

THE GAZETTE

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Vehicle sticker removal

All black SHAPE vehicle access stickers should be removed from the windshield of SHAPE sponsored vehicles by Feb. 1. The system for registering your vehicle upon arrival at SHAPE will not change with the exception of the black stickers, which will no longer be issued.

Winter tires in Germany

Until Apr. 15, all vehicles on German roads must have approved tires for winter driving. Acceptable tires are approved winter tires or all season tires with the M+S symbol or the snowflake with the three pinnacles. They must have a minimum tread depth of 1.6 mm.

New drinking age

A new law concerning the legal drinking age has gone into effect in the Netherlands as of January 1. Any type of alcohol (wine, beer, alco-pops included) can no longer be sold at stores, bars or pubs to anyone under the age of 18.

New ID section numbers

The new telephone numbers for the USAG Benelux-Schinnen DHR/ID Card Section are:

DSN 364-3475/3478/3847

Civilian 0031(0)45-526-3475/3478/3847.

PXtra closure

The PXtra will be closed on Jan. 13. It will reopen Jan. 14.

Trenches to Foxholes Special WWI, WWII coverage in 2014



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Trenches to Foxholes is a combined venture between the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux and AFN that consists of special coverage of the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of World War I and the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Benelux countries in World War II.

Strategic Priorities

Adaptive Army Leaders for a Complex World

By Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell Jr.

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Hello USAREUR Team,

I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Time with friends and family, and some much needed relaxation can help us recharge our batteries and prepare for a great 2014.

As we begin the New Year here in Europe, I want to take the opportunity to discuss our future and how it is nested with the five strategic priorities, set by our Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, and how they pertain to our mission here in USAREUR.

These priorities will provide the Total Army, and USAREUR, with a definitive statement of our mission as we look ahead to build upon our hard-earned experiences of the previous decade of war and toward a future that poses distinct challenges of its own. Over the next few months, I will talk about each of these priorities and how they relate to and affect USAREUR.

The first strategic priority that I want to discuss is: Adaptive Army Leaders for a Complex World. Building Adaptive Army Leaders is our hedge against an operating environment that will continue to be uncertain.

2013 brought many challenges to the Army with the fiscal uncertainty and the proposed changes to the Army force structure. Regardless of what the future holds, I encourage everyone to continue seeking professional development and continue to foster the resiliency, battlefield skill and fighting

spirit that have always typified the American Soldier.

Here in Europe, we have the unique advantage of working side by side with our Allies and multinational partners every day. This provides an opportunity to educate and develop all our Soldiers and Civilians to grow the intellectual capacity to understand our complex contemporary security environment and as a result we have better leaders for Army, Joint, Inter-agency and Multinational task forces and teams.

As we are all aware, our Army is downsizing to a smaller, but more agile and ready force. Part of being an effective, adaptive Army leader is ensuring that our Soldiers are attending the right schools and training, providing the right education to the right individuals at the right time. As leaders, we also need to be proactive about our own career path and seek out opportunities for development and growth.

The Army is looking to retain the very best who exhibit tactical competence and technical proficiency while cultivating strategic perspective and leadership from senior NCO, to field grade, to general officer ranks. Everywhere I go, Soldiers ask me what they can do to ensure they can continue their career in the Army, and it's very simple. Don't give the Army a reason to cut you.

As a Team, we will continue to ensure that we grow and maintain Adaptive Army Leaders for a Complex World.

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Rick Blekkink

Job

Supervisor DMOD Guards at USAG Benelux-Schinnen.

Hobby

Actually it is more than a hobby, it is a talent. For years writing has been Rick's passion and recently he decided to send in one of his manuscripts to participate in a contest for debut authors.

A Dutch publisher did like his manuscript and wants to publish it as: "Escape from the Jaws of Death, the Krakatau Tragedy". The story is historical fiction and Rick did a lot of research in order to describe the facts and circumstances as they were at the end of the 19th century in Indonesia, then known as Dutch Indonesia, as accurately as possible.

The story tells of a young Dutch man, Andreas Braam, who grew up at a farm in a village. He has a very happy youth and idolized his uncle Christian, who traveled around the world and always told exiting stories of his time as a soldier in Dutch Indonesia. Andreas joins the military and is sent to Indonesia where he experiences many adventures. On August 26, 1883 he is aboard a ship which is caught in the eruption of the Krakatau. By then the adventure has turned into horror.

The publisher is planning to release the book first in the Dutch language, but an English version will follow soon.

No doubt we will hear more from Rick Blekkink.



Do you or someone you know have an interesting hobby? Let us know at usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil. In the spotlight will be published monthly.

Winter Driving Tips

Special to the Gazette

Winter time is often synonymous of treacherous driving conditions and is then a good reason to remind motorists of some basic do's and don'ts to survive winter driving:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for retraining traction and avoiding skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry. Your best traction comes just before your wheels start to spin. And take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning - nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.
- The normal dry pavement following distance of two to three seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety in front will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.
- Know your brakes. With antilock brakes, the best way to stop is threshold breaking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady



pressure on the brake pedal.

- Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to stay moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until an upcoming traffic light changes, do it.
- Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed downhill as slowly as possible.
- Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.
- Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don't tempt fate: If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.

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Postage increase

Effective Jan. 26, USPS will increase its first class postage price from .46 cents to .49 cents. Forever stamps automatically change to the new price if you bought them before Jan. 26. Other prices have also increased. For more information check USPS.com

Employment opportunity

The USAG Benelux Education Office on SHAPE is looking for a part time Functional Academic Skills Training Instructor. The salary is \$16.50 per hour. Requirements include, but are not limited to: Bachelor's degree from a college or university that is accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the U. S. Department of Education, at least 5 years of teaching experience and/or a teaching certificate from a regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. For more information call DSN 423-5501 or civilian 065-44-5501.

Job Opening

Cardno TEC is hiring a motivated Environmental Engineer or Environmental Scientist (or equivalent) to support the USAG Benelux Environmental Division in Chièvres. For more details, call +49-172-6888177.

Vending machines

Due to the high operating costs and low sales volume, the Tri Border Exchange will cease vending operations of approximately 50 snack and drink machines in the Benelux area (Chièvres, Schinnen, SHAPE, Geilenkirchen, Brussels, Brunssum and Kleine Brogel) starting fiscal month January 2014 with the completion date no later than Jan. 31. This action does not include the coin operated laundry facilities.

Winter vehicle checks

The USAG Benelux-Brussels auto skills shop is offering winter vehicle checks through April 1 for \$35. Check includes topping of fluids (excluding windshield washer fluid) wipers, tires, windshield, shocks, struts, brakes and lights. For more information or an appointment call DSN 368-9743 or civilian 02-717-9743.

CYSS Schinnen

Rock Climbing Clinics (limited spaces) - Enrollment will be open Jan. 13 through Feb. 14 for age group 10-18. The classes will be held on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 8 p.m. from Feb. 26 through April 30 at the Rocca Indoor Facility. Participation fee is \$130. Enrollment is at CYSS Parent Central Services, JFC Brunssum, Bldg. H 602. For more information call CYSS at DSN 364-4195 or civilian 045-526-4195.

Brussels Weight Loss Challenge

Get Fit Don't Quit - Initial weigh is through Jan. 14 from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. for the 10 week program running from Jan. 14 through March 22. For more information, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-717-9667.

SACEUR's trophy

The first SACEUR event is volleyball, scheduled for Jan. 23. Practice is every Tues and Thur from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. - Swimming: Contact SHAPE Seal's Swim Coach at tenniscas@yahoo.com, she will be coaching the U.S. Swim Team and will be starting practices soon.

Army Emergency Relief

Army Emergency Relief announced that effective Jan. 1 all officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers are authorized to submit requests for Army Emergency Relief financial assistance directly through the installation AER office. Soldiers (E-1 thru E-4) are still required to complete the AER application and submit it to the unit Company Commander/1st Sgt. for their recommendation. In addition to providing no-interest loans and grants for emergency travel, initial rent deposits and vehicle repairs, AER continues to be the organization of choice for Soldiers' unique financial needs to include household and appliance repair, dependent dental care and initial home furnishings. Army Emergency Relief is a private non-profit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to Soldiers, active and retired, and their Families. Since its incorporation in 1942, AER has provided more than \$1.5 billion to more than 3.5 million Soldiers, families and retirees.



Did you know that...

Army Emergency Relief (AER) was incorporated as a private non-profit organization on February 5, 1942? The initial purpose of AER was to collect and hold funds to relieve distress of members of the U.S. Army and their dependents. This remains true today.

AER assumed the Army Relief Society (ARS) mission of providing financial assistance to widows/widowers and orphans of deceased Regular Army personnel upon the merger of ARS with AER on 2 July 1976.

Contact your local Army Emergency Relief Office today!

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Afghan asylum seekers

The Belgian Vice Prime Minister, Laurette Onkelinx, met yesterday with representatives of the group of asylum seekers who have been protesting in Belgium for weeks in the hope of being granted refugee status. Onkelinx posted a message on her Facebook page which read: "whether or not these Afghans meet the criteria to be granted asylum, it remains that these are men and women, and also families with kids, who are going through suffering that we cannot ignore and about which we need to have a humane approach." She added "my meeting did not leave me indifferent, and the treatment of some individual dossiers seems to lead to an incomprehensible outcome. I know that we are only hearing what the Afghans are saying but Belgium cannot ignore the difficult situation in Afghanistan and the decisions that we are making must take this into account."

Dutch company to be taken over by Warner Brothers

The Dutch production company Eyeworks will likely be taken over by the U.S. media giant Warner Brothers. Eyeworks has produced a number of successful formats which have been sold to different markets such as the U.S. show 'Splash' where celebrities compete in a diving competition. Warner Brothers is currently analyzing Eyeworks' books, but once this has been completed, things could go very fast. Eyeworks is active in fifteen countries and employs around 1,500 people. In Belgium, Eyeworks consists of two separate companies: Eyeworks Entertainment focuses on programs such as the Belgian equivalent of 'Splash' and 'Dancing with the Stars' and the talk show Café Corsari, while Eyeworks Film and TV Drama produces films (such as Bullhead and Marina) and TV series (De Ridder). It is unclear whether a takeover would affect its productions or employment.

Belgian Government solicits Belgians' savings

Most of the leading banks operating in Belgium have disclosed the terms of the so-called popular loan which the Belgian Government voted to make available to Belgians. The loan is actually a bond of at least five years, and is supposed to finance projects in Belgium such as hospitals, care homes, schools, and cultural centers. The Government is offering a fiscal incentive - a tax of 15 percent on interest instead of 25 percent - in the hope of attracting a portion of the huge amount - close to 250 billion euros - Belgians keep in savings accounts. However, due to the very low interest rate being offered - on average around 1.7 percent net for a six-year bond - it is not sure the bond will be a success since some savings accounts offer a higher rate without having to block one's money for more than one year.

Anti-Semitism in Belgium

Several mayors and prefects in France have forbidden a performance over the controversial stand-up comedian Dieudonné, who has already been sentenced for anti-Semitism and who continues to deny the existence of the Shoah, and praises the virtues of radical Islam. However, in Belgium - where Dieudonné has performed in the recent past and where he

has vowed to come back very soon - the cabinet of Interior Minister Milquet pointed out that there is no legal basis to forbid his performance. In 2011, a mayor of a commune in Brussels tried to forbid one of Dieudonné's shows but the Council of State voided the mayor's decision, considering that it was a violation of the comedian's freedom of speech.

Dutch schools to give bilingual education

Three elementary schools in Hilversum, one in Amsterdam and one in The Hague are among the 12 schools singled out to run trials of bilingual education for children aged four to 12. Junior Education Minister Sander Dekker says bilingual education will lead to worldly children and, in time, better personnel and a stronger, more competitive position. "Dutch children will earn their daily bread in a world where it will be more important than ever to speak good English as well as Dutch," Dekker said. "Because they are young, they pick up languages more easily." The bilingual schools will offer traditional lessons such as geography and biology in English. Up to 50% of the teaching time will be in English. High schools find it difficult to cope with many different skill levels, he said, and children who have gone to a bilingual elementary school may become lazy. Teachers will also have to be trained to teach in English. Eight more schools will join the experiment in 2015 and the results will be assessed in 2019.

Belgian success story in the Silicon Valley

Bart Decrem (46), one of the most successful Belgians in Silicon Valley, has resigned as Disney's Vice-President for Mobile Games. Decrem says that when his successful company "Tapulous" was purchased by Disney, he agreed to lead the mobile games division for a period of three years. During this period, he helped create and establish the vision. "It is logical that I hand over the reins, now that the challenges have more to do with the organizational aspects and the scale. I look back at it as a very positive experience," says Decrem. He says that he thought about staying Disney, but that he is an entrepreneur and wants to start something new. With 25 number one hits on the App Store, Decrem is known as the "King of the App Store". He says that Disney has made him a better organizer and a better manager. "And I will take this experience with me," he said.

Belgian court jails Amsterdam Moroccans

A Belgian appeals court found three Amsterdammers of Moroccan origin guilty of membership in a terrorist organization. The three were arrested in 2010 at the request of the Belgian authorities and were extradited to Belgium in 2011. In total, 14 suspects were involved in the appeal trial and almost all, including the three Dutch nationals Samir S., Soufian B. and Redouan A., were jailed for five to eight years. A lower court had found the men not guilty. The group are said to have collected money and recruited fighters for jihad in Chechnya. Charges of conspiring to launch a terrorist attack in Belgium were dropped against the three Dutch nationals prior to their extradition.

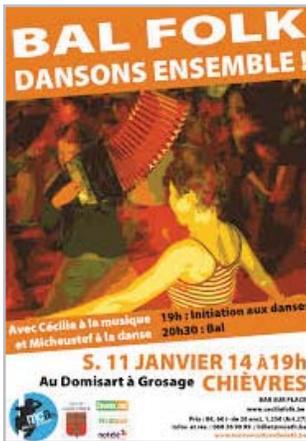
Host Nation Events & Happenings



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

11 January

- **Let's dance together at the folk ball in Grosage** at "Le Domisart" on Rue des Juifs. The event starts at 7 p.m. with a musical and dance show through which participants discover traditional and modern music from here and abroad. People will be initiated to valse, Scottish dance, mazurka, polka, etc. The initiation will be followed by the folk ball from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Participation fee is €8.



- **Volksmarch in Bassily** for 6, 12, 18, 28 km. Departure is on Rue de la Procession 2 from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

12 January

- **Volksmarch in Landelies** for 6, 11, 15, 20 km. Departure is on Rue de Cousolre from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Sirault** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on Rue des Déportés from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Mellet** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on Rue A. Helsen 69B from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Erquelinnes** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is on Rue du Pont from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Nivelles** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on Rue Clarisse 10 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

16-26 January

- **European Motor Show in Brussels** at Brussels Expo, on Belgieplein 1. Visitors will see about all the makes of cars and motorbikes you can find in Belgium. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry is €7. More information on <http://autosalon.be/en/salon/visiteur/dates-et-heures/>.



Through 19 January

- **Ferdinand Porsche, the Heritage "From electric to eclectic" in Brussels** at the Autoworld museum. The exhibition brings to life the remarkable story of Ferdinand Porsche. More than 40 vehicles will be on display. More information on <http://www.autoworld.be/expos/ferdinand-porsche-the-heritage/>.



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

11-12 January

- **Vacation fair for special travel in Maastricht** held at MECC. Visitors will be offered a different kind of vacation. The fair is specialized in activity-based vacations. Quality and exclusivity are the keywords. For instance they have trips to the Antarctic, walking tours and more adventurous travels bringing you to the farthest outbacks in the world. Open Jan. 11 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Jan. 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry fee is €12.



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- **Flea market in Oudenbosch** is held at Sports Center "De Beuk" on Beukenlaan 4. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **International Old-Timer Fair in Rosmalen** at Autotron has old-timer motorbikes, mopeds, bicycles, accessories and lots more. Entry is €10; children under 15 get free entrance.
- **Clothes fair in Zottegem (BE)** is held on ter Kameren 4. Open both days from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €1.50.

12 January

- **Volksmarch in Merselo** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from Café Den Tommes on Grootdorp 40 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 5 km route and from 9 a.m. to noon for the other routes.
- **Volksmarch in Maastricht** from Sportpark Jekerdal on Mergelweg 100.
- **Volksmarch in Gronsveld** for 11 km. Departure is from Eetcafe Riekelt on Rijksweg 184 at 9:30 a.m.

15 January

- **Shopping Extravaganza in Nieuwkuijk** at Nieuwkuijksestraat 73 is a large outlet fair with more than 60 booths offering everything concerning fashion, lifestyle and beauty. Open from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

15-19 January

- **Vacation fair in Utrecht** at Jaarbeurs in the center of town. In one day you can stroll along the many different booths and get all the information you need to plan your next holiday. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Jan. 17 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Entry is €18.



Through 19 January continued

- **Andy Warhol display in Mons** - This display entitled Andy Warhol: Life, Death and Beauty at the BAM, Rue Neuve 8, explores the lesser-known connection Andy Warhol always had with spirituality and religion, through the artist's pictures. The exhibition will take you through all of Warhol's iconic themes from the beauty-success-power triad, (in the portraits of Marilyn Monroe and Jackie Kennedy), to the "Disaster" series with images of the electric chair, a modern-day instrument of torture analogous to the cross. The display is accessible Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Through 2 February

- **Wow is Wow exhibition in Brussels** - Wow is Wow is an exhibition that looks back on the World Fair organized in Brussels in 1958. Heiress of a certain vision of the future focused on science and modernity, the Atomium being the best representation of this futuristic vision today in Brussels. More information on <http://www.atomium.be/ExpoCurrent.aspx>.

Through 9 February

- **Brussels Ice Magic in Brussels** - Following a successful stop in Paris, the International Festival of Ice Sculptures 'Ice Magic' will be visiting Brussels for the first time, in the Place des Palais. Open every day from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and until 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For more information and to book tickets online, go to http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/minisite_brusselsicemagic/content/21811/brussels-ice-magic.do.



Through 9 March

- **The Gille going topsy-turvy in Binche** at the international Carnival and Mask Museum on Rue du Saint Moustier 10. The exhibition presents the history of the Gille and some exceptions which have brought about certain rules which today have become absolutely binding; it shows the Gille today, in Binche but also elsewhere; it deals with communication linked to carnival and advertising campaigns using and abusing the image of the Gille and, finally, the exhibition presents objects of art which give the Gille the status of an icon. More information on <http://www.museedumasque.be/en/page.php?pageId=577>.

Through 13 April

- **12th Triennial of the Political Poster Show in Mons** - Exhibition of political posters from all over the world treating subjects like hyper-communication, financial crises, environmental issues, social gaps and inequities, democracy, etc. The exhibition is held on Place de Jemappes and opens Mon-Sat from 9:30 to a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €1.5 per person.

Through 21 April

- **The Art of the Brick - the playful universe of Nathan Sawaya in Brussels** - The first exhibition focusing exclusively on bricks as an art medium in Brussels. It's a European premiere after touring in North America, Asia and Australia. There is all of Nathan Sawaya's work and a build area for children so that big and small can have great fun. More information on <http://www.expo-artofthebrick.be>.



17-19 January

- **Interclassics & TopMobiel in Maastricht** is a highlight for genuine car enthusiasts. Each year, more than 15,000 avid motor show spectators visit the greatest classic car event in the Benelux region held at MECC. Entry is €17.50. Open Jan. 17 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Jan. 18-19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

18-19 January

- **Outlet fair in Heesch** at Cultureel Centrum de Pas has children's clothes, ladies fashion, men's fashion, accessories and lots more. Opens at 10 a.m. Entry is €2.50.
- **Indoor antique fair "Limantica" in Tongeren (BE)** at Syntra Limburg Campus on Overhaemlaan. Open Jan. 18 from 1 to 6 p.m. and Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €3.

Through 2 February

- **Winter Efteling in Kaatsheuvel** near Tilburg on Europalaan at Efteling Amusement & Fairy Tale Park. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €35.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Amsterdam, January 18** - Take a ride through the winding canal lined streets on a guided bicycle tour, walk the town, visit the Van Gogh Museum, or the Anne Frank House, Amsterdam is famous for its beautiful canals and outrageous cafes. So whether you're an art lover, music lover or a culture lover, Amsterdam has a lot to offer. Price is €55 per adult, €48 for children (0-12). Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m., departs Brussels at 7:30 a.m. Returns to Brussels at 11 p.m. and returns to SHAPE at midnight.

Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

- **Ski and Snowboard Trip, February 1** - departs Schinnen at 6 a.m. and returns at 9 p.m. Cost is \$49. Lift pass & equipment is not included. .

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trips below
call civilian 0486/56.53.71

- **Harry Potter Studios, January 25** - Warner Bros. Studio Tour London is a behind-the-scenes walking tour which immerses guests into the world of film-making featuring authentic costumes, sets and props from the Harry Potter film series. Studio Tour is located 20 miles from central London at the studio where the films were made. Price is €90 per adult and €80 for children under 15.



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Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips & Tours

- **Netherlands Largest Bazaar, January 25**
- **Brugge Medieval Dinner, February 1**
- **Paris, February 15**
- **Belgian Beer Tour - February 22**
- **Vietnam, February 28 to March 9**
- **Ski Week, Kaprun Austria, March 1-8**
- **Benidorm, Spain, April 5-15**
- **Polish pottery, May 29 - June 1**
- **7 Night Mediterranean Cruise, July 4-11**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Paris, March 15**
- **Trout fishing, March 29**
- **Trip to Malgrat De Mar, Spain, April 18-27**

SHAPE Travel Group

- **Villeroy-Boch & Sparkling Wine, January 30**
- **TROCing in Hainaut & Namur, February 6**
- **London & Phantom of the Opera, February 13**
- **Breendonk Memorial, February 20**
- **Polish Pottery Outlet & Utrecht, March 21**
- **Champagne in Epernay, April 24**
- **Strasbourg, May 8**
- **Versailles Palace & Gardens, May 22**
- **A day in Paris, June 19**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

14 January

- **How to Become Debt Free in the New Year** - From 11 a.m. to noon at ACS. It may feel like you're digging yourself out of debt with a teaspoon. However, to make any progress, you need to make small changes. By creating a budget and understanding your psychology toward your finances, you will be able to create your own path toward financial freedom. The process of becoming debt free may be slow, but every effort is another step toward getting yourself out of the red. For more information or to register, contact ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian 0031 (0) 46-443-7450/7500.

15 January

- **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. 0031 (0) 46-443-7450/7500.
- **Sponsorship Training** - From 2 to 3:30 p.m. at ACS. Find out what the responsibilities of being a good sponsor are and the local information that will make your job stress free. Call Relocation Readiness at DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian 0031 (0)46-443-7512/7500.
- **Smooth Move** - From 10 to 11:30 a.m. at ACS. If you are PCS'ing, separating or retiring this will provide you valuable information to help in your transition. Call Relocation Readiness at DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian 0031 (0)46-443-7512/7500.

16 January

- **Host Nation Orientation** - From 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at ACS. All newcomers must attend this to learn local customs, culture, language and highly useful information (Day 1 of Orientation). Call ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian 0031 (0)46-443-7450/7500.

17 January

- **Newcomer's Tour** - From 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We go beyond the gate on this day to learn and utilize the public transportation to visit points of interest in the community. ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian 00(0)46-443-7450/7500.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

9 January

- **Master Resiliency Training** - Module one from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m and Module two from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m in the Benelux Auditorium, Bldg. 30, Caserne Daumerie. Module three will be conducted Jan. 22 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the same location. For more information call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-44-6824.

13 January

- **Fellowship dinner** - The Benelux Community Gospel Service invites everyone to join them in welcoming newcomers to the community. Italian dinner will be served 6 p.m. at the Chièvres Lodge.

15 January

- **Martin Luther King remembrance ceremony and prayer breakfast** - The event will be held at the Caserne Daumerie chapel. The ceremony begins at 8 a.m. and is immediately followed by the prayer breakfast.

18 January

- **Family Fun Night** - from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center on Chièvres Air Base. Cost is \$3 for admission and \$5 skate rental is available. Open to SHAPE green ID card holders.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

14 January

- **Parents Night Out** - From 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the CYSS. Cost is \$25 per child. For more information call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651.

15 January

- **Martin Luther King prayer breakfast at the 3 Star Lounge** - Buffet opens at 8:30 a.m. and cost \$8 per person. The guest speaker will be Michael Bartelle, Vice President of Overseas Operations, Andrew's Federal Credit Union. Reservations are required by Jan. 13. The first 75 reservations will be paid for by the Chaplain's ministry team. For more information call DSN 368-9677 or civilian 02-717-9677.

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