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Benelux news briefs

Brussels observes Army Birthday with celebration

The 239th Army Birthday Celebration will take place at the 3 Star Lounge June 12 at 6 p.m.

On the menu: grilled chicken at \$9.95 or steak at \$10.95.

The celebratoin will feature cake, children's activities and a brief ceremony. Reservations are required at DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

SHAPE hosts Army Ball

The U.S. Army Ball will be held June 28 to commemorate the 239th Army Birthday. Tickets available are limited. For more information, contact your unit representative.

US Army Birthday events scheduled at Benelux

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux has several events planned June 12 in the Building 30 auditorium on Caserne Daumerie to celebrate the Army Birthday:

At 2:30 p.m., attend the NCO induction ceremony; and,

at 4 p.m., show your support at the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, recognition ceremony.

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President honors D-Day sacrifice

French President François Hollande and President Barack Obama pass through an honor guard of paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division; Special Operations Command Europe, or SOCEUR; and the French Armée de Terre at the start of a ceremony honoring the fallen and living veterans of the D-Day landings at a ceremony at the American Battle Monuments Commission's Normandy American Cemetery near Colleville-sur-Mer, France, June 6. The event was one of several commemorations of the 70th anniversary of D-Day operations conducted by Allied forces as part of Operation Overlord during World War II June 5 to 6, 1944. [U.S. Army photo by Sgt. A.M. LaVey, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne)]

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Chièvres PX changes operating hours soon

Starting June 21, the Chièvres Post Exchange will reduce its hours as well as the hours of the PXtra/Military Clothing Sales and Anthony's Pizza.

The PX will be open two fewer hours per week, the PXtra nine fewer hours and Anthony's seven fewer hours.

New PX hours are:

Monday closed.

Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

New PXtra hours are:

Monday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

New hours at Anthony's Pizza are:

Monday closed.

Tuesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



A creation by Henriette Blokpoel, a store work reader at Schinnen, gives an example of what a "What's On Your Plate?" contest entry might look like.

Healthy Lifestyle featured locally

Chièvres and Schinnen commissaries kick off a three-day promotional festival June 13, dedicated to supporting good eating habits and healthy lifestyles for military members, retirees and their families.

The Defense Commissary Agency, or DeCA, campaign called "Your Healthy Lifestyle: Eat Healthy, Shop Healthy, Be Healthy" runs through July 6. The Healthy Lifestyle Festival is DeCA's biggest sales event of the year.

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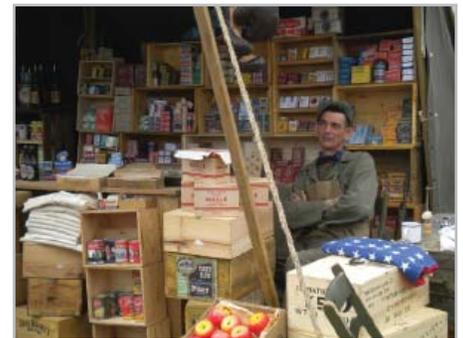
70th anniversary of D-Day 'Honoring the past, securing the future'



U.S. military supported more than 30 French-led ceremonies in the Normandy region of France June 4 to 6. They also hosted the official American commemoration at the American cemetery, located in Colleville-sur-Mer, June 6 and a multinational paratrooper jump at the La Fièvre, near Sainte Mère Eglise drop zone, June 8.

The U.S. military support called "Task Force Normandy" was led by the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) out of Vicenza, Italy, and involved about 650 people. It included a variety of activities from Soldiers in formation, buglers and bands to Honor and Color Guards and aircraft flyovers.

(Clockwise from top) A multinational paratrooper drop commemorates the historic airborne insertion of the 82nd Airborne and 101st Airborne into La Fièvre June 5, 1944, the night prior to the D-Day landings of World War II. About 200 paratroopers from the United States, France, the United Kingdom, Canada, the Netherlands, Italy and Germany joined in the drop to pay tribute to those paratroopers for all they sacrificed for freedom. ■ American WWII veterans were treated as heroes at every commemorative event. A total of 400 WWII veterans attended the commemoration at Normandy American Cemetery June 6. ■ German soldiers follow their Dutch counterparts in a parade in Carentan June 4. NATO allies were featured, participating in various events. ■ A re-enactor works in what looks like a WWII base exchange at 'Arizona Camp,' a re-enactors camp set up in Carentan. Many re-enactors wandered around in their WWII military vehicles, and some set up camps to be visited. ■ Now-peaceful Omaha Beach is one of the beaches -- along with Utah, Gold, Juno and Sword -- where Allied service members landed June 6, 1944, starting in the early morning. More than 6,000 ships and 11,000 aircraft supported the Normandy invasion. ■ A total of 9,387 service members are interred at Normandy American Cemetery overlooking Omaha beach. ■ Paratroopers drop from the sky at La Fièvre, near Sainte-Mère Eglise, June 8. More than 70,000 visitors watched. ■ The USAREUR Band and Chorus provide entertainment between air drops. ■ French children show the Allies' colors as NATO soldiers pass by in a Carentan parade June 4. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook)



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This week in World War history (June 8 to 14)

World War I

June 8, 1916 - The fortification at Thiaumont is taken by the Germans but immediately retaken by the French. During the Battle of Verdun, the fortification changes hands 16 times.

June 8, 1917 - Selected to lead the American Expeditionary Force to Europe by President Woodrow Wilson, Maj. Gen. John J. "Black Jack" Pershing arrives in England with his staff.

June 8 to 14, 1917 - British attacks advance the front line beyond the former German Sehnen (Oosttaverne) line during the Battle of Messines. The Battle of Messines is a prelude to the much larger Third Battle of Ypres campaign.

June 9, 1918 - First Battle of Lassigny begins.
- Germans enter Thiescourt Wood (southwest of Noyon) and Ressons-sur-Matz.

June 10, 1916 - Russians take Dubno (Volhynia); enemy retreats from Strypa; heavy fighting on whole front; 3,500 prisoners reported.

June 10 to 25, 1917 - Battle of Mount Ortigara.

The Italians launch an offensive because the Straf expedition of the previous year had improved the Austrian defensive positions, whence the Italian armies of Cadore, Carnia and the Isonzo could be threatened.



Mount Ortigara is the site of fierce fighting.

The Italians send more than 300,000 men with 1,600 artillery guns concentrated on a short segment of the front just a few kilometers long. However, although the Italians enjoy a 3-to-1 numeric superiority in both men and guns, the attack still presents several problems: The Austrian positions are very strong.

The arc formed by the opposing lines favors the Austrian artillery. The Italian lines are overcrowded, making it difficult to maneuver.

The attack begins June 10. After fierce and bloody fighting, the Italian 52nd Alpine Division manages to capture the top of Mount Ortigara.

The Austro-Hungarian command sends reinforcements. On June 25, the 11 Italian battalions guarding the summit are attacked by Austrian shock troops and lose the top of the mountain.

The 52nd Division suffers about half the Italian casualties of 23,000. Gen. Ettore Mambretti, commander of the Sixth Army, is considered responsible for the heavy casualties and removed from command.

June 13, 1917 - Germany launches a daylight air raid of 20 Gotha bombers on London killing 162 and wounding another 432.

World War II

June 8 and 9, 1944 - No. 617 Squadron RAF uses the new 12,000 pound deep-penetration bomb ("Tallboy") against the Saumur rail tunnel in France. The tunnel is totally blocked, thus preventing German armor from moving by rail to the D-Day beachheads. This is the first time "tallboy" is used in combat.

June 10, 1944 - The town of Oradour-sur-Glane in central France is destroyed. Nearly all of its 652 inhabitants are killed by troops of the SS Division Das Reich; only 10 survive the massacre with fire and machine gunning.

June 11, 1943 - Stalin objects to putting off the allied invasion of Europe until 1944. He writes, "...the opening of a second front in Europe, previously postponed from 1942 till 1943, is now being put off again, this time till the spring of 1944.

"Your decision creates exceptional difficulties for the Soviet Union, which, straining all its resources, for the past two years, has been engaged against the main forces of Germany and her satellites, and leaves the Soviet army, which is fighting not only for its country, but also for its Allies, to do the job alone, almost single-handed, against an enemy that is still very strong and formidable.

"Need I speak of the disheartening negative impression that this fresh postponement of the second front and the withholding from our army, which has sacrificed so much, of the anticipated substantial support by the Anglo-American armies, will produce in the Soviet Union - both among the people and in the army?"

"As for the Soviet government, it cannot align itself with this decision, which, moreover, was adopted without its participation and without any attempt at a joint discussion of this highly important matter and which may gravely affect the subsequent course of the war."

June 13, 1944 - Robert Johnson, the second highest-scoring U.S. fighter ace in Europe, scores his first kill, a German Fw 190 aircraft of 10.Staffel of Jagdgeschwader 26, over Bergues, France. JG 26 was a Luftwaffe fighter wing.



June 14, 1944 - In the skies over Chièvres, Floyd E. Addy orders the crew of his damaged B-24 Liberator to bail out and maneuvers the aircraft to avoid crashing in the village of Wodecq, Belgium. Addy dies in the crash just outside the village.

-German Luftwaffe ace Oberfeldwebel Robert Menge is shot down and killed near Marquise, France, by Squadron Leader James E. Rankin of No. 92 Squadron RAF. Menge has 18 kills to his credit.

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

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Team swims English Channel to honor D-Day fallen, vets

A British-and-American team swam across the channel from England to France June 8 in 12 hours, 8 minutes, 37 seconds, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Operation Overlord in honor of the courage and sacrifice of those who fought in the D-Day invasion.

Overlord 70's relay was the first swim crossing of the English Channel this year, thus opening the 2014 channel-swimming season on a note of respect for those who crossed the channel under the most arduous conditions in June 1944, according to Overlord 70 team leader John Kulewicz, who is an attorney from Columbus, Ohio.

"This early in the season, a solo swim is likely impossible due to the temperatures – not only because of the limits of human endurance and the very real possibility of hypothermia, but because none of the six certified pilot boat captains would

likely volunteer to pilot a solo attempt because of the temps," according to team member U.S. Air Force Col. Joe Hall, who serves at NATO in Brussels.

Other members of Overlord 70 were English marathon swimmer Ed Williams; retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. John Boyd, who works for NATO in Brussels; Bryan Avery, a retired information-technology professional from the United Kingdom; and James Penrose, an American attorney practicing in London.

"As team leader, I recruited swimmers from several different sources," Kulewicz said. "We are all tied together, however, by respect for the significance of D-Day and a love of swimming."

Many people might consider the training grueling and time-consuming.

"When people ask me how long I trained for this swim, I answer, 'My entire life.' I have been swimming competi-

tively since I was very young all the way up through university," Hall said. "On average, I swim approximately 4,000 meters (almost 2.5 miles) each day. That being said, I was the most inexperienced open-water/marathon swimmer on the team."

The team members, all regular swimmers, have been training specifically for this channel crossing since February, Kulewicz said. The training consisted of acclimatization to the cold water of the channel (around 55 to 57 degrees F) and repeated long-distance swims.

"The timing of our relay was less than two weeks off of the world record for earliest channel crossing," Hall said. "The temperature when we began the swim was less than 14 degrees (57 F). We did reach parts of the swim toward the coast of France where the temperatures reached 15 degrees (59 F)."



Kevin Murphy



Bryan Avery



Kevin Murphy

(Clockwise from left) The Overlord 70 team takes a moment in Dover Harbor June 8 just before 3 a.m. while getting ready to board the boat. From left to right: English marathon swimmer Ed Williams; retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. John Boyd, who works for NATO in Brussels; Overlord 70 team leader John Kulewicz, who is an attorney from Columbus, Ohio; U.S. Air Force Col. Joe Hall, who serves at NATO Headquarters in Brussels; Bryan Avery, a retired IT professional from the United Kingdom; and, in front, James Penrose, an American attorney practicing in London. ■ Ed Williams and Brian Avery await their turns aboard the Sea Satin. ■ Joe Hall enjoys the company of a seagull during a leg of the relay swim of the English Channel, which commemorated the channel crossing begun June 6, 1944.

Doudou festivities in Mons about to start

Program of the Doudou festival in Mons

June 13

- **Free concert** on the Grand-Place starting at around 10 p.m.

June 14

- **Descent of Saint Waudru's Shrine** - At 8 p.m., officials of the city and the church gather in the cathedral to launch the festivities. Make sure to arrive ahead of time if you want to find a good spot.

June 15

- **The Procession** - The procession starts at 9:30 a.m. from the Saint Waudru cathedral.
- **Golden Carriage Procession** - Rampe Sainte Waudru at noon. Locals will follow and push it to make sure it arrives at the top in one go. Find a spot at the top, next to the cathedral if you don't want to be part of the "wave."
- **The Battle** - at 12:30 p.m. St. George will fight the dragon. The closer you are, the more careful you should be. The front places are occupied by people wanting to grab the tail of the dragon (to bring them luck). If you are in the crowd on the Grand'Place, be careful because the crowd will have to split in order to let St. George and the dragon go through.

June 16-17

- **Braderie (annual sales)** - The pedestrian area is the place for good deals.

June 17

- **Fireworks** at 10:45 p.m.

Military bands

June 13

- 8:30 p.m. parade in Harmegnies by Belarus Military Band
- 8:45 p.m. parade in Ghlin by Turkish Military Band

June 14

- 11 a.m. concert by Turkish Military Band at the Faculté polytechnique, Mons
- 11 a.m. parade at Obourg by Bulgarian Military Band, at Saint-Symphorien by French Military Band and at Cipluy by Belgian Military Band
- 3 p.m. parade at Harveng by Belgian Military Band
- 7 p.m. parade at Maisières by Belarus Military Band
- 7:30 p.m. parade at Spiennes by Bulgarian Military Band
- 8:30 p.m. concert in Le Roeulx by French Military Band

- 9 p.m. concert on the Mons Grand'Place by Belgian Military Band
- 9 p.m. parade by Turkish Military Band in Villers-Saint-Ghislain
- 9:15 p.m. parade by Belarus Military Band in Jemappes

June 15

- 4:30 p.m. 54th International Festival of Military Bands at Stade Tondreau, Mons
- 9:30 p.m. to midnight non-stop concerts by Military Bands on the Mons Grand'Place

June 16

- 11:15 a.m. concert by Belarus Military Band on Rue de Nimy
- noon parade by Turkish Military Band on the Grand'Place
- 2:30 p.m. parade by Bulgarian Military Band on the Marché-aux-Poissons, Mons, and French Military Band on Place du Parc.
- 3 p.m. parade by Belgian Military Band at Saint-Joseph hospital.
- 3:30 p.m. parade Belarus Military Band in Havré
- 9 p.m. parades by Military Bands on the Grand'Place

June 17

- 3 p.m. parade by Belgian Military Band in Ghlin, by Belarus Military Band at the Parc du Bois in Mons and by French Military Band at the Bonne Maison de Bouzanton
- noon parade by Italian Military Band on the Grand'Place
- 3:30 p.m. parade by Bulgarian Military Band in Mes-sines and by Turkish Military Band in Cuesmes
- 7 p.m. parade by French military Band in Flénu
- 8:30 p.m. parade Military Bands on the Grand'Place
- 10:35 p.m. Final show by all military bands.



Chièvres welcomes new residents

In an effort to integrate all new residents, the city of Chièvres is hosting a welcome reception June 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the town hall. All U.S. and SHAPE community members who recently moved to Chièvres will receive a personal invitation from the mayor and are highly encouraged to participate as attendees will have a unique opportunity to take a walk-through of city services, get useful information and meet city officials. On that day, an annual sale organized by the local vendors and craftsmen will take place on the main square. Free concerts will also be on the program with the participation of local brass bands and the SHAPE Band.

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Job opportunities in Brussels

Do you have a spouse or adult family member who would like a paid position working in the garrison? The 3-Star Lounge and CYSS in Brussels are looking for help. Ask your spouse or adult family member to apply if interested.

1. The 3-Star Lounge Needs Staff.

a. Recreation Assistant: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/371312900>

b. Recreation Assistant (Facilities Operator): <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/371320000>

2. The Brussels CYSS is Hiring Staff.

a. Administrative Assistant (CYS): <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/371312600>

b. Child and Youth Program Assistant: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/370966600>

Paid internships with SHAPE CYSS

If you are a U.S. citizen between 15 and 18, currently attending high school, if you possess and maintain a C grade-point average or better and are subject to the satisfactory completion of local police background checks, you are eligible to apply for a paid internship with CYSS Sports & Fitness. CYSS will offer a paid internship for 12 continuous work weeks once all goals are met with 15 to 18 hours of work during school weeks and a maximum of 40 hours during non-school weeks. CPR training, first aid and child abuse prevention classes will be offered. If interested, call CYSS at DSN 423-5611 or civilian 065-445611.

ACS job-skills classes in Brussels

Brussels Army Community Service has several classes that are helpful in finding a job.

ACS Résumé-Writing Workshop June 17, and

ACS Interview and Dress Workshops June 19 and Aug. 21.

For more information on those classes, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

SHAPE hosts Army Ball

The U.S. Army Ball will be held June 28 to commemorate the 239th Army Birthday. Tickets available are limited. For more information, contact your unit representative:

- 39th Signal Battalion: DSN 366-6283 or civilian 065-326283.

- 650th MI Brigade: DSN 423-4559 or civilian 065-444559.

- Finance Office: DSN 423-8369 or civilian 065-448369.

- AFN Benelux: DSN 423-3675 or civilian 065-448369.

- AFNORTH Battalion: DSN 423-4875/3656 or civilian 065-444875/3656.

- USAG Benelux: DSN 361-5587

- Northern Law Center: DSN 423-5447 or civilian 065-448369.

SHAPE Summer Theater Camp

Registration is open for Summer Theater Camp at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. This year's camp runs June 23 through July 26, and the production will be Willy Wonka. Cost is \$400 per child. For details, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312.

'Scream-Free Parenting' in Brussels

Brussels ACS offers "Scream-Free Parenting" classes in a six-part series June 25 as well as July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 in the Army Community Service conference room in Building 4-320 in the U.S. Army Garrison from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

Arts and Crafts at SHAPE

SHAPE Arts and Crafts in Building 307 (same as library) provides an array of craft classes and material for SHAPE families. Arts and Crafts has framing, engraving, ceramics, pottery, quilting and many other craft classes and services available. Book a craft birthday party or order helium balloons as well. Embrace your inner artist today and stop by to see what we have to offer.

For more information, 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.

EFMP coordinator in Schinnen

The Benelux Exceptional Family Member Program coordinator is available by appointment only at the Schinnen ACS. Individual sessions can be arranged by appointment. Assistance provided on updating EFMP status and reassignments.

Get answers to your questions regarding special education, Individual Education Plans and 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 about EFMP, call DSN 366-6898 or civilian 065-326898. Next date visiting the Schinnen community July 9.

Brussels Fitness Classes

Yoga - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. and Tuesdays at 5 p.m.

Power Yoga - Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Shred - Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Indoor Cycling - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

For more information on those classes, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

Schinnen Run-a-thon at Brunssum

The Tri Border gets ready for the run of a lifetime. The USAG Benelux-Schinnen Fitness Center will host a 12-hour Run-a-thon Challenge July 25 to 26. This event will be held at the JFC Sports Complex (Slag Heap).

The run will begin at midnight (Friday, July 25) and end at noon (Saturday, July 26). Sign your team up today. Individual signups are also welcome; individuals will be placed on a team.

For more information, contact the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7561, civilian +31 (0) 46-4437561 or send an email message to USArmy.Schinnen.IMCOM-Europe.List.Schinnen-FC@mail.mil.

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Sign up for Europe Army Ten-Miler

USAG Bavaria will host the 2014 U.S. Forces Europe Army Ten Miler Qualification Race June 28. This race will select the best-qualified candidates to represent USAREUR in the 2014 U.S. Army Ten Miler. For information and to register, go to <http://grafenwoehr.armymwr.com/europe/grafenwoehr/grafenwoehr-events/us-forces-europe-10-miler-qualification-race/?eID=26210>.

SHAPE Sub Aqua Club

SSAC is multinational and welcomes divers of all certifications. All SHAPE members who are certified divers from any disciplines are welcome and encouraged to join. All non-certified SHAPE members interested in diving are welcome to join and take classes for certification.

For those wondering if they might like to learn SCUBA, SSAC offers Try-Dives on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Annual club membership fee is €75 for an individual or €125 for a family, and it gives access to and use of the club's well-stocked equipment -- buoyancy compensators, regulators, fins, wetsuits, weights and masks -- everything necessary to dive. Courses and training for NAUI certification are offered when there's enough interest. The club also organizes an annual Dive and Dinner in Brussels at NEMO 33, the world's deepest indoor pool.

Find out more about the SHAPE Sub Aqua Club at <http://www.shapesubaqua.com>.

Soccer Tournament

The German National Soccer Team at JFC Brunssum is organizing the 34th International Soccer Tournament to include a delegation, ladies, youngsters and oldies Cup Aug. 14 to 15. If you have a soccer team or if you are interested in participating, call DSN 364-3022/2964 or civilian 045-5273022/2964.

Schinnen Summer Basketball Camp

This summer basketball camp for high-school students, grades 9 through 12, meets at the Schinnen Fitness Center for practice Tuesdays from June 24 to Aug. 5 at 5 p.m. Both boys and girls will have the opportunity to practice their shooting, passing, rebounding and free-throw skills during the camp. For more information, contact the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7561, civilian +31 (0) 46-4437561 or send an email message to USArmy.Schinnen.IMCOM-Europe.List.Schinnen-FC@mail.mil.

CYSS Flag Football at Brunssum

Open enrollment for children ages 10 to 15 runs through July 4 at the CYSS Parent Central Services Office, Building H-602 at JFC Brunssum. Cost is \$40. You must be registered with Child Youth and School Services and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. For details, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.

CYSS Soccer at Brunssum

Open enrollment for children ages 3 to 15 runs through July 4 at the CYSS Parent Central Services Office, Building

H-602 at JFC Brunssum. Cost: children 3 to 5 \$20; children 6 to 15 \$40. You must be registered with CYSS and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. For details, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.

CYSS SHAPE

Summer Camp - Registration is open for the Summer Camp June 16 through Aug. 22. For more information, call SHAPE Parent Central Services at DSN 423-6039/6099 or civilian 065-446039/6099.

CYSS Brussels

Fall soccer - Registration is open through Aug. 29 for fall soccer, ages 3 to 15 years, with season starting Sept. 8. Cost for children ages 3 to 5 is \$20 and for children ages 6 to 15 is \$40.

Fall cheerleading - Registration is open through Aug. 29 for ages 8 to 12 years with season starting Sept. 8. Cost is \$40.

Flag football - Registration is open through Aug. 29 for ages 10 to 15 years with seasons starting Sept. 8. Cost is \$40.

Call DSN 368-9539/9651 or civilian 02-7179539/9651.

Brussels summer camps

CYSS Brussels Child Youth and School Services offers summer camps June 16 to Aug. 22 for youth completing grades kindergarten through 11. Register soon because space is limited. Contact CYSS Brussels Parent Central at DSN 368-9651/02-7179651.

Schinnen summer-camp trips

The USAG Benelux-Schinnen School Age Center and Youth Center offer the following Summer Camp trips June 23 through Aug. 15. Space is limited. Call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023 for full Summer Camp details.

- Week 1 (June 23 to 27) – Bokrijk Open Air Park, Movie Park Germany, ice cream.
- Week 2 (June 30 to July 4) – laser tag, Valkenier Family Park, Fourth of July.
- Week 3 (July 7 to 11) – kayaking, Plopsa Coö Amusement Park, miniature golf.
- Week 4 (July 14 to 18) – cave biking, cave exploration, Brussels city tour.
- Week 5 (July 21 to 25) – Puzzle Planet, Outdoor Adventure Course, Schutterspark.
- Week 6 (July 28 to Aug. 1) – water skiing, wake boarding, Phantasieland.
- Week 7 (Aug. 4 to 8) – YC weeklong trip to Garmisch, Efteling Amusement Park.
- Week 8 (Aug. 11 to 15) – go-karting, Oberhausen Mall, Lego Discover Center.

Brussels Fourth of July celebration

Come and celebrate Independence Day at the Brussels American Community Independence Day Celebration July 5 from 3 to 11:30 p.m. at the Sterrebeek Annex. Contact DFMWR at DSN 368-9680 or civilian 02-7179680.

Read about events near to Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

June 13-14

- **The Place to bier in Engghien** - More than 15 brewers will be presenting their products. On the program: discover new beers, enjoy free concerts, conference about beer making process. The event is taking place on the Grand'Place and the Place Pierre Delannoy from 4 p.m. to midnight on Friday and from 11 a.m. to midnight on Saturday.



June 13-22

- **Doudou in Mons** - The population of Mons will honor its patron saint as the city will be hosting its annual "Ducasse de Mons" consisting of the multisecular Procession of the Golden Carriage, the combat opposing St. George to the dragon, and the International Festival of Military Bands. Find a schedule of the main activities on page 6.

June 14

- **Volksmarch in Saint Vast**, for 3, 5, 10, 20, 45 km. Departs on Allée Verte 8 from 7 to 10 a.m. for the 45 km route and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the other routes.

June 15

- **Duathlon in La Hulpe** - 4 km run + 24 km mountain bike ride + 2 km run. Departs on Chaussée de Bruxelles 134 at 10 a.m. Participation fee is €14. Departure is on Chaussée de Bruxelles 111.
- **Mountain bike ride in Ciney** for 20, 35, 45, 55, 65, 80 km. Departure is on Route de Pessoux from 8 to 11 a.m. Ride for accompanied kids for 10 and 20 km with departure at 10 a.m.
- **Disc fair in Pommeroeul** on Rue Levecq 3. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance is free.
- **Volksmarch in Ladeuze**, for 6, 12, 20, 30 km. Departs 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.
- **Volksmarch in Rance** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs on Rue Pauline Hubert 34 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Basècles** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departs on Rue des Déportés 21 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Chaussée-Notre-Dame-Louvignies** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs on Rue Joseph Quintart 129 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Seneffe** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs on Rue Rouge Croix from 9 .m. to 6 p.m.

Through June 29

- **Exhibition "Mons during WWI & WWII" on Rue de la Coupe 33-35**. The exhibition will display posters, paintings, magazines, flags etc. Open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance is free.

Choose from among events that are close to Brunssum and Schinnen (in the Netherlands unless otherwise indicated).

Through June 14

- **French Gourmet Market in Grefrath**, Germany, is held on Königstrasse in the village of Duisburg from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. It offers all kind of French delicacies.
- **"Aaltjesdagen" in Harderwijk** in the center, harbor and on the boulevard is a three day festival full with music, culture and activities.

Through June 15

- **Blooming Home and Garden in Bennekom** is held on the grounds of Castle Hoekelum. Open June 12 to 15 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Adults €12.50; children, ages 12 and under – free admission.

June 13 to 14

- **Wine Festival in Rheine**, Germany, at Straelscher Hof has lots of amusement and, of course, some of the best wines from the region.

June 13 to 15

- **Garden Fair in Grefrath**, Germany, is held at Niederrheinisches Freilichtmuseum. It has more than 80 participants displaying everything for garden and home as well as demonstrations of crafts, falconry and more. Open: June 13 from 1 to 6 p.m., and June 14 to 15 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Adults €7; children, ages 15 and under – free admission.
- **Culinary Wine Festival in Warendorf**, Germany, held at Emsseepark, Freibad and Breulweg is a three-day fest with all kind of culinary delicacies and some of the best wines in the region. Open: June 13 from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.; June 14 from 2 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and June 15 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

June 14

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

June 14 to 15

- **Medieval Knights' Spectacle in Dordrecht** at Biesbosch nature park with re-enactments, old crafts demonstrations, archery, market, medieval entertainment and more. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adults €10; children, ages 4 to 12, €7.

June 14, 21 and 28

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



Ongoing

Through June 14

- **Brussels Film Festival** - The Brussels Film Festival invites you to discover a selection of international films. Find more information at <http://www.brff.be/en/>.

Through June 15

- **Cavalia in Brussels** - Cavalia is a fresh mix of equestrian and performing arts, multimedia and special effects, integrating acrobatics, dance, aerial stunts and live music. Visit <http://www.cavalia.be/>.



Through June 21

- **Musical spring in Silly** - Series of concerts at the Château de Morval on Rue de Morval 10. Concerts are Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 8 to 11 p.m. Price ranges from €5 to €25 or €120 for all concerts. Find more information at <http://www.printempsmusicalsilly.be>.

Through June 29

- **Dinner in the Sky in Brussels** provides a unique occasion to discover Brussels' high cuisine in the most extraordinary manner possible: 22 guests and one 'starred' chef will share an unforgettable gastronomic experience in the skies over the capital, enjoying an unparalleled view of Brussels and its surroundings while delighting in rare dishes and fine wines. Visit <http://www.dinnerinthesky.be/>.



Through December 24

- **Exhibition Regards croisés sur la Guerre 14-18 (crossed perspectives on WWI) in Ath** on Rue de Pintamont 18 Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on the weekend from 2 to 6 p.m.

Mark your calendar

June 28-29

- **Beer festival in Jurbise** - Enjoy more than eighty different beers and free concerts. Open from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. on Saturday and from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Sunday.



June 15

- **Art Market in Düsseldorf**, Germany, on Klemensplatz (square) and Kreuzbergstrasse offers a feast for the eyes.

June 16

- **Arts and Crafts Market in Jülich**, Germany, at Schlossplatz offers ceramics, garden art, jewelry, purses and more. All vendors are female and selected to participate by a panel. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

June 18 to 22

- **Roncallis Historic Year Market in Aachen-Kornelimünster**, Germany, is an annual event with many antique and art dealers, attractions, rides, entertainers and more. Open Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 10 p.m.; Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

June 20 to 22

- **Farm and Country Fair in Aalten** at Dinxperloestraatweg combines entertainment and fun with many aspects of country life and farming. More than 375 exhibitors offer many regional products, colorful garden stands, professional artists, agriculture, shows and more. It is full of exciting activities for children of every age, like the large sand mountains, toy tractors, carousels, rabbits and guinea pigs, according to its website. For older children, there are workshops, such as cooking or flower arranging. For a lot of children it is an adventure to ride a real horse! Many activities are free of charge. Visit <http://www.countryfair.eu/> Open June 20 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; June 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adults €15; children, ages 4 to 14, €5.

Through Sept. 5

- **Cheese market in Alkmaar** is famous worldwide for its cheese, which has been weighed in the town of Alkmaar since 1593. Cheese carriers carry thousands of kilos of cheese from 'Waagplein' square to the weighing house. What used to be serious business has turned into a popular attraction for thousands of tourists. See cheese carriers in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon until the first Friday of September. You'll be surprised at how important cheese used to be and still is for the city of Alkmaar.



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SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

London June 21 - Join the SHAPE Trips and Tours group for a day of free time in the city of endless attractions: Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, Museums and the West End theatre district. This trip fills up quickly so reserve your spot soon.



Departs from Brussels at 3:30 a.m. Departs from SHAPE at 4:30 a.m. Arrives at SHAPE Sunday at 1:30 a.m. Arrives at Brussels Sunday at 2:30 a.m. Price: €75.

Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

Berlin Express June 28 - Coach departs Schinnen June 27 at 10 p.m. Arrival in Berlin June 28 at approximately 8 a.m. You will have a minimum of 10 hours of free time to explore one of the capitals of the world -- home of the world-famous Pergamon Museum filled with colossal antiquities. Coach departs June 28 at 9 p.m. Arrives back in Schinnen June 29 at approximately 7 a.m. Price: \$89 per person. Included in tour price: round-trip coach transportation. Not included: expenses of personal nature.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below
call civilian 0486-565371

Come visit SHAPE Travel Group representatives at their new location at the Rendezvous. You can have a coffee with a friend while you check out their fall roster of trips. Don't delay: One of the SHAPE Travel Group trips has already sold out. The desk will close from June 21 to Aug. 5 so sign up for those August trips soon. Desk hours are still Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. -- Only the location has changed.

Atlantic Wall Museum and Flanders Field, Aug. 19 - August marks the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I. In order to commemorate the centenary of the war, the SHAPE Travel Group will take you on a remembrance trip to Oostende and Ypres. First stop will be at the Atlantic Wall Museum in Oostende where we will have time to walk around and learn the importance of the modern fortifications from World War I and World War II. After Oostende, the tour group will travel to Ypres. In Ypres, they will visit the 'In Flanders Field' Museum, have time to have a nice dinner and end the trip with the Last Post at Menin Gate. Tour Price: €40.

Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips & Tours

- **Stonehenge with Salisbury, June 28**
- **Efteling theme park, July 12**
- **Prague, July 18-21: Sign up before June 17**
- **Amsterdam, July 26**
- **Paris, Aug. 2**
- **Disneyland Paris, Aug. 8**
- **London, Aug. 15 to 17**
- **Medieval Dinner in Brugge (Bruges), Aug. 23**
- **Belgian Beer/Gin Tour, Sept. 13**
- **London, Oct. 11**
- **Peru, Oct. 24 - Nov. 3**
- **London, Dec. 6 to 7**
- **Buy discounted tickets to: AquaGolf, Aqualibi, Bastogne War Museum, Bois De Luc, Castle of Seneffe, Chateau Chimay, Crocodile Rouge, 14-18 Expo, Lasergames, Le Bois du Cazier, Lobbe-Thuin Tram Museum, Natura Park, Plugster, Pottery House, Site du Grand-Hornu, Thuin L'Abbaye d'Aulne, Thuin-Le Beffroi and Walibi.**



Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Express trip to London, July 19**
- **Dutch Day Trip to Alkmaar, Volendam and Zaanse Schans, Aug. 1**
- **Miami Dolphins vs. Oakland Raiders in London, Sept. 27 to 29**
- **Cowboys vs. Jaguars in London, Nov. 8 to 10**

SHAPE Travel Group

- **Alkmaar Cheese Market and Haarlem, Aug. 29**
- **Newbury and the Highclere Castle, Sept. 9**
- **Luxembourg Castles, Sept. 26**
- **Wine Tour by the Mosel River, Sept. 30**
- **A Day in Rotterdam, Oct. 7**
- **Best of Belgium, Oct. 14**
- **Amsterdam, Oct. 21**
- **Canterbury, Nov. 12**
- **Bastogne, Nov. 17**
- **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

BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

June 18

- **Heinsberg Hospital Tours** - Tours are held monthly through the New Parent Support Program. Meet in the lobby of Heinsberg Hospital at 6 p.m. No registration required.

June 18

- **PCS Brief for Junior Enlisted** -from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Army Community Service. The PCS brief through the ACS Financial Readiness Program provides guidance on financial preparation and planning for a permanent change of station, or PCS, move, including a PCS checklist, entitlements, importance of planning your move in advance, the real and hidden cost of relocation and useful websites. For more information or to register, contact ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437450/7500.

June 18

- **Pre-departure Briefing** -from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Army Community Service. If you will be undergoing a move as a result of permanent change of station, separation or retirement, learn valuable information to help in your transition. For information, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500.

June 18

- **Sponsor Training** - from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Army Community Service. Learn the responsibilities of being a good sponsor and obtain the local information that will make your job stress-free. For information, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500.

June 19

- **Jiu jitsu seminar at Brunssum** - Martial-arts legend Royce Gracie brings the Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Seminar to JFC Brunssum Gym. The children's session runs 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and the uniform is the gi. The adult session runs 7 to 9 p.m., and the uniform is the gi or if no gi is available a fatigue uniform (any camouflage uniform) is preferable. Gracie practices the art of Brazilian jiu-jitsu, a version of the Japanese martial art that made it to South America 100 years ago. Royce was instrumental in the formation of the Ultimate Fighting Championship, and he won UFC 1, 2 and 4. Read more about Gracie at <http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/mma/news/20130606/royce-gracie-metamoris-ufc/>. For more information on how to register, email jujitsuamericas@gmail.com.

June 19

- **Lunch and Learn: Anger - How to manage what makes you mad** - through the Family Advocacy/Victim Advocate from noon to 1 p.m. at the JFC Library in Brunssum.

June 19 to 20

- **Newcomers Tour/Host Nation Orientation** - at Army Community Service from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All newcomers must attend this to learn local customs, culture and some basics of the language. In the morning, listen to briefings at ACS and then go beyond the gate with the group to learn how to use the public transportation to visit points of interest in the community. For information, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

June 16 to Aug. 22

- **CYSS Summer Camp** for kindergarten to eighth grade offers parents a solution to the age-old summer statement, "I'm bored!" For details, call Parent Central Services at DSN 423-6039/6099 or civilian 065-446039/6099.

July 2

- **Summer social** - The Benelux Education Center will be hosting a social July 2 from noon to 2 p.m. in Building 212 (same as Army Finance) on SHAPE to highlight partner schools and the programs they offer.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

June 17

- **Tax seminar offered for US expats** - American expatriates living in Belgium can learn about evolving tax and related developments at a seminar at the Sheraton Brussels Hotel, Place Rogier 3, 1210 Brussels, June 17 from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Cost: €45. You may register for this seminar, which includes a discussion of what happens if the Internal Revenue Service disagrees, on the website http://www.amcham.be/?tabid=50&event_id=1003.

SHAPE FLEA MARKET / BROCANTE

MONTHS	DAYS
APR	27
MAY	25
JUN	29
JUL	27
AUG	24
SEP	28

08:00-12:00
(Open to SHAPE Cardholders from 06:00-08:00)

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CONTACT MORALE & WELFARE OPERATIONS at 423-4269 / 423-8340

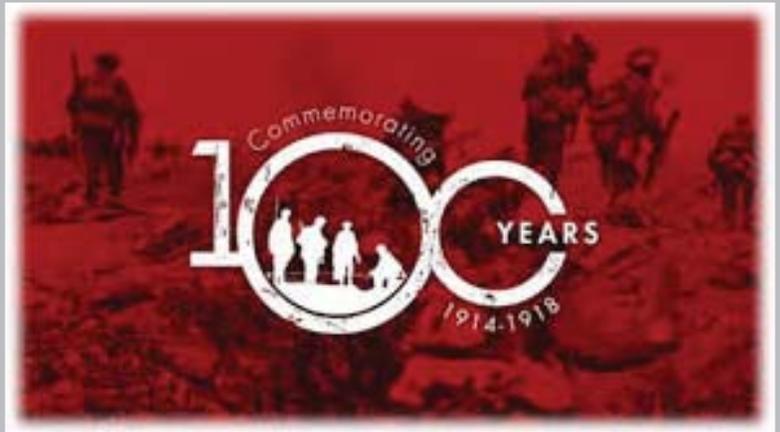
Community Roundup

Movie schedule at the 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/march-movie-schedule.aspx> for updates.

June 13	4 p.m.	Million Dollar Arm	PG	120 min
	7 p.m.	The Fault in our Stars	PG-13	125 min
	9:45 p.m.	The Edge of Tomorrow 3D	PG-13	113 min
June 14	4 p.m.	X-Men Days of Future Past 3D	PG-13	130 min
	7 p.m.	Heaven is for Real	PG	100 min
	9:30 p.m.	Transcendence	PG-13	119 min
June 15	3 p.m.	X-Men Days of Future Past 3D	PG-13	130 min
	6:30 p.m.	Godzilla	PG-13	123 min
June 18	4 p.m.	Million Dollar Arm	PG	120 min
	6:30 p.m.	Maleficent 3D	PG	97 min
June 20	4 p.m.	How to Train your Dragon 2 3D	PG	105 min
	6 p.m.	22 Jump Street	R	109 min
	8:30 p.m.	A Million Ways to Die in the West	R	100 min
June 21	No movie will be shown to prepare for the World War I Centenary Concert.			
June 22	7:30 p.m.	Free World War I Centenary Concert by the Bruocsella Symphony Orchestra and guests from the SHAPE Band and the SHAPE Choir		

Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English: Only the British or American movies listed as VO (Version Originale or Originele Versie) will be in English.
Plaza Art - Rue de Nimy 12, 7000 Mons (next to the main square). Check the schedule at: <http://plaza-art.be/index.cgi?p=Grille>.
ImagiBraine - Boulevard de France, 1420 Braine l'Alleud. Check the schedule and purchase your tickets at : <http://kinopolis.be/nl/bioscopen/kinopolis-imagibraine>.
Kinopolis - Boulevard du Centenaire 20, 1020 Bruxelles. Check the schedule at <http://kinopolis.be/fr/cinemas/kinopolis-bruxelles>.



Movie schedule at the JFC HQ Alliance Theater

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

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June 20	7 p.m.	X-Men Days of Future Past	PG-13	130 min
June 21	4 p.m.	How to Train your Dragon 2	PG	105 min
	7 p.m.	22 Jump Street	R	109 min
June 27	7 p.m.	Jersey Boys	R	134 min
June 28	4 p.m.	Transformers: Age of Extinction	PG-13	157 min
	7 p.m.	Think like a Man Too	PG-13	106 min