

THE GAZETTE

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

Benelux news briefs

Adopt a healthy lifestyle

The commissary is sponsoring a three day long Healthy Lifestyle campaign June 12-14. Part of this campaign will be a 5km run/walk on June 12 starting at 10 a.m. in front of the commissary.

A cake cutting ceremony celebrating the Army's 240th birthday will be held just prior to the departure of the run.

AFCU is hiring

Andrews Federal Credit Union has openings for full and part-time positions at the Chièvres and Brussels branches. Visit the AFCU website at <http://www.andrewsfcu.org> for listings.

AAFES has job opening

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's Brussels retail store is looking for a shift supervisor. Call DSN 361-5337 or civilian 068-275337.

Independence Day

Volunteers are needed at both Brussels and SHAPE in support of the July 4 celebrations. For Brussels, call DSN 368-9768 or civilian 02-7179768. For SHAPE, call DSN 361-5589 or civilian 068-275589.

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Proud mom Carolyn Morrison poses with her daughter Vienna after the SHAPE American High School commencement. The graduation ceremony was held Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the Alliance Auditorium. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

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Flag Day June 14 and National Flag Week June 14-20

On June 14, 1777, the Second Constitutional Congress adopted a flag with thirteen stripes and thirteen stars to represent our Nation, one star for each of our founding colonies. The stars were set upon a blue field, in the words of the Congress's resolution, "representing a new constellation" in the night sky. What was then a fledgling democracy has flourished and expanded, as we constantly strive toward a more perfect Union.

Through the successes and struggles we have faced, the American flag has been ever present. It has flown on our ships and military bases around the world as we continue to defend liberty and democracy abroad. It has been raised in yards and on porches across America on days of celebration, and as a sign of our shared heritage. And it is lowered on days of remembrance to honor fallen service members and public servants; or when tragedy strikes and we join together in mourning. Our flag is the mark of one country, one people, uniting under one banner.

When the American flag soars, so too does our Nation and the ideals it stands for. We remain committed to defending the liberties and freedoms it represents, and we give special thanks to the members of the Armed Forces who wear our flag proudly. On Flag Day, and during National Flag Week, we celebrate the powerful beacon of hope that our flag has become for us all, and for people around the world.

To commemorate the adoption of our flag, Congress, by joint resolution approved August 3, 1949, as amended (63 Stat. 492), designated June 14 of each year as "Flag Day" and requested that the President issue an annual proclamation calling for its observance and for the display of the flag of the United States on all Federal Government buildings. Congress also requested, by joint resolution approved June 9, 1966, as amended (80 Stat. 194), that the President annually issue a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as "National Flag Week" and call upon citizens of the United States to display the flag during that week.

Quiz

1) With the birth of the U.S. Army being June 14, 1775, when did the U.S. Army flag originate?

- a. June 14, 1956
- b. June 14, 1775
- c. July 4, 1763
- d. February 22, 1951

2) What do the 13 stripes represent on the U.S. flag?

- a. The former 13 colonies
- b. American Values (such as Justice, Equality and Independence)
- c. Notable U.S. Presidents

3) What do the stars on the U.S. flag represent?

- a. States
- b. The original colonies
- c. U.S. Presidents

4) What was the original design of the first U.S. Army flag?

- a. 13 red and white stripes and 50 white 5-point stars in the blue canton
- b. White silk with yellow fringe, streamers, and a blue central design of the War Office seal
- c. 15 red and white stripes and 15 white 5-point stars in the blue canton
- d. 13 red and white stripes and the Union Jack in the canton

5) True or False. The U.S. Army flag and the United States flag have the same design.

- a. True
- b. False

6) How did the first version of the Pledge of Allegiance originate?

- a. In recognition of the newly established United States Army.
- b. When the United States won their independence from Great Britain.
- c. From a Boston-based youth magazine for school children.

7) Who officially adopted the order of The United States Army flag under their presidency?

- a. President George Washington
- b. President Dwight D. Eisenhower
- c. None of the above

8) According to legend, where is the birthplace of the U.S. flag?

- a. Philadelphia
- b. Washington, D.C.
- c. Boston
- d. New York

Answers: 1)a - 2)a - 3)a - 4)b - 5)a - 6)c - 7)b - 8)a

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DoD notified of OPM cybersecurity incident

U.S. Office of Personnel Management

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has identified a cybersecurity incident potentially affecting personnel data for current and former federal employees, including personally identifiable information (PII).

Within the last year, the OPM has undertaken an aggressive effort to update its cybersecurity posture, adding numerous tools and capabilities to its networks. As a result, in April 2015, OPM detected a cyber-intrusion affecting its information technology (IT) systems and data. The intrusion predated the adoption of the tougher security controls.

OPM has partnered with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to determine the full impact to Federal personnel. OPM continues to improve security for the sensitive information it manages and evaluates its IT security protocols on a continuous basis to protect sensitive data to the greatest extent possible. Since the intrusion, OPM has instituted additional network security precautions, including: restricting remote access for network administrators and restricting network administration functions remotely; a review of all connections to ensure that only legitimate business connections have access to the internet; and deploying anti-malware software across the environment to protect and prevent the deployment or execution of tools that could compromise the network.

As a result of the incident, OPM will send notifications to approximately 4 million individuals whose PII may have been compromised. Since the investigation is on-going, additional PII exposures may come to light; in that case, OPM will conduct additional notifications as necessary. In order to mitigate the risk of fraud and identity theft, OPM is offering credit report access, credit monitoring and identify theft insurance and recovery services to potentially affected individuals through CSID®, a company that specializes in these services. This comprehensive, 18-month membership includes credit monitoring and \$1 million in identity theft protection services at no cost to enrollees.

"Protecting our Federal employee data from malicious cyber incidents is of the highest priority at OPM," said OPM Director Katherine Archuleta. "We take very seriously our responsibility to secure the information stored in our systems, and in coordination with our agency partners, our experienced team is constantly identifying opportunities to further protect the data with which we are entrusted."

OPM has issued the following guidance to affected individuals:

- Monitor financial account statements and immediately report any suspicious or unusual activity to financial institutions.
- Request a free credit report at www.AnnualCreditReport.com or by calling 1-877-322-8228. Consumers are entitled by law to one free credit report per year from each of the three major credit bureaus – Equifax®, Experian®, and TransUnion® – for a total of three reports every year. Contact information for the credit bureaus can be found on the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) website, www.ftc.gov.
- Review resources provided on the FTC identity theft website, www.identitytheft.gov. The FTC maintains a variety of consumer publications providing comprehensive information on computer intrusions and identity theft.
- You may place a fraud alert on your credit file to let creditors know to contact you before opening a new account in your name. Simply call TransUnion® at 1-800-680-7289 to place this alert. TransUnion® will then notify the other two credit bureaus on your behalf.



How to avoid being a victim

- Be suspicious of unsolicited phone calls, visits, or email messages from individuals asking about employees or other internal information. If an unknown individual claims to be from a legitimate organization, try to verify his or her identity directly with the company.
- Do not provide personal information or information about your organization, including its structure or networks, unless you are certain of a person's authority to have the information.
- Do not reveal personal or financial information in email, and do not respond to email solicitations for this information. This includes following links sent in email.
- Do not send sensitive information over the Internet before checking a website's security (for more information, see Protecting Your Privacy, <http://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-013>).
- Pay attention to the URL of a website. Malicious websites may look identical to a legitimate site, but the URL may use a variation in spelling or a different domain (e.g., .com vs. .net).
- If you are unsure whether an email request is legitimate, try to verify it by contacting the company directly. Information about known phishing attacks is also available online from groups such as the Anti-Phishing Working Group (<http://www.antiphishing.org>).
- Install and maintain anti-virus software, firewalls, and email filters to reduce some of this traffic (for more information, see Understanding Firewalls, <http://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-004>; Understanding Anti-Virus Software, <http://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-005>; and Reducing Spam, <http://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-007>).
- Take advantage of any anti-phishing features offered by your email client and web browser.
- Employees should take steps to monitor their personally identifiable information and report any suspected instances of identity theft to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

Army to field Operational Camouflage pattern for uniforms

by **Bob Reinert**

USAG Natick Public Affairs



If you can't see it, you can't attack it.

Since the conflicts of the 18th century, that's been the thinking behind military camouflage. Today, when it's applied to their uniforms, it can save Soldiers lives. That fact has driven the Army's decades-long efforts to improve its camouflage patterns.

The next step toward greater Soldier protection comes July 1, when the Army begins to make the Operational Camouflage Pattern available for the Army Combat Uniform in select Military Clothing Sales Stores. The pattern will replace the current Universal Camouflage Pattern. The UCP has been used for the past decade.

The transition period for the pattern will extend from July 1, 2015 to Sept. 30, 2019. The entire Army will be in the Operational Camouflage Pattern by Oct. 1, 2019. New Soldiers will receive ACUs with the pattern beginning in January 2016.

The Operational Camouflage Pattern will be made available to the National Guard, Army Reserve and Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps in summer 2016.

Prompted by Soldier feedback about the UCP, the Army in 2010 began providing the Operation Enduring Freedom Camouflage Pattern, or OEFCP, to Soldiers deploying to Afghanistan. During this period, the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center also began developing the pattern that was later named the Operational Camouflage Pattern.

The Operational Camouflage Pattern testing and evaluation effort has been described as the most comprehensive ever conducted by the Army. Different camouflage patterns were evaluated for effectiveness in different operating environments with varied terrain, vegetation, seasons, and times of day.

The latest version of the ACU will come in the Operational Camouflage Pattern and will also incorporate changes resulting from Soldier feedback. These include modifications to the collar, pockets, knee and elbow patches, and trouser waistband. Instead of the current sand color, the Operational Camouflage Pattern will be worn with a tan 499 T-shirt and belt, and coyote brown boots.

The introduction of the ACU in Operational Camouflage Pattern is being phased in to reduce the cost to both Soldiers and the U.S. taxpayer. During this four-year period, Soldiers will also be permitted to wear uniforms and equipment in OEFCP.

The phase-in allows Soldiers to use their annual uniform replacement allowance to gradually replace current uniforms as they wear out. It also allows the Army to use existing stocks of uniforms and other camouflage-printed gear, such as backpacks.

The change is viewed as fiscally responsible. The Operational Camouflage Pattern ACU is expected to have a similar cost to the UCP ACU.

"All enlisted Soldiers receive an annual stipend for the purchase of uniforms and accessories," said Sergeant Major of the Army Daniel Dailey. "I myself will wait until I am issued my clothing allowance before purchasing a uniform with the Operational Camouflage Pattern.

"I encourage all Soldiers and leaders to do the same by budgeting for a new uniform, belt, boots and T-shirts as you receive your clothing allowance over the next two to three years."

During the transition period, Soldiers may mix and match items with either the OEFCP or the Operational Camouflage Pattern. They can also wear OEFCP Flame Resistant ACUs during that time.

"Presenting a professional appearance is very important to Soldiers, but we will not inconvenience or burden our troops," Dailey said. "We will still be the most lethal fighting force the world has ever known, even if our belts don't match for the next few years."

SHAPE American High School holds graduation 67 receive degrees in ceremony at Alliance Auditorium



(clockwise from top) The traditional tossing at the caps. Skye Hall, Ceaira Daniel, Noah Bradshaw and Jose Delgado prep for the ceremony outside of Alliance Auditorium. Erin Reich shows off her necklace to Jera Becklund prior to the start of the graduation ceremony. Balloons fell and hugs were given as the ceremony ended. Group photos with friends and fellow graduates were popular after the June 4, 2015 ceremony. (U.S.Army photos by Tim Clark)

American Legion leaders visit Benelux

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

The American Legion national commander and the American Legion Auxiliary president made a whistle-stop tour of U.S. military bases in Belgium which included conducting a town-hall meeting on Caserne Daumerie in Chièvres June 4.

"We are the voice of the veterans. Vets of one war advocate for the vets of the next war. Their needs are basically the same," said Michael "Mike" Helm of the world's largest organization of American veterans. "Who else besides the American Legion is going to remind the rest of the nation of the service of the few?"

Helm said that the American Legion advocates for service members, their families and the American communities abroad and has worked for improvements in the G.I. Bill; Department of Veterans Affairs, or VA, health care; and the new G.I. Bill. The American Legion, for example, was instrumental in increasing awareness of agent orange's effects on combat service members as well as raising awareness about post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, and traumatic brain injury, or TBI.

Although the American Legion is open to currently serving service members as well as veterans, the national commander took a moment to address the veterans in the audience and talk about VA health care.

"Your only access is Landstuhl (Regional Medical Center)," Helm said. "We continue to advocate for better health care for veterans."

He conceded, however, that sometimes private health



Tim Clark

Michael "Mike" Helm, American Legion national commander

care makes more sense when the distance from veterans health care at military hospitals is an issue.

The American Legion Auxiliary works side by side with the American Legion.

"We're the right hand of the American Legion, helping to make the lives of veterans better," said Janet Jefford, who explained that the Auxiliary focuses on quality-of-life issues.

Helm praised the Benelux community's American Legion Post BE02, commonly known as Flanders Field Post, for its adopt-a-grave program at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and its support of cancer awareness through Relay for Life as well as its Boys State/Girls State Program and Oratorical Contest, both of which are programs for high-school students.

The American Legion also has an extensive baseball program for youths in the United States and supports the Boy Scouts.

"We reach out to kids to help them understand that you're heroes," Helm said. "When we have our children complete these programs, we weave them into that fabric of freedom."



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Janet Jefford, American Legion Auxiliary president

Schinnen community focuses on safety on and off duty



Geschwister Weisheit, a family act from Germany sponsored by Armed Forces Entertainment, puts on a thrilling high wire show during Safety Stand Down Day, Wednesday, June 10, 2015. (U.S. Army photos by Tim Clark unless otherwise mentioned)



Rita Hoefnagels

Nino Antonacci, Safety Officer at USAG Benelux-Schinnen, thinks he is walking the line, but the goggles make him act like he is drunk.



Safety Stand Down Day at USAG Benelux-Schinnen June 10 was a beautiful sunny day and according to Kimberly Wayland, Deputy Garrison Manager "a day we can learn, enjoy and will remember." Wayland stressed that safety is all about "recognizing the hazards, reporting the hazards, good housekeeping which is a major part of keeping your work area safe, and while nothing we do can completely eliminate the threat of an accident, we can all work together to improve our odds."

Besides the morning classes and exhibition of heavy material from the Directorate of Public Works, visitors could experience what it is like to drive while drunk by driving in a car wearing special goggles and how to get out of a car that rolled over.

In the afternoon a cake was cut in honor of the Army's Birthday and this also opened the barbecue and the directorates' games challenge. The day ended with a spectacular high wire act by the Geschwister Weisheit.



Pasi Solofa tries to slam the nail in the log at the directorates' games challenge.



Mark Tholen kicks the ball to the target.

Community members interact with the local community

(Picture right) The SHAPE International Band performs in Chièvres, Sunday, June 7, 2015. The event was held after the reception for the new residents during which they were provided information on what the city has to offer. After the reception, newcomers mingled and enjoyed the band's performance.



(Picture left from left to right) Lahela Arroyo from USAG Benelux Army Community Services exchanges phone numbers with Cindy Van Droogenbroek and Dominique Berteau, both Chièvres residents during the first Belgian-American social held in Chièvres, Friday, June 5, 2015. Some of the attendees already initiated contact and invited their new American friends into their homes for a typical Belgian meal. The group will meet again in July.

Toll-free suicide hotline now available overseas

Americans stationed all over Europe can now use a toll-free number to connect to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Military Crisis Line.

Most active-duty military, civilians, family members and contractors can reach the lifeline by dialing this toll-free European number: 00800-1273-TALK (8255).

The lifeline can also be reached from any Army garrison DSN phone at DSN 118.

The telephone number can be dialed from fixed-line telephones as well as most cell phones in Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

Anyone calling the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Military Crisis Line can speak confidentially with a trained Master's level crisis counselor.

**Suicide hotline
DSN 118 (*2118 from SHAPE)
or the toll-free number
00800-12738255**

Community member is one of the young pages in Doudou



Gabriella Burgoyne (left) from SHAPE participated in the Procession du Car d'Or, during the Mons Doudou Festival as one of "Les Petits Pages" (young pages), Sunday, May 31, 2015. The young pages hold a special place of honor as they are the only children's group to participate in both "La Descente" [the lowering of the relics of Saint Waudru onto the Car d'Or] on Saturday as well as the Procession itself on Sunday. Gabriella is a third grader at Externat Saint Joseph in Mons.

Trenches to Foxholes

Next week in World War history (June 14 to 20)

World War I

1915

June 16 - The French 10th Army launches its second attempt to seize Vimy Ridge from the Germans in the Artois. This time the troops encounter an intensive artillery bombardment from the improved defenses of the German 6th Army. The French achieve their initial objective, but then succumb to a German counter-attack, just as they did in the first attempt at Vimy.

June 18 - After several weeks of heavy fighting, including savage hand-to-hand combat, with little success, French troops halt their attacks on the German trenches in the Artois region of France.

Artois, located in northern France between Picardy and Flanders, near the English Channel, was a strategically important battlefield during World War I and saw heavy fighting throughout the conflict.

June 20 - In Petrograd, the Constitutional Democrats (Kadets) hold a conference to consider measures for dealing with the growing crisis. It demands that the state assembly be recalled and the formation of a "government of public confidence" that is acceptable to the liberals in the legislature.

1916

June 14 - The Battle of Mont Sorrel near Ypres, Belgium, ends. In an effort to pull British resources from the observed build-up in the Somme, the XIII (Royal Württemberg) Corps and the 117th Infantry Division attacked an arc of high ground positions, defended by the Canadian Corps on June 2. The German forces initially captured the heights at Mount Sorrel and Tor Top before entrenching on the far slope of the ridge. Following a number of attacks and counterattacks, two divisions of the Canadian Corps, supported by the 20th Light Division and Second Army recaptured the majority of their former positions.

1917

June 17 - The Corpo Expedicionario Portugues (CEP), or Portuguese Expeditionary Corps, goes into action for the first time in World War I, on the battlefields of Flanders on the Western Front.

With the outbreak of World War I in the summer of 1914, Portugal entered the war on the side of the Allies in order to secure international backing of its colonial holdings in Africa. While Portuguese participation in the war was at first limited to naval support, Portugal sent its first troops—an expeditionary force of two divisions, or some 50,000 men—to the Western Front in February 1917.

1918

June 15 - Austrian troops begin an offensive along the Piave River in Italy. Although suffering from a lack of food, horses and supplies, they cross the river and establish a 12-mile front, but then realize they can not hold it against the now-revitalized Italian Army and withdraw after suffering 150,000 casualties. Following this, Austrian Soldiers in Italy begin deserting.

World War II

1940

June 14 - Parisians wake to the sound of a German-accented voice announcing via loudspeakers that a curfew is being imposed for 8 p.m. By the time German tanks roll into Paris, 2 million Parisians have already fled. In short order, the German Gestapo goes to work: arrests, interrogations, and spying are the order of the day, as a gigantic swastika flies beneath the Arc de Triomphe.

June 16 - Marshal Henri-Philippe Petain, World War I hero, becomes prime minister of the Vichy government of France.

As Germany began to overrun more French territory, the French Cabinet became desperate for a solution to this crisis. Premier Paul Reynaud continued to hold out hope, refusing to ask for an armistice, but others in the government were despondent and wanted to sue for peace. Reynaud resigned in protest. His vice premier, Henri Petain, formed a new government and asked the Germans for an armistice, in effect, surrendering.

1941

June 17 - A German counterattack launched at 4:30 a.m. breaks through the Allied lines in Libya, threatening to cut off the Allied forces attacking Halfaya Pass. In the afternoon, the Allies decide to call off the Operation Battleaxe offensive. The British 7th Armoured Division tanks form a rear guard against pursuing German tanks until 4 p.m. to allow Allied troops to fall back. The failure of the operation, especially in regards to the heavy losses in tank strength, will cost Gen. Archibald Wavell his position as the British commander-in-chief in the region.

1942

June 18 - German submarine U-159 sinks Dutch ship Flora 12 miles off Colombia. All 37 aboard survive the attack, but one of them dies before reaching land.

1943

June 15 - Paul Blobel, a Nazi SS colonel, is given the assignment of coordinating the destruction of the evidence of the Nazi systematic extermination of European Jews.

June 20 - British bombers perform the first "shuttle bombing" raid of the war, attacking sites in Germany and Italy.

1944

June 19 - During the Battle of the Philippine Sea, Japanese Adm. Ozawa Jisaburo decides to challenge the American fleet, ordering 430 of his planes to attack. In what becomes the greatest carrier battle of the war, the United States, having already picked up the Japanese craft on radar, proceed to shoot down more than 300 aircraft and sink two Japanese aircraft carriers, losing only 29 of their own planes in the process. It is described in the aftermath as a "turkey shoot."

1945

June 17 - Japanese Adm. Ota Minoru commits ritual suicide for failing to defend Okinawa, Japan.

Next week in World War history is compiled from various sources by Keith Houin, USAG Benelux public affairs.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Adult CoEd Softball League** - The action starts at the Sterrebeek Annex Compound **June 15** from 7 to 10 p.m. and runs through end of season, July 29. Mondays and Wednesdays are game days. Open to all U.S. military, civilians, family members and Support Agreement personnel. Participation has been extended to NATO military and civilians employees on a space-available basis. To register, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

Through June 12

- **Rowing Regatta** - Brussels Fitness Center puts on this event during which the first competitor to row the equivalent of 100,000 meters wins a prize. Competitors may use the gear and vent setting of their choice, but neither may be changed during the race. Damper rings may not be used. To register, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

June 11

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy spaghetti & meatballs with Sausage Toscana Soup & Italian Bread at the 3 Star Lounge from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. Snack Menu: Crispy Chicken Tenders, Garlic Bread with Marinara, Daily Homemade Soup, Potato Wedges and more. Menu subject to change.

June 12

- **2015 Summer Reading Program kick-off party** - From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Sterrebeek Annex, Youth Center.
- **3 Star Recreation Night** - From 5:30 to 11 p.m. at the 3 Star Lounge for games, cards, music and movies. Snacks and beverages are available for purchase.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Enroll now

- **CYSS Soccer Season** - Enrollment is open **until July 3** for the September-to-October soccer season. Open to all U.S./NATO ID card-holders. Cost is \$20 for 3- to 5-year-olds and \$40 for 6- to 15-year-olds. Your child must be registered with CYSS and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. For more information, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.
- **CYSS Flag Football** - Enrollment is open **until July 3** for fall flag football. Practice will start Sept. 19. The program is for youths ages 10 to 15 registered with CYSS and with a valid health assessment. Cost: \$40. For more information, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.

Register now

- **Summer Camp** - Discover Europe with the CYSS School Age Center and Youth Center Summer Camps **June 22 through August 14**. Eight fun-filled weeks of arts and craft projects, imaginative indoor activities, outrageous outdoor sports and games, cultural exploration and high-octane field trips. Open to all US and NATO ID card holders for youth that have completed 1st through 12th grade. Camp placement based on grade attended during 2014-15 school year. For more information, call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31(0)45 526-3121/2023.

June 11

- **The 5 Love Languages for Children** - The Family Advocacy Program/Victim Advocate offers this class at the Schinnen ACS conference room from 1 to 3 p.m. Choose one of the two dates to learn about the 5 Love Languages for children, and add another tool to your parenting tool kit. If you want more information or wish to register, call DSN 360-7367 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437367.
- **Pregnancy and Prenatal Support Group for Expectant Parents** - From 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Child Development Center, room Y006 in Brunssum. Informational material regarding the physical and psychological changes that occur while transitioning to parenthood will be available. To register or for more information, call DSN 360-7335/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437335/7500.

June 17

- **PCS Financial Brief for Junior Enlisted** - Held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at ACS, this brief provides guidance on financial preparation and planning for a PCS move. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437450/7500.
- **Pre-departure Briefing** - From 10 to 11:30 a.m. at ACS. If you are PCS'ing, separating or retiring - learn valuable information to help in your transition. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437512/7500.
- **Sponsor Training** - At ACS from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Find out what the responsibilities of being a good sponsor are and the local information that will make your job stress free. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46 4437512/7500.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY Continued

June 18-19

- **Host nation Orientation/Newcomer's Tour** - From 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at ACS. All newcomers and spouses are invited to learn about the community, including local customs, culture and language. Day one consists of local briefings from agencies and Dutch language and culture training. Day two, we go beyond the gate to learn and utilize the public transportation to visit points of interest in the community. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 464437512/7500.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Get tickets now

- **U.S. Army Ball** - Get your tickets now for the U.S. Army Ball to be held **June 27** from 6 p.m. until midnight at the SHAPE Club Ballroom. The guest speaker is Lt. Gen. John Nicholson, the commander of Allied Land Command. Tickets are €55 per person and include a meal and an event memento. Contact your unit ticket-sales representative. For USAG Benelux, call DSN 361-5587 or civilian 068-275587.

Register now

- **Registration open for Summer Theater Camp** - Children in third through ninth grades will bring the musical "HONK Jr." to the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre during Summer Theater Camp. HONK! is a musical adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen story "The Ugly Duckling." The book and lyrics are by Anthony Drewe, and music is by George Stiles. The theater camp session begins **June 29** and runs through Aug. 1. To find out more, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.
- **Registration open for Summer Reading** - At the SHAPE International and Chièvres libraries.
- **Fitness Camp** - Register prior to June 18 for the Fit4Fun, Fit4Life camp June 22-26 for ages 6 to 11 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and for ages 12 to 15 from 2 to 3 p.m. on the SHAPE Athletic Track. To register, call DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.

June 11 to 13

- **Encore presentation of SHAPE Players "Detachments"**- This mature-themed play will be performed at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre at 7:30 p.m. The play is rated PG-13 for language. Admission: adults €16, students €9, children €7. To find out more, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.

June 12

- **Healthy Lifestyle 5k run/walk** - The Chièvres Commissary will host a 5k run/walk at 10 a.m. Prior to departure, there will be a cake cutting ceremony celebrating the Army's 240th birthday. For more information call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.

Inside the gate

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates – 2D movies: adults €7 and children 11 and under €4. 3D movies: adults €9 and children 11 and under €6. Check <http://www.shape2day.com> under "Morale & Welfare (MWB)" for the movie schedule.

Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English:

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

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

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

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

Movie at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

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

Travel the Benelux Tongeren has something for everyone

by **Tim Clark**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Clocks, art, furniture, old cameras, tools, suitcases of all sizes and shapes, chandeliers, mannequins, enough plates and glassware to serve an Army and even a kitchen sink. The biggest antiques and collectibles market of the Benelux has all this and much more for you.

Every Sunday morning the city of Tongeren comes alive with more than 350 exhibitors and 40 antique stores displaying their merchandise. The selection of

things to buy is truly vast and eclectic. Bring cash as none of the vendors seemed to be taking credit cards. Restaurants and cafes along the market route are open and a great place to take a break from your shopping and enjoy a coffee. The market opens around 7 a.m. and the vendors pack it all out around 1 p.m. For flea market treasure hunters and antique lovers this is a must visit place.



For your GPS: Leopoldwal
Tongeren 3700
From:
Mons: 132 km
Brussels: 90 km
Schinnen: 43 km

The variety of items at the Tongeren antique and collectibles market draws large crowds of buyers and lookers every Sunday. (U.S. Army photos by Tim Clark)

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Somme Battlefield and Peronne Museum, June 20**
- **Phantasia Land, Bruehl, Germany, June 27**
- **Pamplona Running of the Bulls, July 6 to 9**
- **Disney Paris, July 15**
- **Dolfinarium in Harderwijk, the Netherlands, July 23**
- **Prague with Heidelberg & Nuremberg, July 26 to 29 (Register by June 26.)**
- **Bluewater Mall, July 31**
- **Rhine River Cruise, Aug. 4**
- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, Aug. 8**
- **Fécamp - Etretat, Normandy, Aug. 12**
- **London, Aug. 15 to 17**
- **Medieval Dinner in Bruges, Aug. 22**
- **Wurstmarkt in Bad Durkheim, Sept. 19**
- **Alsace Wine Route, Oct. 10-11**
- **Thailand, Dec. 20 to Jan. 2, 2016 (Register by June 20)**

SHAPE Travel Group - Tel: 0470-876369.

- **Provins, France: Medieval Festival, June 13**
- **Paris, June 18**
- **Hampton Court Palace and Gardens, June 30**
- **Tongeren Antique Market, Aug. 30**
- **The Best of Luxembourg City, Sept. 10**
- **London & Buckingham palace, Sept. 18**
- **Belgian Coast by Tram, Sept. 24**
- **Belgian Trappist & Countryside Tour, Oct. 6**

Schinnen Trips & Tours - DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **Berlin Express, June 13**
- **Canoeing and Biking, June 27**
- **D-Day landing beaches, July 17-20**
- **Dutch Day, July 31**
- **Bernkastel-Kues, Germany: Wine Festival, Sept. 5**
- **National Liberation Museum 44-45, Sept. 26**
- **NFL Games, Book your tickets now for Oct. 3 to 5, Oct. 24 to 26 and Oct. 31 to Nov. 2.**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

June 11-13

- **Jemappes at the time of the Belle Epoque** - Various activities: accordeonists in the street, ball, old games on the square, a 1900 wedding at the city hall and on the square, carriage rides, 1900 market, display of old-timers (bicycles, motorcycles and vehicles) on the square, and more. From 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, from noon to 8 p.m. on Friday and from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday. For additional information, check <http://lecho-dejemappes.be/index.html>.



June 12

- **Evening local products market in Soignies** - From 6 to 10 p.m. on Place Van Zeeland.

June 13

- **Flea market in Woluwe-Saint-Lambert (200 booths)** - On Avenue des deux Tilleuls, 8 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Marbaix (200 booths)** - On Place Gendebien from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Genval (85 booths)** - At Fond Tasnier from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Loupoinge (100 booths)** - On Place du Chenoy from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Soignies (70 booths)** - On Rue de Cognebeau from noon to 8 p.m.
- **Flea market in Watermael-Boisfort (300 booths)** - On Drève du Duc and Rue du Pinson from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

June 13 and 14

- **Flea market in Ganshoren (500 booths)** - On Rue F. Beeckmans from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days

June 14 (Father's Day in Belgium)

- **Volksmarch in Chaussée Notre Dame de Louvignies for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km**- Departs from the school on Rue Joseph Quintart 129 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Rance for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue Pauline Hubert 34 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Nivelles for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from Chaussée de Hal 2a from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Tourinnes-Saint-Lambert for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km**- Departs from the soccer field on Rue des Cortils from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ladeuze for 6, 12, 20 or 30 km** - Departs from the cultural center on Rue de la Liberté, 23 from 7 a.m. to noon for the 30 km route and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the other routes.



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

June 12

- **Evening market in Edegem (BE)** - From 4 to 10 p.m. at Gemeenteplein in the center of town.

June 12-13

- **The "Aaltjesdagen" fest in Harderwijk** - In the center and harbor for two days filled with music, culture and festivities.
- **Vlaardings Loggerfestival in Vlaardingen** - This is a cultural and historical city fest with lots of entertainment, demonstrations, naval show, games and more held from Westhavenplaats to Maasboulevard. Open: June 12, 8 p.m. to midnight and June 13, 10 a.m. to midnight.

June 12-14

- **Gourmet Fest Culinara in Geilenkirchen (GE)** at Friedlandplatz has a large choice of wines, culinary delicacies, pastries and more. Open: June 12, 6 to 11 p.m.; June 13, 4 to 11 p.m. and June 14, noon to 8 p.m.
- **Pinkpop Festival in Landgraaf** - the Netherlands' most famous open-air music festival and Europe's longest-running uninterrupted outdoor pop festival takes place in Landgraaf (NL). For info check <http://www.pinkpop.nl>.

June 13

- **"Vlaggetjesdag" in the harbor of Scheveningen** - A festival featuring the first caught herring of the season, available for sampling at practically every corner of the city. Also crafts demonstrations and people will be dressed in the traditional costumes of the area. Open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.



June 13-14

- **Arts & crafts market in Jülich (GE)** - All participants to the arts & crafts market at Schlossplatz are female and elected to participate by a jury. They offer ceramics, garden art, jewelry, purses and lots more. Open: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Medieval festival and market in Lügde (GE)** - The festival with lots of medieval entertainment and happenings is located at a perfect location between the city wall and River Emmer. Entry: €5.
- **Strawberry Festival in Zundert** - Lots of activities, market and more all around the strawberry in the center of town.

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June 14 (Father's Day in Belgium) Continued

• **Guided visit of Ath**

- Get to see the city from the top of some buildings from 3 to 4 p.m. Meet at the Tourist Office on Rue de Pintamont 18. Participating fee is €2 per person.



• **Flea market in Nivelles (100 booths)** - On the main square from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• **Flea market in Mons (400 booths)** - At Imagipark on Rue du Grand Large 1 from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Fest in Casteau** - Arts & crafts, WWII military camp with vintage vehicles and flea market from 7 a.m. to 6 :30 p.m. Entrance fee is €1 per person.

• **Flea market in Woluwe-Saint-Lambert (400 booths)** - On Avenue Georges Henri from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **Flea market in Bonsecours (80 booths)** - On Rue de la Forêt from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Flea market in Woluwe Saint Pierre (400 booths)** - On Rue René Declercq 22 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• **Flea market in Nimy (70 booths)** - On the Hubo parking from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Flea market in Binche (100 booths)** - On Rue du Coeur Dolent from 6 a.m. to noon and noon to 6 p.m.

• **Flea market in Deux-Acren (200 booths)** - On Rue Remincourt from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• **Flea market in Hornu (200 booths)** - On Route de Mons (Cora) from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• **Bicycle ride in Quaregnon for 43 or 73 km** - Departs from Place du Sud from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (marked route). Participating fee is €3 per person.

• **Horse riding fair in Lens** - On Rue des Blanchisseries 5 for everything related to horse riding. Pony rides throughout the day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **Visit one of the nicest gardens of the province in Lombise** - At the Lombise Jardin de Morval on 2, Route de Gondregnies from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Entrance fee is €3 per person.

• **Visit a garden in Hellebecq** - On Chemin de Lessines 38 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

June 26-27 - Get your tickets now

• **First Chièvres Electronic Music Festival "Chièvres on Air"**

- The first edition of Chièvres on Air with international artists and young Belgian talents will be held on the Chièvres square. Entrance is €28 for one day or €35 for a two day pass. For information, check <http://www.chievresonair.be>.



June 14

• **Markt van Morgen (Tomorrow's Market) in Antwerpen (BE)** - From noon to 6 p.m. with fashion, jewelry, interior design, food, drinks, DJ and more on Pleintje Vismijn and Kloosterstraat. No entrance fees.

• **Proud at Castle Groeneveld in Baarn** - Fair held at and around Castle Groeneveld, Groeneveld 2 is a unique fair with nature, garden, culture and homemade items as theme. Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Entry is free.

• **The Marina Market in Duisburg (GE)** - Market is held on Johannes-Corputius-Platz at the city harbor and is a combination of week market, art market and culinary market. The market is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Art market in Düsseldorf (GE)** - Market is held at Klemensplatz and in Kreuzbergstrasse from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **National championship living statues in Valkenburg**

- Championship is held around the Polfermolen on Plemkertstraat 50 from 1 to 5 p.m. The nation's best living statues will



Last year's winners

show their talent and acts to the public.

• **Beemster Fortfair in Zuidoostbeemster** - Fair held at the Fortress Benoorden Purmerend on Kwadijkerweg 2 with items for home, garden, art, curiosa and delicatessen. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €4.

June 14/21/28

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

June 18-21

• **Festival Classique in The Hague** - Offers concerts at various locations in the city. It has special programs, festive stages, inspiring concerts and lots more. For more information go to <http://www.festivalclassique.nl>.

Through Sept. 4

• **Alkmaar cheese market.** Cheese has been weighed in Alkmaar since 1593. Cheese carriers carry thousands of kilos of cheese from 'Waagplein' square to the weighing house. They can be seen in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon until the first Friday of September.

Outside the gate

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