

THE GAZETTE

Benelux news briefs

Transformation site prep begins

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will start to prepare for the first of two major renovation projects on Chièvres Air Base Monday.

Temporary fencing will be installed around the site, which includes Building 5 (PXtra) and Building 120 (old Commissary). Site preparation is expected to continue for the next two weeks.

The speed limit in the vicinity is 30 kph, and pedestrian crossings will be well-marked.

No impact on the PX/Commissary parking lot across the street is expected.

Read next week's Gazette to learn more.

Thrift shop closes

Grandma's Attic will be closed for repairs through Aug. 14. Grandma's Attic is located in Building 7 on Caserne Daumerie in Chièvres while its usual retail space on Chièvres Air Base is being renovated.

Normal business hours will resume Aug. 16: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Consignment hours are Thursdays and the first and third Saturdays of the month from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

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Riding goes hand in hand with training

Service members from the SHAPE/Chièvres community follow the instructions of Gerhard D. Brosch, Motorcycle Safety Foundation Rider Coach during the Experienced Rider Course at the Motorcycle Range on Chièvres Air Base, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Donovan Abrassart)

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Experienced Rider Course I continued

Motorcycle riding goes with proper training

by **Donovan Abrassart**
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Service Members from the SHAPE/Chièvres community participated in the Experienced Rider Course on Chièvres Air Base, Tuesday.

The ERC is a hands-on, one-day course that provides additional 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 and focus on improving braking and cornering finesse.

The completion of the ERC is part of the Army Traffic Safety Program, which is designed "to educate and train service members on safe operation of privately owned automobiles and motorcycles and government motor vehicles," said Marilyn Brulez, USAG Benelux Safety Office.

Soldiers who own or operate touring or cruiser-model motorcycles must complete this course every three years.

Additionally, Soldiers must complete the training following a three-year riding hiatus, the acquisition of a new or change in motorcycle, or a major geographic relocation.

"ATSTP suite of courses is designed to reinforce a positive attitude toward driving, individual responsibility and correct response to routine and emergency driving situations," Brulez said.

The courses offered include the Remedial Driver Training, the Intermediate Driver Training Course, the Motorcycle Basic Rider Course, Motorcycle Experienced Rider Course and the Military Sport Bike Rider Course.

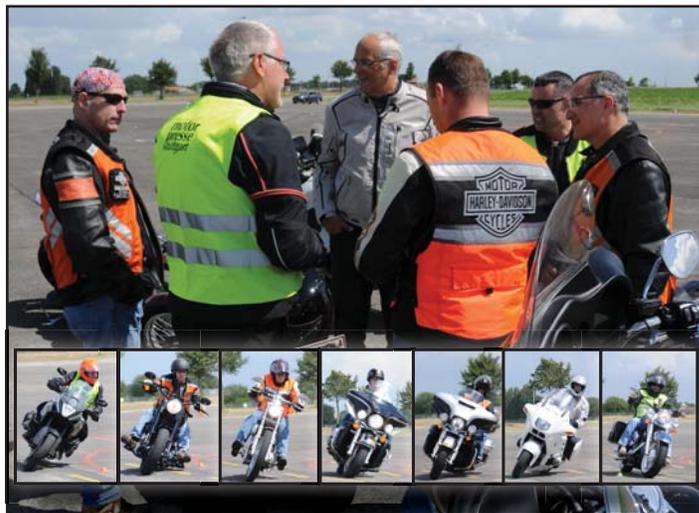
According to the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center, motorcycle accidents continue to be a leading cause of accidental death in the U.S. Army.

While leader engagement and enhanced training opportunities have helped drive advances in rider safety during the past several years, greater awareness is needed to ensure

all Soldiers are prepared to ride in a safe and disciplined manner.

"Participating in motorcycle safety training is a proven method for educating Soldiers on motorcycle safety and preventing injuries for both new and experienced riders," said Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, commander of U.S. European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, who was among the participants. "It is necessary to be vigilant and follow safety standards when riding to ensure everyone arrives home safely."

For more information about courses available or to register for the next course, contact the USAG Benelux Safety Office at DSN 361-6114 or civilian 068-276114.



Gerhard D. Brosch, Motorcycle Safety Foundation Rider Coach, gives feedback to the participants in the Experienced Rider Course following an exercise at the Motorcycle Range on Chièvres Air Base, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016. • (Insets) The ERC participants performs an exercise led by the instructor at the Motorcycle Range on Chièvres Air Base, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016. (U.S. Army photos by Donovan Abrassart)

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TDY volunteers needed in Bulgaria, Romania

IMCOM-Europe is looking for 10 garrison-level employees for 60-day temporary-duty assignments to Camp Mihail Kogalniceanu, Romania, or Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria.

Skill sets needed: administrative-support specialist; operations specialist; recreation specialist; human-resources specialist; physical-security specialist; and general engineer. Grade levels are flexible.

"What is needed from each person is a team attitude, drive, ability to operate independently and a strong work ethic," said Chuck Walls, the deputy to the commander at U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach.

Conditions are rough with people living in barracks, eating at the dining facility and receiving minimal per diem, Walls said. However, the mission is "strategic and significant."

For details, call DSN 468-1510 or civilian +49 (0) 981-1831510, or DSN 467-7723 or civilian +49 (0) 9802-837723.



Pfc. Zachary R. Richardson, an infantryman assigned to Fox Troop, 2nd Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, conducts air guard duty during his unit's tactical road march, as they leave the front gate of Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base and head to Smardan Training Area, Romania, in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve, in this Tuesday, March 24, 2015, photo. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. William A. Tanner)

Benelux employers have job openings

Several jobs are open in Benelux military communities.

- **AAFES.** The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's Chièvres Main Store needs senior store associates in the Power Zone and stock-room workers in the Warehouse. Apply online at <https://www.applymyexchange.com>, or call DSN 361-5337 or civilian 068-275337.

- **AFCU.** Andrews Federal Credit Union is now hiring in its Brussels and Schinnen locations.

Schinnen has a teller position open while Brussels has a branch manager position open.

Interested applicants may apply online at <https://www.andrewsfcu.org>.

- **SHAPE Arts & Crafts.** The staff at SHAPE Arts & Crafts is looking for a pottery instructor. Contact DSN 423-6049 or civilian 065-446049, or artsandcraftsshape@gmail.com.

- **Commissary.** Visit http://www.commissaries.com/inside_deca/HR/employment_opportunities.cfm.

The Chièvres commissary is also looking for weekday American baggers. Contact the head bagger at DSN 361-6480/6488 or civilian 068-276480/6488,

- **SHAPE/Chièvres post office.** U.S. citizens can apply at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/438917900>. Local-national vacancies are announced at <https://wu.acpol.army.mil/eur/employment/In/index.htm>.

BAS student graduates from renowned Space Academy

A youth from the Brussels community recently attended Space Academy at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, according to a news release from USSRC, which serves as NASA Marshall Space Flight Center's Official Visitor Center, in Huntsville, Alabama.

Skylar Condon, 14, was part of the Space Academy program, which is specifically designed for trainees who have a particular interest in space exploration.

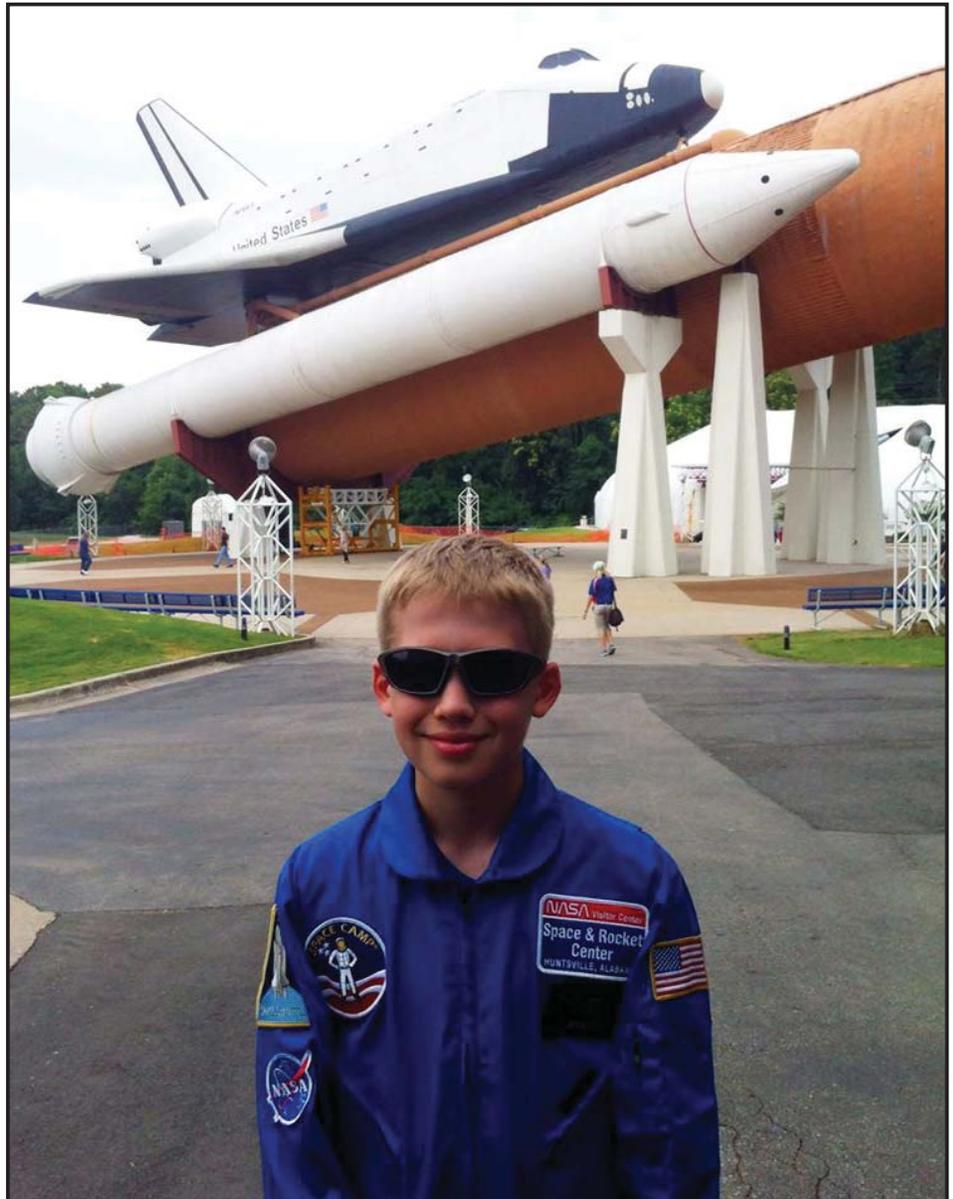
The weeklong educational program promotes science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), while training students and adults with hands-on activities and missions based on teamwork, leadership and problem-solving.

Condon spent the week training with a team who flew a simulated space mission to the International Space Station. Once "aboard" the ISS, the crew participated in experiments and successfully completed a simulated extra-vehicular activity (EVA), or spacewalk. Condon and crew "returned to Earth" in time to graduate with honors.

Space Camp operates year 'round and uses astronaut training techniques to engage trainees in real-world applications of STEM subjects. Students sleep in quarters designed to resemble the International Space Station and train in simulators like those used by NASA.

More than 750,000 trainees have graduated from Space Camp since its inception in 1982, including Kate Rubins, who launched to the ISS this summer.

Last year, children and teachers from all 50 states and 69 international locations attended Space Camp.



Brussels community member Skylar Condon, 14, tried his hand at being a space explorer at the Space Academy program in Huntsville, Alabama, recently. (Photo courtesy U.S. Space and Rocket Center)

FMWR gets ready for Armed Forces Entertainment double-header



Brussels and Schinnen/Brunssum will host a country singer and a resiliency tour, presented by Armed Forces Entertainment, this month.

Brussels Aug. 29

- "Hope for the Day," a motivational-speaker resiliency tour, will give a presentation at Brussels Chapel at 3:30 p.m. to bring community members together to shed light on depression and suicide.

- Hamburgers, hot dogs and sides will be served at the 3 Star from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Cost: adults \$10, children, ages 12 and under, \$5. Reserve by Aug. 24 at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

- The Ayla Brown concert will be held at USAG Benelux-Brussels Top Parking at 6 p.m.

Schinnen/Brunssum Aug. 30

- "Hope for the Day," a motivational-speaker resiliency tour, will be at Brunssum's Alliance Theater at 2 p.m.

- Ayla Brown will perform at the Schinnen Recreation Center in the Community Recreation Center in Building 38 at 7:30 p.m. FMWR will also have a pay-as-you-go barbecue dinner available at the CRC starting at 6 p.m. (when the doors open) if you'd like dinner before the concert.

Live coverage of summer Olympics in Rio available to most Soldiers worldwide

by Chris Ward

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

DALLAS (AAFES) -- This year, for the first time, U.S. service members worldwide will be able to watch NBC Olympics' streaming coverage of the 2016 Rio Olympics from their desktop and personal devices.

The benefit is being provided at no cost to those who are currently serving in the U.S. military or retired military members by Comcast NBCUniversal in partnership with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and U.S. cable, satellite and telco providers.

NBC Olympics will stream 4,500 hours of coverage, including live streaming all competition, as 10,500 athletes from 206 countries compete in 35 sports through Aug. 21.

Retired Army Brig. Gen. Carol A. Eggert, serves as vice president of military and veteran affairs at Comcast, said the Olympics is a global, unifying event, and that it's fitting that coverage of the competition be made available to service members.

To watch, service members will access NBC Olympics' digital coverage from their computers or personal devices by visiting <http://www.nbcolympics.com> or the NBC Sports app and choosing the Exchange as their service provider.

Due to content-rights restrictions, an active shopmyexchange.com account will be required to verify eligibility. Content-rights restrictions will also apply to some locations outside the continental United States.

When Comcast NBCUniversal offered the service, a collaborative team including the Defense Media Activity, Defense Information Systems Agency, the Exchange and DHI Telecom (an Exchange internet, mobile and IPTV provider) swung into action to develop the technical solution required.

Additional information will be available on shopmyexchange.com. To see a day-by-day list highlighting events to watch, go to <http://www.nbcolympics.com>.

In addition to the streaming content, the American Forces Network, or AFN, will also offer extensive NBC Olympics' broadcast and cable coverage on its television services for the overseas American military communities around the world.

Viewing requires a shopmyexchange.com account. Due to broadcasting regulations, NBCUniversal is only allowed to show NBCUniversal Sports content on the Internet in the United States and American territories. Users outside of these locations will be able to access content on an American military base, and only on previously approved Internet ranges.

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'Equestrian events' bring excitement to 424th ABS family day

At left, Air Force Staff Sgt. Yvonne Greco runs and leads Soubirac, her 11-year-old Friesian, or "Frison" in French, horse while Marisa Bayle rides him during 424th Air Base Squadron's Safety, Family and Back-to-School Day on Chièvres Air Base in Chièvres, Belgium, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016. • At right, Air Force Staff Sgt. Yvonne Greco poses with Avery Sykes while riding Soubirac as U.S. Airmen with the 424th Air Base Squadron and their families celebrate Safety, Family and Back-to-School Day on Chièvres Air Base in Chièvres, Belgium, Aug. 9, 2016. (U.S. Army photos by Pierre-Etienne Courtejoie/Training Support Center Benelux)

FRENGLISH PAGE

US community can have fun with French touch

Each week, English speakers will be in contact with French language in a friendly way. This page is divided into three sections. The first one (Useful expressions) is dedicated to commonly used expressions translated into English and accompanied by a phonetic transcription. The second part (Word search) is a fun way to learn French words, along with their English translation. The last part (Dialogue) is brightened up with a French dialogue and its English translation.

Useful expressions

- Good morning Bonjour/"boh(n) zhoor"
- How are you doing today? Comment allez-vous aujourd'hui ?/"koh moh(n) tah lee voo oh zhoo dwee"
- Where do you come from? D'où venez-vous ?/"doo veh nay voo"
- What's your name? Comment vous appelez-vous ?/"koh moh(n) voo zah puh lay voo"
- My name is ... Je m'appelle ... /"zhuhm mah pell"
- Do you have children? Avez-vous des enfants ?/"ah vay voo dez ah(n) fah(n)"
- Are you married? Etes-vous marié ?/"eh tay voo mah hree ay"

Word search

Here are some words in French related to the theme "Introduce yourself" that you can find in the grid.

- prénom/"pray noh(m)"/first name
- nom/"no(m)"/last name
- enfant/"ah(n) fah(n)"/child
- maison/"may zoh(n)"/house
- voiture/"vwah tyoor"/car
- marié/"mah hree ay"/married
- bonjour/"boh(n) zhoor"/good morning
- au revoir/"oh rev wah(r)"/goodbye
- enchanté/"ah(n) shah(n) tay"/nice to meet you
- âge/"ahzh"/age
- école/"ay kohl"/school
- travail/"trah vah ee"/job
- soldat/"sohl dah"/Soldier
- armée/"ahrh may"/Army
- américain/"ah may hree ca(n)"/American

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Dialogue: Introduce yourself

- B: Good morning! Nice to meet you! My name François
- A: Good morning! My name is John.
- B: When did you arrive in Belgium?
- A: We arrived in Belgium a week ago.
- B: What do you do?
- A: I am in the military.
- B: How long will you stay in Belgium?
- A: We'll be here, at least, for three years
- B: Are you married?
- A: Yes, I am married with three children.

- B: Bonjour! Enchanté de vous rencontrer! Je m'appelle François.
- A: Bonjour! Je m'appelle John.
- B: Quand êtes-vous arrivé en Belgique ?
- A: Nous sommes en Belgique depuis une semaine.
- B: Que faites-vous dans la vie ?
- A: Je suis militaire.
- B: Combien de temps restez-vous en Belgique ?
- A: Nous sommes ici au moins pour trois ans.
- B: Etes-vous marié ?
- A: Oui, je suis marié et j'ai trois enfants.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camps** - To register for these weeklong camps, which run **through Aug. 26**, call Brussels CYSS at DSN 368-9535 or civilian 02-7179535.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Brussels Army Community Service, SHAPE ACS or Schinnen ACS by video-teleconference. To sign up, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783:
 - **Interviewing Tips and Techniques Workshop** - Learn to ace any interview with these tips on how to prepare for an interview. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **Aug. 16** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
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 - **Saving and Investments** - Community members can discuss topics of broad financial interest, including using credit. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **Aug. 17** from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Aug 11, 12

- **Community Movie Night** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers sponsors free movies "The Angry Birds Movie" (PG) Aug. 11 and "Mother's Day" (PG-13) Aug. 12 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the BOSS Movie Area on Building 1's third floor. Make your reservation at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

Aug 12, 19

- **Pizza Fridays at the 3 Star** - Pick up a pizza to take home for dinner or eat in Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m. To place an order, call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.
- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community Fridays from 5:30 to 11 p.m. For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822, or DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

Aug. 17

- **Pizza Wednesdays at the 3 Star** - Eat in or take out pizza for lunch Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Traditional and personal pan pizza available. To place an order, call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

Aug. 18

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Barbecue chicken and ribs, salads and baked beans will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Facility will be open until 10 p.m.) Cost: adults \$12, children, ages 12 and under, \$6. (Alternate children's menu available.) For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822, or DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Back-to-school ice-cream social** - Middle-school and high-school students can eat ice cream; play pool, pingpong or foosball; and rock out on guitar at Brunssum Youth Center **Aug. 15** from 3 to 6 p.m. However, parents must register their children first. Registration is free; just stop by ahead of time or call at DSN 606-244-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45526-3121/2023 and ask for a registration packet to be sent via email.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Schinnen Army Community Service, SHAPE ACS or Brussels ACS by video-teleconference. To sign up, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500:
 - **Interviewing Tips and Techniques Workshop** - Learn to ace any interview with these tips on how to prepare for an interview. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **Aug. 16** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
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Aug. 12

- **Everything Country** - Schinnen Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or FMWR, will host this country music-and-dance party at the Schinnen Memory Lanes Lounge from 6 to 10 p.m. Wear your country gear.

Aug. 17

- **Soccer/flag football coaches clinic** - If you're interested in volunteering, become a coach for CYSS soccer or flag football. Attend the free (but mandatory) USAG Benelux-Schinnen Youth Flag Football/Soccer NAYS Coaches Clinic Building H-602 from 6 to 9 p.m. Sign-up deadline is Aug. 15. Includes child-abuse awareness and CPR training, also mandatory. To sign up, call DSN 606-244-4195/4191 or civilian +31 (0) 45526-4195/4191.

Aug. 18 to 19

- **Welcome, newcomers** - Learn what you need to know at Schinnen Army Community Service. All newcomers must attend the Host-Nation Orientation on Day 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to learn local customs, culture, language and an overview of Tri-Border services. On Day 2, meet at ACS to take the Newcomers Tour from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The group goes beyond the gate to learn and use the public transportation to visit points of interest in the community. Contact DSN 360-7218/7500 or civilian 046-4437218/7500.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Tickets on sale now

- **Season tickets** - The SHAPE Players recently announced the 2016-2017 theatrical season: "All the King's Men" opening in September, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" opening in November, "The Lusty and Comical History of Tom Jones" opening in March and "Peter Pan" opening in May. To find out more, stop by Building 207, or call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Register now

- **CYSS back-to-school events** - CYSS will host mixers for students in grades 6 through 12 at SHAPE Youth Center. Parents must register their children before the students may attend. Registration is free; just stop by ahead of time or call DSN 366-6813 or civilian 065-326813 and ask for a registration packet to be sent via email.
 - **New Student Meet-and-Greet** - Newcomers and those who would like to welcome them are invited to a New Student Meet-and-Greet pizza party. Dig into a pizza pie **Aug. 12** from 6 to 8 p.m. and meet someone new.
 - **Back 2 School Dance** - Students in grades 6 through 12 can have fun with friends, old and new, at SHAPE Youth Center **Aug. 19** from 6 to 10 p.m. Young people can enjoy food, drinks, dancing and games.
- **CYSS sports** - Children must be of age by Nov. 15. CYS Services free annual registration and health assessment (must remain valid throughout the September-to-October season) are required prior to enrollment. For more information about the CYSS sports programs below, call Parent Central Services at DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097 or Sports & Fitness at DSN 423-6143 or civilian 065-446143.
 - **Flag Football** - Registration ends **Aug. 23**. Cost is \$40 for 10- to 15-year-olds. Bantam League coed, ages 10 to 12. Junior League coed, ages 13 to 15.
 - **Smart Start Flag Football** - Registration ends **Aug. 23**. Cost is \$20 for 5- to 7-year-olds.
 - **Fall Soccer** - Registration ends **Aug. 19**. Cost is \$40 for 6- to 12-year-olds. Peewee League coed, ages 6 to 7. Minor League, coed, ages 8 to 9. Bantam League coed, ages 10 to 12.
 - **Smart Start Soccer** - Registration ends **Aug. 19**. Cost is \$20 for 4- to 5-year-olds.
- **Dogs' Day Out** - The Chièvres Kennel invites all of the dogs in the Benelux community – and their people – to an afternoon of canine and human fun at the SHAPE Fest Tent **Aug. 27** from noon to 4 p.m. Owners must register their dogs if they want them to compete in the dog show. Other activities include working-dog demonstration, agility course, activities for children and "kissing booth" for photos. All activities are free. Food (for humans) will be available for purchase. During Dogs' Day Out, the opening hours for the Chièvres Kennel, which now offers pet-grooming services, will remain unchanged.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by SHAPE Army Community Service, Schinnen ACS or Brussels ACS by video-teleconference. To sign up, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824:
 - **Interviewing Tips and Techniques Workshop** - Learn to ace any interview with these tips on how to prepare for an interview, get into the right mind set and convince potential employers you are a perfect fit for the position. Given in person at SHAPE ACS **Aug. 16** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
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Aug. 18

- **Mindfulness Meditation** - Learn the basics of Mindfulness Meditation in Building 30's Command Conference Room from 1 to 2:30 p.m. or 2:30 to 4 p.m. Research has demonstrated a number of health benefits that result from the daily practice of meditation, including increased physical relaxation and increased emotional regulation. Research also indicates that meditation can improve concentration and mental clarity, reduce symptoms of stress, lower blood pressure, improve sleep and reduce chronic pain. Registration is required. Call DSN 423-2658 or civilian 065-442658.

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates — 2D movies: adults, €6.50; children, ages 12 and under, €3.75. 3D movies: adults, €8.50; children, ages 12 and under, €5.75. Visit <http://www.shape2day.com>, and click "Cinema Schedule" icon. Ticket sales begin 30 minutes prior to each showing. Films will start promptly. Thrifty Thursday means half-price popcorn and free movies from the same film series (or related subject matter) as an upcoming film as well as half-price pizza and calzone at the Pizza Bowl.

Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

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

Travel the Benelux

Flower carpet brightens Brussels Grand Place

If you decide to experience this event, remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.

Every two years, Le Tapis de Fleurs de Bruxelles decorates the city's Grand-Place with an intricate design fashioned entirely of begonias. The floral carpet will celebrate its 20th anniversary in Brussels Aug. 12 to 15.

Its theme will celebrate "150 years of Belgo-Japanese friendship," begun with the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation in 1866. This year's theme will feature the characteristic motifs of birds, cherry blossoms and bamboo.

Begun in 1971, the flower carpet skipped several years to reappear in 1976, 1979, 1980 and 1986 before it transformed into the current biennial event.

Through Aug. 31

A retrospective exhibition of the floral tapestries can currently be found in the Royal Galleries St-Hubert at Galerie du Roi 5 in Brussels.

Aug. 12

- 5 a.m. to approximately noon: Flower-carpet creation;

- 1 to 6 p.m.: Access to the balcony of the town hall for the public. (Last entrance at 5:30 p.m.) Admission:

€5; children under 10, free;

- 10 p.m.: Opening ceremony with live concert (featuring music from the Puccini opera "Madame Butterfly" and fireworks display;

- 10:30 p.m.: Light-and-music show;

- 11 p.m.: Light-and-music show.

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- 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.: Access to the balcony of the town hall for the public. (Last entrance at 9:30 p.m.) Admission: €5; children under 10, free;

- 10:30 p.m.: Light-and-music show;

- 11 p.m.: Light-and-music show.

Read more about Brussels' flower carpet at <http://www.flowercarpet.be/en>.

Why begonias are special in Belgium

Belgium has been in the begonia business since around 1860. About 60 million plants are grown each year, and more than 80 percent of them are exported, making Belgium the world's top exporter of tuberous begonias. The production of begonias is concentrated in East Flanders around the city of Lochristi near Gent.

Begonias come in a rich palette from white to delicate pastel shades to bright vivid colors. Begonias, which also include bicolored varieties, are



The Brussels Grand Place is carpeted with begonias every two years. This 2006 floral carpet has a theme of "Middle Ages." The 2016 theme of the floral tapistry will be "Japan." (Public domain photo by Sara Galletti)

robust plants that do well in soil that is neither constantly wet nor allowed to dry out.

Originally a tropical plant, the begonia takes its name from Michel Bègon, a French amateur botanist who collected begonias in the Dominican Republic where he was an administrator for King Louis XIV, also known as the Sun King.

Andrea Wales contributed to this report.

Outside the gate



Night and day views of the Grand Place in Brussels adorned with its 2014 carpet of begonias, whose theme is "Anatolian carpet on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Turkish and Moroccan immigration in Belgium." (Public domain photos by Jami430)



Business affected by SHAPE holiday, Assumption Day

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Whether you call it “la fête de l'Assomption” in French, “Maria-Hemelvaart Dag” in Dutch or “The Feast of the Assumption,” Aug. 15 is a national holiday in Belgium, which is a predominantly Catholic country.

Assumption Day is also a SHAPE holiday so most international facilities will be closed and the SHAPE/Chièvres shuttle won't be running.

As the principal feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Assumption Day serves as a remembrance of the Catholic belief that, at the end of Mary's life, she was assumed — body and soul — into heaven. Catholic doctrine asserts that, unlike her son, Jesus Christ, Mary didn't ascend into heaven under her own power; she was taken up into heaven, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 974).

Several Belgian cities celebrate Assumption Day in a big way (with processions in Bruges and Hasselt as well as a Bathtub Regatta in Dinant, for instance), and it calls for closures across Belgium. Banks, stores and many other services will be closed in observance of the day.

Most U.S. facilities will go by their normal schedules. For example, the



"Assumption of the Virgin" by Flemish Baroque painter Peter Paul Rubens at Musées royaux des Beaux Arts in Brussels. (Public domain)

PX will be open. However, some offices will be closed Aug. 15; some will also be closed the previous Friday, Aug. 12.

Brussels

- The Logistics Readiness Center, or LRC, Benelux recently announced that all of Transportation Division in Brussels will be closed Aug. 15.

SHAPE/Chièvres

- SHAPE Healthcare Facility will operate with reduced staffing for Belgian Assumption Day, Aug. 15. Acute Care Walk-In Clinic will operate with Medical Officer of the Day, or MOD, coverage only from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

- SHAPE Base Support Group Family Support and Central Processing Branch, or FSCEP, in Building 210 in coordination with the Registration Section will be closed Aug. 15. However, the U.S. Community Services Center, which falls under U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, in Building 253 will be open.

- The Logistics Readiness Center, or LRC, Benelux will be closed as follows:
 - Transportation Division in Chièvres Air Base's Hangar 3 and SHAPE's Building 220 will be closed Aug. 15.

- Maintenance Division in CAB's Hangar 6 will be closed Monday, Aug. 15, for repair and job orders. However, the chief will be in. MD's staff members maintain and repair government vehicles. In an emergency, call DSN 361-5151 or civilian 068-275151.

- Supply Support Activity in Hangar 3 will be closed Aug. 12 and Aug. 15.

- Property Book Office, or PBO, in CAB's Hangar 3 will be open Aug. 15.

Outside the gate

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

- **Copenhagen (Denmark), Aug. 12 to 15**
- **Ghent with City Beer Discovery Boat trip, Aug. 20**
- **Notting Hill Carnival, Aug. 27 to 29**
- **Cochem, Germany, with medieval dinner, Sept. 3**
- **Amsterdam with dinner show, Sept. 17**
- **Paris with Secret Food Tour (optional), Sept. 24**
- **Carolus Thermen spa, Oct. 8**
- **Alsace, Oct. 15 to 16**
- **London, Oct. 22**
- **Portugal, Oct. 30 to Nov. 4 (school break)**
- **Lord of the Dance in Oostende, Nov. 19 (Pay by end of August.)**
- **Crete, Spa and Middelkerke, all year**
- **Discount tickets to local attractions, such as Walibi, Aqualibi and Bellewaerde**

SHAPE Travel Group

Call civilian 0470-876369 for details.

- **Gouda and Kinderdijk, the Netherlands, Aug. 25**
- **Champagne in Epernay, France, Sept. 8**
- **Delft, the Netherlands, Sept. 15**
- **Blegny Mine and Liège, Sept. 29**
- **Lille, France, Oct. 6**
- **Monschau, Germany, and Spa, Belgium, Oct. 13**
- **Roermond, the Netherlands, Oct. 25**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- **Family Day Trout Fishing, Sept. 10**
- **Largest Wine Festival in the World at Bad Durkheim Wurstmarkt, Sept. 17**
- **National Liberation Museum 1944-1945 and Battle of Arnhem ("A Bridge Too Far"), Sept. 24**
- **Washington Redskins vs. Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 29 to 31 (Pickups at Schinnen and SHAPE.)**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Through Aug. 14

- **Brussels Summer Festival** - Held on Place des Palais. Get more information at <http://www.bsf.be>.

Through Aug. 15

- **La Louvière Beach in La Louvière** - Held on Place Maugrétout. Offers entertainment, music, bars, and more. Open every day from 6 to 8 p.m.



Aug. 12 to 13

- **Music Festival "Hout'stock Festival" in Houtaing** - Held on Rue de l'Abreuvoir from 5 to 11:30 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday. Free admission.



Aug. 12 to 14

- **Gaume Jazz Festival in Rossignol** - Held at rue Camille Joset 1. Admission: from €5 to €78. Get more information at <https://www.gaume-jazz.com>.

Aug. 12 to 15

- **Jazz music Festival "Jazz Middelheim" in Wilrijk** - Held at Beukenlaan 12.
- **Floral carpet in Brussels** - See page 9.

Aug. 13

- **"Park Rock" music festival in Baudour** - Held in the municipal park on Rue du Parc from 1 to 11:30 p.m. Admission: €10.
- **Flea market in Erbaut (150 booths)** - Held on Place d'Erbaut from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Aug. 13 to 14

- **"We Can Dance" electronic music festival in Zeebrugge** - Held on Zeebrugge strand. Admission starts at €49. Get more information at <http://www.wecandance.be>.



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

Through Aug. 14

- **Roman festival in Heilig Landstichting near Groesbeek** will be held at Museumpark "Orientalis" at Profetenlaan 2 with re-enactors, authentic crafts, demonstrations, Roman market and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Read more at <http://www.museumparkorientalis.nl/en/agenda/late-roman-festival>.

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- **Nostalgic market in Barneveld** will seem to take you back to Grandma's time. Go to the town center for traditional crafts, costumes and regional food as well as national and international folkloric dance groups. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aug. 12, 13, 19 and 20

- **International Fireworks Festival in Scheveningen** will be held at the beach and boulevard. Several countries participate in the music. Entertainment starts at 8 p.m.; first fireworks show 9:45 p.m. and second show 10:30 p.m. Free admission.

Aug. 12 to 14

- **West-Frisian Water Week in Medemblik** will be held at Oosterhaven (East Harbor) with lots of nautical activities: Culinary Fair at the harbor Aug. 12 from 6 to 10 p.m.; Nautical Day and other activities Aug. 13 starting at noon; and a Royal Navy naval parade Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. and Dragon Boat Races starting at 1 p.m.
- **"Schlemmen am Schloss" culinary event in Rheda-Wiedenbrück, Germany**, will be held on the grounds of Rheda Castle between Emshaus and Rosengarten. At "Feast at the Castle," visitors can enjoy many culinary delicacies, and live bands liven up the atmosphere. Open Aug. 12 from 6 p.m. to midnight; Aug. 13 from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Aug. 14 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Free admission.

Aug. 12 to 15

- **Rose festival in Lottum** will take place throughout the village with shows, demonstrations, a garden fair and more. Open Friday from 5 to 11 p.m.; Saturday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Admission: €18.50; children, ages 11 and under, free.

Aug. 13

- **Art market in Nieuwpoort, Belgium**, will be held on the market square in the center of town. This market will be done in the style of Montmartre in Paris. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.



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Aug. 13 to 15

- **Cultural heritage weekend in Lessines** - Held at the Musée Hôpital Notre-Dame à la Rose on Place Alix Rosoit from 2 to 6 p.m. Admission: €9.50. For more information, visit the museum's website at <http://www.notredamealarose.com>

Aug. 14

- **Flea market in Gondregnies (80 booths)** - Held on Rue du Brisqué from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea market in Pommeroeul (100 booths)** - Held on Place des Hautchamps from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ath** for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km. Departs from Rue des Frères Descamps 18 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Jurbise** for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km. Departs from Rue du Radoux 6A from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Aug. 15

- **Flea market in Soignies (100 booths)** - Held at the Parc Pater on Rue P.J. Wincqz from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Rameignies** for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km. Departs from Rue Préelle 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Ongoing

Through Aug. 28

- **Bouglione Circus in Mons** is located at the Imagix parking lot. Admission: €15 to €25. For more information, visit http://www.bouglione.mobi/fr_tarif_mons.php.

Through Sept. 4

- **Visit the Royal Palace in Brussels** - Visits are free of charge Tuesday through Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Access is from Place des Palais.

Fridays through Sept. 9

- **Roller Bike Parade in Brussels** invites rollers, bikes, longboards and freelines to participate in this event. Departs from Place Poelaert, going to Hasselt and passing by Leuven. Open from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Free.

Through Sept. 11

- **Harry Potter exhibit in Brussels** - Open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Brussels Expo on Place de Belgique at Palais 2. Since 2009, the exhibit has traveled to Chicago, Boston, Toronto, Seattle, New York, Sydney, Singapore, Tokyo, Paris and Shanghai and drawn more than 3.5 million visitors. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://ticketmaster.be>.

Through October

- **Treetop Adventure Trail in Tertre** is being held at Rue de la Hamaide 79. Three trails will be available for children, ages 7 and older, and for adults, too. Two trails will be available for children, ages 3 and older. Open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €9 to €19.



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Aug. 13 to 14

- **American Stars on Wheels in Antwerp, Belgium**, is an indoor/outdoor show for American cars and bikes at Antwerp Expo at Jan van Rijswijcklaan 191. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €10.
- **Elftopia in Bachte Maria Leerne, Belgium**, is a fantasy festival held at Castle Ooidonk at Ooidonkdreef 9 with fairy tales, storytellers, fire eaters, falconers, fantasy authors, workshops, concerts and special guests. Enter what looks like a dream world where everything seems possible. Open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Aug. 13, 20 and 27

- **Antique-and-curiosa market in Roermond** will be held at Kloosterwandplein in the center of town. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Aug. 14

- **Marina Market in Duisburg, Germany**, will be held on Johannes-Corputius-Platz at the city harbor. Marina Market is a combination of week market, art market and culinary market. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Antique-and-curiosa market in Limbricht** near Sittard will be held in the courtyard of Castle Limbricht at Kasteel Allee 1. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €2.
- **Jazz Festival Oisterwijk in Oisterwijk** will be held on Lindeplein. This free nostalgic New Orleans jazz festival will have non-stop live music on two stages. Open from 2 to 9 p.m.

Aug. 14, 21 and 28

- **Antique-and-curiosa market in Maastricht** will be held at Vismarkt on Boschstraat. Open from noon to 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 17 to 21

- **Country Fair near Beesd** will be held at Mariënwaerd Estate. The fair will have many booths displaying special and exclusive products for the outdoors as well as a special culinary-and-delicatessen area. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: adults, €15; youths, ages 13 to 16, €7.50; children, ages 12 and under, free admission.

Ongoing

Through Sept. 2

- **Cheese market in Alkmaar** is famous worldwide for its cheese, which has been weighed in Alkmaar since 1593. See cheese carriers in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon.

Outside the gate

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