

THE GAZETTE

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

Benelux news briefs

470th ABS services closes for one day

The 470th ABS services, clinic, etc., at Geilenkirchen Air Base will be closed for a squadron function Nov. 20 from noon to 5 p.m.

Bowling Center, café close for training

The Bowling Center and Pin Point Café at USAG Benelux-Schinnen will be closed Nov. 17 and 18 due to mandatory staff training.

CAC office closes midweek

The Brussels Common Access Card, or CAC, office in Building 4's Room 311, will be closed Wednesdays until further notice.

You may call SHAPE's ID card section on a Wednesday to schedule a Brussels appointment for another day of the week by dialing DSN 366-6292 or civilian 065-326292.

Gazette submissions

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Lt. Col. John C. Bivona, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux's director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, salutes after laying a wreath with Marie-Claude Leroy, alderman of Chièvres, at the monument honoring both the civilian and military victims of World Wars I and II in Chièvres Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014. (U.S. Army photo by Cis Spook)

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TRI-SIGNED LETTER

Leaders ponder National American Indian Heritage Month

National American Indian Heritage Month is a time of reflection as members of our community honor the immeasurable contributions of American Indians for building our nation and supporting the military services.

It is also important that we sincerely acknowledge the great legacy of resilience taught to us by the American Indians' painful history. Despite facing adversity repeatedly, their vision and determination have helped transform our national character and have enriched our understanding of their distinct culture. They serve as an example to all.

More than 20 American Indians

'We acknowledge the great legacy of resilience taught to us by the American Indians' painful history.'

are Medal of Honor recipients. Their distinguished acts signify the deep and abiding patriotism and heroism found among multiple generations

who have served in our ranks.

From the Revolutionary War to the brave Soldiers fighting in today's conflicts, American Indians have served with honor and distinction. This is yet another reminder of how our Army is much stronger today because we value the strength of a diverse work force.

This month, join us in giving special recognition for the past and present contributions that American Indian Soldiers, civilians and families have made to make our Army what it is today — a place where people from all walks of life stand proudly together in service to our nation.

Army Strong!



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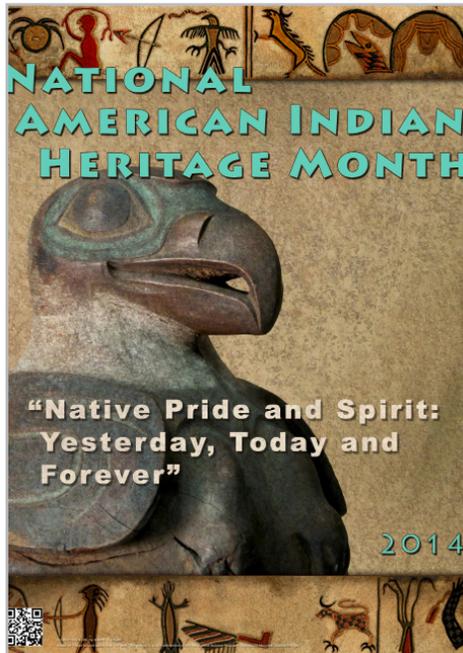
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American Indian contributions celebrated at Benelux event



An observance celebrating National American Indian Heritage Month will be held at the SHAPE Auditorium in Building 100 Nov. 21 at 11:30 a.m.

The 2014 theme is "Native Pride and Spirit: Yesterday, Today and Forever."

For information, call the USAG Benelux Equal Opportunity adviser at DSN 361-5235 or civilian 068-275235.



Dance demonstrations are popular ways to spread American Indian cultures.

Submit HR award nominations now

U.S. Army Europe commanders have until Nov. 14 to nominate their top performing human-resources personnel for the annual Frederick E. Vollrath Human Resources Award for Excellence.

The program was developed to focus on human-resources achievement. Retired Lt. Gen. Frederick E. Vollrath is an example of achievement in the human-resources field.

Vollrath served his entire 35-year career in the adjutant general field and was only the second adjutant general officer to be promoted to lieutenant general.

For more information on nomination requirements, contact the USAREUR G-1, Awards and Actions Branch at DSN 337-9147 or civilian +49-(0)611-7059147.

IMCOM revises overseas tour policy to enhance development opportunities

By Amanda S. Rodriguez

U.S. Army Installation Management Command

A new U.S. Army Installation Management Command policy, published Oct. 28, will open development doors to its General Schedule employees in grades nine and above by reducing a backlog of employees past their five-year overseas tour rotations and placing them in stateside positions to create a leadership-development cycle.

The IMCOM Enhanced Placement Program, or IEPP, policy 690-15, which went into effect Nov. 3, uses the Priority Placement Program mechanism to rotate overseas civilians past their five-year tour into positions stateside, opening overseas tour-development positions to others.

The policy's outcome equates to growth, development and advancement opportunities that shape IMCOM careers and support the re-shaping of America's Army, according to the IMCOM director of Human Resources, Karen Perkins.

"This initiative supports the Department of Defense five-year tour limitation policy by enhancing placement opportunities of IMCOM overseas talent who have been extended beyond five years," Perkins said. "It provides placement assistance to positions back in CONUS. As part of this strategy, the OCONUS vacancies created by the program will open up additional opportunities for our CONUS employees who wish to obtain experience in the overseas environment. This facilitated mobility of the IMCOM work force is a key component of LOE1, and the strategic human-capital plan to facilitate

talent management and leader/work-force development."

IMCOM Line of Effort 1 is Soldier, Family and Civilian Readiness.

Beginning Nov. 3, IMCOM non-displaced overseas employees registered in PPP will be matched to stateside placement opportunities within the command and receive increased priority. The combination of strictly adhering to five-year overseas tour limits and increased placement opportunities for OCONUS employees in PPP will create succession for leadership professional development facilitating talent management throughout the command, according to policy proponents.

To take advantage of the opportunities, Perkins said, IMCOM employees, supervisors and leaders should immediately familiarize themselves with the policy and procedures, available on IMCOM SharePoint at https://home.army.mil/sites/operational/g1/ASD/docs/PolicyMemo_690-15_IMCOMEnhancedPlacementProgram.pdf. Employees should carefully review and update résumés and, in overseas locations, work with the staff of local Civilian Personnel Advisory Centers to ensure proper coding and registration is completed.

IMCOM developmental-assignment programs, Department of the Army career programs and specified garrison key-leader selection processes remain in place.

For general information about IEPP, contact your local CPAC.

Trenches to Foxholes

American, Belgian communities honor war victims



Cis Spook



Marie-Lise Baneton



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(Clockwise from left) A joint Color Guard — composed of noncommissioned officer in charge Sgt. John Webb, Staff Sgt. Derrick Shelton, Pvt. Antonio Jones, Spc. Kyle Borsody and Staff Sgt. Justin Monty — participates in the commemoration of the 96th anniversary of the end of World War I in Chièvres Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014. Aldermen Marie-Claude Leroy and Francis Cordier represented the city of Chièvres and Lt. Col. John Bivona represented the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux commander. • Belgian veteran Fernand Delesenne addresses the crowd at the commemoration in Brugelette Tuesday, Nov. 11. He also presented a commemorative flag to the local scouts and school children. • A local scout places a candle near the monument of all war victims during the Brugelette ceremony. • The American Legion Post BE02, Venture Crew 511 and members of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Legion take part in the leper Poppy Parade and ceremony Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014. • The American Legion Riders participate along with a Boy Scout troop in a ceremony at the Flanders Field American Cemetery Tuesday, Nov. 11. • Brig. Gen. Blaine D. Holt, Deputy U.S. Military Representative to NATO; various

NATO members and Sgt. 1st Class James A. Scott, noncommissioned officer in charge of Distinguished Visitors Support Element Transportation, Brussels; take part in a commemorative ceremony in Leefdaal, Belgium, Tuesday, Nov. 11, honoring the crew members of a B-24 Liberator Bomber that crashed in the area.



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Trenches to Foxholes

Bastogne gets ready for 70th Anniversary



Cis Spook

Brief history

Taking advantage of the cold and the fog Dec. 16, 1944, the German artillery started by attacking the sparsely deployed American troops around Bastogne. The 101st Airborne Division — along with elements of the 10th Armored Division and the 82nd Airborne Division — soon became encircled by the Germans. On Dec. 22, the Germans asked for the American surrender to which Gen. Anthony Mc Auliffe replied with his now-famous "Nuts." The next day, the weather cleared up allowing air retaliation and the parachuting of much-needed food, medicine and weapons. On Dec. 26, Gen. George Patton's Third Army eventually relieved Bastogne, but the Battle of the Bulge would last until Jan. 25, 1945.



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Schedule of the main events

Saturday, Dec. 13:

8 to 9:30 a.m. - The historic walk (8, 12 or 20 km) departs from the Bastogne Sports center on Rue Gustave Delperdange. Registration will be on site Dec. 12 from 3 to 8 p.m. and Dec. 13 from 7 to 9:30 a.m.

11 a.m. - All traffic will be blocked downtown and diverted to parking areas on the outskirts of Bastogne.

Afternoon - Official parade with wreath-laying ceremony at Patton's monument, McAuliffe's monument followed by the traditional nut throw from the city's balcony. Various re-enactor scenes will be on the main streets

Sunday, Dec. 14:

10 a.m. - Religious service and commemoration at Noville

11 a.m. - Unveiling of the Desobry monument

1 p.m. - Re-enactment of the battle in Cobru/Recogné

3 p.m. - Vintage military vehicles parade in the main street

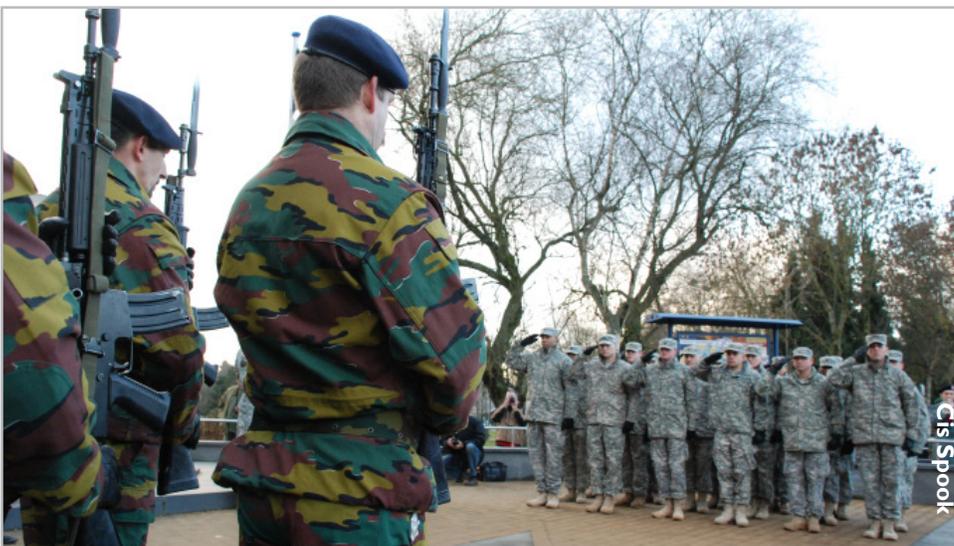
Opening of the display "From Texas to Bastogne: Texas Aggies go to war" at the Quartier Latin. For additional information, visit the website at <http://www.fromtexasbastogne.com>.

Lodging

Keep in mind that lodging in a common room in the Bastogne sports center is still available, but reservations are accepted only until Nov. 21. Look online at <http://www.centresportifbastogne.be>. Cost is €15 per person for one night or €25 for two nights with breakfast.

Other things to visit

- **McAuliffe's headquarters** will be open to visitors at Bastogne Barracks, Rue de la Roche, 40. Admission is free from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **The Bastogne War Museum** at the Mardasson is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **War Books Fair** at the Seminaire School is open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. Admission is free.
- **Christmas market** will be on Place McAuliffe all weekend.



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Next week in World War history (Nov. 16 to 22)

World War I

1914

Nov. 16 - In Germany, a small group of intellectuals, led by physician Georg Nicolai, launch Bund Neues Vaterland, the New Fatherland League. One of the league's most active supporters is Nicolai's friend, the great physicist Albert Einstein. Einstein and Nicolai had written a pacifist answer to the famous pro-war manifesto of 1914, which had been signed by 93 leading German intellectuals from various fields, including the painter Max Lieberman and the poet Gerhart Hauptmann. When their counter-manifesto failed to attract much support, Nicolai and Einstein concentrated their efforts into the New Fatherland League.

Nov. 22 - The first extended battle fought between Allied and German forces in the much-contested Ypres (Ieper) Salient comes to an end after more than one month of fighting.

1915

Nov. 19 - In one of the most exciting episodes of the air war during World War I, British airman Richard Bell Davies performs a daring rescue swooping down in his plane to whisk a downed fellow pilot from behind the Turkish lines at Ferrijik Junction. A squadron commander in the Royal Naval Air Service, Davies was flying alongside Flight Sub-Lieutenant Gilbert F. Smylie on a bombing mission. Their target was the railway junction at Ferrijik, located near the Aegean Sea and the border between Bulgaria and Ottoman-controlled Europe. When the Turks hit Smylie's plane with anti-aircraft fire, he was forced to land.

1916

Nov. 18 - The Battle of the Somme ends upon the first snowfall as the British and French decide to cease the offensive. By now, the Germans have been pushed back just a few miles along the entire 15-mile front, but the major breakthrough the Allies had planned never occurred. Both sides suffer more than 600,000 casualties during the five-month battle. Among the injured German soldiers is Cpl. Adolf Hitler, wounded by shrapnel.

Nov. 21 - Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria-Hungary dies at age 86. He is succeeded by Archduke Charles who wants to take Austria-Hungary out of the war.

1917

Nov. 17 - Battle of Nebi Samwil (Palestine) begins.

Nov. 20 - The first-ever mass attack by tanks occurs as the British Third Army rolls 381 tanks accompanied by six infantry divisions in a coordinated tank-infantry-artillery attack of German trenches near Cambrai, France, an important rail center. The attack targets a 6-mile-wide portion of the front and, by the end of the first day, appears to be a spectacular success with 5 miles gained and two German divisions wrecked. The news is celebrated by the ringing of church bells in England, for the first time since 1914. However, similar to past offensives, the opportunity to exploit first-day gains is missed, followed by the arrival of heavy German reinforcements and an effective counterattack in which the Germans take back most of the ground they lost.

World War II

1939

Nov. 17 - Plans are made for British and French troops to move into Belgium to counter a possible German invasion, but reconnaissance parties were denied entry into Belgium to avoid provoking Germany.

1940

Nov. 18 - Adolf Hitler meets with Italian Foreign Minister Galeazzo Ciano over Mussolini's disastrous invasion of Greece.

Nov. 19 - Adolf Hitler tells Spanish Foreign Minister Serano Suner to make good on an agreement for Spain to attack Gibraltar, a British-controlled region. This would seal off the Mediterranean and trap British troops in North Africa.

1941

Nov. 16 - Joseph Goebbels publishes in the German magazine *Das Reich* that "The Jews wanted the war, and now they have it" — referring to the Nazi propaganda scheme to shift the blame for the world war onto European Jewry, thereby giving the Nazis a rationalization for the so-called Final Solution.

Nov. 21 - Albert Speer, Adolf Hitler's chief architect and minister for armaments and war production, asks for 30,000 Soviet prisoners of war to use as slave laborers to begin a massive Berlin building program.

1942

Nov. 19 - Two RAF Horsa gliders, carrying 34 British Royal Engineer Commandos, crash in Norway en route to their mission of destroying the German 'heavy water' plant at Telemark.

Nov. 22 - A Soviet counteroffensive against the German armies pays off as the Red Army traps about a quarter-million German soldiers south of Kalach, on the Don River, within Stalingrad. As the Soviets' circle tightens, German Gen. Friedrich Paulus requests permission from Berlin to withdraw.

1943

Nov. 20 - U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Ralph Mitchell is named Commander, Air Solomons, and is placed in charge of all U.S. naval and Marine aviation units in the Solomon Islands region.

1944

Nov. 16 - Eighty Allied bombers hit defended areas and strong points at Echtz, Luchem and Eschweiler, Germany.

1945

Nov. 20 - A series of trials of accused Nazi war criminals, conducted by an American, French and Soviet military tribunal based in Nuremberg, Germany, begins. Twenty-four former Nazi officials are tried, and, when it is all over, a year later, half will be sentenced to death by hanging. The Simon Wiesenthal Center still publishes an annual report on the status of Nazi war criminals, many of whom are still at large. Learn more at <http://www.wiesenthal.com>.

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

School children visit Chièvres Air Base



Ist Sgt. Christopher Wassengale shows the children the different control commands inside the fire truck while Senior Airman Brian Lovelady escorts other children on the roof of the truck Monday, Nov. 10, 2014.

(Below) Two children put themselves in the boots of the firefighters as they try to put on all the protective gear in only one minute. Twenty-nine children from a school in Saint-Ghislain visited Chièvres Air Base Monday, Nov. 10, 2014. The visit started with a movie about the long-lasting relationship between Belgium and the United States, then the visit continued at the 424th Air Base Squadron Fire Department. (U.S. Army photos by Donovan Abrassart)



Help resolve community issues at upcoming Benelux conference

Make a difference: Be an AFAP volunteer.

Volunteer delegates from the Benelux communities are needed for the Army Family Action Plan conference at SHAPE Army Community Service Nov. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Transportation will be provided from Brussels and Schinnen.

An Army-wide program, AFAP allows all members of the Army (Active Duty, Reserve Components and National Guard), retired military, family members and civilian employees to identify issues of concern that impact the well-being of the entire Army family.

Through AFAP, members of America's military family can express their quality-of-life concerns directly to senior leadership and work together to find solutions.

Issues requiring actions are prioritized,

assigned to a lead agency for resolution, and an action plan is established to achieve desired change.

Delegates can earn volunteer hours and be part of making the community a better place. Volunteers should call:

- Brussels: DSN 368-9721 or civilian 02-7179721;
- Schinnen: DSN 360-7452 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437452;
- SHAPE/Chièvres: DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

However, you don't have to be a delegate to be part of the Army Family Action Plan process: Submit your concerns in an email message marked "Subject: 2014 AFAP Conference Issues" to usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.mbx.dfmwr-ac@mail.mil or drop them off at your local Army Community Service office.



Emergency numbers

Brussels

Any emergency - Dial 112
 Brussels MP station:
 DSN 368-9769
 civilian 02-7179769

Schinnen

Any emergency - Dial 112
 Schinnen MP station:
 DSN 360-7555
 civilian 046-4437555

SHAPE/Chièvres

Any emergency - Dial 112
 Chièvres MP station:
 DSN 361-5301
 civilian 068-275301
 SHAPE Police Desk:
 DSN 423-3333/4
 civilian 065-443333/4

Suicide hotline

DSN 118 (*2118 from SHAPE)
 or the toll-free number
 00800-12738255
 Get free and
 confidential support
 all day every day.

Smokers invited to Great American Smokeout 'Quit for a day' to learn strengths, challenges

Special to the Gazette

SHAPE Healthcare Facility

The American Cancer Society marks the Great American Smokeout (GASO) on the third Thursday of November each year (Nov. 20 this year) by encouraging smokers to use the date to make a plan to quit or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day.

The Great American Smokeout is a day of encouragement for smokers to refrain from using cigarettes for at least 24 hours. By quitting, even for one day, smokers will be taking an important step toward a healthier life.

Join troops around the globe by quitting tobacco for the day, making a pledge to quit or helping someone quit. To get involved in this event, just put your cigarettes away for 24 hours.

Tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in the United States, yet about 42 million Americans still smoke cigarettes — a bit under one in every five adults. As of 2012, there were also 13.4 million cigar smokers in the US, and 2.3 million who smoke tobacco in pipes — other dangerous and addictive forms of tobacco. (Smokeless tobacco is also hazardous to your health.)

Why quit?

There are some benefits that are seen immediately and some that will develop over time when you kick the nicotine habit. Some of the rewards that are physically seen or experienced include:

- Breath smells better;
 - Stained teeth get whiter;
 - Bad smell in clothes and hair go away;
 - Yellow fingers and fingernails return to their normal color;
 - Food tastes better;
 - Sense of smell returns to normal;
- and
- Everyday activities get easier.

After you quit smoking, your body will recover over time. For example, in 20 minutes, your heart rate and blood pressure will already have dropped, according to the American Cancer Society website. In one to nine months, coughing and shortness of breath will decrease. Learn more about how quickly your body can recuperate after quitting smoking at <http://www.cancer.org/healthy/stayawayfromtobacco/greatamericansmokeout>.

Of course, quitting smoking isn't easy, even for a day, but it can be done. The

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first step is to make a commitment to yourself to want a healthier life. There are many options and resources out there to help you successfully quit smoking.

Below are a few tips to help you prepare for the Great American Smokeout next Thursday:

- Keep water and/or juices on hand.
- Create your own snack pack. Some items to include are carrots, celery, sugarless gum or sugarless candy.
- Change your daily routine (i.e. take a different route to work).
- Plan on taking a 10-minute afternoon walk.
- Call/talk to a friend when you feel an urge to smoke.
- Have a "Things to Do" list for the day. Keep busy.

Other resources to help you quit:

- American Cancer Society - Stay Away from Tobacco: <http://www.cancer.org/healthy/stayawayfromtobacco/greatamericansmokeout/index>
- UCANQUIT2 - Great American Smokeout: <http://www.ucanquit2.org/>
- U.S. Army Public Health Command: <http://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/healthyliving/tfl/Pages/GreatAmericanSmokeout.aspx>.

Holiday news briefs

Make local orphans' dreams come true

To make Santa's job easier, the children of "La Fermette," the local orphanage in Ath, have submitted their wish list for Christmas. USAG Benelux's goal is to provide each of the children with one of their wishes at a party the afternoon of Dec. 17. Details are still being worked out, but Santa has already saved the date.

Those who are interested can support the program in two ways: Request a copy of the wish list, sign up and purchase the gift for a particular child, or donate funds to be used to purchase gifts that haven't been spoken for by other donors.

Contact the USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office at DSN 361-5694 or civilian 068-275694.

Holiday postal news

SHAPE and Chièvres post offices will have extended hours Nov. 17 through Dec. 19 —

- Parcel Pickup: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (an extra hour per day)
- Postal Finance (items to mail): 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (an extra hour per day)
- Mail by appointment (SHAPE only): 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mailing deadlines

Overseas postal officials recommend these dates for mail to the United States to arrive by Dec. 25 —

- Space Available Mail (SAM): Nov. 26
- Parcel Airlift (PAL): Dec. 3
- Priority parcels, First Class letters and cards: Dec. 10
- Priority Express Mail: Dec. 17.

Check mail often to free up space for cards, letters and packages.

Tickets on sale now for Christmas brunch at SHAPE

Enjoy a leisurely Christmas brunch at the SHAPE Club Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. The buffet will be stocked with continental-breakfast items, and there will be a cold starter buffet, main-course buffet and sweets. Cost includes a free-beverage station.

Kids Corner has a magician.

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Retiree group supports American military communities

Association of Retired Members of the Armed Forces in Belgium, or ARMAF-B, is an association of military retirees who promote the interests and welfare of U.S. Armed Forces retirees and their surviving spouses who reside in Belgium. Its goal is to support the American active-duty military communities served by USAG Benelux, and to promote fraternal and social bonds among its members. If you would like more information regarding ARMAF-B, contact ARMAF-BE@gmail.com.

Job openings at AFCU

Officials at Andrews Federal Credit Union would like to hire a new senior teller at the Chièvres Branch and a part-time teller at the Brussels branch. Both jobs are listed on the AFCU website at <http://www.andrewsfcu.org>. Once on the website, just click on the "Career Opportunities" link at the top left of the screen. After you are taken to the Career Opportunities Center page, click on "Employment Listings."

SHAPE competition increases distance each time

The SHAPE Winter X-Country Competition is open to all military personnel. It is a series of five events ranging from 5k to 10k. (Distance increases with each race.)

Although the competition itself is for military personnel, anyone working or living on SHAPE is welcome to run.

Read the rules and complete a registration form at <http://www.shape2day.com/mw/sport/winter-xcountry-competition.aspx>, then leave your printed form at the Sports and Fitness reception desk at the SHAPE main gym.

Events

- Nov. 13 at 12:15 p.m.: 5k
- Dec. 9 at 12:15 p.m.: 6k
- Jan. 13, 2015, at 12:15 p.m.: 8k
- Feb. 3, 2015, at 12:15 p.m.: 9k
- March 3, 2015, at 12:15 p.m.: 10k

Prizes will be awarded to males and females in the following categories at the end of the series:

- Under 40s: first, second and third
- Over 40s: first, second and third

Prizes will also be awarded to the first- and second-place teams. (Teams are mixed.)

Kennel closes for maintenance soon

The Chièvres Kennel will close for regular business Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. because of scheduled, routine maintenance. Normal operating hours will resume Nov. 15.

Alterations now open on Chièvres

A new alterations contractor recently opened up shop on Chièvres Air Base. Stripes, located in the PXtra, is trying out a test schedule:

- Mondays from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturdays from 12:30 to 6 p.m.

Auditions planned for two SHAPE plays

Tryouts will be held at the Performing Arts Centre Nov. 24 and 25 for two SHAPE Players productions.

Auditions for "You Can't Take It With You," a 1937 Pulitzer Prize-winning play and 1938 Academy Award winner, will be Nov. 24 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. and Nov. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. Tryouts for "Little Shop of Horrors," a Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical that has devoured the hearts of theater-goers for more than 30 years, will be Nov. 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Nov. 25 from 8 to 10 p.m.

Call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.

SHAPE Library closes for improvements

The SHAPE International Library will be closed for three weeks through Nov. 29 for the installation of new carpeting.

During the closure, patrons may return items in the outside drop box and renew online. The library will reopen Dec. 1.

The Chièvres Library also can help you with your library needs during this time. For example, books and media checked out at SHAPE International Library can always be turned back in at Chièvres Library.

SHAPE Clinic raises awareness about men's health through facial hair

The SHAPE Healthcare Facility will sponsor its second annual best moustache competition Nov. 26 at 10 a.m. in the clinic main lobby to raise awareness about men's health. Contestants will be judged on moustache thickness, overall appearance and symmetry.

The Movember Foundation, whose motto includes the phrase "changing the face of men's health," challenges men to grow their moustaches for 30 consecutive days to spark conversations about men's health.

Open season for FEHB going on now

Federal Employees Health Benefit, or FEHB, Open Season runs through Dec. 8.

A link to FEHB 2014 Open Season information is posted on the Army Benefits Center-Civilian website at <http://www.abc.army.mil>, under the "Announcements" section.

Sci-fi convention scheduled soon

Operation Sci Fi Con 2014 will be held at Club Eifel on Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Attendees can expect vendors, contests, tabletop gaming demonstrations, displays, collector discussion groups, children's activities and a Jedi training center.

The special guests will be a comic artist, a science-fiction author and one of the creators of a sci-fi audio podcast.

Listen to German Big Band sound

Headquarters, Allied Joint Force Command Brunssum, invites everyone to the German Big Band Concert Nov. 17 at Parkstad Limburg Theater in Heerlen. Tickets are on sale each Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the Miner's Rest at JFC Brunssum. Tickets are €12.50, €17.50, €20, €22 and €25.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Nov. 13

- **Brussels museums' late openings** - For more information and/or a detailed program and calendar, visit the website at <http://www.brusselmuseumsnocturnes.be>.

Through Nov. 15

- **Italian fair in Hornu** - Open from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., at the Cora shopping center on Route de Mons 163.

Through Nov. 16

- **Household arts fair in Charleroi** - Open every day from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Charleroi Expo on Avenue de l'Europe 21. Find more information at <http://www.artsmenagers.be>.



Nov. 14

- **Classical music concert in Le Roeulx** - Takes place from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the Saint-Nicolas church on Place de la Chapelle. Admission: €12.50.

Nov. 15

- **Sewing, knitting, crochet, embroidery flea market in Le Roeulx** - Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Rue d'Houdeng, 21. Admission: free.
- **Martial arts fair in La Hestre** - Takes place on Rue Vanhulst 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. Admission: €9.
- **Brass band concert** in Havré from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the church. Admission is free.
- **Volksmarch in Châtelineau** for 6, 12, 25 km. Departs from Rue des Combattants 32a.



Nov. 15 and 16

- **Crafts fair in Soignies** - Open Saturday from 1 to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Collège Saint-Vincent on Chaussée de Braine 22.
- **Women's fair in Kain** - Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Tournai Expo on Rue du Follet 30. Admission: €8.

Nov. 16

- **Mountain bike ride in Andenne** for 23, 30, 37, 47 km - Departs from 8 to 11:30 a.m. from the sports center on Rue Ferdinand Hendschel 40.



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

Through Nov. 16

- **La Table Fair in Naarden** is held at Grote Kerk on Markstraat 13 in the center of this fortified city. This Christmas fair features festive table settings. More than 50 exhibitors display antique and modern china, silverware, glassware, wines and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €15; children 13 and under, free.

Nov. 14 to 16

- **Art and Christmas Market in Gescher, Germany**, at Kutschenmuseum (wagon museum). Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nov. 14 to 20

- **Margriet Winter Fair in Utrecht** is the biggest winter festival in the Netherlands and is held in Jaarbeurs convention center. This indoor fair gives visitors a taste of the holiday season, including workshops, shopping and performances by famous artists such as Jan Smit, a Dutch male singer who's done a duet ("To All The Girls I Loved Before") with worldwide superstar Julio Iglesias. Find out more at <http://www.margrietwinterfair.nl>. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €19.50.

Nov. 19 to 22

- **Scaldis Fair in Goes** at Magdalenakerk on Singelstraat 21 is a way-of-life fair where one will find all kinds of quality products from interior design to culinary highlights and from jewelry to exclusive fashion. Open Nov. 19 from 7 to 10 p.m., Nov. 20 and 21 from 2 to 9:30 p.m. and Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €5.

Nov. 19 to 23

- **Spirit of Winter Fair near Apeldoorn** provides "royal enjoyment" in a winter garden. The park of Palace Het Loo is turned into a magical winter garden filled with all kind of winter fest ideas. The outdoor fair has many stands with lots of exclusive items, such as crystal; furniture, silver and china as well as plants and Christmas decorations. The fair will show you how attractive and warm your winter home and garden can be. Admission: €17.50, which includes admission to the palace as well; children 12 and under get free admission. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Nov. 21 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Finnish Christmas Market in Rotterdam** on Gravedijkwal 64 offers lots of Finnish articles and delicacies. Open Wednesday to Friday from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Free admission.



Nov. 16 continued

- **Volksmarch in Harmignies** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs from Rue Vieille Eglise 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Horrues** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs from Chemin à Rocs 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Cortil-Noirmont** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs from Rue de Tensoul from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nov. 20

- **Brussels museums' late openings** - For more information and/or a detailed program and calendar, be sure to visit the website at <http://www.brussel museumsnocturnes.be>.

Ongoing

Through Nov. 28

- **Exhibition at the SHAPE Club** - Oil painting and engraving by Michel De Clercq. Open Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. To obtain more information, call DSN 423-4133 or civilian 065-444133.

Trenches to Foxholes

Nov. 22

- **USAFE Band concert in Bastogne** - starts at 8 p.m. at the Salle Jean XXIII on Rue Gustave Delperdange.



Through Dec. 24

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

Through April 26, 2015

- **Expo 14-18: It's our history in Brussels** - At the Royal Army Museum on Parc du Cinquanteaire 3, daily from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:45 p.m., except Mondays. Admission fee is €12 and €8 for children 6 to 18 years old. Family package is €32 (two adults and two children). You can look into day-trip specials on Belgian rail at <http://www.belgianrail.be>.



Nov. 21 to 23

- **Bourgondisch Breda in Breda** is a culinary festival held in Grote Kerk, Kerkplein 2, in the center of town. Open Nov. 21 from 4 p.m. to midnight, Nov. 22 from 2 p.m. to midnight and Nov. 23 from 2 to 9 p.m.

Nov. 21 to 24

- **Christmas Creations Fair (Kerstbeleving) in 's-Hertogenbosch, or Den Bosch**, at Brabantthalen is an indoor fair that gives you hundreds of ideas on how to attractively decorate your home for holiday festivities. Besides the many stands, it also offers live music, food-tasting, workshops and many attractions for children. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €12.50; children 4 to 12, €5.

Nov. 21 to 30

- **Magical Winter Moments in Bruges (Brugge), Belgium**, at "Oud Sint-Janshospitaal" (now a museum) in the city center offers a variety of gifts, Christmas decorations and workshops. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €12; children 13 and under, free admission.

Ongoing

Through Dec. 24

- **Christmas Show in Schimmert** at Lupa Outdoors Vijvercentrum Limburg on Op de Bies 70. Open Mondays from 1 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Through Feb. 1, 2015

- **Winter Efteling in Kaatsheuvel** on Europalaan near Tilburg. Efteling Amusement and Fairytale Park offers good, old-fashioned winter fun. Open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekends from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Dec. 31 from 11 to 6 p.m. Closed Jan. 1, 2015. Admission: €35.

Nov. 14 to Dec. 23

- **Christmas Market in Oberhausen, Germany**, is held in and around Europe's largest mall. Open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sundays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Nov. 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Dec. 23 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Christmas Market in Valkenburg** is located in Gemeentegrot, a cave on Cauberg 4. Admission: €5; children 5 to 11, €3.
- **Christmas Market in Valkenburg** is held in the Fluwelen Cave under the castle ruins on Daalhemmerweg. Admission: €5; children 5 to 11, €3.

Nov. 14 to Jan. 5, 2015

- **Valkenburg: Christmas Town in Valkenburg** offers an unmatched festive experience, including Santa's Village, Christmas markets in the caves and Christmas parades. Read all about it at <http://www.kerststadvalkenburg.nl/en>.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

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For information on the trip below,

call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

Trier/Zweibrücken Outlet, Nov. 22 -

Start with a stroll through the cobbled streets of Trier. It's the oldest city in Germany, founded in or before 16 B.C. Trier lies in a valley between low, vine-covered hills of red sandstone in the west of the state of Rheinland-Pfalz (Rhineland-Palatinate), near the border with Luxembourg and within the Mosel wine region. From Trier, the tour group goes to Zweibrücken to "The Style Outlet." More than 130 must-have brands are at reduced prices all year 'round. You can take a break from shopping at one of the restaurants, which offer guaranteed relaxation. Departs from Brussels at 6 a.m. and from SHAPE at 7 a.m. Returns to SHAPE at 11 p.m. and to Brussels at midnight. Cost: €70.



Berthold Werner

Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trip below

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

Day Trip to Paris, Nov. 22 - Plan now for a fun day in Paris where you'll have hours to shop, dine and take in the magnificent sights of "The City of Light," a moniker it owes being a center of education during the Age of Enlightenment. The coach departs from Schinnen at 4 a.m. and returns Sunday at 2 a.m. Cost: \$75 for adults and children.



Kaz Vorpal

SHAPE Travel Group

You're invited to the New Trips Launch Party and Open House at the SHAPE Rendezvous Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy coffee with a friend while you peruse the fliers for all 16 of STG's upcoming trips.

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

Bastogne War Museum and Brewery of Gnomes, Nov. 20 -

Join the SHAPE Travel Group to step back in time to learn about the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne, Belgium. The Bastogne War Museum is a new museum that prides itself on immersing each visitor in an interactive experience to teach the causes and dramatic consequences of the Battle of the Bulge. After the museum, the group will head to a nearby brewery called Brasserie D'Achouffe for a late lunch. The cost of lunch isn't included in the price of the trip. After lunch, the group will tour the brewery and will be free to sample four of their different beers before the bus heads back to SHAPE. Cost: €40.

Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips & Tours

- **Brugge Snow On Ice, Nov. 29**
- **Champagne & Wine Tasting, Nov. 29**



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- **London overnight, Dec. 6 to 7**
- **Christmas Market Overnight- Nürnberg, Rothenburg and Cologne, Dec. 13 to 14**
- **Aachen and Monschau Christmas Markets, Dec. 20**
- **Paris in Winter: Paris Day Trip, Dec. 27**
- **New Year's Medieval Dinner in Brugge (Bruges), Dec. 31**
- **Amsterdam with optional tour of Anne Frank House, Jan. 24, 2015**
- **Day trip to Centro Shopping Center in Oberhausen, Germany, Jan. 31, 2015**
- **Croatia with Venice & Slovenia, April 6 to 15, 2015 (10 days round-trip)**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Cologne Christmas Markets, Dec. 6**
- **Express Shopping Trip to London, Dec. 13**



Rolf Heinrich Köln

SHAPE Travel Group

- **Cologne Christmas Market, Nov. 25**
- **Leeds Castle/Dickens Christmas Festival, Dec. 6**
- **Paris Lights and Moulin Rouge, Dec. 9**
- **Strasbourg Christmas Market, Dec. 16**



James Gose

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Sign up today

- **Turkey Trot** - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community for the annual Turkey Trot Nov. 22 at 9 a.m. Stop by the Brussels Fitness Center today to register. For more information, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

Nov. 13

- **Family Dinner at 3 Star** - Family Dinner is offered Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy the Taco Bar. Make your (required) reservation at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Cost: Adults \$8, children 12 and under, \$4.

Nov. 19

- **Children's Story Time** - The staff members of the Brussels Library invite all preschoolers and their parents to join them for stories and crafts Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The featured book will be "Thanksgiving Day Thanks." There won't be any Story Time Nov. 26, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. For more information, call the library at DSN 368-9791 or civilian 02-7179791.

Nov. 26

- **Chaplain's Thanksgiving Lunch at 3 Star** - Enjoy a Thanksgiving meal and the company of others from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call in your reservation to the Brussels Chaplain's Office at RSOreserve@yahoo.com.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Snowboarding Clinics at CYS** - Open enrollment for sixth- through 12th-grade students is ongoing through Nov. 21 at CYSS Central Parent Services in Brunssum. Open to all US/NATO ID card holders. The \$280 fee includes transportation to and from Snow-World, helmet, snowboard and two hours of professional instruction. For details, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.
- **Valkenburg Christmas-Market Cultural Tour** - Schinnen Army Community Service puts on this trip Dec. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Using the local train, community members will have the opportunity to explore the Velvet Caves in Valkenburg and enjoy the delights of the Christmas market there. Cost of the train is €11.30 round-trip for adults and €2.50 for children ages 4 to 11. Admission to the caves is €6 for adults and €3 for children ages 5 to 12. Free admission for children ages 5 and under. Call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500 to reserve a spot.

Sign up today

- **Turkey Trot** - Run off some calories in preparation for all of that pumpkin pie and dressing. Come and join other members of the Schinnen Community for a refreshing 5K run/walk through a nearby nature trail. Be part of the annual Turkey Trot Nov. 21 from 8:45 to 11 a.m. Stop by the Schinnen Andre Bruls Fitness Center today to register. For more information, call DSN 360-7561 or civilian+31 (0) 464-437561.
- **CYSS Parents Night Out** - Enjoy a night out while CYSS takes care of your children Nov. 15 from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. A light dinner will be served to the children. Care is \$20 per child with each additional sibling at \$18. Army Family Covenant, or AFC, benefits can be used. Care is located at JFC Brunssum. Open to CYSS-registered children, infant to fifth grade. Fees are nonrefundable. To sign up, contact Parents Central Services at least two days prior at 31 (0) 45-5263121 or stop by to make your reservation.

Nov. 14

- **Job search and résumé-writing** - Come to this employment class at the Schinnen Army Community Service Conference Room from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Learn effective job-searching methods, including social media and federal websites, then learn to use job descriptions to market your knowledge, skills and abilities to get your résumé noticed. For information or to register, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.

Nov. 15

- **Late Fridays** - The Youth Center on JFC Brunssum will remain open until 9 p.m. with free food, music, fun and games for sixth- through 12th-grade youths. Open to U.S./NATO, youths must be registered with CYSS. Call 31 (0) 45-5263259 for details.

Nov. 21 and 22

- **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.

Nov. 27

- **U.S. Single Service Members Thanksgiving Dinner** - Joint Forces Command Brunssum International Chapel invites you to a family-style potluck dinner to celebrate Thanksgiving together at the International Conference Center from 6 to 8 p.m. For information, call DSN 364-2940 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5262940.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Happening now

- **Tickets on sale for *Seussical, The Musical*** - The SHAPE Players present the Performing Arts School in a musical based on the whimsical works of Dr. Seuss at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. It runs Nov. 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29 at 7:30 p.m. with matinee performances Nov. 23 and 30 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.

Register now

- **Registration open for Fall Theater Camp** - Children in grades 3 through 9 can join the SHAPE Players at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre through Winter Theater Camp, which will culminate in the musical "Shrek." The next session of the Performing Arts School begins Jan. 12, 2015. Call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312.
- **Spartan Turkey Trot** - Register to participate in the Nov. 21 Spartan Turkey Trot now. The 5k Run/Walk starts at the main gym at 4 p.m. while the Kids Fun Run will take place on the track at 5 p.m. Open to all NATO/SHAPE ID card-holders and authorized guests - walkers and runners of all ages. Race T-shirts are available for the first 150 people to pre-register. Cost: 5k - €10, Kids Fun Run - free. For more information, contact the race director at SHAPE International High School at DSN 423-5715 or civilian 065-445715.
- **Job-search training** - Learn to ace any interview at employment-search training, offered through SHAPE Army Community Service's Employment Readiness Program, in the ACS Conference Room in Building 4. Interviewing Tips and Techniques Workshop will be held Nov. 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is required. Call ACS at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Nov. 15

- **Family Fun Night** - Don't miss this opportunity for parents and children to play and meet new friends. The event, which will be held at Chièvres Fitness Center from 5:30 to 9 p.m., is also open to SHAPE Green and Blue ID card holders. Cost: \$3 for admission. \$5 for skate rental. (Limited sizes and quantities are available.) For more information and to register, call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.

Nov. 17 and 18

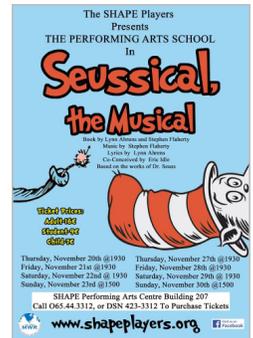
- **Host-Nation Orientation** - Army Community Service invites all service members, civilians and their family members of the SHAPE/Chièvres community to attend the orientation at SHAPE's Building 318 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On Day 1, you will learn about the community, Belgian customs and basic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

Nov. 18 and 25

- **Lunch and Learn** - Meet Tuesdays in the SHAPE Army Community Service Training Room in Building 318 from noon to 1 p.m. to hear the military family-life consultant present - Nov. 18: Effective Discipline for Children Ages 6 to 9, and Nov 25: Effective Discipline for Children Ages 2 to 5. Brown-bag it, and join the discussion group. To register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Nov. 25

- **U.S. Single Service Members Thanksgiving Dinner** - Join the chaplains for a Thanksgiving dinner in the SHAPE Fellowship Hall at SHAPE Chapel at 5 p.m. The Benelux Chaplain's Office invites all U.S. Single Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and Sailors to a Thanksgiving dinner. For information, call DSN 423-6019/5604 or civilian 065-446019/5604.



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.