

THE GAZETTE

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

Benelux news briefs

Website experiences technical difficulties

The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux website at <http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil> may be experiencing technical problems. The Benelux web team is working with U.S. Army Europe to resolve the issue.

Trenches to Foxholes

Houmont, a village of Saint-Ode, will rename its town square and unveil two plaques to honor its World War II liberators March 21.

The square will bear the name "Place du 194th Glider Infantry Regiment." Five U.S. World War II veterans of the 17th Airborne Division will attend the ceremony with approximately 50 family members. Check next issue for more information.

CAC Office closes

The USAG Benelux-Brussels Common Access Card, or CAC, Office will be closed March 18 and 25 as well as April 1 for training at SHAPE.

During closures, call SHAPE at DSN 366-6292/6291 or civilian 065-446293/6291 to schedule Brussels appointments.



Two Benelux Soldiers win IMCOM-E Best Warrior Competition

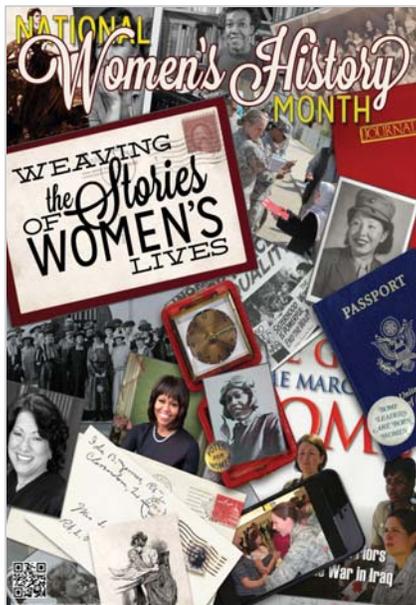
Spc. Shane Sital, assigned to U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, familiarizes himself with an M-240 machine gun during Installation Management Command-Europe's Best Warrior Competition at the Grafenwoehr Training Area in Germany Monday, March 9, 2015. Sital and Staff Sgt. Jacob Kasarda, also from the Benelux, beat out 10 other top-notch competitors. (U.S. Army photo by Markus Rauchenberger) **See page 3.**

3 Table of Contents

- News.....1-7
- Community Briefs.....8
- Events & Happenings....9-11
- Community Roundup...12-13

**NATO AWACS
takes to skies from
Chièvres Air Base**

A NATO E-3A Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) LX-N 90443 climbs in to the air after performing a touch-and-go landing under supervision of the 424th Air Base Squadron Control Tower on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium, Friday, March 6, 2015. The E-3A component — NATO's first integrated, multinational flying unit — is responsible for providing airborne surveillance, command, control and communication to NATO commanders around the globe. (U.S. Army photo by Pierre-Etienne Courtejoie/Training Support Center Benelux)



**Celebrate
Women's History Month**
at USAG Benelux auditorium
in Building 30 on Caserne Daumerie in Chièvres

March 20
from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Guest speaker:
Cynthia S. Breedlove

Open to the public.
Cake-cutting at end of ceremony.

THE GAZETTE

To subscribe, email usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil.

Col. Marty Vannatter
USAG Benelux
Commander

Editor
Andrea Wales

Marie-Lise Baneton
USAG Benelux
Public Affairs Officer

Staff Writers
Donovan Abrassart
Rita Hoefnagels
Keith Houin
Cis Spook

The Gazette is an unofficial publication published under the provisions of AR 360-1 for members of the Department of Defense. Contents of *The Gazette* are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government, Department of the Army or the USAG Benelux. *The Gazette* is a free weekly publication distributed via email every Thursday, except when that day is an American, Belgian or Dutch Holiday, then *The Gazette* is published on Friday. The editorial content of this publication is prepared, edited, provided, approved and published by the USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office, Unit 21419, APO AE 09708. Telephone (0032) 068-275419/DSN 361-5419. Everything advertised in this publication will be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser, user or patron. If a violation or rejection of this equal opportunity policy by an advertiser is confirmed, the publisher will refuse to print advertising from that source until the violation is corrected. The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement of the products or services advertised by the U.S. Army. Submit content or story ideas to usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil by Monday at 3 p.m.

IMCOM-Europe names its Best Warriors

by Ray Johnson

USAG Bavaria Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux swept the 2015 Installation Management Command-Europe Best Warrior Competition this week in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Staff Sgt. Jacob Kasarda and Spc. Shane Sital, two military policemen based in Schinnen, the Netherlands, were named the region's Best Warrior Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year during a March 12 ceremony at USAG Bavaria, which hosted the competition.

"I cannot help but reflect on how all of you represent the newest generation of America's most dedicated sons and daughters," Michael Formica, director of IMCOM-Europe, said, while addressing all 12 competitors prior to the announcement. "Much has been asked of you, but selfless service is a responsibility you have taken on enthusiastically."

Formica said the Soldiers tried not only to excel, but to inspire. They know that leading by example isn't just the right thing to do; it's essential for a strong Army family.

"The Best Warrior Competition brings together those for whom good enough is never enough," he said.

During the four-day competition, a dozen Soldiers from garrisons located in the Netherlands, Germany and Italy pushed themselves physically and mentally during a dozen tasks, including: physical fitness,



USAG Benelux-Schinnen's Spc. Shane Sital practices his sight picture before zeroing his rifle during IMCOM-E's Best Warrior Competition in Grafenwoehr, Germany, Monday, March 9, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Markus Rauchenberger)

marksmanship, land navigation, essay writing and combatives. They also completed a 12-mile foot march – weighed down with a 35-pound rucksack and 25 pounds of combat gear – in the Grafenwoehr Training Area. They also met a board of command sergeants major.

"I came in knowing this would be hard," said Sital, 21, a native of Freeport, New York. "However, after the first day, I knew I had to pick up my intensity, realizing how tough my fellow competitors, and the event itself, really are."

His fellow MP from the Benelux agreed.

"Going up against the guys here every day tells me what the competition will be like at the next stage," said Kasarda, 30, from Tampa, Florida. "It helps having Shane there alongside me as we have been using a team mentality to get us where we are so far."

Sital and Kasarda will now represent the region during IMCOM's worldwide Best Warrior Competition at Camp Bullis, Texas, next month. Winners from there will then participate at the Army level.

While the two Benelux MPs walked away with overall top honors, USAG Bavaria Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Dillingham said he was "amazed at every Soldier who competed."

He said Gen. Ray Odierno, chief of staff of the Army, wants leaders to push their Soldiers to perform at the highest level.

"This and other Best Warrior events serve as great motivators for our troops to excel. This competition just scratched the surface of what garrison Soldiers in Army Europe are capable of," Dillingham said. "In fact, the training, preparation and competing that Sital and Kasarda experienced here will set them up for success at the next level."

The other 10 competitors were:

- USAG Ansbach: Staff Sgt. Lionell Red Cloud and Spc. Jeromy Sisk
- USAG Bavaria: Spc. Michael Rhine
- USAG Rheinland-Pfalz: Staff Sgt. Brian Everhart and Spc. Shanon Lautenschlager
- USAG Stuttgart: Staff Sgt. Brandon Beene and Spc. Nelson Venable
- USAG Vicenza Staff Sgt. Apollo Stoewer
- USAG Wiesbaden: Staff Sgt. James Bagby and Pfc. Chase Rapp.



Michael Formica, director of Installation Management Command-Europe, and his top enlisted adviser, Command Sgt. Maj. Romeo Montez III, flank two Benelux Soldiers who won the IMCOM-E Best Warrior Competition Thursday, March 12, 2015: Staff Sgt. Jacob Kasarda and Spc. Shane Sital of USAG Benelux-Schinnen.

Staff Sgt. Jacob Kasarda of USAG Benelux-Schinnen navigates an obstacle course at IMCOM-E's Best Warrior Competition in Grafenwoehr, Germany.



Experiencing marital woes? What to know before you cut 'the tie that binds'

by Capt. Joshua Goetting

Northern Law Center

Part I of a two-part series. This article isn't a substitute for consulting an attorney and doesn't constitute legal advice.

Divorce is the legal process that terminates a marriage and allows the parties to remarry while legal separation allows a married couple to begin to live separate lives. While these processes are relatively straightforward, both parties must realize that they will bring significant changes to their individual lives. The following information, while not legal advice, can help to clarify how divorce and separation work in the military.

Separation agreements

A separation agreement is a contract between the two parties that addresses such matters as property division, allocation of debts, spousal support, child custody and child support.

A separation agreement can simplify and speed up the process by resolving issues before filing for divorce. In fact, some states require a separation agreement before a divorce can be filed.

The separation agreement can divide all kinds of property, including real estate, such as a house or condominium; tangible personal property, such as cars, jewelry, and furniture; and intangible property, such as bank accounts, individual retirement accounts, pensions and insurance. You may also set out how you will file tax returns in your separation agreement. Generally, you and your spouse are free to divide your property as you wish in your separation agreement, subject to potential restrictions imposed by state law.

You should, however, consider how a judge might divide your property if you and your spouse cannot reach an

amicable agreement. Military-retirement income is divisible in a separation agreement or divorce decree, subject to relevant provisions of federal and state law.

A separation agreement is, in effect, a contract between the two parties to the marriage and has no effect on third parties. It isn't valid unless both parties sign the contract. If your spouse fails to pay a joint debt for which he or she is responsible under the separation agreement, the creditor may still demand payment from you, as the separation agreement isn't binding on the creditor.

If you and your spouse reconcile or cohabitate after the separation agreement is signed, the validity of the separation agreement may be void, and a court may refuse to honor it.

Role of the military

Each branch of service treats a service member's support obligation to his or her family in the event of separation differently. For Soldiers, in the absence of a valid court order or a written agreement, such as a separation agreement, that states a specific amount of spousal support or maintenance, a civilian spouse is generally entitled to financial support from a military spouse, although this amount varies greatly depending on each specific situation.

If you are dual military, the rules can become complicated, and you should visit the legal assistance office to determine if you are entitled to any support from your spouse. An attorney at Northern Law Center can help you ascertain how much support you should expect or how much you will have to pay. Separation and divorce may change your pay entitlements regardless of whether you

have children so be sure to contact your servicing finance office and notify your chain of command immediately upon any change in family situation.

A separation agreement isn't required for an early return of dependents, or ERD, although it is highly advisable. Often a letter from a professional — such as a lawyer, chaplain or marriage counselor — will suffice to confirm with your command that you are having marital difficulties. However, granting an ERD is at the discretion of the command.

To state the obvious, one remains married until the divorce is finalized by judicial decree. Even after a separation agreement has been signed, service members remain subject to provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice that prohibit adultery. Adultery can also have adverse consequences on the financial settlement in your divorce decree, depending on the state where the divorce proceedings take place.

Child custody

Unlike property division and alimony, any agreement between you and your spouse regarding the custody and support of your children is subject to review by the court using the "best interest of the child" standard. This often becomes an issue when the custodial parent agrees to waive child support in exchange for a more advantageous provision in a separation agreement. Most courts won't find that waiving child support from the non-custodial parent is in the best interest of a child, even if agreed upon between the parents.

If you have questions, call Northern Law Center at DSN 423-4868 or civilian 065-444868 to make an appointment.



KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

The Official Website of the American Forces Network Benelux

benelux.afneurope.net

Brussels: 101.7 FM
 Chièvres: 107.9 FM
 SHAPE: 106.5 FM,
 104.2 FM

Cub Scout Pack 100's Pinewood Derby fosters fast-paced race-car competition

by Jay Woolston

Pack 100 committee chair

The heat was on during Pack 100's Pinewood Derby held at AFNORTH International School in Brunssum, the Netherlands, March 7. Thirty-one Cubs Scouts entered their Pinewood Derby cars to determine the Cub Scout car that would be the fastest and which cars would be voted Most Original, Best-Looking and "Cubbiest" (the car that most looks like a Cub Scout built it).

Pinewood Derby cars are built using official kits that include a small block of pine, axles and wheels.

After a rousing opening ceremony culminating with "Gentlemen, start your engines," the competition began. The racing was fierce with each car racing down the 36-foot track at least three times in each lane against different opponents.

The spectators were captivated by the close results with everyone loudly chanting for their favorite Scout car. Many

races were so close — only three milliseconds differential between cars — that the finish-line place recorder was needed to determine the winner.

As the morning progressed, cars were eventually eliminated based on accumulating points during each race. After 11 heats of racing, the overall Pack 100 Pinewood Derby speed winner was Bear Scout Abe Tellez, second place went to Tiger Scout Jay Lee, and in third place was Webelos Scout Slate Branson.

The Cub Scouts voted Wolf Scout Isaac Alley's car "Most Original."

"Best Looking" car went to Webelos Scout Andrew Omstead.

Webelos Scouts Nick Woolston and Ronnie Macauley tied for the "Cubbiest" car award.

The pack will send its top three speed finishers to the Charlemagne District Pinewood Derby in the near future.



Pack 100 Cub Scouts watch their cars racing at Pack 100's Pinewood Derby at AFNORTH International School Saturday, March 7, 2015.

Wolf Scout Alki Hansen votes for Best-Looking Car during Pack 100's Pinewood Derby at AFNORTH International School Saturday, March 7, 2015, while Scouts Jacob Joines, Matthew Sell, Vincent Esposito and David Carlson look on.



At left, Scout Thomas Alley mans the Pinewood Derby finish line computer at Pack 100's Pinewood Derby at AFNORTH International School Saturday, March 7, 2015, while Pack 100 Scouts watch the racing action. • (Above left) Pack 100's Pinewood Derby first-place finisher Bear Scout Abe Tellez receives his medal from Cubmaster Brian Kendrick at AFNORTH International School Saturday, March 7, 2015. (Photos by Maj. Merrill Alley)



Comedy act hits the stage

Members of Four Day Weekend perform at the 3 Star in the USAG Benelux-Brussels compound Monday, March 2, 2015, during an event presented by the Department of Defense's Armed Forces Entertainment. The comedy team does an improvisational act, based on audience suggestions. About 70 people attended the free improv show. (U.S. Army photo by David Coldwell)

St. Paddy's Day: Designate before you celebrate

St. Patrick's Day has become a popular night out to celebrate with friends, family and co-workers. Impaired driving usually happens after drinking.

Due to the large number of impaired drivers, that night out has also become

very dangerous, according to Angela Wainwright of the USAG Benelux Army Substance Abuse Program, or ASAP.

During St. Paddy's Day, remember to keep safety in mind during your celebrations, she said. Choose not to drive im-

paired and encourage others to do the same. Before celebrating St. Patrick's Day this year, decide whether you'll drink or you'll drive. You can't do both.

"A sober driver will be your luckiest charm this St. Patrick's Day," she said.

Enjoy St. Patrick's Day at concert, 5k walk/runs

Schinnen

• **St. Patrick's Day 5K Run/Walk** - You're invited to get your St. Paddy's Day off to a great start by walking/running around the perimeter of USAG Benelux-Schinnen March 17 at 9 a.m. For more information, contact the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7561 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437561.

• **Slant (Rock) AFE Show and St. Patrick's Day Party** - This Russian-Bengali L.A.-based band rocks the house with its melodic, yet edgy, sound at a free rock concert with kilt contest at the Schinnen Community Activities Center March 19 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Opening for Slant will be STROCIAL. Concert-goers are encouraged to wear green. Some appetizers will be free while others will be available for purchase. Post-party, move to Memories Lane Lounge for karaoke. Contact DSN 360-7370 or civilian +31 (0) 46-437370.

SHAPE/Chièvres

• **St. Patrick's Day 5K Run/Walk** - Wear green, gather at the Chièvres Fitness Center and celebrate spring in a healthy way March 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. The 5K fun run/walk is open to all ages, and strollers are welcome. No pets. Contact DSN 361-5643 or civilian 06827-5643.

• **Shamrock Shuffle** - SHAPE American High School hosts a St. Patrick's Day 5k run/walk and Kids Fun Run as well as a "Best-dressed for St. Paddy's Day" contest March 17. Kids Fun Run starts at 4:45 p.m., and the 5k starts at 5:15 p.m. Both start at the track. All proceeds from the race will go toward making prom affordable for SHAPE Spartans. Costumes encouraged. Race T-shirts available for the first 100 people to pre-register. Register at the Rendezvous on race day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For details, call the school's new phone number at DSN 366-6930 or civilian 065-326930.

Trenches to Foxholes

Next week in World War history (March 15 to 21)

World War I

1915

March 18 - British and French forces launch an ill-fated naval attack on Turkish forces in the Dardanelles, the narrow, strategically vital strait in northwestern Turkey separating Europe from Asia.

As the only waterway between the Black Sea in the east and the Mediterranean Sea in the west, the Dardanelles was a much-contested area from the beginning of the First World War. The stakes for both sides were high: British control over the strait would mean a direct line to the Russian navy in the Black Sea, enabling the supply of munitions to Russian forces in the east and facilitating cooperation between the two allies.

March 20 - Just two days after its navy suffered a demoralizing defeat against Turkish forces at the Dardanelles, the British government signs a secret agreement with Russia regarding the hypothetical post-World War I division of the former Ottoman Empire.

1916

March 16 - Admiral Alfred von Tirpitz, the man largely responsible for the buildup of the German navy in the years before World War I and the aggressive naval strategy pursued by Germany during the first two years of the war, tenders his resignation to Kaiser Wilhelm II, who – somewhat to Tirpitz's surprise – accepts it.

March 18 - The Russians oblige a French request to wage an offensive on the Eastern Front to divert German resources from Verdun. Although the Russians greatly outnumber the Germans in the northern sector of the Eastern Front, their poorly coordinated offensive around Vilna and at Lake Naroch is swiftly defeated by the Germans with 70,000 Russian casualties.

1917

March 15 - Czar Nicholas II, ruler of Russia since 1894, is forced to abdicate the throne after strikes and general revolts break out in Petrograd (now St. Petersburg).

March 17 - In the midst of Allied plans for a major spring offensive on the Western Front, the French government suffers a series of crises in its leadership, including the forced resignation of Prime Minister Aristide Briand.

1918

March 21 - Near the Somme River in France, the German army launches its first major offensive on the Western Front in two years. German armies occupied virtually all of Belgium and much of northern France. With Romania, Russia and Serbia out of the war by the end of 1917, conflict in the east was drawing to a close, leaving the Central Powers free to focus on combating the British and French in the west. Russia's exit allowed Germany to shift no fewer than 44 divisions of men to the Western Front.

German commander Erich Ludendorff sees this as a crucial opportunity to launch a new offensive. He hopes to strike a decisive blow and convince the Allies to negotiate for peace before fresh troops from the United States can arrive.

World War II

1939

March 15 - The forces of Adolf Hitler, who was known as der Führer ("the leader"), invade and occupy Czechoslovakia.

1940

March 17 - Dr. Fritz Todt, an engineer and master road-builder, is appointed Minister for Weapons and Munitions, ushering in a new era in the efficient use of German industry and forced labor.

A civil engineer with a doctorate from the School for Advanced Technical Studies in Munich, Todt caught the attention of Adolf Hitler in 1932 as Todt spoke out about the importance of building new roads to jumpstart a moribund German economy. Once Hitler came to power, Hitler placed Todt in charge of a massive road-building project that remains remarkable today: the Autobahn, Germany's superhighway.

1941

March 15 - Belgian politicians form the cross-party resistance organization Independence Front at Liège.

March 16 - German battlecruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau attack an Allied convoy 950 miles east of Nova Scotia, Canada, between 4:28 a.m. and 3:50 p.m, sinking or capturing 10 ships. Danish ship Chilean Reefer sends distress signals and returns fire with her deck gun, and is sunk by Gneisenau's 11-inch shells, killing nine. British battleship HMS Rodney receives the distress signals, but arrives after the German ships had already departed the area.

1942

March 18 - The War Relocation Authority is created to "Take all people of Japanese descent into custody, surround them with troops, prevent them from buying land, and return them to their former homes at the close of the war."

Anger toward and fear of Japanese-Americans began in Hawaii shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor; everyone of Japanese ancestry, young and old, prosperous and poor, was suspected of espionage.

1943

March 20 - The British Eighth Army breaks through the German Mareth Line in Tunisia.

1944

March 19 - German troops occupy Hungary. Nazi SS Lt. Col. Adolf Eichmann arrives in Hungary to begin mass deportation of the 750,000 Hungarian Jews who, thus far, had been largely unmolested.

1945

March 16 - The west Pacific volcanic island of Iwo Jima is declared secured by the U.S. military after months of fiercely fighting its Japanese defenders.

March 19 - The commander of the German Home Army, Gen. Friedrich Fromm, is shot by a firing squad for his part in the July 1944 plot to assassinate the Führer despite the fact that Fromm's participation was half-hearted.

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

community briefs - community briefs - community briefs

Strengthen marriage at Strong Bonds

The USAG Benelux Religious Support Office will be holding a Couples Strong Bonds retreat at a hotel in Gent, Belgium, March 20 to 22. Registration deadline is March 15.

Strong Bonds is a marriage-enrichment or relationship-enrichment program funded by the U.S. Army Office of the Chief of Chaplains to nurture/strengthen relationships.

The retreat targets Army married couples and will follow a curriculum called "Lasting Intimacy through Nurturing Knowledge & Skills," or "LINKS," by clinical psychologist Dr. John Van Epp, who wrote the best-seller "How to Avoid Falling in Love With a Jerk."

Sign up by calling DSN 423-6037 or civilian 065-446037.

Jobs open at AFCU

Andrews Federal Credit Union is looking for a full-time (40 hours) teller for its Chièvres Branch. A part-time position at its Brussels Branch is also open. For more information and to apply, visit the AFCU website at <https://www.andrewsfcu.org>.

Solar eclipse darkens Europe soon

A total eclipse of the sun will occur March 20, according to <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse.html>.

The semi-circular path of the total solar eclipse travels from south of Greenland to the North Pole with the greatest eclipse being visible between Iceland and southern Norway, according to the NASA website. Areas outside this path will experience partial eclipse. In the Benelux and nearby areas of Germany, the sun will be obscured about 77 to 80 percent.

In Belgium, the partial eclipse will commence at about 8:27 a.m. and end at 10:46 a.m. with maximum eclipse at 9:35 a.m. In the Netherlands, the partial eclipse will commence at about 8:30 a.m. and end at 10:48 a.m. with maximum eclipse at 9:37 a.m. In nearby areas in Germany, the partial eclipse will commence at about 8:32 a.m. and end at 10:51 a.m. with maximum eclipse at 9:41 a.m.

View an animation of where and when partial eclipse in Europe will be visible at <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEgoogle/SEgoogle2001/SE2015Mar20Tgoogle.html>.

Viewing a partial eclipse with the naked eye can damage your vision and even blind you. If you wish to view the eclipse, be sure to wear eye protection or construct a pin-hole eclipse viewer. Learn more at <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEhelp/safety.html>.

Express yourself at Arts & Crafts

Sign up for creative classes at SHAPE Arts & Crafts in Building 307 or call DSN 423-6049 or civilian 065-446049.

Classes in cake-decorating, flower-arranging, jewelry-making, painting, photography and pottery are available.

CYSS offers Easter Break trips

Registration is now open for SHAPE Youth Centre's two Easter Break trips, Durbuy April 8 and Dinant April 15.

Open to all CYSS-registered youth in eighth through 12th grades. (CYSS registration is free.) Space is limited.

Get details at DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104.

Register by calling DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.

Play soccer with CYSS Youth Sports

SHAPE CYSS has two soccer programs. CYSS free annual registration and health assessment (must remain valid throughout the session) are required prior to enrollment.

Call DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097.

- Registration for CYSS Youth Sports soccer runs through March 13 for the April to June season.

Ages (must be of age by June 15):

- Peewee League co-ed, 6 to 7;
- Minor League co-ed, 8 to 9;
- Bantam League co-ed, 10 to 12; and
- Junior team co-ed, 13 to 14.

Cost: \$40.

- Registration for CYSS Smart Start soccer for boys and girls, ages 4 to 5 (must be of age by June 15), runs through March 31 for the April to June season. Cost: \$20.

Brunssum holds training for CYSS baseball/softball support

- A Baseball/Softball Coaches Clinic will be held on JFC Brunssum in Building H602 (CYSS) March 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. It is designed for those interested in volunteering or become a coach for CYSS baseball or softball. NAYS Coaches Training is a mandatory requirement to coach CYSS Sports & Fitness Programs. In addition you will receive training in child-abuse identification and intervention as well as cardiopulmonary-resuscitation, which are also mandatory for all volunteers. Call the CYSS Sports & Fitness Office at DSN 364-4191/4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264191/4195.

- JFC Brunssum CYSS hosts this free Baseball/Softball Officials and Scorekeepers Certification Class March 21 in Building (H 602) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is designed for anyone who wants to learn more about baseball/softball and/or those who are pursuing a paid contracting or volunteer position as an official or scorekeeper for CYS Services. Signup deadline is March 19. Reserve your spot by contacting the CYSS Sports & Fitness office at DSN 364-4191/4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264191/4195.

CYSS offers baseball

SHAPE offers two baseball programs. The CYSS free annual registration and health assessment (must remain valid throughout the session) are required prior to enrollment.

Volunteer coaches are needed.

Call DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097.

- SHAPE CYSS baseball registration will be open through March 20 for the April to June season.

Ages (must be of age by June 15):

- Tee-ball League co-ed, 6 to 7;
- Minor League co-ed, 8 to 9;
- Major League co-ed, 10 to 12; and
- Junior team co-ed, 13 to 15.

Cost: \$45.

- Registration for SHAPE CYSS developmental baseball runs through March 31 for the May to June season. Open to boys and girls who are 4 and 5. Cost: \$20.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

March 12 to 14

- **Artisanart in Laeken** at Palace 10 of Brussels Expo, located at Belgiëplein 1, is an art fair with more than 100 participants displaying everything from furniture to jewelry and leather to paintings. Admission: €11; children, ages 6 to 12, €7. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

March 13

- **The Hall of Flavors in Soignies** - Local product market on Place Van Zeeland from 6 to 10 p.m.

March 14

- **Crossage in Isières** - Starts in Place d'Isières from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Participation fee: €5.
- **Flea market in Basècles** on Place de Basècles from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. (45 booths)

March 14 to 15

- **Animal fair in Colfontaine** - At the Espace Magnum on Avenue Docteur Schweitzer from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €3. For more information, visit <http://www.salon-animaland.be>.
- **Bike fair in Mons** - At the Lotto-Expo on Avenue Thomas Edison 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. More than 30 models to be tried out on site. Activities all day long for adults and younger ones. Admission: €10, children under 12, free. Get more information at <http://www.festivaldelamoto.com>.

March 14 to 16

- **Carnaval of the Laetare in Stavelot** - The Blancs Moussis festivities and parade. A particularly joyful experience is the tossing of confetti by the ton at virtually anything that moves; motorized cannons shoot confetti at the crowd and with skillful aim also target second floor flats along the parade route. For more information, visit <http://www.laetare-stavelot.be/en>.

March 15

- **Indoor flea market in Jemappes** - On Avenue Maréchal Foch 873 from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m. (200 booths).
- **Indoor flea market in Ath** in Hall du CEVA at Chemin des Primevères 1 in the industrial area from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (200 booths).
- **Mountain bike ride in Angleur** for 12, 25, 35, & 50 km. Departs from Rue du Sart-Tilmant 341 from 8 a.m. to noon. Admission: €5. Free under 12
- **Volksmarch in Braine-Le-Comte** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departs from Rue des Postes 101 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Pipaix** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs from the square from 9 am. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Presles** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs from the Place communale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Seneffe** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs from Rue du Miroir from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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

Through March 15

- **HISWA Amsterdam Boat Show in Amsterdam** will be held at RAI on Europaplein. Open March 12 to 13 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and March 14 to 15 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €15; youth, 16 years and under, free.
- **Indoor Brabant in Den Bosch** will be held in Brabanthallen. Horses and equestrian sports will be the center of attention with exhibitions, demonstrations, competition, shows and more. Visit <http://www.indoorbrabant.com>.

March 13 to 15

- **Spring Fair/Market in Emsdetten, Germany**, will be held throughout the center of town. It has all kinds of entertainment, fashion shows, an air show, food and lots of vendors. Open March 13 from 2:30 to 6 p.m. and March 14 to 15 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Asian/Oriental Market in Zwolle** will be held in IJsselhallen. Pasar Malam Bali is an indoor market. Open March 13 from 1 to 11:30 p.m.; March 14 from noon to 11 p.m. and March 15 from noon to 8 p.m. Admission: €8.50; children €2.

March 13 to 22

- **Art & Antique Fair "TEFAF" in Maastricht** will be held at MECC. TEFAF is the world's largest and most exclusive fair of its kind. Open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; March 21 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €55 (includes catalogue); children, ages 12 to 18, €20. For more details, visit <http://www.tefaf.com>.

March 14 to 15

- **Easter Market in Bad Oeynhausen, Germany**, will be held in the garden of Museumshof on Schützenstrasse. Open March 14 from 1 to 5 p.m. and March 15 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Easter Market in Kleve, Germany**, will be held at Landwirtschaftszentrum Haus Riswick. This annual market is a must when you are looking for traditional Easter products, art and culture. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

March 14 to 15 continued

- **Gothic & Fantasy Fair in Rijswijk** is a fantasy, gothic and medieval event, held at Volmerlaan 2. It has vendor booths, entertainment, live music and demonstrations. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €10; children, 7 to 12, €3.
- **Spring fair in Velbert, Germany**, will be held in the rooms and courtyard of Castle Hardenberg. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €2.

Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.



March 15 continued

- **Volksmarch in Ganshoren** for 5, 10 20 km. Departs from Rue A. De Cock 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

March 21 to 23 and 27 to 29

- **Spring Fair in Charleroi** - At Charleroi Expo on Avenue de l'Europe 21b from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.. Admission: €7. Discount tickets and more information at <http://www.salonprintemps.be>.



March 22

- **Dead Man's Ridge Walk in Houmont (Ste Ode)** - Honoring the 17th Airborne Division, the event starts at 9 a.m. with a ceremony in the presence of 17th AD veterans of World War II. Immediately following the ceremony is the walk for 4 or 10 miles. Participants can register by paying €5 per person above 12 years. For additional information about registration, contact 17thairbornewalk@gmail.com.



Through March 16

- **Carnaval** - Festivities are still going on in Belgium. For a list of events, visit the Carnaval page at <http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/Carnaval2015.html>.

Through May 22



- **Offscreen Festival in Brussels** - Offscreen is an annual, non-competitive festival for lovers of offbeat cinema. It showcases independent, cult, previously unseen, and unconventional films in a wide array of genres and at a variety of venues. The festival takes place at different locations. Find more information at <http://www.offscreen.be/en>.

Through May 25

- **Modern-dance classes in Chièvres** - At the cultural center on Rue de l'Eglise in Huissignies. Classes are Mondays from 5 to 6 p.m., Fridays from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. Classes are open to children, ages 2 to 12. Cost: €45 per quarter.

Through the end of the year

- **Mons is 2015 European Capital of Culture** - Many events will take place though the year in Mons and its partner cities. Find the program and more information at <http://www.mons2015.eu/en>.



March 14 to 22

- **Sfeer in Gent, Belgium**, will be held at Flanders Expo on Maaltekouter 1. This fair focuses on home, garden and swimming pool. Open March 15 to 16 and 21 to 22 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; March 14 and 20 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Admission: €10; children 11 and under, free.

March 15

- **Spanish Spring Fair/Market in De Bilt** will be held at HF Witte Centrum at H. Dunantplein 4. Enjoy flamenco dancers, music, food and all kinds of Spanish products. Open from noon to 6:30 p.m.
- **Model Train Fair in Hoensbroek** at Prinsenstraat 12 is designed for train enthusiasts. Open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: €2.50; children, ages 11 and under, free.
- **German/Dutch cloth-and-fabric market in Remagen, Germany**, will be held in the center of town. This annual market is combined with a spring market. While in Remagen, consider visiting the remains of the famous bridge and the town museum.

March 18

- **Saint Jozef Year Market in Maaseik, Belgium**, will be held in the city center on Market Square of. Open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 19

- **St. Joep/St. Joseph Year Market in Sittard** will be located throughout the center in the town. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Through April 4

- **Easter Market in Essen, Germany**, will be held in the city center and on Kettwiger Strasse. This large market will have art, decorations, traditional Easter pastries and more Easter delicacies. Open Monday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. Closed April 3.

Through May 10

- **Frick Collection in The Hague** can be experienced in Mauritshuis at Korte Vijverberg 8.



April 4

- **Kennedy Mars in Sittard** is a 50-mile/80-km annual volksmarch sparked by President John F. Kennedy's 1963 speech, which postulated that, as a result of modern affluent society, "nobody can walk 50 miles within 20 hours anymore." Visit <http://www.kennedymars.org>. Register now.

Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE

For information on the trip below,

call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

Maastricht, Dutch Fruit Pie-Baking Workshop (optional), March 21 - Join the group on a visit to Maastricht, the oldest town in Holland, the Netherlands. Touching Belgium on its west and just a few miles from Germany to the east, Maastricht is a town rich in history and culture, cafés and restaurants. Enjoy a little refreshment at a café in one of the beautiful squares and watch the people go by, or visit the city's old-town fortifications. If you like, you can even try your hand at making a Dutch fruit pie in an old water mill dating back to the 11th century (optional). Cost: Adult € 55; with pie-baking, €90.



Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trip below,

call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031-(0)46-4437561.

Bruges Day Trip, March 21 - Experience "The Venice of the North" with its gently winding canals, cobblestone streets and quaint buildings. The group will take a two-hour walking tour of Bruges/Brugge, Belgium, "the lace capital of the world," conducted by a professional guide during which you will see the Belfort (bell tower) that dominates the picturesque urban landscape. Assigned seating on "first come and pay" basis. Cost: \$55.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below,
call civilian 0470-876369.

Trier City and Mosel Winery, April 15 - Travel to Trier, one of Germany's oldest cities (more than 2,000 years old). Visit this nearby German historical treasure and top off your trip with a visit to a local winery. Celtic and Roman influences have left their marks on Trier monuments that are today UNESCO World Heritage sites. The famous Porta Nigra, Imperial Baths, Roman Bridge and Amphitheater are among them. The group will start the day with a guided, English-language tour of the city. After the tour, explore the sites further, shop and/or eat a German lunch. Following lunch, it's only a short bus ride to the hills of Oewig just outside town, and you'll see the vineyards en route as the bus heads to Weingut Deutschherrenhof for a tour of the cellars and a wine-tasting. You will hear about the four Mosel-region wines that can be sampled and purchased. Cost: €45.

Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

- **Château de Versailles, March 28**
- **Movie Park Germany, April 4**
- **Croatia with Venice and Slovenia, April 6 to 15 (10 days' round-trip)**
- **Giverny, France: Impressionist painter Claude Monet's Home and Gardens, April 25**
- **Polish Pottery and Czech Crystal Shopping Trip, May 1 to 4**
- **Berlin City Tour, May 14 to 17**
- **Somme Battlefield and Peronne Museum, June 20**
- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, Belgium, Aug. 8**
- **Medieval Dinner in Bruges, Aug. 22**



Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Family Day: Trout Fishing, April 11**
- **Keukenhof Gardens, April 25**



- **D-Day landing beaches, memorials and battle monuments in Normandy, France, July 17 to 20 (Register by May 15.)**

SHAPE Travel Group

- **Polish Pottery and Giethoorn, April 24**
- **Giverny, France (Impressionist painter Claude Monet's home and gardens), May 7**
- **London and Chelsea Flower Show, May 21**
- **Amiens and Les Hortillonages (Floating Gardens), June 2**
- **Provins Medieval Festival, June 13**
- **Paris, June 18**
- **Hampton Court Palace and Gardens, June 30**

Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

March 13

- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community Fridays from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Recreation Night features games, cards, music and movies. Snacks and beverages available for purchase. For more information, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

March 17

- **View the renovated locker rooms** - The Brussels Fitness Center locker rooms will hold a "grand reopening" at noon. Customers and potential customers are invited for cake and beverages.

March 19

- **Résumé Writing Workshop** - Learn to present your knowledge, skills and abilities so your résumé stands out at this seminar in the Brussels Army Community Service conference room in Building 4 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Topics include — Four Key Principles for Developing Your Résumé; Types of Résumés: How to Choose the Best Approach; Parts of the Résumé: What Information to Include, What to Leave out and How to Describe Your Experience Effectively; and Completing the Package: Formatting and Submitting Your Résumé. Register by calling DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.
- **Family Dinner at 3 Star** - Family Dinner is normally offered Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy bratwurst with sauerkraut or hamburger. Make your (required) reservation at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Cost: Adults \$8, children 12 and under, \$4.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

March 13

- **AER Campaign Kick-off Event** - Help kick off the Army Emergency Relief campaign at the USAG Benelux-Schinnen Bowling Center and Pin Point Café from noon to 4 p.m. The bowl-a-thon, free bowling and free light lunch are designed to raise awareness about AER emergency assistance and programs for Army families as well as the 2015 annual campaign. Call DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437450/7500.

March 14

- **Cheer/dance clinic with Seattle Sea Gals** - Get cheer-and-dance instruction from the Seattle Sea Gals, the Seattle Sea Hawks cheer squad, at AFNORTH Gym No. 1 from 4 to 5 p.m. This free event is open to all military/NATO ID card-holders.

March 16

- **Seattle Sea Gals dance show** - Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation presents an "Upbeat and Interactive Dance Show" by the Seattle Sea Gals at the JFC HQ Alliance Theater in Building 405. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. Showtime is 7 p.m.

March 17

- **St. Patrick's Day 5K Run/Walk** - For details on St. Paddy's Day events, see page 6.
- **ORCAS Swim Team** - The two week try-outs for competitive Technique Swim Season begins in the JFC Brunssum Pool at 6:45 p.m. Swimmers ages 6 to 19 are invited. Limited spaces are available. For details, visit <http://www.gkorcas.org/>.

March 17 and 24

- **Scream-free Parenting and 123 Magic** - The Family Advocacy/Victim Advocate Program offers this workshop at the Schinnen Army Community Service Conference Room from 1 to 3 p.m. It provides effective parenting tools and guidance on parenting techniques to improve your relationship with your child. A short review will be held at the beginning of class for those who missed the first session March 10. To register or for more information, call Schinnen Army Community Service at DSN 360-7367/7453 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437367/7453.

March 18

- **Pre-departure Briefing** - If you are undergoing a permanent change of station, separating or retiring, learn valuable information to help in your transition during this briefing at Schinnen Army Community Service from 10 to 11:30 a.m. To register, call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437512/7500.
- **PCS Brief for Junior Enlisted** - This briefing will be held at Schinnen Army Community Service from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It provides guidance on financial preparation and planning for a permanent change of station, such as PCS checklist, entitlements, importance of planning your move in advance, the real and hidden costs of relocation and more. To register, call DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437450/7500.
- **Sponsor Training** - Find out what the responsibilities of being a good sponsor are and the local information that will make your job stress-free during this session at Schinnen Army Community Service from 2 to 3:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437512/7500.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY continued

March 19

- **Slant (Rock) AFE Show and St. Patrick's Day Party** - For details on St. Paddy's Day events, see page 6.

March 19 and 20

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

March 20

- **Hearts Apart** - Schinnen Army Community Service offers a support group for youth separated from a loved one, whether through a deployment or a family situation, at AFNORTH International School from 2 to 3 p.m. Call the ACS Deployment Readiness office at DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.
- **Charity Night: '20s America** - The International Conference Center in Brunssum will be the site of '20s America. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are €20 and include international food and entertainment. Tickets holders must be 18 or older. Dress code is '20s America.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Now playing

- **Tickets on sale for Scenes from American Life** - The SHAPE Players present this A.R. Gurney production at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. It runs March 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee performance March 15 at 3 p.m. Admission: adult €16, student €9, child €7. Call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. For details, visit <http://www.shapeplayers.net>.

March 14

- **St. Patrick's Day 5K Run/Walk** - For details on St. Paddy's Day events, see page 6.

March 14 to 15

- **Spring bazaar** - The SAHS scholarship committee hosts this fund-raiser in the old SHAPE cafeteria Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds from the bazaar help eligible seniors from SHAPE American High School defray some of the cost of attending college.

March 17

- **Shamrock Shuffle** - For details on St. Paddy's Day events, see page 6.

March 19

- **Food-handler training** - SHAPE Healthcare Facility's Department of Preventive Medicine will hold its Special Events Basic Food Handler Training Course in its second-floor conference room in the Washington, D.C., (yellow) wing at 2 p.m. The course is designed for all family readiness groups, Group 2 activities and volunteer groups that intend to participate in selling food at SHAPE Morale and Welfare Branch/Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or MWB/MWR, events and functions during 2015 at SHAPE and USAG Benelux facilities. For information or to register, call DSN 423-5043/5952 or civilian 065-445043/5952.

March 20

- **Fun for Kids** - Take your bikes, trikes, scooters or skates and join other children at the Chièvres Community Activity Center from 5 to 8 p.m. Get together a game of pickup basketball or play on bouncy castles. This free event is open to those who have access to Chièvres Air Base. Call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.
- **Kids Movie Night** - Chièvres Library hosts this free event at its facility in the Community Activity Center from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Join the staff and watch a movie. (Contact the librarian at DSN 361-5767 or civilian 068-275767 for the title.) Popcorn and juice will be served. Children ages 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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/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 the new web page at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146> for the movie schedule.