

THE GAZETTE

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

Benelux news briefs

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'Junior Firefighter' joins fun at fire muster

Micah Holder, 3, tries on his new Jr. firefighter helmet. The Chièvres Air Base fire department held a fire muster Friday, August 7, 2015 for the community to better understand what a firefighter does. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

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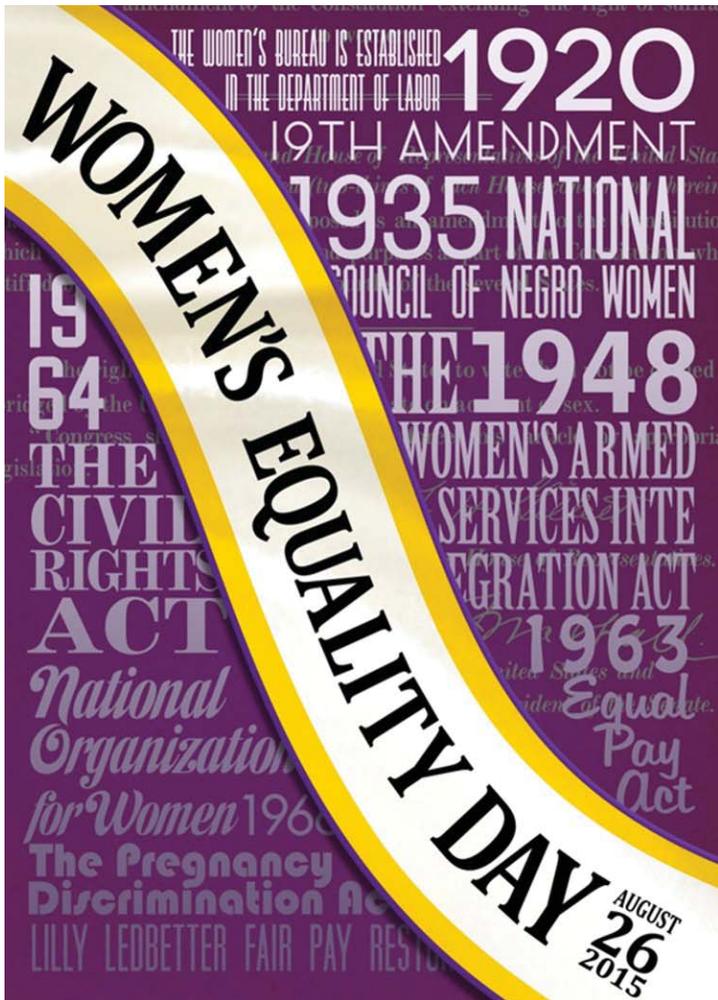
Take precautions before foreign travel

Foreign-travel briefings and debriefings are required for all U.S. employees who are planning visits outside of Belgium (excluding the United States) to include official and unofficial travel and for host-nation personnel on official travel. If you have access to sensitive DOD information (either unclassified

or classified), you may be a potential target for foreign-intelligence agents. The Security Office can provide the latest State Department advisories on hazardous conditions, identify any known security concerns regarding the areas where you will be traveling or organizations with which you will be dealing, and

provide general information on security risks during foreign travel. Currently, there are enhanced travel restrictions for southeastern Turkey that require additional approval for travel to those locations.

Appointments for briefings can be made by calling DSN 361-5145.



2015

Women's Equality Day Observance

at SHAPE International Library

Aug. 26

from 4 to 5 p.m.

Guest speaker:

Navy Capt. Shoshana Chatfield,
senior military assistant to the
Supreme Allied Commander Europe

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*Stay for the cake-cutting
at the end of the ceremony.*

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Team Tower wins Chièvres AB fire muster

Story and photos by Tim Clark
USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

“It’s a chance for the community to be involved with what the fire department does,” said Air Force Staff Sgt. Zechariah Engwall of the 424th Air Base Squadron.

Chièvres Air Base firefighters held their annual fire muster Aug. 7. Fire musters have been held for hundreds of years.

They typically involve a competition with both community members and firefighters taking part.

The highlight of the Chièvres muster was a team relay event. The fastest team to finish all the events and be named winners of this year's muster was Team Tower.



The leadership team of the 424th Air Base Squadron knocks the basketball off the cone while competing in the team relays at the fire muster Friday, Aug. 7, 2015.



Doing it the old-fashioned way, Air Force Staff Sgt. Zechariah Engwall works the bucket brigade with his teammates Friday, Aug. 7, 2015.



Tech. Sgt. Richens Wootton competes in the hose-rolling event during the fire muster Friday, Aug. 7, 2015.



Air Force Staff Sgt. Joshua Armstrong times Senior Airman John Norred in the sled event Friday, Aug. 7, 2015.



Senior Airman Nicholas Granado successfully retrieves a baby doll from a "smoke-filled" room Friday, Aug. 7, 2015. Water vapor simulated the smoky conditions firefighters often face.

Purple Belt teaches self-defense moves

'I'm trying to teach you awareness, not fear.'

Story and photos by Andrea Wales
USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

What starts out as “good times” downtown can take a sinister turn in an instant. No matter where you are, the world can be a dangerous place.

Two Soldiers can teach you the basics of how to stay safe in a threatening situation.

Capt. Raymond Ryan and Investigator Charles “Chuck” Yates now teach the Purple Belt self-defense class offered through Army Community Service’s Family Advocacy Program. ACS director Yvette Castro, a certified self-defense instructor who launched this program seven years ago when she arrived in the community, recently turned it over to them.

“There are criminals out there,” said Ryan, who works with the 650th Military Intelligence Group on SHAPE, adding, “ ‘99 percent of people think, ‘I want to live my life, have fun and go to bed.’ But there’s that 1 percent. ... Criminals work in shadows.”

The two Soldiers said that human trafficking for the sex-slave trade can be another reason for situational awareness for Benelux community members.

“Prostitution is prominent throughout Europe, which makes human trafficking a very real threat,” said Yates, who works for USAG Benelux’s Headquarters and Headquarters Company in the Directorate of Emergency Services.

Targets of this slavery include men and boys as well as women and girls, Ryan said.

Weapons

Even in a defense situation, Belgian law forbids the use of knives, firearms and even commercial self-defense sprays like Mace in an altercation, Yates said.

Keys, cell phone (think “brick”), fingernails or a folded magazine can help you defend yourself, he said.

“I’m pretty sure I could do some serious damage with a pen,” Yates said.

He said to think about safety strategies before you go out on the town or elsewhere.

“Before you go out, think about what you can do, what you can use,” Yates said.

‘You’re in my personal bubble’

Ryan cautioned students at the July 25 Purple Belt class at SHAPE Main Gym to be aware of cultural differences when determining what is uncomfortably close.

Americans enjoy their elbow room, but the citizens of other countries get up close and personal.



Capt. Raymond Ryan lays it on the line for students in the Purple Belt self-defense class at the SHAPE Main Gym Saturday, July 25, 2015. “I’m not going to teach you anything Jackie Chan would do — just basic techniques,” said Ryan, who works with the 650th Military Intelligence Group on SHAPE. Contact Army Community Service’s Family Advocacy Program at DSN 366-6874 or civilian 065-326874 to register for the new Purple Belt class (which ISN’T a follow-up class) coming up Aug. 22 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

“Just because they’re close doesn’t mean they’re a threat,” he said. “I’m trying to teach you awareness, not fear.”

The main thing, Ryan said, is to avoid conflict.

The two instructors offered this advice:

1. Don’t go anywhere alone.
 2. Have friends you trust.
 3. Know who you’re with.
 4. Don’t use earbuds or, if you insist, use only one, they cautioned.
- “Earbuds make you a target because they think you’re not aware,” Ryan said.
5. Use caution when it comes to drinking.
- “I don’t want to lose my ability to defend myself,” Ryan said, adding, “If someone’s been drinking, what you do will have less effect on them.”

Techniques

Reading words on the printed page can’t replace learning by doing. Get practice doing kicks, strikes and take-down moves, and learn even more at the next (one-session) Purple Belt class at SHAPE Main Gym Aug. 22.

Basic moves taught in Purple Belt are done quickly at about the same time:

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Purple Belt I continued

1. If seated, quickly stand up with your knees slightly bent and your feet shoulder-width apart so that you will be stable and maneuverable. Your dominant foot should be in the back, and 60 percent of your weight should be on your forward, nondominant foot.



Morgane Papi uses techniques taught in a Purple Belt self-defense class to push to create space to punch and kick during the session at the SHAPE Main Gym Saturday, July 25, 2015. Capt. Raymond Ryan from the 650th Military Intelligence Group on SHAPE plays the attacker in a protective suit.

“If I ‘blade’ myself (sideways), I make a smaller target,” Yates said.

2. Raise your open-palmed hands near (but not touching) the sides of your head to protect your head and face. Don’t make fists. Witnesses may only see part of the incident, but they will identify an open-palmed individual as being the victim, not the aggressor.

3. When the aggressor comes uncomfortably close enough to pose a threat, yell at the top of your lungs, “No!” “Stop!” “Hey!” or “Fire!”

“You’ve got to get aggressive,” Ryan said. “Make yourself heard.”

Yates said you should bring the sound up from your diaphragm, using air to push out the sound (much like singers do).

“If nothing else, it creates witnesses,” Yates said. “That person may be less likely to do some-thing.”

4. If the aggressor doesn’t back off and you’re in imminent danger, push the aggressor away using your elbows and knees instead of your hands whenever possible to reduce injury to your-self. Pushing puts distance between you and the aggressor, allowing you to fight or to flee. Re-turn your hands to the sides of your head to protect your “moneymaker,” as Yates calls the face. Don’t strike an aggressor’s head or you may injure yourself.

5. Keep yelling, protecting your head and face, pushing and striking until you can get away.

“Success is survival,” Ryan said.

Contact SHAPE Army Community Service’s Family Advocacy Program at DSN 366-6874 or civilian 065-326874 to register for the upcoming one-session Purple Belt self-defense class at SHAPE Main Gym Aug. 22 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Prepare yourself

In observance of Antiterrorism Awareness Month, static displays will be set up in all three Benelux communities from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.:

Aug. 17 in gymnasiums/community activity centers;

Aug. 19 in and around Army and Air Force Exchange Service, or AAFES, establishments and food courts;

Aug. 26 in Defense Commissary Agency and AAFES stores; and

Aug. 28 in mail rooms.

Optional, one-hour AT awareness information sessions will held on iWatch, insider threat and social media from 10 to 11 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to noon **Aug. 24** at the USAG Benelux auditorium and the Schinnen CAC as well as **Aug. 27** at the Brussels Community Conference Room.

VIGILANCE

August is Antiterrorism Month 

Report suspicious activity to:

Brussels MPs: DSN 368-9769 or civilian 02-7179769

Schinnen MPs: DSN 360-7555 or civilian 046-4437555

SHAPE/Chièvres MPs: DSN 361-5301 or civilian 068-275301

Teens sample medical field via Red Cross

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

SHAPE Healthcare Facility and the American Red Cross honored 10 teenagers for their exemplary volunteer service in a ceremony at the clinic Aug. 6. They were singled out as the tops among SHF's 14 summer teen volunteers.

"As a volunteer, I was able to get an inside look at how a clinic operates," said Sarah Dellorso, a senior at SHAPE American High School. "The people who work there are really amazing people who have dedicated their lives to help others. It was really inspiring, and I cannot wait to further my education in the medical field. I would recommend this program to everyone!"

Yasemin Kabak, an SAHS junior, said the volunteers took on different roles in different areas and learned lots of things.

"I think this program helped us to prepare for college," the SHAPE Spartan said. "It was a great opportunity to meet new people, and this program will help those people who are going to have careers in medicine."

The Red Cross Youth Volunteer Program is a two-way street.

"You're here to help, but you're also here to learn," said Melanie Laurie, coordinator of the Red Cross program at SHAPE Healthcare Facility.

Nora Henry, a recent graduate of SHAPE American High School, said she got a lot out of it before the program ended for the summer.

"It was more learning than doing, but it was real-life learning," she said. "I just learned cool stuff."

This past summer, among her other duties, she tested

for hematocrit, which is the volume of the red blood cells in proportion to the fluid, or plasma, and was walked through the process of evaluating a complete blood count, or CBC, test, which is an indicator of overall health.

"The timing was perfect for her to participate in the program before she aged out," said Nora's mother, Kelly Henry. "She got to rotate through various clinics and got CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) certification."

Although some of the participants may be destined to be doctors, that isn't always the case.

"I don't think I'm going to have a career in medicine, but I found it extremely interesting," Nora said. "It gave me something to do this summer."

Sgt. Jesse Venable, a non-commissioned officer in SHF Primary Care, credits the Red Cross teen volunteers with working toward their goals.

"In contrast to their peers, I believe the Red Cross volunteers have the foresight to make decisions that better position them to advance their career choices," said Venable, who works with the volunteers by mentoring and teaching them. "Although they aren't paid for their services, they understand that their selfless service has a higher payoff over the long term than a paycheck at the end of the month."

Lisa Enyeart, regional program manager of the American Red Cross's Service to the Armed Forces, helped SHAPE Healthcare Facility to administer the ARC youth-volunteer program at SHAPE. Enyeart praised the teens and



Oliver Powdar accepts his certificate of volunteer recognition from Melanie Laurie, coordinator of the Red Cross Youth Volunteer Program at SHAPE Healthcare Facility, during a ceremony Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015. Lisa Enyeart of the American Red Cross presents him with a cinch sack filled with emergency-preparedness items. He was also named SHAPE Youth Volunteer of the Summer. (U.S. Army photo by Pierre-Etienne Courtejoie)

expressed how successful the program has been.

"It's been fantastic this past two years, and hopefully we can continue that upward trajectory," she said, calling the teens "amazing, dynamic youth volunteers."

SAHS junior Oliver Powdar was honored for his volunteer work by being named SHAPE Youth Volunteer of the Summer.

"They couldn't stop saying amazing things about you," Enyeart said.

During the ceremony, three adult staff members of SHAPE Healthcare Facility were also honored:

- Nurse midwife Fiona Webster received recognition for ensuring that every volunteer was certified in Basic Life Support skills and CPR.

- Spc. Antonio L. Jones Jr. was honored for helping with the planning and execution of the day-to-day tasks assigned to each volunteer.

- Pharmacy technician Spc. Vanessa A. Peterson

made sure that all the youth volunteers had their training in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, commonly referred to as HIPAA.

Laurie, coordinator of the Red Cross program at SHAPE Healthcare Facility, was recognized "from all our ranks" as the Red Cross Volunteer of the First Quarter, Enyeart said. The Red Cross's first quarter started July 1.

The commander of SHAPE Healthcare Facility said that this volunteer program was just one example of the positive things about the SHAPE community.

"One of the strengths of SHAPE is we help each other," Col. Thomas R. Husted said. "You bring great value to our organization."

The other top Red Cross teens were:

- Megan Barton;
- Jera Beckland;
- Sydney Greenfield;
- Valery Panagou;
- Olivia Powdar; and
- Isaac Yunevich.

College across Benelux: Choose by degree, major

Four colleges offer degree/certification programs in the Benelux through the Tri-Services Contract, which serves the Army, Navy and Air Force. There isn't any overlap in these programs. The listing below covers TSC curricula.

Certificate programs

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Worldwide: *Undergraduate certificate* in aviation maintenance technology (detailed in Subpart D of Part 65 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, or FARs).

Location: Geilenkirchen Education Center.

University of Maryland University College-Europe:

- *Undergraduate certificates:* accounting foundations; computer studies; foreign language area studies: Arabic and the Middle East, German, Italian and Spanish; management; women's studies.

- *Graduate certificates:* database systems technology, foundations of information technology, homeland security management, informatics, information assurance, project management, software engineering, systems engineering and telecommunications management.

Locations: AFNORTH Education Center on Schinnen, Geilenkirchen Education Center and SHAPE Education Center.

Associate degrees

Central Texas College: *Associate degrees* in automotive mechanic/technician, child development, criminal justice, emergency medical technology, fire protection, homeland security/emergency management, hospitality management and applied management/military science.

Locations: AFNORTH Education Center on Schinnen and SHAPE Education Center.

ERAU: *Associate of Science* in aeronautics, aviation business administration, aviation maintenance and technical management.

Location: Geilenkirchen Education Center.

UMUC: *Associate of Arts* in accounting; business and management; computer studies; criminal justice; foreign language area studies: Arabic, German, Italian and Spanish; general curriculum: management studies or women's studies.

Locations: AFNORTH Education Center on Schinnen, Geilenkirchen Education Center and SHAPE Education Center.

Baccalaureate degrees

ERAU: *Bachelor of Science* in aeronautics, aviation business administration, aviation maintenance, aviation security and technical management.

Location: Geilenkirchen Education Center.

UMUC: *Bachelor's degrees* in accounting, business administration, communication studies, criminal justice, cybersecurity, digital media and web technology, English, general studies, history, humanities, human resource management, information systems management, management studies, marketing, political science, psychology, secondary teacher education, social science and social work.

See next page.

Contact local schools

The application deadline for military tuition assistance is one week before each school's term start date.

CTC

Central Texas College offers many programs. (Cost: \$234.55 per credit hour.)

<http://europe.ctcd.edu>

Phone: DSN 360-7685 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437685, DSN 423-7447 or civilian 065-447447

Email: afnorth@europe.ctcd.edu; shape@europe.ctcd.edu

Term II for general education: Sept. 21 to Nov. 13.

Fall dates for VoTech (CDEC 1356, Emergent Literacy for Early Childhood on SHAPE) *Term II*: Oct. 12 to Dec. 31.

Registration deadline is 10 days prior to term start.

Embry-Riddle

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide offers numerous programs.

<http://worldwide.erau.edu/euromilitary>

Phone: DSN 458-6097 or civilian +49-2451-632246

Email: geilenkirchen@erau.edu

Term I: Through Oct. 11. Late registration ends tomorrow.

Term II: Oct. 19 to Dec. 20.

Registration deadline is the term start date.

UMUC

University of Maryland University College Europe offers various programs. (Cost: \$220 per credit hour for undergraduate and \$292 per credit hour for graduate. UMUC announced a \$2,000 Spouse of Servicemember Scholarship for fall and spring semesters.)

<http://www.europe.umuc.edu>

Phone: DSN 360-7620 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437620, DSN 458-6106 or +49-2451-64510/632247, DSN 423-5173 or civilian 065-445173

Email: afnorth-europe@umuc.edu; geilenkirchen-europe@umuc.edu; shape-europe@umuc.edu

Fall Session 1: On-site and online courses: Aug. 17 to Oct. 11.

Registration deadlines are

- online classes: Deadline has passed;
- hybrid classes: Aug. 16;
- on-site class: first day of each course.

Fall Session 2: On-site and online courses: Oct. 19 to Dec. 13.

Registration deadlines are

- online classes: Oct. 14;
- hybrid classes: Oct. 18;
- on-site class: first day of each course.

OU

The University of Oklahoma has continuous registration. (Cost: \$340 per credit hour.)

<https://www.ou.edu/content/outreach/ap/europe.html>

Phone: DSN 458-6098 or civilian +49-2451-632208, DSN 423-3654 or civilian 065-443654.

Email: apgeilenkirchen@ou.edu; apshape@ou.edu.

Degrees, majors *I continued*

Locations: AFNORTH Education Center on Schinnen, Geilenkirchen Education Center and SHAPE Education Center.

Advanced programs

ERAU: *Master of Science* in aeronautics, human factors and unmanned systems.

Location: Geilenkirchen Education Center.

UMUC:

- *Graduate certificates:* Database systems technology, foundations of information technology, homeland security management, informatics, information assurance, project management, software engineering, systems engineering and telecommunications management.

- *Graduate degrees:* Business administration, cybersecurity, information technology, management: criminal justice, management: homeland security, and social work.

Locations: AFNORTH Education Center on Schinnen, Geilenkirchen Education Center and SHAPE Education Center.

University of Oklahoma:

- *Graduate Certificate* with a focus in helping skills in human relations, Graduate Certificate with a focus in human resource diversity and development.

- *Master of Arts* with an emphasis in international relations, Master of Education, Master of Human Relations.

- *Doctorate* in organizational leadership.

Locations: Geilenkirchen Education Center and SHAPE Education Center.

Military tuition assistance, federal student aid and other financial aid can help defray the cost of furthering your education. Learn more at your local education center.

Education centers in local communities provide assistance

Visit counselors at local education centers throughout the Benelux to get the help you need to further your education.

Create a plan with the help of your education-center staff. They can connect you with representatives of the four educational institutions in the Benelux area – University of Maryland University College-Europe, University of Oklahoma, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Central Texas College.

Brussels Education Center

Call DSN 368-9704 and civilian 02-7179704 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Geilenkirchen Education Center

Call DSN 458-6094 or civilian +49-2451-632244 Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and first Thursday of the month from 8 a.m. to noon

Schinnen Education Center

Call DSN 360-7641 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437641 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SHAPE Education Center

Call DSN 423-3466 or civilian 065-443466 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



VBS fits week's worth of fun into single day

Colin Hopkins looks through the giant bubble he made at SHAPE Vacation Bible School Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015. Historically, VBS at SHAPE International Chapel Centre has been operated for children with the aid of numerous volunteers and has lasted one week. This year, organizers made it a day of family fun instead. (U.S. Army photo by Keith Houin)

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camp** - This day camp runs through Aug. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CYSS also provides before-camp care from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and after-camp care from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Stop by Parent Central Services in Building 3 or call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651.
- **Brussels Summer Coed Adults Volleyball Tournament** - The tournament will be held Aug. 29. Players must be active-duty military personnel, Reserve or National Guard members in active-duty status that are assigned or on temporary duty to any units within Europe, to include Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines; DOD civilian employees; family members of above-mentioned personnel; U.S. contractors eligible to use U.S. facilities; member(s) of NATO Forces assigned to HQ. NATO; USAREUR and USAFE units; and host-nation players who are eligible to gain access to U.S. bases and facilities without being in "visitor" status (escorted at all times). Teams must submit their roster (10 players maximum) by **Aug. 18** to the tournament director at Brussels Fitness Center. Call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

Aug. 13

- **BOSS movie night** - Watch "Longest Ride" (PG-13) in the BOSS movie area on the third floor of Building 1. Showtime is at 7 p.m. For more information, call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

Aug. 14

- **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: crispy chicken tenders, daily homemade soup, potato wedges and more. Call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

Aug. 18 to 21

- **Welcome, newcomers** - Brussels Army Community Service invites all service members, civilians and their families to participate in free newcomers events next week. Aug. 18: Supermarket Guided Tour is conducted from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Aug. 19: The deputy garrison manager's welcome and USAG Benelux-Brussels site brief start at 9 a.m. and are followed by a cultural acclimatization (information on local customs as well as basic French and Flemish), which ends at 12:30 p.m. Aug. 20: Hospital Guided Tour is conducted from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Aug. 21: Metro Madness (in which newcomers learn to use public transportation) runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meet in the ACS conference room in Building 4 half an hour before start time to get settled, get a snack or get ready to leave as a group for a tour, if applicable. Register by calling DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

Aug. 20

- **Dress for Success Workshop** - Learn how to choose clothes to make the best impression at this Employment Readiness workshop, held in the Army Community Service conference room from 9:30 a.m. at 12:30 p.m. Register by calling DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.
- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy an all-you-can-eat taco bar from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Alternate children's menu is hotdogs or chicken fingers.) Cost: adults \$8; children, ages 12 and under, \$4. Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **CYSS Soccer** - Register now for the September-to-October season. Cost is \$20 for 3- to 5-year-olds and \$40 for 6- to 15-year-olds. For more information, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.
- **CYSS Flag Football** - Register now for practice starting Sept. 19. Cost is \$40 for youths ages 10 to 15. For more information, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.

Through Aug. 26

- **Summer Reading Program** - School-age children and teens may "Read to the Rhythm" by reading books from the JFC Brunssum Library to earn a variety of prizes. Preschool children, ages 3 and older, may earn prizes by having books read aloud to them. For more information, call +31 (0) 45-5262669/2469.

Aug. 14

- **Newcomers Ice Cream Social** - Stop by JFC Brunssum's Youth Center from 3 to 6 p.m. to tour its state-of-the-art facility, meet its dedicated staff and hang out with other youths in the community. For information or to register, call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.

Aug. 14 to 15

- **Back-to-School Fun at AAFES** - The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will hold activities at this event, including a 5k fun run/3k walk. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the Schinnen Exchange, and the run/walk begins at 9:30 a.m. Names of attendance-prize winners will be drawn from the list of registered participants at 10:30 a.m. For more information about the Fun Run/Walk, call DSN 360-7561 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437561. Stop by the store for more details about Back-to-School activities.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY continued

Aug. 19

- **Pre-departure Briefing** - If you are moving to a new duty station due to a permanent change of station, or PCS; separating or retiring, you can benefit from this briefing, which will be held at Schinnen Army Community Service from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Learn valuable information to help in your transition. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437512/7500.
- **Sponsor Training** - Find out what the responsibilities of being a good sponsor are and the local information that will make your job stress-free at this class 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.

Aug. 20 and 21

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

Aug. 26

- **Job Search and Résumé-writing** - Learn effective job-searching methods, including social media and federal websites at this Employment Readiness class at the Army Community Service conference room from 10 to 11:30 a.m. To register, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Aug. 18

- **Interviewing Tips and Techniques Workshop** - Learn to ace any interview with these tips at this free Employment Readiness class at SHAPE Army Community Service from 9 to 11 a.m. For information or to register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Aug. 19

- **Résumé-writing Workshop** - Attendees will learn to prepare a chronological, functional, hybrid and/or federal résumé at this Employment Readiness class at the Army Community Service's Room 120 from 9 to 11 a.m. For information or to register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.
- **Auditions** - The SHAPE Players will hold auditions for a play with mature themes, "La Ronde" by Arthur Schnitzler, at SHAPE Performing Arts Centre in Building 207 at 6:30 p.m. Adults 18 and older may try out for five male roles and five female roles. The play will run Sept. 24 to 27 and Oct. 1 to 4. To schedule an alternative audition, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Aug. 22

- **Purple Belt self-defense class** - Read more about it on page 4.
- **Corn Hole Tournament** - A cross between a bean-bag toss and horseshoes, Corn Hole fills the time with family fun. If you've never played, come to the tourney at Chièvres Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental (in the Chièvres Community Activity Center) from 2 to 6 p.m. to familiarize yourself with the game. For more information or to register, call DSN 361-6268 or civilian 068-276268.

Aug. 24 and 25

- **Host-Nation Orientation** - Army Community Service invites all service members, civilian employees and their family members to learn what SHAPE/Chièvres has to offer. Call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

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

Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English:

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

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

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

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

Movie at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

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

Travel the Benelux

Tourism, recreation define Durbuy

by **Tim Clark**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Durbuy bills itself as the smallest city in the world, thanks to a charter granted in 1331.

A charming town in the Ardennes, Durbuy offers fine restaurants, boutique shopping and adventure sports. A major commercial center in the Middle Ages, Durbuy has become a popular tourist destination in the Ourthe valley.

The most popular attraction in Durbuy, "the world's largest topiary park" contains 250 specimens of sculpted boxwood covering more than 30,000 square feet. The sculptures include an impressive elephant, a mermaid and even Manneken-Pis. Some of the boxwoods in the park are more than 100 years old.

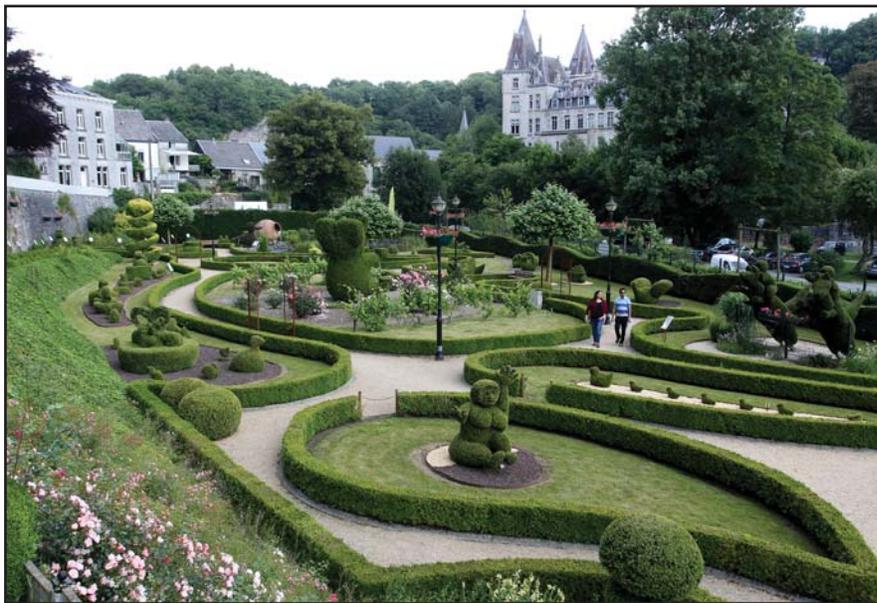
The town has kept its aged atmosphere with its narrow,

winding cobblestone streets and 18th-century chateau. A large area of Durbuy is restricted to pedestrians and is filled with small shops selling everything from clothes to tourist trinkets.

The Ourthe river passes through Durbuy, and many fine restaurants line the river. You can enjoy good food as you watch boats, rafts and kayaks float past.

Home to one of the largest adventure parks in Belgium, Rome, a hamlet of Durbuy, boasts 60 different types of outdoor activities. At Durbuy Adventure, you can hop on a mountain bike, go rock-climbing and ride four-wheelers, or maybe you'd rather experience paint ball, archery and laser tag or one of the many other activities there.

Outside the gate



Wèris: Rockin' it big time

Near Wèris, 4 miles south of Durbuy, you can see two dolmens (megalithic tombs with a large flat stone laid on upright ones) and many megaliths dating back to the Neolithic era. The Museum of Megaliths can be found in the center of Wèris.



(Clockwise) A stroll in the topiary park. • Kayaking down the Ourthe. • Shopping is popular in Durbuy. • Enjoying a meal at the Grand Café.



For your GPS: From:
 Durbuy Mons: 135 km
 Belgium Brussels: 123 km
 6940 Schinnen: 104 km

Belgium leads world in begonia exports

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Belgium has been in the begonia business since around 1860. About 60 million plants are grown each year, and more than 80 percent of them are exported, making Belgium the world's

top exporter of tuberous begonias. The production of begonias is concentrated in East Flanders around the city of Lochristi near Gent.

Begonias come in a rich palette from white to deli-

cate pastel shades to bright vivid colors. Begonias, which also include bicolored varieties, are robust plants that do well in soil that is neither constantly wet nor allowed to dry out.

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

Every two years, Le Tapis de Fleurs de Bruxelles decorates the city's Grand-Place with an intricate design fashioned entirely of begonias. The floral carpet will celebrate its 20th anniversary in Brussels Aug. 12 to 15, 2016.



A picturesque field of colorful begonias near Lochristi, Belgium, Monday, Aug. 11, 2015. At right, more begonias.



Outside the gate

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Medieval Dinner in Bruges, Aug. 22**
- **Nausicaa (Europe's largest aquarium) and Two Caps Nature Park in Northern France, Aug. 29**
- **Paris with optional Seine cruise, Sept. 12**
- **Wurstmarkt in Bad Dürkheim, Sept. 19**
- **Plopsaland – Cars and Coasters, Sept. 20**
- **London, Oct. 3**
- **Alsace Wine Route, Oct. 10 to 11**
- **Amsterdam with optional guided tour of Van Gogh Museum, Oct. 17**
- **Rotterdam, Oct. 24**
- **Harry Potter studio tour, Nov. 4**
- **Romania - Bucharest, Bran village in Transylvania (site of Dracula's castle), Nov. 4 to 8. (Register by Oct. 4.)**
- **Flanders Field World War I Tour of Ypres, Belgium, Nov. 7**

- **Carolus Thermen in Aachen, Germany, Nov. 14**
- **Paris: Moulin Rouge, Nov. 21**

SHAPE Travel Group - Call civilian 0470-876369.

- **Tongeren Antique Market, Aug. 30**
- **The Best of Luxembourg City, Sept. 10**
- **London & Buckingham palace, Sept. 18**
- **Belgian Coast by Tram, Sept. 24**
- **Belgian Trappist and Countryside Tour, Oct. 6**
- **A Day in Rotterdam, Oct. 20**
- **Antwerp and Red Star Line Museum, Nov. 19**
- **Cologne Christmas markets, Nov. 24**

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

- **Bernkastel-Kues, Germany: Wine Festival, Sept. 5**
- **Family Day: Trout Fishing, Sept. 12**
- **National Liberation Museum 44-45, Sept. 26**
- **NFL Games, Book tickets now for Oct. 3 to 5 (New York Jets vs. Miami Dolphins), Oct. 24 to 26 (Buffalo Bills vs. Jacksonville Jaguars) and Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 (Detroit Lions vs. Kansas City Chiefs).**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Aug. 14

- **Torch procession in Ghlin** - At the Chapelle de Notre Dame du Moulineau at Rue d'Herchies 51 from 7:30 to 11:15 p.m.

Aug. 15 - Assumption, Belgian Holiday

- **Voice of the Air in Chièvres** - A musician and singer will be aboard a hot-air balloon to be launched from the square at about 7 p.m. You can track the balloon at <http://www.400coups.eu>.
- **Bathtub regatta in Dinant** - Unusual and funny race of decorated bathtubs on the Meuse river. All-day event.
- **St. Roch Procession in Haulchin** - Procession departs at 7:30 p.m. from the Church on Place du Bicentenaire.



- **Flea market in Erbaut** - In the center of the village from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Eugies** (725 booths) - at Rue Albert ler 19 from 4:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market in La Hestre** (200 booths) - On Rue Ferrer from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Soignies** (100 booths) - On Chaussée de Mons from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Gondregnies** (5, 10, 15 or 20 km) - Departs from Place Henri Schoeling 11 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Rameignies** (5, 10, 15 or 20 km) - Departs from Rue Préelle 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Aug. 15 to 16

- **Assumption Fest in Ghlin** - A procession will leave the church Saturday at 10 a.m. A volksmarch of 5 or 10 km and a warm-up track of 3 km will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Chapel on Rue d'Herchies with children's activities, starting at 1 p.m.

Aug. 16

- **Classic-car tour in Steenkerque (Braine-le-Comte)** - Drivers of classic cars will gather on the square at 8 a.m. to depart for a tour at 9 a.m.
- **Old-tractor display in Sars-la-Buissière** - On Rue de Rubignies from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free admission.



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

Through Aug. 16

- **Wine Fest in Aachen, Germany** - Participating vineyards from Rheinland-Pfalz introduce their wines on Auf dem Katschhof. Besides the wine tasting, the wine fest offers entertainment and more. Open Aug. 13 and 14 from 4 p.m. to midnight; Aug. 15 from noon to midnight and Aug. 16 from noon to 10 p.m.

Aug. 14 to 15, 21 to 22

- **Fireworks Festival in Scheveningen** will host several countries that will participate in this international festival at the beach and Boulevard. Music and other entertainment start at 8 p.m.; first fireworks show 9:45 p.m. and second show 10:30 p.m. Free admission.

Aug. 14 to 16

- **Brueghel Festival in Losser** takes visitors back to the time of master painter Pieter Brueghel. The festival is held in the center of town and has a market, actors, acrobats, shows, demonstrations and a Sunday parade. Open Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Aug. 16 from noon to 5 p.m.
- **Hartbufkes Preuve in Maaseik, Belgium**, will be held on Market Square in the town center. At this culinary festival, taste specialties of restaurants from Maaseik and the surrounding area. Open Aug. 14 from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.; Aug. 15 from noon to 1 a.m. and Aug. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.
- **Fun, Food & Fashion Fair in Vorden** at Castle Vorden, Horsterkamp 8 has fashion shows, summer shopping, demonstrations, barbecue, knights tournament, food tasting and more for the whole family to enjoy. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €10; children under 1 meter 20 centimeters, free.

Aug. 15

- **Rubens Market in Antwerp, Belgium**, on Grote Markt, Suikerrui, Ernest van Dijckkaai and Groenplaats The participants will be dressed in costumes from the period. The annual market is known as the largest festive market in Belgium. Open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- **Thai Market in Bredene, Belgium**, will be held at Meeting & Event Center "Staf Versluys" at Kapelstraat 74. Open from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Free admission.

Aug. 15 to 16

- **Medieval Weekend in Amstelveen** will be held at Amsterdamse Bos. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €11; children, ages 4 to 12, €5.

Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.



Aug. 16 continued

- **Horse-drawn carriage in Soignies** - Take a ride in a horse-and-buggy through the center of town. Departs from the Tourist Office at Rue du Lombard 2 at 2:30 p.m. Cost: adult, €15; children 3 to 12, €7.50. Prior registration is recommended at 067-347376.
- **Flea market in Havré** (100 booths) - On Chaussée du Roeulx from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Jemappes** (200 booths) - On Avenue Maréchal Foch from 4 to 9 a.m.
- **Flea market in Péronnes-lez-Binche** (100 booths) - On Rue A. Gravis and Rue Reine Astrid from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Pommeroeul** (80 booths) - On Place des Hauchamps from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Sars-la-Buissière** (100 booths) - On Rue de la Rubignies from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Silly** (40 booths) - On Rue Ville Basse from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Houtaing** (5, 10 or 20 km) - Departs from Rue de la Madeleine from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Saintes** (5, 10, 15 or 20 km) - Departs from Rue du Radoux 6A from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Ongoing

Through Aug. 30

- **Family cruise in Mons** - This boat trip goes from the Grand Large, Capitainerie, on Rue du Grand Large to the lock in Obourg and back. Departs Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30, 4 and 5:30 p.m. Presence is required half an hour prior to departure. Cost: adult, €7; youths, ages 13 to 18, €6; and children, ages 4 to 12, €4.50. Recommended: Book ahead by calling civilian 065-874890.

Through Sept. 6

- **Visit the Royal Palace in Brussels** - Each summer, the Royal Palace is open to visitors. Open Tuesday through Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free admission.



Aug. 15, 22, 29

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

Aug. 16

- **International Art Market in Gemert** at the city center will be where more than 130 artists will gather to display their ceramics, jewelry, glass and photos. Open from noon to 5 p.m. Free admission.
- **Antique & Flea Market in Limbricht** near Sittard will be held in the courtyard of Castle Limbricht at Kasteel Allee 1. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Jazz Festival Oisterwijk in Oisterwijk** will be held on Lindeplein. This New Orleans-style jazz festival offers free, nostalgic, nonstop, live music on two stages. Open from 3 to 9 p.m.

Aug. 16, 23, 30

- **Antique, art and curiosa market in Maastricht** - Browse on Boschstraat. Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 19 to 22

- **Haarlem Jazz & More in Haarlem** is the largest free jazz festival in Europe. Visitors flock to the city center to enjoy top-billed jazz performers.

Aug. 19 to 23

- **Sail Amsterdam 2015 in Amsterdam** offers you a chance to see a fleet of tall ships, sailing heritage craft, modern ships, naval ships and replicas in IJharbor. Held once every five years, the biggest nautical event in the world traditionally starts with a parade when hundreds of ships sail into the IJ. Several matches on the water take place, including Skûtsjesilen (sailing with a typical Frisian ship). The Royal Netherlands Navy will also display skills on the water. Sail Amsterdam has entertainment, art, culture, music, sporting activities, children's activities and more. Free admission. Find out more at <http://www.sail.nl>.
- **Country Fair in Beesd** will be held at Mariënwaerdt Estate near the center of town, where many booths will display products for the outdoors as well as a special culinary and delicatessen area. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €15; youths, ages 13 to 16, €7.50; children 12 and under, free.

Aug. 21 to 22

- **Fishery Days in Makkum** include a nautical, antique and flea market as well as shows and demonstrations in and around the harbor. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Aug. 22 to 23

- **Park Historia weekend in Eindhoven** offers old-fashioned fun with nostalgic rides and circus at Eindhoven Museum at Boutenslaan 161. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €8.50.

Outside the gate

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