have to struggle to make sense out of sometimes horrific events — the difficulties and the hardship I have endured myself," Ghergich said. "The white side reminds me of the good times, the amazing units and people I had the privilege to serve with, the baptisms, weddings and the joy, the wonderful assignments."

To symbolize his retirement as a chaplain, Ghergich asked the USAG Benelux commander to remove the two-sided stole from his shoulders.

Saying "Once a Soldier, always a Soldier," Vannatter didn't remove his stole but, instead, flipped it over to the white side, symbolizing that the festive part is ahead of the chaplain.

The chaplain's second stole is for his denomination, representing the United Church of Christ and his genuine faith, and he asked his wife, Ann, to remove it from his shoulders.

Ghergich offered one last piece of advice.

"Serve with honor and dignity," he said. "I hope you will consider adopting as your personal motto, the motto of the Chaplain Corps, 'Pro Deo et Patria' — 'For God and country.'"



Col. Marty Vannatter flips the chaplain's stole from the black side to the white side symbolizing festive moments ahead.

# School liaison officer bridges gaps

by Andrea Wales

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Parents of Brussels and SHAPE/Chièvres students now have a non-school resource to help them deal with school-related issues. Child, Youth and School Services recently hired a new school liaison officer.

The position had been vacant because the previous SLO retired, and the position proved more difficult to fill than anticipated.

"The school liaison officer connects family, school and community. It's really about connection," said Marco Steinacker, the new SLO for the Brussels and SHAPE/Chièvres communities. "I bring it all together. I'm the link between the garrison and the schools."

In addition to being an advocate for parents with the elementary, middle and high schools, the SLO is the point of contact for the Partners in Education, or PIE, volunteer program; Read Across America; School-Takeover Day (during which the school day is filled with health-and-wellness speakers); spring carnival; and Student-to-Student, or S2S, sponsorship. When military members and Department of Defense civilians are in the process of making the transition to or from the Benelux, the SLO can get them in contact with the new schools. He can also provide deployment support consisting of information and referral.

U.S. Army Installation Management Command's G-9/CYSS plans to roll out the new SLO website in April, and parents will be able to find it through the USAG Benelux website at <http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil>.



During Read Across America Monday, March 2, 2015, Mario Vanheuckelom reads "Follow the Drinking Gourd" by Willa Carter to fifth-graders at SHAPE American Elementary School. Read Across America is celebrated on the birthday of children's author Theodor Geisel, known to millions as Dr. Seuss. The theme is "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child." The school liaison officer coordinates Read Across America locally. (U.S. Army photo by Keith Houin)

usagbenelux.eur.army.mil. Not only will the new School Liaison Office website have links to all SLO-related programs, it will have information to help newcomers find out ahead of time about morning procedures, answering the question, "When the child gets off the bus, then what?" Steinacker said.

The School Liaison Office is located in Building 318's Room 232 on SHAPE (in the same building as Army Community Service and American Forces Network). Its phone number is DSN 366-6870 or

civilian 065-326870.

Steinacker has an associate's degree in early-childhood education and a bachelor's degree in psychology. He brings eight years of practical experience to the Benelux. He started his CYS career in 2006 in Germany, where he was assistant director for two child development centers. From 2012 to 2014, he was facility director.

"I'm excited to be in the Benelux," Steinacker said. "The program's going to be fun!"

## Strong Bonds retreat helps couples strengthen marriages

It's no secret that the realities of military life can put a strain on marriages. However, the Army recognizes that fact and offers the tools to combat it. A Couples Strong Bonds retreat will be held at a hotel in Gent, Belgium, March 20 to 22.

Strong Bonds is a marriage-enrichment or relationship-enrichment program funded by the U.S. Army Office of the Chief of Chaplains to nurture/strengthen relationships, said Chaplain (Maj.) Ralph Clark, the Benelux family-life chaplain.

Strong Bonds is conducted in an offsite-retreat format in order to maximize the training effect, according to <http://www.strongbonds.org>. The retreat or "getaway" provides a fun, safe and secure environment in which to address the impact of relocations, deployments and military-lifestyle stressors.

"Strong relationships at home directly influence mission readiness for service members," Clark said.

The retreat targets Army married couples and will follow a curriculum called "Lasting Intimacy through Nurturing Knowledge & Skills," or "LINKS," by clinical psychologist Dr. John Van Epp, who wrote the best-seller "How to Avoid Falling in Love With a Jerk." The U.S. military has been using curricula that have been written by Van Epp for more than 10 years.

The LINKS program teaches how to manage relationships using the Relationship Attachment Model, or RAM, according to [http://www.lovethinks.com/MarriageLinks/LINKS\\_Overview](http://www.lovethinks.com/MarriageLinks/LINKS_Overview).

To sign up for this Strong Bonds retreat, call DSN 423-6037 or civilian 065-446037 by March 15.

# CFC-O HQ announces coin-design competition

The 2015 Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas Annual Coin Design Contest is underway, according to a CFC-O press release.

The contest is open to all Department of Defense employees and their family members to create a 2015 CFC-O coin design that embodies the spirit of the campaign: "Give because you care."

The chosen design will be featured on a commemorative coin distributed to select contributors during the 2015 CFC-O this fall. Contest entries will be

accepted through March 15.

Coin-design submissions for the 2015 campaign season will be accepted from eligible participants (ID card required for verification) electronically in .jpg or .pdf formats. Artwork will be judged on originality, depiction of the CFC-O theme, "Give Because You Care," and suitability for printing on the coin. Interested designers can obtain detailed instructions and submission guidelines by visiting the CFC-O website at <http://www.cfcoverseas.org>.



## NATO flag now flies over Chièvres Air Base

A military-police officer raises the NATO flag on Chièvres Air Base Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015. The flag first went up Feb. 3. The NATO and SHAPE flags are flying next to the Belgian and American national flags to highlight the fact that Chièvres Air Base supports SHAPE and NATO flying missions. As such, Chièvres Air Base welcomes any NATO aircraft for official travel to and from SHAPE Headquarters or in support of SHAPE leaders. (U.S. Army photo by Donovan Abrassart)

## Positive resolution reached on driving POVs on expired stateside licenses in Germany

The issue concerning the validity of expired U.S. drivers' licenses has been resolved at the diplomatic level, according to a Feb. 26 news release from U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs.

It has been deemed consistent with Article 9, paragraph 2 of the Supplementary Agreement to NATO Status of Forces Agreement, or SOFA, that the legal entitlement to drive a private vehicle in Germany remains in force even when

the corresponding U.S. state license has expired.

German authorities will go back to the old policy and continue to recognize expired state licenses as long as there is a valid USAREUR Certificate of License.

Cases that were initiated solely for driving with an expired U.S. license (but valid USAREUR Certificate of License) will be discontinued.

## American Legion news

### Post BE02 offers help to vets

Veterans who have been wounded or injured may not be sure if they're entitled to any government benefits. The American Legion is a veterans service organization with service officers who file thousands of claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs each year on behalf of America's veterans.

If you are a veteran or are nearing the end of your service, or ETS, contact [flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com](mailto:flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com).

### Apply for Boys State/Girls State

American Legion Post BE02 and the American Legion Auxiliary will accept applications for their Boys State and Girls State program through March 31.

High-school juniors (or the equivalent of 11th-grade accredited home-schooled students) who have at least one more semester remaining are typically considered for Boys State/Girls State programs.

For details, contact [flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com](mailto:flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com).

### Student wins at 'state' level

Austin Muraille, a junior from the International School of Brussels, won the Department of France's American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Contest in Stuttgart, Germany, Feb. 21.

For his superior knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and delivery of the speech, Muraille was awarded \$500.

Previously, he beat out SHAPE American High School's Alex Cossey (second place) and Anna Sweet (third place) in Flanders Field Post BE02's Oratorical Contest Jan. 24.

Muraille now advances to the American Legion national contest in Indianapolis in April where he will compete against 50 other winners.

The overall national winner gets an \$18,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$16,000, and third gets \$14,000. Each department (state) winner in the first round earns a \$1,500 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round earn an additional \$1,500 scholarship.

# Take part in Chièvres American Festival in May

The week following the official commemoration of Victory in Europe Day, May 9 to 17, the City of Chièvres will be living in an American atmosphere.

In partnership with U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, the Chièvres Tourism Office, the Chièvres stores and the International Chièvres Air Base museum, various activities will be made available to all with the objective being to enhance the ties between the Chièvres local population and the American

and international communities on SHAPE and Chièvres.

To do so, local Belgians will get the opportunity to get to know the United States a little bit better through American food-tasting, watching typical American sports, learning about its culture, etc. On the other hand, Americans and members of the international community will get the opportunity to socialize with their neighbors and get a taste of typical Belgian culture and folklore.

## Organizers seek volunteers to add American flavor to event

To make the American Festival a success, organizers are looking for:

- **Soldiers or Airmen** to visit the school for disabled youngsters in Chièvres May 11 and 12 to explain their jobs here in Belgium, what their daily lives are like, how long they will stay here, what they like to do while stationed here, etc.

- **Members of the American or international community** to initiate locals into typical American sports (baseball, softball, football, etc.) May 13, 16 or 17.

- **Street-art or break-dancing fans** to do demonstrations May 14.

- **Line dancers** to participate

May 15.

- **Family Readiness Group members or members of other organizations** to set up booths with typical American food and/or drinks May 14 and 15.

- **Harley Davidson bikers** to take part in the Harley Davidson gathering in Chièvres May 14.

If you are interested in helping or want to get involved in the organization of the event, contact the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Public Affairs Office at DSN 361-5419/5694, civilian 068-275419 or 275694, or via email at [usarmy.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil).



## Trenches to Foxholes



### Roermond celebrates 70th anniversary of liberation

Members of Company A of Allied Forces North, or AFNORTH, Battalion participate in the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Roermond, the Netherlands, Sunday, March 1, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Maj. Rick Galeano)

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events  
on page 11  
and at <http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil>.

**Trenches to Foxholes****Next week in World War history (March 8 to 14)****World War I****1915**

**March 13** - British forces end their three-day assault on the German trenches near the village of Neuve Chapelle in northern France, the first offensive launched by the British in the spring of 1915.

The Battle of Neuve Chapelle began March 10, 1915, at 8:05 a.m., when British forces attempted to break through the German trenches at Neuve Chapelle and capture the village of Aubers, less than a mile to the east. In the opening assault, 342 guns barraged the trenches for 35 minutes, partially directed by reconnaissance aircraft flying overhead. The total number of shells fired during this barrage exceeded the number fired in the entire Boer War (a conflict fought in South Africa between British forces and South African revolutionaries in 1899-1902) — a frightening testament to how much the nature of war had changed in less than 15 years.

**March 14** - British ships Kent and Glasgow corner the German light cruiser Dresden in Cumberland Bay, off the coast of Chile. After raising the white flag, the Dresden's crew abandoned and scuttled the ship, which sank with its German ensign flying.

**1916**

**March 9** - Germany declares war on Portugal, who earlier that year honored its alliance with Great Britain by seizing German ships anchored in Lisbon's harbor.

**1917**

**March 8** - In Russia, the February Revolution (known as such because of Russia's use of the Julian calendar) begins, when riots and strikes over the scarcity of food erupt in Petrograd (now St. Petersburg).

**March 10** - Less than two weeks after their victorious recapture of the strategically placed city of Kut-al-Amara on the Tigris River in Mesopotamia, British troops under the regional command of Sir Frederick Stanley Maude bear down on Baghdad, causing their Turkish opponents to begin a full-scale evacuation of the city.

**March 11** - The Allied Offensive in Macedonia to free Monastir (Bitola) begins.

**March 12** - After being called out to quell workers' demonstrations on the streets of Petrograd (now St. Petersburg), regiment after regiment of Soldiers in the city's army garrison defect to join the rebels, forcing the resignation of the imperial government and heralding the triumph of the February Revolution in Russia.

**1918**

**March 14** - U.S. fighter ace David Putnam gets his fourth aerial victory over Nauroy, France, while flying for the French Escadrille Spa 156. Putnam was killed in action Sept. 12, 1918, the same day he recorded his last aerial victory. Putnam is believed to have shot down more than 30 enemy aircraft, but only 13 were confirmed as the remainder were deep behind enemy lines. He earned the Distinguished Service Cross, French Légion d'Honneur, French Médaille Militaire and French Croix de Guerre.

**World War II****1940**

**March 10** - After a meeting with Adolf Hitler in Berlin, U.S. Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles visits London to discuss a peacemaking proposal with Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain to prevent a widening of the European war.

**1941**

**March 11** - During the night, six British Handley Page Halifax bombers of No. 35 Squadron of No. 4 Group from RAF Leeming in North Yorkshire, England, attack Le Havre, France. It was the operational debut of the four-engine heavy bomber. It was marred by the accidental shoot-down of one of them by an RAF night fighter.

**March 12** - German bombers attacks Merseyside, England, United Kingdom. Eight merchant ships are sunk, one floating crane is destroyed, and 174 people are killed.

**1942**

**March 8** - Dutch forces surrender to the Japanese after two months of fighting.

- The British Royal Air Force dispatches 211 bombers to attack Essen, Germany, some equipped with the new generalized estimating-equation navigational system. The results are less than hoped for as only a few homes and a church are destroyed, killing 29 civilians, while the industrial centers, the primary targets, are untouched.

**1943**

**March 14** - German troops re-enter Kharkov, the second largest city in the Ukraine, which had changed hands several times in the battle between the USSR and the invading German forces.

Kharkov was a high-priority target for the Germans when they invaded the Soviet Union in June 1941, as the city was a railroad and industrial center, and had coal and iron mines nearby.

**1944**

**March 8** - U.S. fighter ace Robert S. Johnson leads a handful of P-47 Thunderbolts against 100 German fighters in a large aerial battle over Steinhude Lake, Germany, during which the Germans shoot down 34 American bombers. Johnson was able to claim two Messerschmitt Bf-109 kills. He was the first U.S. Army Air Forces fighter pilot in the European theater to surpass Eddie Rickenbacker's 26 victories in World War I.

**March 13** - Britain announces that all travel between Ireland and the United Kingdom is suspended — the result of the Irish government's refusal to expel Axis-power diplomats within its borders.

**1945**

**March 9** - U.S. warplanes launch a new bombing offensive against Japan, dropping 2,000 tons of incendiary bombs on Tokyo over the course of the next 48 hours. Almost 16 square miles in and around the Japanese capital were incinerated, and between 80,000 and 130,000 Japanese civilians were killed in the worst single fire storm in recorded history.

*"Next week in World War history" is compiled from various sources by Keith Houin, USAG Benelux Public Affairs.*

# community briefs - community briefs - community briefs

## Daylight Saving Time starts later in Europe than stateside

"Spring forward. Fall back." follows a different schedule overseas. In Europe, Daylight Saving Time is commonly referred to as Summer Time.

The Benelux and most of Europe start Daylight Saving Time (Central European Summer Time) Sunday, March 29, at 2 a.m. local time.

Before you go to bed Saturday, March 28, be sure to set clocks that don't automatically update one hour ahead.

## Express yourself at Arts & Crafts

Sign up for creative classes at SHAPE Arts & Crafts located in Building 307 (library building) or call DSN 423-6049 or civilian 065-446049.

- Learn to create your personal flower arrangement using different natural elements that are typical of the season. The March 23 session from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. features Easter arrangements. Class fee is €30: €10 for instruction and €20 for materials.

- Take the two-session Watercolor Workshop March 19 (Watercolor Quilts-Fabrication) and March 26 (Watercolor Quilts-Completion) from 10 to 11:30 a.m. or from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sessions may also be taken individually. Cost: €20 per session.

- Learn cake-decorating techniques with Basic Cake Design. The "Easter Cake" class is scheduled March 26 from 10 a.m. to noon. Class fee is €30: €15 for instruction and €15 for materials.

## Motorcycle training offered

Two sessions of the motorcycle Experienced Rider Course have been scheduled at Chièvres Air Base April 14 and June 16. Online registration is now open at <https://imc.army.mil/airs/default.aspx>.

The class is mandatory if you operate a motorcycle on U.S. military-operated facilities. Army Regulation 385-10 requires new motorcycle riders to take Basic Rider Course, then they must register for an ERC within a year.

ERC is a one-day course that builds upon skills taught in the Basic Rider Course or gained through previous experience.

It includes a fast-paced classroom segment with several interactive activities to improve perception and hazard awareness. Range exercises enhance both basic skills and crash-avoidance skills. This one-day training emphasizes improving braking and cornering finesse. The course is beneficial for riders of any type of street motorcycle.

Graduates are issued a Motorcycle Safety Foundation ERC completion card valid for five years.

If you have any trouble registering, contact the installation safety officer at DSN 361-6114 or civilian 068-276114.

## Ath has new parking plan

Although you must pay for most parking spots in downtown Ath, you can benefit from up to 30 minutes of free parking by entering your license-plate number into the parking-fee machine and placing the ticket on your windshield.

## Auto Skills reopens

Brussels Auto Skills Center reopens March 6. New hours are Fridays from 1 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call DSN 368-9680 or civilian 02-7179680.

## CYSS offers 'Ultimate Teen Program'

SHAPE CYSS hosts the 2015 Benelux Keystone Conference at the SHAPE Youth Centre in Building 503 March 6 to 7. The fun starts Friday at 6 p.m. and ends Saturday at 4 p.m.

Cost: \$10. Open to all CYSS-registered youth in ninth through 12th grades. (Becoming CYSS-registered is free.)

Get more details at the SHAPE CYSS Youth Program, Building 503, or call DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104.

Register at CYSS Parent Central Services in Building 503, or call DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.

For Brussels, call DSN 368-9535 or civilian 02-7179535.

For Schinnen, call DSN 364-3259 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263259.

## Play soccer with CYSS Youth Sports

SHAPE CYSS has two soccer programs. CYSS free annual registration and health assessment (must remain valid throughout the session) are required prior to enrollment.

For more information and to register, call DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097 or visit Parent Central Services in SHAPE's Building 503.

- Registration for CYSS Youth Sports soccer runs through March 13 for the April to June season.

Ages (must be of age by June 15):

- Peewee League co-ed, 6 to 7;
- Minor League co-ed, 8 to 9;
- Bantam League co-ed, 10 to 12; and
- Junior team co-ed, 13 to 14.

Cost: \$40.

- Registration for CYSS Smart Start soccer for boys and girls, ages 4 to 5 (must be of age by June 15), runs through March 31 for the April to June season. Cost: \$20.

## CYSS offers baseball

SHAPE offers two baseball programs. The CYSS free annual registration and health assessment (must remain valid throughout the session) are required prior to enrollment.

Volunteer coaches are needed.

For more information and to register, call DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097 or visit Parent Central Services in SHAPE's Building 503.

- SHAPE CYSS baseball registration will be open through March 20 for the April to June season.

Ages (must be of age by June 15):

- Tee-ball League co-ed, 6 to 7;
- Minor League co-ed, 8 to 9;
- Major League co-ed, 10 to 12; and
- Junior team co-ed, 13 to 15.

Cost: \$45.

- Registration for SHAPE CYSS developmental baseball will run through March 31 for the for the May to June season. Open to boys and girls who are 4 and 5. Cost: \$20.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

**Through March 8**

- **Batibouw fair in Brussels** - The place to be if you want to build, renovate or decorate your house. At the Brussels Expo on Place de Belgique from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. everyday. For more information, visit <http://www.batibouw.be>.

**March 6 to 8**

- **Wine fair in La Louvière** - At Louvexpo on Rue du Hocquet 7 from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: €5, tasting glass included.

**March 7**

- **Flea market in Soignies (50 booths)** - On Rue de Cognebeau from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Second toys, clothing and baby equipment sale in Jurbise** - At the Cultural Center on Rue du Moustier 8 from 2 to 5 p.m. If you want to have a booth, send an email to [liguefamillesjurbise@hotmail.com](mailto:liguefamillesjurbise@hotmail.com).

**March 7 and 8**

- **Flea market in La Louvière (95 booths)** - On Rue du Hocquet from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Horse-and-donkey fair in Mons** - At the Lotto Mons Expo at Avenue Thomas Edison 2 Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. with an evening show and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.



**March 8**

- **Volksmarch in Chimay for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the school at Boulevard Louise 23 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Baisy-Thy for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from the square in Hattain from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Hennuyères for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from "Salle de la Butte" on Rue de la Butte from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Lens for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from city hall on Place de la Trinité from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Hyon for 6, 12, 20 or 30 km** - Departs from "Salle Coloma" at Rue de la Place 1 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 30-km route, from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the 20-km route and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the 6- and 12-km routes. Small participation fee.
- **Flea market in Hornu (150 booths)** - On Route de Mons from 5 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **International cat fair in Ath** - At the Hall Ceva on Chemin des Primevères from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: adult €6; children, 7 to 11, €5.



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

**March 6 to 8**

- **Spring Easter Market in Bielefeld, Germany**, will be held at Ravensberger Spinnerei. This market has many vendors offering all kinds of decorations, art, ceramics, fashion, jewelry and more. Open March 6 from 1 to 6 p.m.; March 7 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and March 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €3.
- **On traXS in Utrecht** is a model railway fair held in the midst of life-size trains at the Railway Museum on Maliebaanstation. It is a unique miniature world with the most beautiful railways in Europe. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €16; children 3 and under, free admission. (Price includes museum admission.)
- **Kampeertotaal in Venray** is a "Total Camping" fair for camping enthusiasts, held at Evenementenhal. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €6.
- **Spring Garden and Home Fair in Zwolle**, held in the IJsselhallen, is the perfect location to get new ideas and professional advice for your garden and home. Open March 6 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; March 7 to 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. Admission: €8.50; children 11 and under, free.

**March 6 to 9**

- **Garden Fair in Genk, Belgium**, will be held in Limburghal at Jaarbeurslaan 6. Belgium's most trendy garden fair is the perfect location to get new ideas and professional advice as well as to enjoy a relaxing walk in the most beautiful and largest indoor garden in Belgium. Open March 6 from 3 to 9 p.m. and March 7 to 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €9.50; children 14 and under, free admission.

**March 7 to 8**

- **Easter Market in Düren, Germany**, will be held in Haus der Stadt at Stefan-Schwer-Strasse 4. This indoor market has all kinds of spring and Easter decorations. Open March 7 from 1 to 5 p.m. and March 8 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- **Easter Art Market in Nümbrecht, Germany**, will be located the center of town and has lots of decorations, ceramics, jewelry and more to offer. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Spring Festival in Stadtlohn, Germany**, will be held in the town center. This large festival has many attractions, rides and stands where one can find lots of things for home and garden. Open March 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and March 8 from 1 to 6 p.m.

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**March 8 continued**

- **Flea market in Jemappes (100 booths)** - At Avenue Maréchal Foch 873 from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Arts and crafts fair in Ghlin** - Some 20 artists will show you their work: jewelry, paintings, sculptures, patchwork and more. At the "Salle paroissiale" at Rue de Bousies 1 a from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.

**Ongoing**

**Through March 16**

- **Carnaval** - Festivities are still going on in Belgium. For a list of events, visit the Carnaval page at <http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/Carnaval2015.html>.

**Through May 17**

- **Van Gogh exhibition in Mons** - At the Beaux-Arts Mons at Rue Neuve 8 Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €15; children under 12, €3. (A family rate is also available.) For details, visit <http://www.bam.mons.be>.

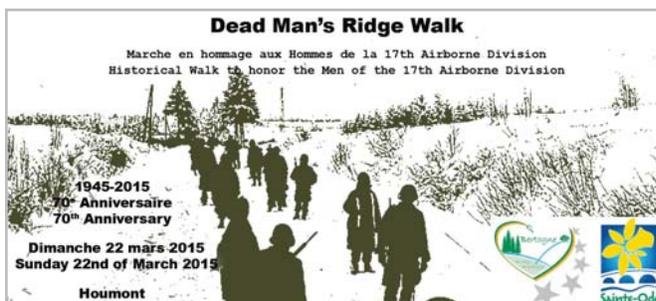
**Through May 25**

- **Modern-dance classes in Chièvres** - At the cultural center on Rue de l'Eglise in Huissignies. Classes are Mondays from 5 to 6 p.m., Fridays from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. Classes are open to children, ages 2 to 12. Cost: €45 per quarter.

**Trenches to Foxholes**

**Through March 7**

- **SHOCK! 1914 ... What if the war starts tomorrow? in Brussels** - A day-by-day reconstruction of the chaotic weeks of the summer and autumn of 1914. Visitors will be able to learn about those traumatic times from official records, press accounts and personal testimonies. For details on this exhibit, visit <http://www.shock1914.be/en/profile>.



**March 22 (Register by March 9.)**

- **Dead Man's Ridge Walk in Ste Ode** - Honoring the 17th Airborne Division, the event starts at 9 a.m. with a ceremony in the presence of 17th AD veterans of World War II. Immediately following the ceremony is the walk for 4 or 10 miles. Participants can register by paying €5 per person above 12 years. For additional information about registration, contact [17thairbornewalk@gmail.com](mailto:17thairbornewalk@gmail.com).



**March 7 to 8 continued**

- **Golden Years Fair in Wieze, Belgium**, held in Oktoberhallen at Aalstersestraat 168 is an exchange-and-sale fair where you will find many items (jukeboxes, neon signs, jackpots, records, clothes and more) from the 1960s and '70s. Admission: €7. Open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**March 8**

- **Reptile Fair in Den Bosch** will be held at Maa-spoot Sport & Events on Marathonloop 1. Besides snakes, spiders, insects, turtles and other creepy-crawlies, this fair has accessories, such as lamps, waterfalls, wood, exotic plants and more, to decorate terrariums. Open from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission: €5.

**March 11 to 15**

- HISWA Amsterdam Boat Show in Amsterdam at RAI on Europaplein is where you can get tips on what to look for in a new boat, charter a yacht or just breathe in all the luxury. Open March 11 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; March 12 to 13 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and March 14 to 15 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €15; youth, 16 years and under, free admission.

**Ongoing**

**Through May 10**

- **Frick Collection in The Hague** can be experienced in Mauritshuis at Korte Vijverberg 8. The works in the collection at Mauritshuis are normally on display in a museum adjoining Central Park in New York, which was originally built as steel magnate Henry Clay Frick's residence. The exhibition "A Country House in New York: Highlights from the Frick Collection" includes works from Jan Van Eyck, Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres, Cimabue and Jean-Etienne Liotard. Very few Dutch museums exhibit works by these artists. To learn more, visit <http://www.mauritshuis.nl>.

**Mark your calendar**

**April 4**

- **Kennedy Mars in Sittard** started as a way to prove that the townspeople still had what it takes. In a 1963 speech, President John F. Kennedy said that, as a result of modern affluent society, "nobody can walk 50 miles within 20 hours anymore." After this statement, many people all over the world walked 50 miles/80 km to prove him wrong. In Sittard, this volksmarch has become an annual event named the Kennedy Mars, which starts and finishes in Sittard. Visit <http://www.kennedymars.org>. Register now.

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# SHAPE Trips & Tours

**Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE**

*For information on the trip below,*

*call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.*

**Dover Castle and Canterbury by Ferry, March 14** - Enjoy a ferry ride across the English Channel with views of the white cliffs of Dover. Tour the great Medieval fortress of Dover Castle (called "the Key to England" because of its strategic



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significance throughout British history) and underground hospital and wartime tunnels. Spend the afternoon in quaint Canterbury. Cost: Adult, €100; Youth (5 to 15), €93; child (newborn to 4), €80.

# Schinnen Trips and Tours

*For information on the trip below,*

*call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031-(0)46-4437561.*

**Day trip to Paris, March 14** - Whether you know it as "the City of Lovers" or "the City of Light," you will have hours of free time to explore Paris, whether it's seeing the view from the Eiffel Tower, strolling along the Seine or sitting at a sidewalk café. Included in tour price: round-trip coach transportation. Register with full payment at the Trips and Tours office in Schinnen. Cost: \$79.

# SHAPE Travel Group

*For information on the trip below,*

*call civilian 0470-876369.*

**Trier City and Mosel Winery, April 15** - Travel to Trier, one of Germany's oldest cities (more than 2,000 years old). Visit this nearby German historical treasure and top off your trip with a visit to a local winery. Celtic and Roman influences have left their marks on Trier monuments that are today UNESCO World Heritage sites. The famous Porta Nigra, Imperial Baths, Roman Bridge and Amphitheater are among them. The group will start the day with a guided, English-language tour of the city, highlighting all of the main attractions. You will have time after the tour to explore the sites further, shop and/or eat a German lunch. Following lunch, it's only a short bus ride to the hills of Oewig just outside town, and you'll see the vineyards en route as the bus heads to Weingut Deutschherrenhof for a tour of the cellars and a wine-tasting. You will hear about the four Mosel-region wines that can be sampled and purchased. Cost: €45.

# Upcoming trips

## SHAPE Trips and Tours

- **Maastricht, Dutch Fruit Pie-Baking Workshop (optional), March 21**
- **Château de Versailles, March 28**
- **Movie Park Germany, April 4**
- **Croatia with Venice and Slovenia, April 6 to 15 (10 days' round-trip)**
- **Giverny, France: Monet's Home and Gardens, April 25**
- **Polish Pottery and Czech Crystal Shopping Trip, May 1 to 4**
- **Berlin City Tour, May 14 to 17**
- **S o m m e Battlefield and Peronne Museum, June 20**
- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, Belgium, Aug. 8**
- **Medieval Dinner in Bruges, Aug. 22**



Ronny Siegel

## Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Bruges Day Trip, March 21**
- **Family Day "Trout Fishing," April 11**
- **Keukenhof Gardens, April 25**



Chris Benoist

## SHAPE Travel Group

- **Trier with Winery Tour, April 15**
- **Polish Pottery and Giethoorn, April 24**
- **Giverny, France (Impressionist painter Claude Monet's home and gardens), May 7**
- **London and Chelsea Flower Show, May 21**
- **Amiens and Les Hortillonages (Floating Gardens), June 2**
- **Provins Medieval Festival, June 13**
- **Paris, June 18**
- **Hampton Court Palace and Gardens, June 30**



Berthold Wernier

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

### March 5

- **Family Dinner at 3 Star** - Family Dinner is normally offered Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy chili mac and cheese or pot roast. Make your (required) reservation at [reservations3star@yahoo.com](mailto:reservations3star@yahoo.com). Cost: Adults \$8, children 12 and under, \$4.

### March 6

- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community Fridays from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Recreation Night features games, cards, music and movies. Snacks and beverages available for purchase. For more information, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

### March 12

- **Family Dinner at 3 Star** - Family Dinner is normally offered Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy chicken spaghetti or manicotti. Make your (required) reservation at [reservations3star@yahoo.com](mailto:reservations3star@yahoo.com). Cost: Adults \$8, children 12 and under, \$4.

### March 14

- **Guided Visit to the Magritte Museum** - The American Club of Brussels invites you to join its members for a guided visit of the Magritte Museum under the auspices of the Royal Museum of Fine Arts at 10:45 a.m. Opened in June 2009, the Magritte Museum displays works of the surrealist artist for which it is named. Located in the heart of Brussels at the Place Royale, the museum is housed in the neo-classical landmark Altenloh Hotel, superbly restored in 1984. It operates as part of the Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium. The museum's multi-disciplinary collection is unrivaled. It contains more than 200 works consisting of oils on canvas, gouaches, drawings, sculptures and painted objects as well as advertising posters, musical scores, vintage photographs and films produced by the artist. Cost: €20 for ACB and AWCB members, €25 for non-members. This visit is limited to 20 people so register now. Reservations are due by March 11 at noon. Visit <http://www.americanclubbrussels.org>, contact the club by telephone to the ACB office manager at 0476-996870 or via email at [info@americanclubbrussels.org](mailto:info@americanclubbrussels.org).

### March 19

- **Résumé Writing Workshop** - Learn to present your knowledge, skills and abilities so your résumé stands out at this seminar in the Brussels Army Community Service conference room in Building 4 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Topics include – Four Key Principles for Developing Your Résumé; Types of Résumés: How to Choose the Best Approach; Parts of the Résumé: What Information to Include, What to Leave out and How to Describe Your Experience Effectively; and Completing the Package: Formatting and Submitting Your Résumé. Register by calling DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

### March 6

- **Personal Financial Planning for Transition** - This briefing will help prepare you and your family with the financial-management tools and resources. Help ensure your family's strong financial future by attending this seminar at the Schinnen Army Community Service Conference Room from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program, or SFL/TAP, classes are mandatory for separating and retiring service members. To register or for more information, call DSN 364-3475 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263475.
- **Gracie JiuJitsu Seminar** - Roy Marsh, a Royce Gracie black belt, will conduct a jiuJitsu seminar at the JFC Brunssum Gym during two time slots: children at 6 p.m. and adults at 7 p.m. Cost: adults €40, children €35. To register, contact [jujitsuamericas@gmail.com](mailto:jujitsuamericas@gmail.com), or call +31 (0) 65-2368426 or +31 (0) 45-5268426.

### March 10

- **Money Management** - Improve your money savvy by taking this Financial Readiness Program class from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Schinnen Army Community Service Conference Room. If you feel like taking a refresher course on how to manage your personal finances in areas like financial goal-setting, determining your net worth, improving your budgeting skills, basic banking, using credit wisely, ensuring your insured and saving for your future, then this is the class for you. To find out more and to register, contact DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437450/7500.

### March 10, 17 and 24

- **Screen-free Parenting and 123 Magic** - The Family Advocacy/Victim Advocate Program offers this three-part workshop at the Schinnen Army Community Service Conference Room from 1 to 3 p.m. It provides effective parenting tools and guidance on parenting techniques to improve your relationship with your child. To register or for more information, call Schinnen Army Community Service at DSN 360-7367/7453 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437367/7453.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY continued

### March 17

- **St. Patrick's Day 5K Run/Walk** – You're invited to get your St. Paddy's Day off to a great start by walking/running around the perimeter of USAG Benelux-Schinnen, starting at 9 a.m. For more information, contact the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7561 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437561.

### March 19

- **Slant (Rock) AFE Show and St. Patrick's Day Party** - Don't miss this free rock concert and kilt contest at the Schinnen Community Activities Center March 19 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to wear green. This unique Russian-Bengali L.A.-based quartet rocks the house with its melodic, yet edgy, sound. Call DSN 360-7370 or civilian +31 (0) 464-437370.



## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

### Get your ticket now

- **Tickets on sale for Scenes from American Life** - The SHAPE Players present this A.R. Gurney production at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. It runs March 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee performance March 15 at 3 p.m. Admission: adult €16, student €9, child €7. Call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. For details, visit <http://www.shapeplayers.net>.

### Register by March 7

- **Bowling For Babies** - Part of a sorority-alumnae organization, the Belgium Zetas are sponsoring a Bowling For Babies Bowling Tournament March 14 at the SHAPE Pizza Bowl at 6 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to the March of Dimes to support research to prevent premature births. Teams may register by March 7 by sending an email message to [Belgianzetas@gmail.com](mailto:Belgianzetas@gmail.com). Find out more at <https://www.facebook.com/belgiumzetas>.

### March 12

- **Dress for Success Workshop** - Army Community Service offers this workshop in SHAPE's Building 318 from 9 a.m. to noon. This lesson will allow students to see various examples of dress and to determine the standard of dress for an interview and for a day on the job, then to discuss alternatives, such as "business casual," accessories, tattoos, piercing and the like. To register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

### March 14 to 15

- **Spring bazaar** - The SHAPE American High School scholarship committee hosts this fund-raiser in the old SHAPE cafeteria Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### March 17

- **Shamrock Shuffle** – SHAPE American High School hosts a St. Patrick's Day 5k run/walk and Kids Fun Run as well as a "Best-dressed for St. Paddy's Day" contest. Kids Fun Run starts at 4:45 p.m., and the 5k starts at 5:15 p.m. The 5k course starts at the track, continues around the perimeter of SHAPE, and finishes at the track. The Kids Fun Run will take place on the track. All proceeds from the race will go toward making prom affordable for SHAPE Spartans. Costumes encouraged. Race T-shirts available for the first 100 people to pre-register. Registration is Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Rendezvous from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For details, call the school's new phone number at DSN 366-6930 or civilian 065-326930.

### March 20

- **Women's History Month** - The USAG Benelux Equal Opportunity Office requests the honor of your presence at the Women's History Month Observance at the USAG Benelux auditorium in the Building 30 on Caserne Daumerie in Chièvres from noon to 1:30 p.m. Cynthia S. Breedlove, the wife of the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, or SACEUR, will be the guest speaker. This event is open to the public. Cake-cutting is planned for the end of the ceremony.

## Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates – 2D movies: adults €7 and children 11 and under €4. 3D movies: adults €9 and children 11 and under €6. Check <http://www.shape2day.com/cinema.aspx> for the movie schedule.

### Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English:

Only the British or American movies listed as VO (Version Originale or Originele Versie) will be in English.

**Plaza Art** - Rue de Nimy 12, 7000 Mons (next to the main square). Visit <http://plaza-art.be/index.cgi?p=Grille>.

**ImagiBraine** - Boulevard de France, 1420 Braine l'Alleud. Check the schedule and purchase your tickets at: <http://kinopolis.be/nl/bioscopen/kinopolis-imagibraine>.

**Kinopolis** - Boulevard du Centenaire 20, 1020 Bruxelles. Take a look at movie listings at <http://kinopolis.be/fr/cinemas/kinopolis-bruxelles>.

## Movie at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Adult admission is €5 (ages 12 and older) - Child admission is €3 (ages 11 and under). Check the new web page at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146> for the movie schedule.