

THE GAZETTE

Published for members of the SHAPE/Chièvres, Brussels and Schinnen communities

Take Back the Night

The Annual Take Back the Night 5k walk/run will be held April 17 at 4 p.m. The walk/run starts at the SHAPE International Library parking lot. For more information call DSN 361-5311 or 366-6288.

Call for bloggers

The USAG Benelux is looking for bloggers for Trenches to Foxholes information and education campaign. For more information email usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil with 'interested in blogging' as the subject line.

Luxembourg gate closure

The Luxembourg gate on SHAPE is closed until April 21 at 7:20 a.m. Traffic during this period will use either Berlin gate or Ottawa gate.

Intermediate driver's class

This driving class is for Soldiers under 26 years of age and will be held April 23 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in room 113, Bldg. 220 on SHAPE. Registration is mandatory prior to April 15 and can be done online at <https://imc.army.mil/airs/default.aspx>. For more information, call DSN 366-6603 or 361-6114.

Gazette submissions

Send your requests for publication to usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil.

Month of the Military Child



Rita Hoefnagels

Children enjoy the bouncy house at the Month of the Military Child celebration at the CYSS Facility on Joint Forces Command Brunssum, the Netherlands.

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Trenches to Foxholes

WWII B-17 crew to be honored in Silly

By Cis Spook

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

On April 13, the city of Silly and the 424th Air Base Squadron on Chièvres Air Base will commemorate the crew members of the B-17 Royal Flush that crashed in Fouleng, April 13, 1944.

More than 20 family members, as well as, one survivor or the crew, Troy Hollar, will make the trip to Belgium to participate in the ceremony.

On April 13, 1944, the B-17 Royal Flush, part of the 384th Bomb Group, returned from a mission over Schweinfurt, Germany when it was hit by flak batteries on Chièvres Air Base then occupied by the Nazis.

Of the ten crew members, six were killed in the explosion of the plane. Their names are 1st Lt. James R. Lavin, pilot, 2nd Lt. Louis A. Bendon, co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Calvin L. Anthes, bombardier, Sgt. Marz, waist gunner, Sgt. Malone, tail gunner and Sgt. Brady, ball turret gunner.

With the exception of Sgt. Brady who was repatriated to the States, all rest at the American Cemetery at Margraten, the Netherlands.

Navigator, 2nd Lt. Harold E. Ashman, radio operator, gunner Tech. Sgt. Edward L. Price and top turret gunner Tech. Sgt. Troy Hollar managed to parachute safely to the ground and evade capture with the help of the Belgian Resistance. Hollar and Price were hidden for several months in Brussels by the Brichart family of which the daughter and Price's ex-wife will be at the ceremony as well.

Sgt. Charlie Johnson got injured when the plane was hit. He was stunned but was able to pull his ripcord. He was only conscious for a few seconds when he hit the ground. With a broken leg, there was nothing the locals, among whom Ghislain Bonnet from the nearby farm, could do prior to the arrival of the Germans. Charlie Johnson accompanied by the pilot's niece, returned to Fouleng in 2000 but since passed away.

In the presence of U.S. and Belgian authorities, Belgian



Archive Photo

Commemorative plaque at Fouleng, Silly, in Belgium, honoring the crew members of the Royal Flush that crashed in the field in the background on April 13, 1944.

witnesses of the crash, family members of the crew and Troy Hollar, 94, survivor of the crash, the Royal Flush crew members will be honored during a ceremony held at 10 a.m. at the commemorative plaque that was installed by Mrs. De la Serna in 1946 on the wall of the Bienfait farm, Rue de la Miraine, 47 in Fouleng, a few meters away from the crash site.

For additional information, contact the U.S. Army Garrison Public Affairs Office at DSN 361-5694 or civilian 068-27-5694. More Trenches to Foxholes news and events can be found at <http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/trenchestofoxholes/trenchestofoxholes.htm>.

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IMCOM welcomes new commander

By Amanda Kraus Rodriguez

U.S. Army Installation Management Command

Lt. Gen. David Halverson took command of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command from Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter during a ceremony on MacArthur Parade Field, Joint Base San Antonio -- Fort Sam Houston.

Halverson, who also took over as the Army's Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, came to IMCOM from the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, where he served as deputy commanding general for almost two years.

"When we go to war, it is IMCOM that stays home and takes care of our families," said U.S. Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John Campbell, who presided over the ceremony. "So, we put our best and brightest to that task. I have full faith in this new team," Campbell said, congratulating Lt. Gen. Halverson on his accomplishments and ability to carry on, facing the challenges of today's Army.

The ceremony was attended by JBSA senior leaders, civic partners from San Antonio and IMCOM region and garrison command teams, headquarters staff, employees and families.

In his first address as ACSIM and IMCOM commanding general, Halverson expressed gratitude for his family and the opportunity to lead IMCOM. Halverson pledged to continue unwavering in the service of Soldiers and families.

"Karen and I are so pleased and proud to be here today," Halverson said. "We're excited to continue to serve. To Mike and Margie [Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Ferriter], I would like to especially thank you both for your hard work. IMCOM and ACSIM set the conditions of Army success."

Halverson concluded his remarks by saying that both he and his wife, Karen would put every effort into ensuring the continued success of the command and looked forward most to getting to know the team.

A West Point graduate, Halverson served tours of duty in both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Prior to joining TRADOC, he served as the commanding general of the U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill, Okla.

Campbell said that as a long time friend and battle buddy of both incoming and outgoing general officers, he was especially glad to preside. He commended Ferriter for his tireless efforts in support of the Army family.

"I've known Mike Ferriter for 30 years. Mike Ferriter's accomplishments reflect his will and his work. Under his leadership, IMCOM has excelled," said Campbell. The Army Vice Chief of Staff cited Ferriter's many accomplishments in support of Army communities, such as Gold Star recognition and survivor support, instituting a culture of fitness, defining IMCOM's roles in readiness and resilience and above all team building. "Mike is a team player, who builds cohesion and, as he so often remarks, always plays with his cards out."

Ferriter served as both the ACSIM and IMCOM commander since November 2011. Under his leadership, IMCOM successfully navigated through many challenges, such as sequestration and government shutdown. He worked to raise awareness of critical issues affecting Soldiers, families



Army Lt. Gen. David D. Halverson (left) accepts the colors from Army Gen. John F. Campbell (center), Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, and assumes duties as commanding general of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management as outgoing IMCOM commander Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter (right) looks on during a change of command ceremony at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston's MacArthur Parade Field Tuesday.

and civilians. Under his command, IMCOM improved Child Development Center processes, broadened access to services for Gold Star families -- survivors of the fallen -- and helped define Army Readiness & Resilience through more than 150 programs and services.

"IMCOM has global reach," said Ferriter, at the ceremony. "Two thirds of the world is covered by water and the other third is covered by IMCOM."

Drawing attention to the impact that the command has on Army mission success, Ferriter recalled his proudest work -- honoring survivors.

"Somewhere in the Army today is a two-year-old whose father or mother was killed in combat," he said. "[Caring for him] - that's what it's all about."

Ferriter intends to retire this year. The ceremony is scheduled to take place at Fort Benning with his bride, Margie and a host of family and friends attending.

Ferriter had special words of thanks for the Gold Star families in attendance and for their courage to tell their stories for a series of public service announcements. He recognized his family including his father, now deceased who entered the Army as a private, fought during WWII and raised a "great Army family"; his brother, John Ferriter, for his inspiration and his wife.

"Margie, I couldn't have done this without you," Ferriter said. Lastly to the men and women of Installation Management Command he gave one last order, "Do your best and never, never, never quit."

Tri-Border community celebrates volunteers

By Rita Hoefnagels
USAG Benelux Public Affairs

USAG Benelux-Schinnen hosted the 4th annual Tri-Border Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the JFC Conference Center on Thursday, April 3 at noon. At this joint ceremony, volunteers from the Tri-Border community including NATO Geilenkirchen Air Base, USAG Benelux-Schinnen and JFC Brunssum were recognized. Special Schinnen awards included the 13 recipients receiving the Heart of the Force Award, 32 President's Volunteer Service Awards, and 5 Tri-Border Community Volunteer of the Year Awards.

The Schinnen 2013 Military Volunteer of the Year is SGT Sean Brophy. He received the award based on his volunteer service for the Tri-Border Girl Scouts. Patrizia Berti-Jones received the Civilian Volunteer of the Year award for her volunteer service at DFMWR's Pin Point Café at the Bowling Center. The Youth Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Sarah Phillips for her multiple roles with Club Beyond, the Post Chapel, and AFNORTH International School. Jennifer Geitgey received the Family Member Volunteer of the Year



Kim Wayland, USAG Benelux-Schinnen Deputy Garrison Manager, presents the award The Youth Volunteer of the Year award to Sarah Phillips



Lt. Col. Damian Panaija, 470TH Air Base Squadron Commander, presents the NATO Geilenkirchen Air Base, Military Volunteer of the Year award to Master Sgt. Francisco Perez-Colon.

for her community service with the chapel-Protestant Women of the Chapel, AWANAs, and AFNORTH International School. Lastly, the Volunteer Family of the Year was awarded to the Kendrick Family for their roles at the Chapel, the School and Scouting programs.

Additionally, NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen honored four community members with Volunteer of the Year awards and one volunteer received the 2013 Volunteer Excellence Award. They were MSgt. Francisco Perez-Colon, Military Volunteer for 2013; Johnnie Davis, Family Member Volunteer; Michelle Arredondo, Civilian Volunteer of the Year; and Andrew McElwain, Key Spouse Volunteer of the Year. The 2013 Volunteer Excellence Award was awarded to Carrie O'Dell.

For the period covered, January 1 to December 31, 2013, volunteers contributed a total of 48,100 hours of volunteer service to the Tri-Border community totaling to the amount of \$1,064,934.

Geilenkirchen celebrates Women's History Month

By Autumn Lombardi
Geilenkirchen Airman & Family Readiness Center

The Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base community recently celebrated Women's History Month with a "Women of the World Inspiring Change" themed-luncheon at the E-3A Club on NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany. The NATO international community came together to honor the "Character, Courage, and Commitment" of women around the globe.

The event provided the community with an opportunity to enjoy a catered meal, as well as, a chance to view a women's history memorial moving wall, and a video montage of international and local women describing their personal definitions of womanhood. Additionally, the luncheon attendees heard from a number of distinguished guest speakers, including

Maj. Gen. Andrew Mueller, E3A Component Commander; Dr. Donabelle Hess, Community Readiness Consultant; Senior Master Sgt. Corena Grey-Kannegaard, Flight Chief Information Technology, Mission Support Squadron and Superintendent, Communication and Information Systems Squadron; and Katie Helwig, military spouse.

Many of the multi-national representatives expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the invitation to attend the international event. "This year's luncheon was enthusiastically received and the success was due to the collaborative efforts of many throughout the Geilenkirchen Air Base community," said Women's History committee chairperson, Dr. Hess.

Aladdin performance at SHAPE theater camp



Shirley Houin

Genie (Tori Geehring), Aladdin (Jonathan Irizarry), Abu the monkey (Nicolene Arias) and the ensemble perform "Friend Like Me" during the performance of Alladin Jr. at the SHAPE Performing Arts Theater. The children had four performances April 3 through 5, one of which was attended by the adjudication team for the Toppers awards.

Month of the Military Child



April is the Month of the Military Child and the CYSS Facility on Joint Forces Command in Brunssum, the Netherlands honored the community's military children with a kick-off celebration on April 4. After the official opening by Colonel Donovan Phillips, Director, Joint Operations Center at JFC Brunssum and the JROTC color guard, children and their parents enjoyed an afternoon filled with activities such as arts and crafts, bouncy houses, games and refreshments. (U.S. Army photos by Rita Hoefnagels).

April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Special to the Gazette

April is Alcohol Awareness Month. The Benelux Substance Abuse Program seeks to increase public awareness and understanding aimed at reducing the stigma associated with alcoholism that too often prevents individuals and families from seeking help. The awareness campaign is designed to draw attention to the pervasive impact that alcohol, alcohol-related problems and alcoholism have on young people, their friends, on families and our communities.

In recognition of Alcohol Awareness Month, the USAG Benelux Army Substance Abuse Program presents "Happy Hour" - Comedy with a Twist, featuring Comedian Bernie McGrenahan, April 22, at 9:30 p.m., at the Shape Alliance Theatre. Bernie will also be performing later that day at the Brussels 3 Star Lounge, at 2 p.m. Anyone who attends either show will receive two hours credit for mandatory ASAP.

According to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence more than 18 million individuals or 8.5% of Americans suffer from alcohol-use disorders. In addition, millions of individuals, family members and children who experience the devastating effects of the alcohol problem of someone in their life. In fact, 25% percent of U.S. children have been exposed to alcohol-use disorders in their family.

NCADD report teens that experiment with alcohol before age 15 are four times more likely to become alcohol dependent when they are older than those who wait until age 20. This is why education and prevention are so critically important to reducing alcohol-related problems and alcoholism. Alcohol

Awareness Month raises responsiveness while encouraging people to make healthy and safe choices, when it comes to the use of alcohol. It also opens a window of opportunity to address underage drinking, which is one of the reasons why NCADD Alcohol Awareness Month is recognized in April, the beginning of prom and graduation season. For the month of April we encourage community leaders, members and parents to create awareness by encouraging individuals and families to get help for alcohol-related problems and the disease of alcoholism.

Alcoholism places an enormous emotional, physical and financial burden on family members and children of the person who is addicted to alcohol: 75% of domestic abuse is committed while one or both members are intoxicated and family members utilize health care twice as much as families without alcohol problems. Emotional and physical abuse often occurs as a result of parents or spouses losing control with family members because of alcohol. Drinking and driving causes 16,000 deaths per year, and thousands more injuries. Up to 75% of the crimes are committed by people under the influence of alcohol.

For further information on this event, call DSN 423-4443, or civilian at 065-44-4443.

If alcohol-related problems are impacting you, your family or friends, call the confidential lines of the Benelux Army Substance Abuse Program at DSN 423-2658 or civilian 065-44-2658.

Beware of charity scams; check sources

Special to the Gazette

In the wake of the deadly mudslide in Washington State, the Federal Trade Commission, the nation's consumer protection agency, reminds consumers that scams often follow disasters. If you're asked to make a charitable donation to help people in disaster-affected areas, before you give, be sure your donations are going to a reputable organization that will use the money as promised.

Unfortunately, legitimate charities face competition from scammers who either collect for a charity that doesn't exist or aren't honest about how their "charity" will use the money you give.

Like legitimate charities, they might appeal for donations in person, by phone or mail, by e-mail, on websites, or on social networking sites. For more information, read the FTC consumer blog post, Helping victims of the Washington State mudslide — Make sure your donations count <<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/helping-victims-washington-state-mudslide-make-sure-your-donations-count>> and, for

a list of groups that can help you research a charity, go to Charity Scams <<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0011-charity-scams>> .

The Federal Trade Commission works for consumers to prevent fraudulent, deceptive, and unfair business practices and to provide information to help spot, stop, and avoid them. To file a complaint in English or Spanish, visit the FTC's online Complaint Assistant <<https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/>> or call 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357). The FTC enters complaints into Consumer Sentinel, a secure, online database available to more than 2,000 civil and criminal law enforcement agencies in the U.S. and abroad. The FTC's website provides free information on a variety of consumer topics <<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov>> . Like the FTC on Facebook <<https://www.facebook.com/federaltradedecommission>> , follow us on Twitter <<https://twitter.com/FTC>> , and subscribe to press releases <<http://www.ftc.gov/stay-connected>> for the latest FTC news and resources

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Paid internships with CYSS

If you are a U.S. citizen between 15 and 18 years old, currently attending high school, if you possess and maintain a C grade-point average or better and are subject to the satisfactory completion of local police background checks, you are eligible to apply for a paid internship with CYSS Sports & Fitness. CYSS will offer a paid internship for 12 continuous work weeks once all goals are met with 15-18 hours of work during school weeks and a maximum of 40 hours during non school weeks. CPR training, first aid and child abuse prevention classes will be offered. If interested, call CYSS at DSN 423-5611 or civilian 065-44-5611.

CYSS Schinnen

Archery/Blow Darts Clinics for age group 10 to 18 - Enrollment is open through April 18. Clinics are held Wednesdays May 7 through June 11 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the Rocca Indoor Facility, Gulpen, the Netherlands. Cost is \$100 and includes transportation to the facility, six two-hour sessions of professional instruction and snack. For more information or to register call DSN 364-4195 or civilian 045-526-4195. You must be registered with CYSS and have a valid health/sports assessment at the time of enrollment.

Spring Break (April 14-25) - Week 1: Visit to Köln Zoo, the Snow World, Roermond Outlet Center and a field trip to Geilenkirchen AWACS. Week 2: Nature walk in the Brunssumerheide, Düsseldorf Castle tour, Bobbejaanland and swimming at JFC Brunssum pool and movie. Limited space available. For details and to register call DSN 364-3121/2023, civilian 045-526-3121/2023, DSN 364-2575 or civilian 045-526-2575, DSN 364-3259 or civilian 045-526-3259.

AFCU \$1,500 scholarship

Andrews Federal Credit Union is now accepting applications for one of the eight \$1,500 non-renewable scholarships for higher education and books. Any AFCU member or member's dependent pursuing a degree from an accredited college or university is eligible. Application forms are available online and in branches through April 25. All applicants have to be members or members' dependents with an Andrews Federal account in good standing as of Feb. 1. (If student is a member's dependent, the student does not have to have an account; parent/guardian must be the account-holder). Scholarship applications must be received no later than April 25 at Andrews Federal Credit Union, 5711 Allentown Road, Suitland, Md. 20746 by 4 p.m. via mail, 5 p.m. via branch-delivery or 11:59 p.m. via email. The 2014 scholarship application form is available at any branch or online at <http://www.andrewsfcu.org/scholarship2014>. Judges will not know the identities of applicants during the selection process.

Brussels Fitness Classes

Yoga - Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m. and

Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Power Yoga - Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Shred - Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Indoor Cycling - Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

For more information on those classes, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-717-9667.

SHAPE Arts and Crafts Center

Quilling exhibition until April 30 at the SHAPE Club.

For more information, stop by the Arts & Crafts Center on SHAPE, Bldg. 307, e-mail artsandcraftsshape@gmail.com or call DSN 423-6049 or civilian 065-44-6049.

Brussels Education Center

The USAG Benelux-Brussels Education Center has changed its hours of operation to Mon-Thu 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., closed on Fridays. Reason for change is to better accommodate customers during lunch hour.

Emergency numbers

Brussels

Any emergency - Dial
112

Brussels MP station:
DSN 368-9769
civilian **02-717-9769**

Schinnen

Any emergency - Dial
112

Schinnen MP station:
DSN 360-7555
civilian **046-443-7555**

SHAPE/Chièvres

Any emergency - Dial **112**

Chièvres MP station:

DSN 361-5301

civilian **068-27-5301**

SHAPE Police Desk:

DSN 423-3333/4

Civilian 065-44-3333/4

Suicide hotline

DSN 118 (*2118 from SHAPE) or the toll free number 00800-1273-8255

Get free and confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

If you need support, you can also chat online at <http://www.MilitaryCrisisLine.net> or send a text message to 838255



This column includes events within close distance to Chièvres, SHAPE, Brussels

11-13 April

- **Garden fair in Enghien** with more than 150 participants displaying their products in the park. Open April 11 from 2 to 7 p.m., April 12-13 from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry is €8, children 13 and younger get free entrance.

12 April

- **Jazz concert in Ath** by the Jazz Station Big Band. The concert starts at 8 p.m. at the Palace on the Grand'Place 4. Entrance fee is €15.
- **Volksmarch in Thulin** for 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50 and 60 km. Departure is on the square from 6 to 9 a.m. for the 60, 50 and 40 km routes, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the other routes.
- **Run and bike by night in Mont-saint-Guibert** for 16 km at the Collège des Hayeffes on Rue des Hayeffes 35. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m. Registration fee is €20 per team. Note that each team must consist of two people, each participant must wear a fluorescent vest and a frontal flashlight, and each team must have a mountain bike ride, a flashing red light and a cell phone.



12-13 April

- **Belgium Kidz Festival in Ath** with 3000 m² of activities and entertainment for children aged 4 to 16. There will be singers, dancers, shows, bouncy castles, street artists, a party, etc. The festival is held on Rue de l'Abbaye from 10 am. to 8 p.m. Entrance fee is €7 for children, €5 for adults, children under 4 get free entrance. More information on <http://www.belgiumkidzfestival.be>.

13 April

- **Guided nature walk in Silly** - Enjoy a guided walk through the woods of Silly. Departure will be at 1:45 p.m. on Rue St Marcourt. The day will end at around 5 p.m. at the Ferme de l'Arcamp that will present its cheeses. Participants can then have a beer tasting at the brewery of Silly. Participation fee is €6.
- **Bike ride in Neufvilles** - Enjoy a family bike ride and discover the rural and historical heritage village of Neufvilles. Departure is from the Tourist Office in Soignies on Rue du Lombard 2. The ride will take about two hours. Participation fee is €3.50.
- **Volksmarch in Ollignies** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on Rue des Combattants from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Obourg** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on Rue du Camp from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



This column includes events within close distance to Brunssum and Schinnen.

11-13 April

- **Spring Fair "Lentiade" in Vuren/Gorinchem in Lingebos** you'll get a taste of spring while shopping and enjoying all the goodies this lifestyle fair offers. Open April 11-12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and April 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €7; children €2.50.

12, 19 and 26 April

- **Antique & curiosa market in Roermond** is held at Kloosterwandplein in the center of town from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

12 and 13 April

- **Scandinavian Market in Ens** is held around the Historic Church and in the wooden museum buildings of the Museum Schokland, Middelbuurt. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €6.
- **Large indoor flea market in Maastricht** is held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at MECC. Entry is €3.50.
- **Medieval Weekend in Oeffet (BE)** in the center of town with street vendors, craftsmen and minstrels gathering for a medieval market with colors, flavors and music from that period, demonstrations of old crafts, falconry, and lots more. Open April 12 from 12:30 to 8:30 p.m. and April 13 from 12:30 to 9 p.m.
- **Harbor Fest in Oudenbosch** - Visitors will find more than 175 stands, music, naval parade, a chance to visit the sailboats and many more attractions and activities from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

13 April

- **Art Breda** is an inspiring fair for art, design and antiques held on Chasséveld. Besides "old" art and antiques visitors will also find "modern" art and jewelry at the fair. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and April 9 from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Entry is €15, youth 12-17 pay €10 and children 11 and younger get free entrance.
- **Art and Antiques Fair in Rosmalen** held at Autotron on Graafsebaan 133 is the oldest in the country and has vendors from Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., April 10 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and April 13 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €15.
- **Art Cologne 2014 in Cologne (GE)** is a large art fair held at Die Messe on Messeplatz 1. Open daily from noon to 8 p.m. Entry is €25. More info: www.artcologne.de.





18 April

- **Flower market in Tournai** - The flower market tradition dates back to 1825. At that time, ham and flowers were sold there to celebrate the end of Lent and the Easter festivals. The market will take place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Rue Royale and its surroundings.

Through 27 April

- **100 years of Belgian radio in Brussels** - The exhibi-



tion retraces 100 years of radio in Belgium, shows what listeners have been listening to for a century and also offers a preview of the future of radio. The exhibition showcases the major moments of radio, and the role it has had in history. Built around a real radio studio, "Vu à la radio" allows the live broadcasting of numerous radio shows and the organizing of various events that bring together past and present stars of the transistor. More information on [http:// www. exporadio.be](http://www.exporadio.be).

Through 6 June

- **European elections since 1979 in Brussels** - The



exhibition invites you to recall the past of European elections through showcasing an abundant collection of election posters and television campaigns. You can make yourself familiar with the evolution of Europe through colorful displays of facts and figures and are invited to participate in an interactive game of the 'Voting Table' in which visitors have the chance to voice which topics they deem important during election time. More information on <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/visiting/en/parlamentarium>.

Through 12 June

- **Musical spring in Silly** - Enjoy experienced artists and discover young ones through a series of concerts at the Château de Morval on Rue de Morval 10. Concerts are Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 to 11 p.m. Price ranges from €5 to €25 or €120 for all the concerts. Find more information on [http://www. printempsmusicalsilly.be](http://www.printempsmusicalsilly.be).



13 April continued

- **Antiques & Flea Market in Limbricht near Sittard** at the inner court of Castle Limbricht, Allee 1. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €2.

18 April

- **Year Market in Deventer** held in the historic center of town from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ongoing Events & Happenings

Through 18 May

- **Keukenhof Gardens near the town of Lisse** - This year the international flower exhibition has chosen "Holland" as its central theme with the focus on the tulip and its history. Keukenhof is open daily 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ticket office closes at 6 p.m. Entry is €15, children aged 4 to 11 pay €7.50. More information on [http:// www. keukenhof.nl](http://www.keukenhof.nl)



Through 19 May

- **Easter Market in Essen (GE)** held in the center and on Kettwiger Strasse with lots of art, decorations, traditional Easter pastries and more Easter delicatessen. Open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed on April 18.
- **Kennedy Mars** - Register now for the Kennedy Mars held April 19 in Sittard. To register go to <http://kennedymars.org>.

Through 5 September

- **Cheese market in Alkmaar** - Cheese has been weighed in Alkmaar since 1593. Cheese carriers carry thousands of kilos of cheese from 'Waagplein' square to the weighing house. Cheese carriers can be seen in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon until the first Friday of September. You'll be surprised at how important cheese used to be and still is for the city of Alkmaar.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

For information on the trips below,
call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-44-3884

- **Monet's home and gardens, April 12** - Trip to Giverny, about an hour from Paris, at the edge of the Normandy region of France for a visit of Monet's home and gardens. The painter's house and breathtaking gardens attract hundreds of thousands of visitors every year. Price is €67 per adult and €64 for children (0-12). Departs Brussels at 5 a.m., departs SHAPE at 6 a.m., returns to SHAPE at 9:30 p.m. and returns to Brussels at 10:30 p.m.



Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trips below
call DSN 360-7561 or civilian
0031-(0)46-4437561

- **Keukenhof Gardens, April 12** - Round trip on a luxury bus to the world famous Keukenhof gardens. Price is \$59 per adult, \$55 children 4 to 11, \$45 children 0-3. Price includes entrance to the gardens.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below
call civilian 0486/56.53.71

- **Champagne in Epernay, April 24** - Join for a trip into Epernay, the Champagne capital of France. Epernay is best known as the main warehouse for champagne wines, which are bottled and kept in large cellars tucked into the chalk rock on which the town is built. You will taste some of the finest champagne Epernay has to offer. Upon arrival on Avenue de Champagne in Epernay, we will explore the legendary cellars at the Champagne House of Moët & Chandon, followed by a tasting where you will enjoy a glass of their champagne. Before heading to the next champagne house, we will have time to have lunch in town. After lunch, we will meet back up for our final stop, the Champagne House of Collard-Picard. Here we will partake in a tour of the cellars and a tasting session of three of their champagnes, which is valued at over 100 Euros. You will not want to miss this champagne experience. Price is €50, including four flutes of bubbly.



Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips & Tours

- **Keukenhof and Gouda, April 18**
- **Han's caves and safari park, April 19**
- **King's Day Amsterdam, April 26**
- **Rhine in Flames, May 3**
- **Champagne, May 10**
- **Paris, May 17**
- **Versailles, May 24**
- **Polish pottery, May 29 - June 1**
- **Normandy Beaches, May 30 - June 1**
- **Dutch Day, June 7**
- **London, June 21**
- **Stonehenge with Salisbury, June 28**
- **7 Night Mediterranean Cruise, July 4-11**
- **London, August 15-17**
- **Peru, October 24 - November 3**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Keukenhof Gardens, April 12**
- **Trip to Malgrat De Mar, Spain, April 18-27**
- **Canoeing and biking, May 10**
- **Amsterdam, May 24**
- **Disneyland Paris, June 7**
- **Express trip to Berlin, June 28**
- **Miami Dolphins VS Oakland Raiders in London, 27-29 September**
- **Cowboys VS Jaguars in London, November 8-10**

SHAPE Travel Group

- **Keukenhof & The Hague, April 29**
- **Strasbourg, May 8**
- **Versailles Palace & Gardens, May 22**
- **Tongeren & the antiques market, June 1**
- **Fontainebleau Palace, June 5**
- **A day in Paris, June 19**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

11 April

- **Silly Stories to Subdue Stress** at the JFC Brunssum library from 11 a.m. to noon. This parent/child event during National Stress Awareness Month and Month of the Military Child provides fun activities and literature to teach parents how to help their children manage stress through humor.
- **Her Knight Under the Stars** - Tickets are now on sale at the front desk of the Airman & Family Readiness Center in Geilenkirchen, Germany for the Father-Daughter Dance from 6 to 9 p.m. held at Castle Limbricht near Sittard (the Netherlands). Cost of the ticket is €40 per couple and €15 per additional daughter. Limited tickets are available. For more information, call DSN 458-6015 or civilian 0049-2451-63-3791.

12 April

- **Kinderfest and Egg Hunt** at the Sports Fields, JFC Brunssum. Cost is €2 per child. Schedule is as follows: Children under three at 10:15 a.m.; four to six at 10:30 a.m.; seven to nine at 10:45 a.m. and 10+ Scavenger Hunt at 11 a.m. Baskets are not provided so don't forget to bring your own. There will also be children's activities. The event is open to US/NATO ID card holders and their guests. For more information contact DFMWR at DSN 360-7370 or civilian 046-443-7370.

16 April

- **Smooth Move** at ACS from 10 to 11:30 a.m. If you are PCS'ing, separating or retiring this will teach you valuable information to help in your transition.
- **Sponsor Training** at ACS from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Find out what the responsibilities of being a good sponsor are and the local information that will make your job stress free.
- **PCS Brief for Junior Enlisted** from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at ACS. PCS brief provides guidance on financial preparation and planning for a PCS move such as PCS checklist, entitlements, importance of planning your move in advance, the real and hidden cost of relocation and useful websites. For more information or to register, contact ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or comm. + 31 (0) 46-443-7450/7500.

Get your ticket/register now

24 May (Registration needed by April 30)

- **Country Line Dance Evening** - The event will be held from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at NATO Airbase Geilenkirchen, Lilienthalallee 100. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Entrance is free. Prior registration is required by April 30. Component members and their guests are also required to register. For more information or to register send an email at Linedancers_for_fun@hotmail.com.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

11 April

- **Laser Tag & Pizza** for grades 7 to 12 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at SHAPE bldg 503. To register, call DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-44-6039. Participants will receive a free T-shirt. Carnival games and BBQ follow the run.

15 April

- **Horseback riding trip for CYSS members** from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at LaRoche Castle. For information and to register, call DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-44-6039.

16 April

- **Colorful Run** for grades K to 12 from 2 to 6 p.m. on the SHAPE Track. For information and to register, call DSN 423-4512 or civilian 065-44-5612. Participants will receive a free T-shirt. Carnival games and BBQ follow the run.

16 April

- **Resume Writing Workshop** at SHAPE bldg 318 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-32-6824.

30 April

- **Stand Up Comedy Show** - Show starts at 8:30 p.m. in the Events Center Ballroom with Andy Valur, Nigel Williams, Pete Johansson, Yianni Agisilaou. Tickets are available at the SHAPE Club until April 12 at €12. Tickets will also be available at the door at €15. For more information, call DSN 423-4133 or civilian 065-44-4133.

Community Roundup



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BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

11 April

- **The ROAMies concert** - Enjoy a night of music and fun at the 3 Star Lounge as of 7 p.m. The ROAMies are stopping in Brussels on their Spring Acoustic Tour around Europe. Free tickets are now available at the Library, the Fitness Center and the 3 Star Lounge. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a dinner made of homemade chicken enchiladas served with rice and beans. Price is \$6. For more information and reservations contact DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-717-9822.

15 April

- **Veteran's Administration (VA) Benefits Briefing** - Find out the latest on VA policies, benefits and eligibility from the people who know. VA briefing is from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., DTAP briefing is from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the ACS conference room, Bldg. 4. To register, call DSN 368-9635 or civilian 02-717-9635.

16 April

- **Meet the author: Graham Andrews** - Join the American Club of Brussels to unfold the short stories of Graham Andrews' book A Gentle Flow of Ink. This English author living in Belgium since 1982 will be offering an insight into his book and his love for fantasy and science fiction. At the Longitude 4°21' bar, Le Méridien, Carrefour de l'Europe 3, 1000 Brussels as of 7 p.m. To register, send an email to cafe.litteraire@lemeridien.com.

16-18 April

- **Department of Labor Employment Workshop** - In this three day workshop, learn the skills needed to make your transition to civilian life successful, including effective job search, resume writing, and interviewing techniques. Workshop is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the ACS conference room. To register, call DSN 368-9635 or civilian 02-717-9635.

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Movie schedule at the SHAPE Cinema

Rates: 2D movies are €7 for adults and €4 for 11 years and under; 3D movies are €9 for adults and €6 for 11 years and under. Movies are subject to change. Check <http://www.shape2day.com/cinema/february-movie-schedule.aspx> for updates.

April 11	4 p.m.	Captain America: The First Avenger	PG-13	123 min
	7 p.m.	Captain America: The Winter Soldier 3D	PG-13	128 min
	9:45 p.m.	Sabotage	R	109 min
April 12	4 p.m.	Captain America: The Winter Soldier 3D	PG-13	121 min
	7 p.m.	Staligrad	PG-13	124 min
	10 p.m.	300: Rise of an Empire 3D	R	102 min
April 13	3 p.m.	Noah	PG-13	106 min
	5:30 p.m.	Tyler Perry's	PG-13	98 min
April 16	3 p.m.	The Muppets Most Wanted	PG-	112 min
	5:30 p.m.	300: Rise of an Empire 3D	PG-13	102 min

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). Check the schedule at: <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>.

Movie schedule at the JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Adult admission is €5 (ages 12 and older) - Child admission is €3 (ages 11 and under). Check <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/Movies-Brunssum.htm>.

April 11	7 p.m.	3 Days to Kill	PG-13	95 min
April 12	4 p.m.	Captain America: The Winter Soldier	PG-13	128 min
	7 p.m.	Staligrad	R	124 min

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