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Benelux news briefs

Offices close to set up Plain White T's concert

The Brussels Fitness Center and Auto Skills Center will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 13, in order to provide support for the setup of the free Plain White T's concert at the Brussels American High School gymnasium, scheduled for that evening. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the 7 o'clock performance. (No tickets necessary. Seating is on a "first come, first served" basis.)

Brussels SATO closed Monday

Due to nonavailability of staff, the Contracted Travel Office-Scheduled Airline Traffic Office, or CTO-SATO, at USAG Benelux-Brussels will be closed Sept. 15. Normal operations will resume for the Brussels travel-agency office Sept. 16. In case of an emergency, contact Chièvres Carlson Wagonlit Travel-SATO, or CWT-SATO, at DSN 361-5783 or civilian 068-657125/fax 068-657170.

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Chimay, Cendron celebrate WWII liberation

Members of the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Color Guard, followed by a USAG Benelux platoon and Belgian and French flag bearers of various patriotic associations, march in the footsteps of the American troops who entered Belgium at Cendron 70 years ago. (U.S. Army photo by Cis Spook)

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FREEDOM 6 SENDS

USAREUR CG sees increase in pride, patriotism since 9/11

by **Lt. Gen. Donald Campbell**
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Thirteen years ago, this day, Sept. 11, was seared into the minds of the American people and the people around the world.

However, that day's destruction and devastation did not condemn our country to a future filled with fear. No, this loss, profound as it was, did not break the soul of our nation. It has actually made us stronger. That day fortified

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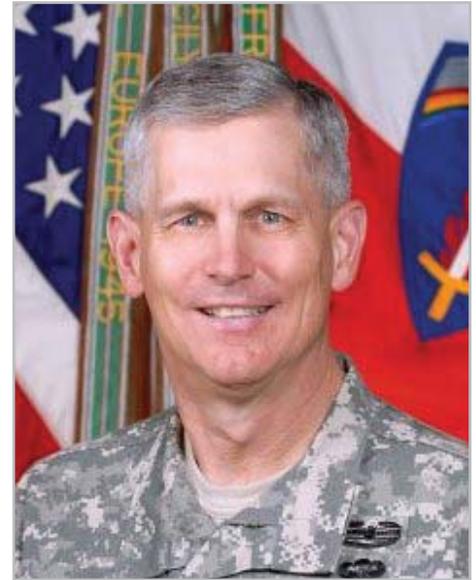
Americans with pride and patriotism and created a spirit of service in the hearts of a new generation.

For the first time in our history, we have faced over a decade of persistent conflict with an all-volunteer force. In the last 13 years, more than a million men and women have deployed with the Armed Forces, permanently writing on our nation's scroll names like Guinta, Petry, Pitts and McGinnis — recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Our nation — along with our Army — has changed dramatically during the past 13 years. It has become more versatile to meet global needs and has adapted to a changing and volatile world. But the change we face does not come like it did on 9/11. It's a gradual change, but a change nonetheless, and I am confident that our nation, its people, and our Army will grow stronger still.

With these changes, however, one thing remains the same: The Army is always about its Soldiers. We are about the people, and we stand together.

As we continue our vital mission here in Europe, we work side by side every day with our partners and allies in the



Lt. Gen. Donald Campbell

hope of deterring aggression and securing freedom.

So I ask everyone on our great USAREUR team to take time to remember the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Reflect on the extraordinary acts of courage that we all saw that day, and express our gratitude by carrying on that spirit of courage and loyalty. Never, ever forget.

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Avoid bill from Uncle Sam: Stay away from making UCs

Leaders of the 409th Contracting Support Brigade are eager to caution government employees against unauthorized commitments and provided a list of tips on how to stay out of trouble.

An unauthorized commitment occurs when a U.S. government representative who lacks the authority to enter into an agreement on behalf of the federal government makes an agreement. People who make unauthorized commitments could be personally responsible for costs of services to which they committed on the government's behalf.

A good rule of thumb: Consult with your contracting officer frequently.

Contracting Do's

DO consult your supporting contracting office early and often.

DO conduct market research to locate possible sources.

DO state that you are requesting information about products/services for planning purposes only.

DO follow your organization's internal procedures on obtaining supplies or services through an appropriate acquisition method.

DO ensure the vendor knows you aren't authorized to place orders.

DO add a standard disclaimer when corresponding with vendors verbally and in writing: "This is a request for price information and availability only, and does not constitute a binding agreement between the parties."

DO contact the contracting office or government purchase card, or GPC, holder if there is uncertainty about the parameters of interactions with vendors.

Contracting Don'ts

DON'T commit to any contractual relationship.

DON'T agree to a delivery date for products or services.

DON'T request a vendor to deliver a service or product without having an order or contract signed by a contracting officer or GPC holder.

DON'T sign any commitment that could financially obligate the U.S. government.

DON'T put yourself in a position that could result in personal liability.

DON'T share the Performance Work Statement and request quotes.

DON'T forget that you must follow the same rules when dealing with Morale, Welfare and Recreation/Nonappropriated Fund, or MWR/NAF, activities.

If you have questions about contracting, contact your Regional Contracting Office: RCO Benelux at DSN 368-9625 or civilian 02-7179625.



September is Suicide Prevention Month



Army Suicide Stand Down shows leader commitment

In order to increase resilience, reduce risk and diminish suicidal behavior, Army leaders will conduct resiliency and suicide-prevention activities this month.

A true story in "Generating Health and Discipline in the Force" (Gold Book), which first appeared in an article by Sentinel editor Dave Larsen, illustrates how important it is to know the signs:

Staff Sgt. Timothy Warden observed a Soldier attempting to purchase cigarettes without his ID at a Fort Hood Shoppette Oct. 9, 2011. Warden detected the odor of alcohol and suggested the Soldier leave. The Soldier then asked him if he could speak with him once Warden was done with his purchase. Warden noticed that the Soldier looked rough — as if he had been in a fight.

"I asked him who he got into a fight with, and he answered, 'I'm done,'" Warden said. "He kept saying that — 'I'm done.'"

As Warden got ready to leave, the Soldier said, "I just re-enlisted, but I'm done, if you know what I mean."

Warden realized what the Soldier was implying and quickly called upon his Ask, Care and Escort (ACE) training. He contacted the Military Police and safeguarded the Soldier until they arrived.

"I had a job to do and somewhere to go, but I'm glad I stuck around to talk to this individual," he said.

This year's Suicide Stand-Down theme is "Enhancing Resiliency — Strengthening our Professionals."

Resiliency is the mental, physical, emotional and behavioral ability to face and cope with adversity; to adapt to change; and to recover, learn and grow from setbacks; according to the Army website at <http://www.army.mil/readandresilient>.

Stand-Down in your community

Round-robin training events emphasizing resiliency and life skills will be conducted:

- Sept. 23 at 8:45 a.m. in SHAPE's Alliance Theatre;
- Sept. 24 at 8:45 a.m. in Brussels Community Center;
- Sept. 25 at 1 p.m. at Brunssum Chapel;
- Sept. 26 at 8 a.m. in the auditorium of Caserne Daumerie's Building 30 (Command Building).

If you or a loved one needs a helping hand, contact your local health-care provider. U.S. Army Europe, or USAREUR, has a free, confidential Military Crisis Line where master-level counselors stand ready at DSN 118, or toll-free 00-800-1273-8255, which connects you with the National Suicide Prevention Hotline. Confidential chats are available online at <http://MilitaryCrisisLine.net>.

Trenches to Foxholes

Belgium commemorates 70th anniversary of liberation

Chimay area



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(Clockwise from top left) A concert by the SHAPE International Band at the Chimay castle kicks off commemoration events Friday, Aug. 29, 2014. • World War II vehicles parade through the local area of Cendron Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014. • The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Color Guard and Honor Platoon participate in the official commemorations that started Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014, honoring the U.S. troops who entered Belgium in Cendron 70 years ago. • Local school children wave the American colors during the ceremonies. • U.S. Ambassador Denise Campbell Bauer addresses the audience at the ceremony in Monceau-Imbrechies where the first 12 GIs were killed in the liberation of Belgium. • USAG Benelux commander Col. Marty Vannatter, Christel Delahaye of the "Duty to Remember" Association and Adj. Maj. Stéphane Charlier from the Belgian Air Force Base in Florennes pay respect to the fallen. • The 424th Air Base Squadron Color Guard participates in the ceremony at St. Rémy Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014, commemorating the American aviators and Belgian resistance fighters who were shot by the Nazis. • Family members of the Susan Ruth B-17 crew pay tribute at the memorial erected on the spot where the plane crashed Feb. 8, 1944. • The 424th Air Base Squadron commander, Lt. Col. Christopher Kuester, salutes during the playing of the anthems at the Susan Ruth monument. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook unless otherwise specified)



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70th anniversary of liberation I continued



(Center left) 2nd Armored Division World War II veteran Francis Turner salutes during the playing of the national anthems at the liberation bridge. • (Bottom left) Col. Pierre Bancu, military commander of Hainaut Province; Col. Dean D. King from the Office of Defense Cooperation Belgium-Luxembourg; and Prince Laurent watch the theatrical representation. (U.S. Army photos by Donovan Abrassart)

Rumes

In the days leading up to Sept. 2, 1944, Germans in the village of La Glanerie, Rumes, were getting nervous, and many were fleeing. The Allied Forces, having liberated northern France, were about to enter Belgium. Inhabitants of Rumes felt they were living the last days of the war. The morning of Sept. 2, they heard bells peeling and shouts of joy coming from the French village located just across the border. A few moments later, a pathfinder of the 2nd Armored Division crossed the border on his motorbike using the little bridge – now known as the Liberation Bridge – spanning the Elnon river. Since he hadn't received the order to cross the border, he turned back when he realized he was in Belgium, only to return a few moments later at about 9:30 a.m. accompanied by a military convoy coming to liberate Rumes.

On Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014, government officials and dignitaries including Prince Laurent, the brother of the King of Belgium, joined the population of Rumes to commemorate the liberation of the city and honor their liberators. Also attending the ceremonies were three U.S. veterans of the 2nd Armored Division, "Hell on Wheels,"



(Top left) Children from local schools sing the Chant des Partisans. • (Above right) Members of the USAG Benelux Color Guard wait for Prince Laurent to arrive at the Liberation Memorial.

Francis Turner, Charles Grunert and Bob Connerton, and a British veteran of the 43rd Wessex Division Ernie Turner. The ceremony started at the Liberation Bridge that was crossed by the liberators.

"A bridge so insignificant, but a bridge that marked history, allowed to link people and put an end to the war," said the mayor of Rumes, Michel Casterman.

The ceremony continued at the Liberation Memorial – a statue representing the pathfinder who crossed the bridge, where attendees saw a theatrical performance and a movie about the war. It also included a re-enactment of the arrival of the the pathfinder and the 2nd Armored Division.

The final location was the Secret army's plaque where local children honored the Resistance and, joined by Prince Laurent, sang the Chant des Partisans (Resistance fighters song).

Chièvres

Chièvres commemorated the 70th anniversary of its liberation Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014, on the Grand' Place. On Sept. 3, 1944, Chièvres was liberated from a long Axis occupation by the Allies.

The airfield was abandoned days before as the Allies approached, and hundreds of thousands of pages of German documents were burned.

The commemoration was the kickoff of a series of World War commemorative events.

The next event will be the Sept. 13 opening of a World War I exhibit at the Musée de la Vie rurale on Rue Augustin Melsens 28 in Huissignies, a village of Chièvres.



Chièvres Mayor Bruno Lefebvre arrives on the Grand' Place aboard a WWII military vehicle Sept. 3, 2014. (U.S. Army photos by Donovan Abrassart)



Lt. Col. John Bivona, USAG Benelux director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, salutes during the playing of the national anthems.

Trenches to Foxholes - *Upcoming commemorative events*

Sept. 13 and 14

- **Events celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation in Borlo** - On Saturday at 5 p.m. is the re-enactment of the battle. On Sunday at 11 a.m., ceremony and vintage vehicles parade at 3:30 p.m., re-enactment of the battle. During the weekend, free visits to the re-enactment camp and reduced admission fee of €5 per person to the Winter 1944 museum at Thewitstraat 8.
- **Commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Goegnies-Chaussée battle on the Belgian French border in Quévy** - On Saturday, visits to the re-enactment camp on Rue Fournier in 59600 Gognies-Chaussée (France) start at 9:30 a.m., vintage vehicle parade at 10 a.m., opening of the displays at 4 p.m. on Place de Gognies-Chaussée, France, and three other displays on the square in Goegnies-Chaussée, Belgium. At 5:30 p.m., you'll see a re-enactment of the battle near the square in Goegnies-Chaussée, Belgium. At 7:30 p.m., the SHAPE International Band and Flying Cool Cats will perform in the fest tent. On Sunday, visits to re-enactment camps start at 9:30 a.m. There will also be rides in a U.S. vintage jeep, arrival of the convoy and musical entertainment.



- **Heritage Days throughout Wallonia** - The 26th edition of the Heritage Days will focus on the men and women who fought for liberty during both world wars. Among others:
 - **Historical cycling tour in Beloeil** - Route will go through the World War I and World War II sites in the Beloeil area. You can either depart in group at 10:30 a.m. from the Tourist Office at Rue du Château 27 (Prior registration is recommended at 069-689516) or you can get the route from the Tourism Office between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and do the tour at your own pace.
 - **Display in Binche** - Archives, photos and documents will be displayed at the city hall on Grand Place 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - **Château de Boussu** - The château was used by the German Army during WWI (officers and prison) and by a Canadian unit at the Liberation. The Germans dynamited the site Sept. 2, 1944. Site on Rue du Moulin 43 in Boussu is open for visits both days from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m.
 - **Display and tour of WWI sites in Chièvres** - Display on Lt. Col. Dudley Gordon who liberated the city in 1918 will be accessible both days from 2 to 5 p.m. at the "Musée de la Vie Rurale" on Rue Augustin Melsens 28 in Huissignies (Chièvres). Route to discover other WWI sites can be requested at the museum.
 - **Display and WWI display in Nimy** - On Rue des Viaducs 222, a display of WWI photos and artifacts will be accessible Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The walking route for "Seven Commemorative Sites" will be available on site.
 - **Display at the Château de Louvignies (Soignies)** - The Château in Louvignies will turn into a WWI field hospital honoring one of the château's ancestors, Countess Marie van den Steen de Jehay, who was a nurse on the frontline. Open both days from 2 to 6 p.m. at Rue de Villegas 1 in Chaussée-Notre-Dame-Louvignies.

Many other WWI and WWII sites will be available for visits throughout Wallonia. For a detailed list, visit <http://journeesdupatrimoine.be> for events in Wallonia (in French only) or <http://www.openmonumenten.be> for events in Flanders (available in English).

Through Sept. 14

- **Visit the World War I battlefield in the Mons area** - The tour of sites in Mons, Nimy, Obourg and St-Symphorien is aboard a double-decker bus. Departs from the Mons main square Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tour takes three hours. Cost: Adults €18; children €12.

Through Nov. 11

- **Exhibition "Nimy on the eve of the Great War"** - On Aug. 23, 1914, close to the bridge-rail, fierce fighting between the 4th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, of the British Forces and the German 84th Infantry Regiment took place in Nimy. Learn more about the fighting at the exhibition on Rue Mouzin 31. The museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 6 p.m. Admission: adults €2.50; children under 12 years old free. During the week, groups of a minimum of five people may arrange to visit the museum.

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Casteau relives first shots of WWI



On Aug. 22, 2014, local re-enactors from the British War Society recreated the battle that occurred in Casteau between German and British Soldiers exactly 100 years ago.

On Aug. 22, 1914, British and German Soldiers came across each other on the Chaussée de Bruxelles (N6).

The ceremony, co-hosted by the cities of Mons and Soignies, commemorated the first gunshots fired there by Cpl. Edward Thomas. Local officials joined military representatives from SHAPE to host a group of descendants of Thomas and Capt. Charles Hornby who led the first British cavalry charge.

At left, re-enactors recreate the scene. • At right, descendants of Cpl. Edward Thomas and Capt. Charles Hornby lay a wreath at the monument. (U.S. Army photos by Marie-Lise Baneton)



The Netherlands celebrate WWII anniversaries in local communities

Sept. 13 to 21

"Brunssum celebrates 70 years of Freedom" - For an entire week, Brunssum devotes itself to commemorating its liberation from the Germans by American Soldiers from the 2nd Armored Division nicknamed "Hell on Wheels." Admission and parking are free at liberation events. Highlights of "Brunssum celebrates 70 years of Freedom" include

- **All week** - Visit a "Liberation Museum" on d'r Brikke-Oave with photos, film footage, scale models of military vehicles, historic material, uniforms and more.
- **Sept. 19** - Festivities on Lindeplein Square in the city center from 7 to 10:30 p.m.:
 - 7 p.m.: Memorial Service in Gregorius Church includes a musical performance by Solo Voci.
 - 7:45 p.m.: Memorial ceremony at the General Cemetery will be accompanied by the brass ensemble of the Concordia Wind Orchestra.
 - 8:15 p.m.: Memorial ceremony at the British Cemetery will be accompanied by the Coriovallum Pipe Band and the brass ensemble of the Concordia Wind Orchestra.
 - 8:45 p.m.: 2nd Armored Division "Hell on Wheels" memorial will be unveiled at Dorpstraat.
 - After unveiling and official reception for invited guests: A Big Band concert at the Lindeplein pavilion features mezzosoprano Mylou Mazali.
 - 10 p.m.: Fireworks start at Vijverpark.
- **Sept. 20** - Activities from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.:
 - Take a look at old and new military vehicles at Lindeplein/Kerkstraat.
 - Visit the Militaria Market plus two field kitchens, a WWII U.S. Post Office and a static display of Operational Liaison and Reconnaissance Team.
 - Let little ones enjoy children's events in Vijverpark.
 - Ride around in military vehicles from the Lindeplein.

—Photoshoot in uniform at historic "staircase Waltmans."
 —Kerkstraat shopkeepers offer various activities.

- From 8 to 9:30 p.m.:
 - Open-air Memorial Concert by Brunssum Wind Orchestra, with solo vocalist Mylou Mazali.
- From 10 p.m. to midnight:
 - Listen to a band on Kerkstraat Square.
- **Sept. 21** - Explore the area from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Enjoy performances by re-enactment groups and static displays of military equipment, including a Patriot Launcher, starting at 1 p.m. (See Sept. 20 for other nonmusical events. Children's activities in Vijverpark Saturday only.)
 - 2 p.m.: Watch the Ticker Tape Parade on Dorpstraat-Kerkstraat.
 - After the parade: Listen to the sounds of live music at Kerkstraat Square featuring The Spikes until 8 p.m.

Sept. 14 to 20

- **70th anniversary of Operation Market Garden in Veghel** celebrates the battle that started in the early morning of Sept. 17, 1944, and became a pivotal moment in the history of the southern part of the Netherlands. The brain child of British Field Marshal Bernard Law "Monty" Montgomery, Operation Market Garden's objective was to capture eight bridges and end the war by Christmas. Unfortunately, the Allies encountered unexpectedly fierce German resistance. As part of the 70th commemoration, a parade of historic World War II vehicles will move from the towns of Borkel and Schaft to Veghel and Nijmegen during the week of Sept. 14 to 20. The town of Veghel functioned as the center for Operation Market Garden. Now in 2014 Veghel is again the center of things with a historic base camp and many more activities. For more information on Operation Market Garden commemoration activities, go to <http://omg2014.allunited.nl>.

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Tanks in Town offers 'liberating' experience

Events celebrate 2AD 'Hell on Wheels'

A group of vintage motorcycles sit out on display at Tanks in Town in Mesvin, just south of Mons. Tanks in Town (Sept. 6 and 7) celebrates the 1944 liberation of Mons by the 2nd Armored Division. The weekend also included tank rides in the Bois Brulé in Ghlin.



A Border collie finds some shade under a tank in Mesvin during Tanks in Town 2014.



A GI re-enactor watches the deployment of tanks and jeeps in the field in Mesvin at Tanks in Town 2014. (Photos by Tim Clark)



One of the highlights of Tanks in Town, a Piper Cub flies over the field in Mesvin.



Tanks roll out with an attack of a German position in Mesvin as a part of Tanks in Town 2014.

Trenches to Foxholes**Next week in World War history (Sept. 14 to 20)****World War I****1914**

Sept. 17 - Austrian forces steadily retreat from the advancing Russian 3rd and 8th armies fighting in southern Poland and along the Russian-Austrian border. The Germans then send the newly formed 9th Army to halt the Russians. This marks the beginning of a pattern in which the Germans will aid the weaker Austro-Hungarian army.

1915

Sept. 18 - The Germans announce an end to their first U-Boat campaign, begun in February, which had targeted ships around the British Isles. This comes in response to increasing protests from the United States following American civilian deaths at sea. The U-Boats are then sent by the Germans to wreak havoc in the Mediterranean Sea, away from American shipping lanes in the Atlantic.

1916

Sept. 14 - The seventh Battle of the Isonzo begins.

Sept. 15 - The first-ever appearance of tanks on a battlefield occurs as British troops renew the Somme offensive and attack German positions along a 5-mile front, advancing 2,000 yards with tank support. The British-developed tanks feature two small side-cannons and four machine guns, operated by an eight-man crew. As the infantry advances, individual tanks provide support by blasting and rolling over the German barbed wire, piercing the front-line defense, and then roll along the length of the trench, raking the German Soldiers with machine-gun fire.

1917

Sept. 20 - A revised British strategy designed to wear down the Germans begins at Ypres (Ieper), Belgium. It features a series of intensive, narrowly focused artillery and troop attacks with limited objectives, to be launched every six days. The first such attack, along the Menin Road toward Gheluvelt, produces a gain of about 1,000 yards with 22,000 British and Australian casualties. Subsequent attacks yield similar results.

1918

Sept. 14 - British begin to evacuate Baku, Azerbaijan, on the Caspian Sea.

Sept. 15 - The Allies push the Bulgarians out of Serbia as French, Serbian and Italian troops make rapid gains, advancing nearly 20 miles northward from Greece in three days. Bulgarian troops attempting to redeploy westward through the narrow Kosturino Pass are relentlessly bombarded by airplanes and overall troop morale collapses. Meanwhile, political turmoil strikes at home as anti-war riots erupt in Bulgaria's cities along with Russian-style revolutionary fervor that results in the proclamation of local Soviets.

Sept. 19 - The Allies launch a cavalry attack to push the Turks out of Palestine. Australian and Indian cavalry divisions smash through the Turkish defenses around Megiddo on the first day and gallop northward, as British infantry follow, while the RAF and Arab fighters disrupt communication and supply lines. As the Turkish armies collapse, they withdraw northward toward Damascus with the Allies in pursuit.

World War II**1939**

Sept. 15 - German troops capture Gdynia, Poland. Meanwhile, Polish troops fail to break out of the Kutno Pocket. At Warsaw, with it surrounded by German troops, the Polish Army is ordered to the Romanian border to hold out until the Allies arrive. The Romanian government offers asylum to all Polish civilians who can make it across the border; however, Polish military personnel who cross the border will be interned.

Sept. 20 - German troops withdraw to the agreed-upon demarcation line in Poland; Soviet forces move in behind them.

1940

Sept. 18 - Seventy German Ju-88 bombers escorted by 100 Messerschmitt Bf-109 fighters cross the English Channel at noon and are intercepted by British fighters of No. 11 Group. Sixty of the bombers reach London and drop their bombs. At 4 p.m., 200 bombers in multiple waves attack targets in Kent in southern England; they are engaged by fighters of No. 11 and No. 12 Groups and suffer 23 bombers and 10 fighters lost, but they are able to shoot down 12 British fighters in exchange. Overnight, London is bombed by several waves of bombers; Liverpool, Manchester, Bristol and other cities are also attacked.

1941

Sept. 16 - The German XXXXI Corps (motorized) successfully cuts off the Soviet 8th Army in the Oranienbaum Pocket southwest of Leningrad, Russia, after two days of fighting

1942

Sept. 14 - German submarine U-457 attacks Allied convoy PQ-18 20 miles south of Spitzbergen, Svalbard, Norway. The destroyer HMS Impulsive detects U-457's approach, but fails to deter the attack. Shortly after, U-589 attempts to attack but is sunk by destroyer HMS Onslow and a Swordfish aircraft from escort carrier HMS Avenger.

- Japanese troops attack the Australian line at Ioribaiwa Ridge (25 miles north of Port Moresby) along the Kokoda Track in Australian Papua.

1943

Sept. 17 - USS Puffer attacks a Japanese convoy in the Dutch East Indies, damaging a transport and sinking another; it expends six torpedoes and observes three hits.

1944

Sept. 16 - British troops land unopposed on the island of Kythera in the Peloponnese peninsula in Greece.

- U.S. 803rd Tank Destroyer Battalion captures Simpelveld in the Netherlands.

Sept. 19 - Flying a Dakota aircraft on a supply run for British troops at Arnhem, the Netherlands, Flight Lt. David Lord flies several runs over the drop zone despite the starboard wing being hit and in flames. Having dropped all supplies, he orders his crew to bail out while he remains in the pilot's seat to keep the aircraft steady. The aircraft eventually explodes in mid-air.

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

Running late? Don't be a no-show: SHAPE clinic can squeeze you in

by Lt. Col. Aristotle Vaseliades
SHAPE Healthcare Facility

The Army defines a missed medical appointment as a patient who has an appointment at a treatment facility who neither uses the appointment nor cancels or notifies the facility of the patient's inability to use the appointment.

Missed appointments have a big effect on the healthcare system, costing about \$5 million annually for nearly 5,000 missed appointments across Europe.

When patients fail to attend booked appointments with their providers, the impact on the system goes further than some may realize, including lost provider time and delayed access for other patients who could have been seen during the missed appointment.

This delay can lead to patients going to local emergency departments for non-emergent conditions. Additionally, too many missed appointments can start to affect staffing levels over time and lead to a reduction in services.

SHAPE Healthcare Facility has averaged 133 missed appointments per month for the first 10 months of fiscal

year 2014. This accounts for 5.6 percent of total booked appointments, which is just above the Army goal of 5 percent. SHAPE has a 4.3 percent missed appointment rate at local host-nation hospitals for the last seven-and-a-half months.

While Shapians are doing well at keeping missed appointments down, there is always room for improvement. At the clinic, caregivers realize that things happen that sometimes cause patients to be late or unexpectedly miss an appointment. If you are running late, come in: If you are less than 10 minutes late, staffers will still work you into your scheduled appointment. If you are more than 10 minutes late, in consultation with your provider, they will try to work you in if that is what you desire. You also have the option of rescheduling your appointment.

Use these tips to help you avoid accidentally missing your next appointment.

- Automatic Telephonic Appointment Reminders: For each appointment you book at the clinic you should receive a

telephonic reminder a couple of days before your appointment. If you aren't receiving these calls, stop by the records room and ensure they have your correct phone number in the computer system.

- In the event you know you have to cancel your appointment, you just need to call central appointments at DSN 423-5886 or 065-445886 and choose Option 2. The phone system will prompt you for some information about your upcoming appointment. Speak slowly and clearly when answering the questions. Once you finish answering the questions the system forwards an audio file so staffers can cancel your appointment. If you don't speak clearly, they cannot cancel the appointment and it will most likely result in a "no show."

- Local host-nation hospitals also appreciate advance notice if you need to cancel an appointment with them. Call SHF's healthcare finders at DSN 423-5036/5037/5831 or civilian 065-445036/5037/5831, and they will assist you.

Ready Army campaign urges families to make emergency plans

Ready Army reminds Army Families to plan ahead and establish a family emergency plan. All Army personnel should maintain a basic level of preparedness for all potential hazards.

Ready Army is an emergency preparedness-and-awareness campaign aimed at Army Soldiers, their families, Army civilians and contractors to prepare them for relevant emergency hazards — manmade or natural — and encouraging them to "Get a kit. Make a plan. Be informed."

"One of the most important tools you and your family can have to protect yourself in possible emergencies is a family emergency plan," said John R. Hopper, the USAG Benelux-Schinnen emergency manager. "It is important that you plan ahead for all types of emergencies and responses."

When establishing a family emergency plan, remember to:

- Know your installation's evacuation procedure.
- As a family, discuss where you will go in the event of an emergency.
- Plan how you will evacuate special-needs family members.
- Include pets in your family plan.
- Save "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) information on everyone's cell phone.
- Set up practice evacuations or shelter-in-place drills for your family to ensure everyone knows what to do.
- Keep your emergency supply kit up to date, replacing water and perishables periodically.

To find out more about how to be prepared, go to the Ready Army website at <http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy>.



**Preparing Army Communities Today
for the Hazards of Tomorrow**

BE INFORMED ► MAKE A PLAN ► BUILD A KIT ► GET INVOLVED

SHAPE Fest gathers community together

Shapians experience international food, fun



John and Anne Holman have a photo taken at the Hungary booth Sept. 6.



Food from around the world is a big part of SHAPE Fest. Actsee Zoran offers up some treats from Slovenia at SHAPE Fest Sept. 6.



The SHAPE International Band plays in the main tent Sept. 6.



The carnival rides are a popular part of SHAPE Fest. The Extreme ride makes a spiral pattern in this time-exposure photo Sept. 5. (Photos by Tim Clark)

Mandy Carson, Kim Ford and Sgt. Dee Anning take a selfie with the moose at Canadian tent Sept. 5 at SHAPE Fest.



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Know a WWII veteran?

Veterans of World War II will be honored at the Army in Europe Retiree Appreciation Day hosted Oct. 25 at USAG Wiesbaden's Clay Kaserne in connection with the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Europe by Allied Forces.

If you are a World War II veteran living in Europe or know of one, send an email to usarmy.wiesbaden.usareur.mbx.aerc-pres@mail.mil or call Germany +49 (0) 611-7053919 to provide your contact information or the veteran's information and, if applicable, to indicate your interest in participating in Retiree Appreciation Day so the garrison can provide details.

A cut-off date for the identification of WWII veterans has been set for Sept. 12.

Military retirees invited to luncheon

The Association of Retired Members of (U.S.) Armed Forces in Belgium, or ARMAF-B, invites retirees, surviving spouses and families to a luncheon immediately following the USAG Benelux Retiree Appreciation Day program at the SHAPE Healthcare Facility Saturday, Oct. 4.

The two-course luncheon (€25 per person plus beverages) begins at 12:30 p.m. at Le Grill en Herbe restaurant at Rue de Ghlin 2, 7050 Jurbise (at the corner of Rue de Ghlin and N56 between SHAPE and Chièvres, next to Dolce Italia restaurant). Call civilian 02-3473150 by Sept. 30 for information and reservations.

SBA puts on class for prospective entrepreneurs

The U.S. Small Business Administration offers a two-day entrepreneurial "Boots to Business" class at the Geilenkirchen Airman & Family Readiness Center (Building 78) Oct. 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Taught by an SBA representative/SBA resource partner, this class will educate participants on business fundamentals and guide them through initial feasibility analyses of their business concepts. Space is limited so reserve your seat now. Contact DSN 458-6015 to register.

B2B curriculum provides valuable assistance to transitioning service members who are exploring self-employment opportunities by leading them through the key steps for evaluating business concepts and the foundational knowledge required for developing a business plan. Participants are also introduced to SBA resources available to help gain access to start-up capital and additional technical assistance.

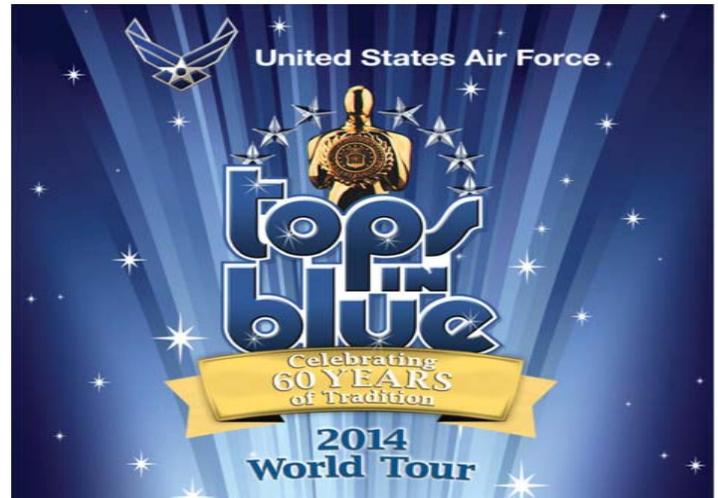
Boots to Business has been designed for transitioning service members. It caters to all pay grades, enlisted and officer, as well as military spouses and family members.

Schinnen employment/education

Bring your résumé to the Schinnen Tri-Border Community's Employment, Education and College Fair at the JFC Conference Center Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to U.S. ID card holders. For more information, call DSN 360-7500/7269 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500/7269, or DSN 458-6015 or civilian +31 (0) 49 (0) 2451-633791.

Sign up for College Night trip to K-town

Catch a ride with SHAPE Youth Center to College Night in Kaiserslautern Oct. 2. The bus departs at noon and returns at midnight. Open to all registered youth in grades 11 and 12. Limited space available. Cost: \$10. For more details, call DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104. To register, call Parent Central at DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039, or stop by Building 503.



USAF Tops in Blue holds concert

Listen to the Air Force's Tops in Blue at a free concert at SHAPE Cinema (Alliance Theatre) Sept. 19 at 5 p.m. Tickets are going fast so pick up your free tickets from Morale and Welfare, or MW, Operations in the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre (Building 207) across the parking lot from Finance. For more information, contact DSN 423-4269 or civilian 065-444269.

The 2014 tour is a celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Tops in Blue commemorating the past 60 years by looking forward to a bright future of "Family Entertaining Family." This year's tour features patriotic music and the sounds of Bruno Mars, Pharrell Williams, Daft Punk, Pink and others. It also showcases great country music of artists like Blake Shelton, Dierks Bentley, Lady Antebellum and the Pistol Annies.

Market Garden tour planned

This Market Garden battlefield tour, set for Sept. 26 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., is open to all service members and Department of Defense civilians. Only 17 slots are open so they are being offered on a "first come, first served" basis. Child-care won't be provided. Lunch will be provided by the JFC Chapel. For more information, call DSN 364-2804.

UTAP changes hours

The Utility Tax Avoidance Program, or UTAP, at Schinnen changed its hours to Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. Services are limited to UTAP electricity and gas registration, final billing, connection and bill questions. Call DSN 360-7502 or civilian +31 (0) 464-437502 for an appointment.

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Celebrate Hispanic cultures

USAG Benelux celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month with an observance in the Building 30 auditorium on Caserne Daumerie Oct. 7 at 11:30 a.m. Hispanic Heritage Month runs Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

Guest speaker will be Navy Cmdr. Luis "Raul" Eliza, who is a native of Puerto Rico and is deputy, National Military Representative for Maritime Operations at SHAPE.

Taste the flavor of Latin cultures at the food sampling that follows.

Volunteers are needed to help with the celebration. Call DSN 361-5235 or civilian 068-275235.

Trunk or Treat

Reserve a table or a space for your car at Schinnen's Oct. 31 "spooktacular" Halloween event, Trunk or Treat.

You supply 400 individually wrapped pieces of candy, and, when you run out, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or FMWR, will backfill your table or trunk with additional treats.

To reserve your spot on the Trunk or Treat trail, stop by the Fitness Center or call 31(0)46-443-7561.

Calling all teen artists

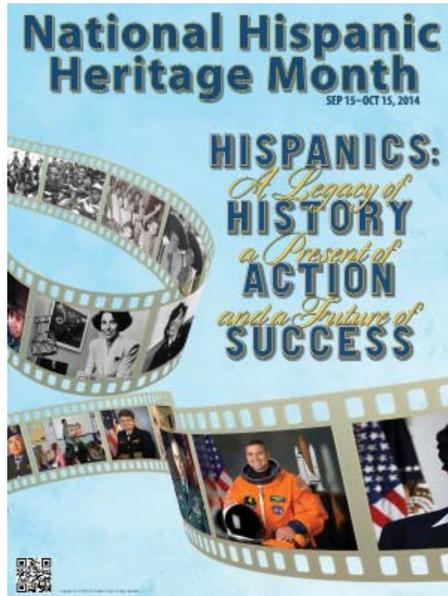
The SHAPE Youth Center is creating a graffiti wall and wants to showcase teen art. Submit a drawing of what you want to paint on the wall to the Youth Center, Building 503 next to the Pizza Bowl, by Sept. 12. Painting begins Sept. 26.

Watercolors at SHAPE Arts & Crafts

SHAPE Arts & Crafts in Building 307 provides an array of craft classes and material for SHAPE families, including a three-session art class on watercolors (prior knowledge required) Sept. 25 (brushwork/skies), Oct. 2 (abstract) and Oct. 9 (mixed media) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Bring your own materials or use rented paints and brushes with stretched paper for €6. Cost: €50 for the course or €20 per session (not including any rented items, etc.).

In related news, you can book a craft birthday party or order helium balloons through SHAPE Arts & Crafts.

For more information about what is available, stop by the Arts & Crafts Center on SHAPE in Building 307, e-mail artsandcraftsshape@gmail.com or call DSN 423-6049 or civilian 065-446049.



Appointments with EFMP coordinator available at Schinnen

The Benelux Exceptional Family Member Program coordinator will be at Schinnen Army Community Service from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 26, Oct. 24 and Nov. 20.

Individual sessions can be arranged by appointment.

Assistance will be provided on updating EFMP status and reassignments.

The coordinator can answer your questions regarding special education and individual education plans, or IEPs, and provide general special-needs information.

Classes can be offered on topics such as ADHD/Autism, Social Skills for Asperger's Syndrome, Demystifying the IEP Process and Transitioning Families with Special Needs. For more information, call DSN 366-6898 or 065-326898.

Self-defense classes offered

Learn self-defense moves during these classes at Brunssum Gym for women and for children. Women's self-defense is offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 to 8 a.m. and, just added, Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. Cost: €5 per session.

Children's person-safety classes are offered Wednesdays for 3- to 5-year-olds from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. and for 6- to 18-year-olds from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. They are also offered Saturdays for 3- to 5-year-olds from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. and for 6- to 18-year-olds from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Cost: €50 per month.

Contact jujitsuamericas@gmail.com or visit <http://www.facebook.com/jujitsuamericas>.

Sign up for women's bowling league at Schinnen

This new women's bowling league meets Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and runs from Oct. 9 to April 16. Open to U.S. and NATO ID card holders and their guests. Registration runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 2 at the Schinnen Bowling Center. Cost: \$10 per person per night. To find out more, call DSN 360-7207 or +31 (0) 46-4437207.

Brussels Shoppette changes hours

The Brussels Shoppette changed its operating hours Sept. 2 from weekdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. to weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in response to the closure of the Food Court, which was open at 8:30 a.m.

The garrison will oversee the "Food Court" dining area, and it will be open to the community weekdays during the day for use. The garrison doesn't have a cleaning plan in place yet; therefore, leaders ask patrons to clean up after themselves. The facility will be monitored and spot-cleaned as needed.

AAFES has installed new equipment and expanded the Shoppette's AAFES Snack Avenue, which is now operational. The expanded Snack Avenue offers breakfast and lunch items, such as "tornadoes," sandwiches and bakery items.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Sept. 12

- **Local products market in Soignies** - On Place Van Zeeland from 6 to 10 p.m.

Sept. 13

- **Volksmarch in Ladeuze (Chièvres)** - for 6, 12, 25, 42 or 50 km. Departs from Rue de la Liberté 23 from 6:30 to 9 a.m. for the 50- and 42-km routes; from 7 a.m. to noon for the 25-km route and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the other routes. Small participation fee.
- **Open house at a farm in Strépy-Bracquegnies** - Various activities for adults and children on Place de Strépy 2 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea markets in Anderlecht (100 booths and 120 booths)** - On Rue Brognez and Rue de Fiennes from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Chaussée de Mons from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea market in Molenbeek-St-Jean (180 booths)** - On Rue Mommaerts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea market in Nimy (120 booths)** - On Place de Nimy and along the canal from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Annual sales and flea market in Saint-Gilles (250 booths)** - On Volders from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Horse fest and flea market in Cuesmes** - On the square from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sept. 13 and 14

- **Flea market in Ganshoren (800 booths)** - On Rue de l'Eglise Saint-Martin from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.
- **Artists fair "Chemins de Création" in Saint-Denis** - Some 30 artists will display their work at the Abbaye de Saint-Denis on Rue du Grand Coron from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Admission is free.
- **Health and well being fair in Jurbise** - Various activities, workshops and conferences on health and well being. At the cultural center on Rue du Moustier 8 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Admission is free.
- **Photo display "September 1914" in Masnuy** - At the Masnuy-St-Jean library on Rue du Bourrelrier from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.



Through Sept. 14

- **The Spanish Way: A visit to the "Eighty Years" War in Brussels** - Display will be held at the Instituto Cervantes on Avenue Tervuren 64 in 1040 Brussels. Display is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5 to 8 p.m., on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free.



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

Sept. 12 to 13

- **Saint-Jazz-Ten-Noode in Saint-Josse-Ten-Noode, Belgium**, is a major jazz event with free jazz concerts at Place Saint-Josse. Opens at 2 p.m.
- **Appelpop in Tiel** is a free pop festival held on Waalkade. Open Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 13 at 1 p.m. For more information, go to <http://www.appelpop.nl>.

Sept. 12 to 14

- **Scottish Weekend near Bilzen, Belgium**, is held at the Alden Biesen Estate. Feel, taste and experience Scotland in the estate's scenic surroundings. Visit <http://www.scottish-weekend.be>.
- **Knights Tourney and Festivities in Gangelt, Germany**, is located around the old castle on Burgstrasse.
- **Culinary Gouda 2014 in Gouda** is a culinary event held at Goudse Hout where some renowned restaurants from the area present themselves to the public by displaying their culinary delights.
- **Vlietdagen in Leidschendam** is a large nautical event located along the Rhine-Schie Canal. It has a nautical market, nautical crafts, many water activities, culinary activities and more. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sept. 12 to 15

- **Europe Festival in Alsdorf, Germany**, is held in the center of town and has traditional, cultural activities and products, shows and specialties from all over Europe.

Sept. 13, 20, 27

- **Antique and Curiosa Market in Roermond** is held at Kloosterwandplein from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sept. 13 to 14

- **Open Monumentendag, or Heritage Days, in the Netherlands** are held every year on the second weekend of September. Approximately 4,000 historical buildings and sites open their doors to the public. Many locations also organize on-site activities like exhibitions, music and guided tours. Bottom line: Almost every Dutch monument is open to the public, free of charge, on this weekend. The hard part is to choose where you will go: Would you like to visit the political heart of The Hague, medieval churches in Maastricht or canal houses in Amsterdam? Or would you rather see the fortifications around Utrecht, theaters of Leiden or the city hall of Gouda? It is all up to you.
- **Brussels Design Market in Brussels, Belgium**, is the largest vintage market in Europe. The event is located at Tour & Taxis on Havenlaan 86. Admission: €20. Open Sept. 13 from 2 to 5 p.m. and Sept. 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Sept. 14

- **Volksmarch in Frameries** - for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departs from Place Defuisseaux from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Soignies** - for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km. Departs from Rue de la Senne 72 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Leval-Trahegnies** - for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departs from the Château Trigallez on Rue Jean Jaurès 89 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Limal** - for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km. Departs from Place de la Constellation 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Enghien (70 booths)** - On Rue d'Argent from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Wezembeek-Oppem (65 booths)** - On Avenue des Marguerites 11 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Children's flea market in Nivelles** - Toys, clothes, books, etc., for children from infant to 12 years old on Boulevard de la Dodaine 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ghislenghien (350 booths)** - On Rue de Ghislenghien from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ghlin (400 booths)** - On Avenue du Grand-Large 1 from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Mark your calendar

Through Sept. 30

- **Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition in Brussels** - This exhibition showcases dozens of authentic artifacts that were salvaged from the ocean floor. The exhibition takes visitors on a journey through the life of Titanic where they will learn stories of heroism and humanity. Get details at <http://www.expo-titanic.be/en>.

Oct. 3 to 5

- **Illuminate the past, Dream the future in Antwerp** - Belgian and Dutch armies will build a temporary floating bridge on the Scheldt, which will be the stage for various music and dance shows in the coming months. Visitors will be able to cross Oct. 3 through 5. Access to the bridge is from Steenplein (Stone Square) on the right bank. Once across to the left bank, you can enjoy a number of cultural activities. For bridge-crossing times and to buy tickets, go to <http://www.antwerpen14-18.be>. Price for the bridge crossing is €5 per person. Shows on the bridge are free.

Trenches to Foxholes

For upcoming events commemorating the 100th anniversary of World War I and the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Belgium, see page 6.



Sept. 13 to 14 continued

- **Kartoffelfest in Düsseldorf/Kaiserswerth, Germany**, offers all kinds of culinary specialties that include potatoes at the Klemens Quarter and on Kreuzbergstrasse. Open both days from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Euregion Ceramics Market in Raeren, Belgium**, is held on Market Square and around the castle. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Days of the Viking in Den Oever** happens at the Viking Information Center on Havenweg 1. Visit a Viking camp with re-enactors, old crafts, demonstrations and more. Open both days from noon to 5 p.m.
- **Garden Fair in Velbert, Germany**, in and around Castle Hardenberg, Zum Hardenberger Schloss 1, offers plants, decorations, flowers, etc., for your garden. Open both days from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Beer, Bread and Cheese Festival in Durbuy, Belgium**, is held at Parc Roi Baudoin. You can discover and taste regional products all weekend long. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Curiosa and Flea Market in Zwiep** is held in and around the Granary next to the windmill at Zwiepseweg 165. Open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sept. 14

- **Antique and Art Market in Catsop** near Elsloo from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Op de Dries and Daalstraat. Admission: €3.
- **Fall Plants Fair in Hoegaarden, Belgium**, is held in the "Tuinen (gardens) van Hoegaarden" on Houtmarkt 1. Vendors offer exclusive plants and lots of information. Admission is free. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Het Parcours in Maastricht** is the opening of the cultural season. The city center will be the stage for music, theater and more from noon to 7 p.m.

Sept. 17 to 20

- **French Gourmet Market in Bochum, Germany**, is held at Dr. Ruer Platz.

Sept. 19 to 22

- **Katharinenmarkt in Delbrück, Germany**, at the festival area between Boker Strasse and Marktstrasse has a farmers market, rides and more.
- **Wine Fest in Remagen, Germany**, is held on Market Square in the center of town.

Sept. 20 to 21

- **Elfia Fantasy Fair near Arcen** is a fantasy weekend in the gardens of Castle Arcen. Find out more at <http://arcen.elfifantasyfair.com>.

Trenches to Foxholes

The Netherlands commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War I and the 70th anniversary of World War II milestones; see page 7.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

For information on the trip below,
call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884

Amsterdam, Oct. 4 – Take a ride through winding canal-lined streets on a guided bicycle tour, walk the town or sip coffee at one of the outrageous cafes for which Amsterdam is world-renown, perhaps after a visit to the Van Gogh Museum or the Anne Frank House. Or enjoy a day of leisure in this beautiful city. Whether you're an art lover, a music lover or a culture lover, Amsterdam has so much to offer. Come spend a day in this unique city. Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m. and Brussels at 7:30 a.m. Arrives in Brussels at 11 p.m. and at SHAPE at midnight. Cost: €57.

Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

Miami Dolphins vs. Oakland Raiders in London, Sept. 27 to 29 - Experience a bit of the good old USA: Go on a football weekend to see U.S. teams compete on the gridiron. Departs from the Memories Lane Lounge (Building 41) in Schinnen at 6 a.m. (Be at the lounge 30 minutes early.) Arrives in London at about 3 p.m. After check-in, the remainder of the day is yours to enjoy as you wish. Start Sunday with breakfast at the hotel (included). The day is yours to enjoy, but the game starts at 6 p.m. After breakfast at the hotel Monday morning, it's checkout time. Departs London at 9 a.m. Returns to Schinnen Sept. 29 at about 6 p.m. Cost: \$489 per person in double-twin rooms; \$589 for single rooms.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below
call civilian 0486-565371.

Castles, Sept. 26 - Spend the day in the scenic Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The morning begins with a drive through the Valley of the Seven Châteaux, stopping for an English-guided tour at the newly renovated Ansembourg castle and gardens. The group continues through the valley and heads north to the picturesque town of Vianden. Spend the afternoon/evening at your leisure with an English-guided tour of the castle at 4 p.m. Trip price includes transportation, admission and tours of both castles. Don't forget your camera. Cost: €60.



SHAPE Trips & Tours

- London, **Oct. 11**
- Paris in the Fall, **Oct. 18**
- Peru, **Oct. 24 to Nov. 3**
- Disney Festival Halloween, **Oct. 31**
- Flanders Field, **Nov. 9**
- Trier/Zweibrücken Outlet, **Nov. 22**
- Brugge Snow On Ice, **Nov. 29**
- London, **Dec. 6 to 7**



- Christmas Market Overnight- Nürnberg, Rothenburg and Cologne, **Dec. 13 to 14**
- Paris in Winter: Paris Day Trip, **Dec. 27**
- Tenerife, Spain, New Year's Eve Gala, **Dec. 27 to Jan. 7, 2015: Sign up by Oct. 1.**
- Buy discounted tickets to: AquaGolf, Aqualibi, Bastogne War Museum, Bois De Luc, Castle of Seneffe, Château Chimay, Crocodile Rouge, 14-18 Expo, Lasergames, Le Bois du Cazier, Lobbe-Thuin Tram Museum and more.

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- Family Day Trout Fishing, **Oct. 11**
- Day Trip to Paris, **Nov. 22**
- Cologne Christmas Markets, **Dec. 6**
- Express Shopping Trip to London, **Dec. 13**

SHAPE Travel Group

- Wine Tour by the Mosel River, **Sept. 30**
- A Day in Rotterdam, **Oct. 7**
- Best of Belgium, **Oct. 14**
- Amsterdam, **Oct. 21**
- Canterbury, **Nov. 5**
- Bastogne War Museum and Brewery of Gnomes, **Nov. 20**
- Cologne Christmas Market, **Nov. 25**
- Leeds Castle and Dickens Christmas Festival, **Dec. 6**
- Paris Lights and Moulin Rouge, **Dec. 9**
- Strasbourg Christmas Market, **Dec. 16**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Sept. 13

- **Navy Entertainment and Armed Forces Entertainment Presents: Plain White T's** - Plain White T's, an American pop punk band, performs at a free concert in the Brussels American High School gymnasium from 6 to 10 p.m. Doors open at 6 o'clock. Concert begins at 7. U.S. ID cardholders (to include U.S. Embassy ID) or others with regular access, their dependents, and signed-on guests. For details, call DSN 368-9680 or civilian 02-7179680.



Sept. 16

- **Mad Science Club** - The School Age Center puts on 'You Must Be Mad!' experiments Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Register at Building 3 or call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651.

Sept. 18

- **Polish your résumé-writing skills** - Brussels Army Community Service's Employment Readiness Program sponsors a résumé-writing workshop in the ACS Conference Room in Building 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.
- **Brussels Fall Bazaar/Info Fair** - New to Brussels? Or an old-timer curious about what's new in town? Come to the Brussels American Community Fall Bazaar and Info Fair at the Brussels American School in the Youth Center Gym and Community Gym Sept. 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The U.S. Tri-Mission Brussels and U.S. Army Garrison Benelux-Brussels collaborate to bring you this event. In addition to a "Best of Belgium" bazaar, various clubs, associations and organizations will be present to provide you with information.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Sept. 13

- **Fit-a-mania** - Get fit/stay fit with this fitness event that offers cross-training at the Schinnen Fitness Center at 10 a.m.: zumba, a 3-km run and circuit training. Call DSN 360-7561 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437561.

Sept. 17

- **How to Become Debt Free** - Take control of your debts. Attend this Financial Readiness Program seminar at Schinnen Army Community Service from 11 a.m. to noon. To register, contact 31 (0) 46-443-7500.

Sept. 18

- **PCS brief for junior enlisted** - If you've ever undergone a permanent change of station, you know that "knowledge is power." This PCS briefing, being held at Schinnen Army Community Service is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., provides guidance on financial preparation and planning for a PCS move, such as PCS checklist, entitlements, the importance of planning your move in advance, the real and hidden cost of relocation plus useful websites. For information or to register, contact ACS at 31(0)46-4437500.
- **Smooth Move Pre-Departure Services** - Wondering how to plan for your PCS move? Separating or retiring? Who you should notify and what kind of expenses to expect? Your answers are waiting with Relocation Readiness training at Schinnen ACS from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call 31 (0) 46-4437500.
- **Sponsor training** - At Schinnen Army Community Service, learn about becoming a sponsor for new arrivals to the Tri-Border community. Get the essential information newcomers will need for both before and after arrival. Training is 2 to 3:30 p.m. Class is by appointment only; call 31 (0) 46-4437512.

Sept. 19

- **Culture College** - Designed for those new to Schinnen, welcome to the No. 1 way to integrate into the Dutch culture quickly. This one-day cultural acclimatization class at Schinnen Army Community Service from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. teaches you about local customs, traditions and language. Enroll today at 31 (0) 46-4437500.

Sept. 20

- **Scream-Free Parenting** - Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program offers this parenting-techniques class from 4 to 6 p.m. in the ACS Conference Room on Schinnen. Call 31 (0) 46-4437500.
- **Newcomers tour** - Go beyond the gate with Army Community Service from 8:15 to 4:30 p.m. to learn and utilize public transportation as well as visit points of interest in the community. Call 31 (0) 46-4437500.
- **CYSS Parents Night Out** - Enjoy a night out while CYSS takes care of your children from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. A light dinner will be served. Care is \$20 per child with each additional sibling at \$18 (non-refundable). Care is located at JFC Brunssum. Open to CYSS-registered children infant through fifth grade. To sign up, contact Parent Central Services at least two days prior at 31(0) 45-5263121 or stop by to make your reservation.
- **Late Fridays** - The Youth Center on JFC Brunssum announces the return of Late Fridays. The center will remain open until 9 p.m. with free food, music, fun and games for youth grades 6 through 12. Open to U.S./NATO, youth must be registered with CYSS. Call 31 (0) 45-5263259 for details.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Get tickets now

- **USAF Tops in Blue holds free concert** - SHAPE Cinema (Alliance Theatre) is the venue for this free event Sept. 19 at 5 p.m. Free tickets are available. For more information, contact DSN 423-4269 or civilian 065-444269.

Tickets on sale now

- **Adult comedy** - SHAPE Players present Detachments by Colleen Dodson at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. This play, which runs Sept. 25 to 28 and Oct. 2 to 5, is rated R. The curtain rises on evening performances at 7:30 p.m. Sunday performances are matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are €16 each. For more information, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Register now

- **College Night in K-town** - Catch a ride with SHAPE Youth Center to College Night in Kaiserslautern Oct. 2. The bus departs at noon and returns at midnight. Open to all registered youth in grades 11 and 12. Limited space available. Cost: \$10. For more details, call DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104. To register, call Parent Central at DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039, or stop by Building 503.

Sept. 15 and 16

- **Host-Nation Orientation** - Army Community Service invites all service members, civilians and their family members of the SHAPE/Chièvres community to attend the orientation at SHAPE's Building 318 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On Day 1, you will learn about the community, Belgian customs and basic French. On Day 2, you can enjoy a cultural city tour, visit a Belgian Hospital, sample traditional Belgian cuisine, shop on the economy, use public transportation and more. Register by calling DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Sept. 16, 23, 30

- **Home School Extras** - Enrich your child's home-school experience by attending World Playground at SHAPE's Building 503 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Register by calling Parent Central Services DSN:(314) 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097.

Sept. 19

- **Parents Night Out** - Enjoy a night out while CYSS takes care of your children from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. To find out more and to register, call Parent Central Services DSN:(314) 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097.

Sept. 19 and 20

- **Oktoberfest 2014** - Celebrate SHAPE's 45th Oktoberfest in the fest tent behind the German Support Unit (Building 312) on SHAPE.

Sept. 20

- **Family Fun Night** - Family Fun Night at Chièvres Fitness Center is an opportunity for parents and children to play and meet new friends. The event, which runs 5:30 to 9 p.m., is also open to SHAPE ID Card Holders. Admission: \$3. Skate rental: \$5. (Limited sizes and quantities available.) Register by calling DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

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

Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English:

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

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

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

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

Movie at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

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

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