

# THE GAZETTE

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

### 3 Star Lounge

The 3 Star Lounge reopens. Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community March 20 at 5:30 p.m. for the Thursday dinner special. Enjoy a rib-eye steak or grilled chicken dinner served with mashed potatoes and vegetables. For more information and reservations contact DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-717-9822.

### Brussels Fitness Center

The USAG Benelux-Brussels Fitness Center will close the female locker rooms all day March 17 due to maintenance. This is a temporary closure and the locker room will reopen March 18. For more information contact DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-717-9667.

### Community Health Promotion Council survey

Give a better picture of what people in the community think needs improvement or is great as it is. The survey takes 10 to 15 minutes and is open until the end of March. To take the survey, go to <http://go.usa.gov/Z7D9>.

### Call for bloggers

The USAG Benelux is looking for bloggers for an upcoming historical program. For more information email [usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil) with 'interested in blogging' as the subject line.

## Women's History Month

### NATO officers play "Seven" at SHAPE



U.S. Navy Vice Adm. Sean Pybus, commander of NATO Special Operations Forces Headquarters, plays the role of Marina Pisklakova of Northern Ireland during a performance of the play "Seven" at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 in Mons, Belgium. "Seven" is based on the real life stories of seven women's rights activists from seven different countries who overcame obstacles to bring about change in the home countries. The performance was aimed at challenging NATO personnel and the international community to understand, to experience and to promote alternative perspectives on human and women's rights and to stimulate the debate on women's role in society. (NATO photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Joshua A Keim)

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# Chièvres Air Base hosts bats

*Special to the Gazette*

The USAG Benelux Environmental Division conducted a survey on Chièvres Air Base in collaboration with Plecotus, the Belgian working group for the conservation of bats. Three Whiskered bats and one Daubenton's bat were found hibernating in the ruins of the WWII German fire department.

### Population decrease

Bats are the only mammals that can fly. With over 1,000 species worldwide, they represent approximately one fifth of all mammals of which more than 20% are threatened with extinction. In Europe all species are protected though figures are alarming. In Wallonia, Belgium, the populations have dropped down by 70% since the 50's. "It differs from one year to another, but the tendency is clearly a decrease of the population" says Bernadette Duhaut, member of Plecotus.

### Pesticides, habitat's destruction and bad reputation

The main reasons for their decrease are the use of pesti-

cides which results in the impoverishment of food resources, and their habitat's destruction. They also suffer from their bad reputation. Forget the myth that they cause damage hang on your hair or attack you. Neither will they feed on human blood. Vampire bats exist but there's only three species, all living in Central and South America, and their blood source is mainly of cattle, horses, pigs or birds.

### Bats are eco-friendly

Eating around one kilo of insects per year, they are natural pesticides and can help reducing the use of chemicals.

By protecting them we preserve the fragile balance of the ecosystems. If you host bats in your house, don't disturb them and contact Plecotus at <http://www.chauves-souris.be>, by phone at 081-390725 or by email [plecotus@natagora.be](mailto:plecotus@natagora.be) or the Environmental Division at DSN 361-6369 or civilian 068-27-6369.

### Did you know that . . .



*Army Emergency Relief is a resource for all active duty and retired Soldiers and their families – whether you're single, married, or divorced?*

*A substantial amount of our financial assistance goes to service members with families because they often face more budgetary problems. However,*

*AER provides financial assistance to everyone – regardless of marital status. Check out the programs and services available through your local Army Emergency Relief Office. We may be able to help you!*

**Soldiers Helping Soldiers for 72 Years**  
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# Brussels Army Health Clinic earns national recognition

**Special to the Gazette**

The National Committee for Quality Assurance announced that the Brussels Army Health Clinic has received Recognition from the Patient-Centered Medical Home 2011 program for using evidence-based, patient-centered processes that focus on highly coordinated care and long-term participative relationships.

The patient-centered medical home is a model of care emphasizing care coordination and communication to transform primary care into “what patients want it to be.” Research shows that medical homes can lead to higher quality and lower costs, and improve patients’ and providers’ reported experiences of care. The PCMH identifies practices that promote partnerships between individual patient and their personal clinicians, instead of treating patient care as the sum of several episodic office visits. Each patient’s care is tended to by clinician-led care teams, who provide for all the patient’s health care needs and coordinate treatments across the health care system. Medical home clinicians demonstrate the benchmarks of patient-centered care, including open scheduling and appropriate use of proven health information systems.

“The patient-centered medical home raises the bar in defining high-quality care by emphasizing access, health information technology and partnerships between clinicians and patients,” said NCQA President Margaret E. O’Kane. PCMH Recognition shows that the Brussels Army Health Clinic has the tools, systems and resources to provide their patients with the right care at the right time.”

To receive recognition, which is valid for three years, the Brussels Army Health Clinic demonstrated the ability to meet the program’s key elements embodying characteristics of the medical home. The standards are aligned with the joint prin-



ciples of the Patient-Centered Medical Home established with the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Osteopathic Association.

The Brussels Army Health Clinic met key program components in the following areas:

- Written standards for patient access and continuity

of care

- Use of patient feedback materials
- Appropriate use of charting tools to track patients and organize clinical information
- Responsive care management techniques with an emphasis on preventive care for individual patients and for the entire patient population
- Adaptation to patient’s cultural and linguistic needs
- Use of information technology for prescriptions, test and referral tracking and coordination with other health care providers
- Use of evidence-based guidelines to treat chronic conditions
- Measurement and reporting of clinical and service performance

For more information, visit <http://recognition.ncqa.org>.

**About NCQA**

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA’s Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set is the most widely used performance measurement tool in health care. NCQA is committed to providing health care quality information for customers, purchasers, health care providers and researchers.

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# Leaks can run, but they can't hide

## Special to the Gazette

Household leaks can waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, so hunt down the drips during Fix a Leak Week, March 17-23. Race over to your plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems, fix the leaks, and save valuable water and money.

### Learn how to find and fix leaks during Fix a Leak Week: It's as easy as 1-2-3

Being handy around the house doesn't have to be difficult. Common types of leaks found in the home are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easily correctable, in many cases requiring only a few tools and hardware that can pay for themselves in water savings.

#### Checking for Leaks

To check for leaks in your home, first you need to determine whether you're wasting water, then identify the source of the leak.

- Take a look at your water usage during a colder month, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons (about 45,500 liters) per month, there are serious leaks.
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.
- Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 15 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.)
- Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.
- The Regional Water Providers Consortium has a video on detecting household leaks that you may find helpful.

#### Fix a leak: toilets

A common reason why toilets will leak is an old or worn out toilet flapper (sometimes called a "valve seal"). Flappers are inexpensive rubber parts that can build up minerals or decay over time. Replacing them can be a quick and easy fix for your water woes. To fix this leak, consult your local hardware store, home improvement retailer, or licensed plumber. Here are some online resources from WaterSense partners:

- Check the Spartanburg Water video tutorial on detecting leaky toilets at <http://www.sws-sssd.org/conservation/conservation-video.php>.
- Check the Regional Water Providers Consortium step-by-step video on how to fix a leaky toilet at <http://www.conserveh2o.org/how-to-videos-water-conservation>.

**Tip:** Bring the old flapper to the hardware store for comparison to make

sure you buy a new flapper that fits your toilet model. You can also check the owner's manual, if you have it, or the manufacturer's Web site for the appropriate replacement part number for the flapper.

#### Fix a leak: faucets

Old and worn faucet washers and gaskets frequently cause leaks in faucets. Many tutorials are available online for how to fix a wide variety of faucets. Here are a couple of examples:

- Check the handy reference on faucet repairs of the Do-It-Yourself Network at <http://www.diynetwork.com/how-to/how-to-repair-a-compression-faucet/index.html>.
- YouTube has numerous video tutorials on how to fix a dripping faucet, check <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGAUkiGfOq4>.

**Tip:** Don't forget to turn off the water line before you start.

#### Fix a leak: showerheads

Some leaky showerheads can be fixed by making sure there is a tight connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem and by using pipe tape to secure it. Pipe tape, also called Teflon tape, is available at most hardware stores, is easy to apply, and can help tame unruly leaks. For more complicated valve leaks in showers that drip when not in use, contact an experienced handy person or licensed plumber.

**Tip:** It's also a good idea to check and, if needed, replace the washer or "o" ring inside the showerhead while making this repair.

#### Fix a leak: outdoors

If you have an in-ground irrigation system, check it each spring before use to make sure it wasn't damaged by frost or freezing. Finally, check your garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.

#### Leaks still flowing overboard?

Have you done all that you can to try to eliminate leaks from your home but still can't nip that drip in the bud?

If you've already determined you have leaks and you find these step-by-step solutions aren't enough to stop them, it might be time to replace your leaking fixtures. Find more information on the Fix a Leak Week at [http://www.epa.gov/watersense/our\\_water/fix\\_a\\_leak.html](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/our_water/fix_a_leak.html).

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## AFCU \$1,500 scholarship

Andrews Federal Credit Union is now accepting applications for one of the eight \$1,500 non-renewable scholarships for higher education and books. Any AFCU member or member's dependent pursuing a degree from an accredited college or university is eligible. Application forms are available online and in branches through April 25. All applicants have to be members or members' dependents with an Andrews Federal account in good standing as of Feb. 1. (If student is a member's dependent, the student does not have to have an account; parent/guardian must be the account-holder). Scholarship applications must be received no later than April 25 at Andrews Federal Credit Union, 5711 Allentown Road, Suitland, Md. 20746 by 4 p.m. via mail, 5 p.m. via branch-delivery or 11:59 p.m. via email. The 2014 scholarship application form is available at any branch or online at <http://www.andrewsfcu.org/scholarship2014>. Judges will not know the identities of applicants during the selection process.

## CYSS SHAPE/Chièvres

**Developmental soccer/baseball for ages 4-5** - Registration is open until March 14 for the season starting mid April and running through June. Cost is \$20.

**Baseball for ages 6-7, 8-9, 10-12 or 13-15** - Registration is open until March 14 for season starting March and running through June. Cost is \$40.

**Soccer for ages 6-7, 8-9 or 10-12** - Registration is open until March 14 for season starting March and running through June. Cost is \$40.

**Softball for girls ages 10-12** - Registration is open until March 21 for season starting March and running through May. Cost is \$40.

**For more information or to register for the above classes, call DSN 423-5612/5611 or civilian 065-44-5612/5611.**

## CYSS Schinnen

**Youth Baseball/ Softball NAYS Coaches Clinic** - Sign up by March 24 for the March 26 clinic, held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Bldg.# 602. The class is free. NAYS Coaches Training is a mandatory requirement to coach CYSS Sports & Fitness Programs. In addition, you will receive Child Abuse & CPR Training also mandatory for all volunteers. For more information or to register, contact CYSS at DSN 364-4195 or civilian 045-526-4195.

## JFC Brunssum

**Youth Volleyball Clinic** - From 4 to 7 p.m. at the JFC Brunssum Fitness Center for boys and girls aged 9-18. For more information, call DSN 364-3170 or civilian 045-527-3170.

## Single European Payment Area

Effective immediately, all electronic payments across the Euro area should conform to the new SEPA standard. Community Bank customers can make SEPA payments online, by using Community Bank's Online Euro Bill Pay, and in the Schinnen Banking Center. As the European Commission has recently extended the SEPA transition deadline until August 1, Community

Bank will continue until further notice to accept payments in the old, pre-SEPA format. However, it is recommended that customers switch to the new SEPA standard and start using the International Bank Account Number and the Bank Identifier Code (BIC) for their payments as soon as possible.

## New AAFES hours in Schinnen

New AAFES hours of operation are as follows:

### Express (Shoppette):

Mon from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Tues-Fri from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sat from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sun from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Main Store:

Mon closed;  
Tues-Sat from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness Program

The Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness program (CSF2) launched a new social media platform, ArmyFit, for Soldiers, Army families and Army civilians to use in building their resilience and enhancing their performance. This online, self-development platform offers members of the total Army an opportunity to access tools and resources that will help them improve their physical and psychological strength in the areas of social, emotional, spiritual, family and physical fitness. For information go to <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-131521>.

## WIC Overseas Program

The U.S. Department of Defense offers the Women, Infants, and Children Overseas Program to eligible overseas beneficiaries. The WIC Overseas Program provides participants with benefits, including:

- Nutrition and health screenings
- Nutritious foods
- Tips on how to prepare balanced meals
- Access to other resources that help you and your family to lead healthier lives

The WIC Overseas Program is available to eligible participants living overseas, including:

- Members of the uniformed services and their family members
- DoD civilian employees and their family members
- DoD contractors and their family members

Those who may be eligible for the WIC Overseas Program include:

- Expectant mothers
- Mothers - until the infant is six months old if formula feeding or one year old if breast-feeding
- Infants and children - until the end of the month in which they turn age 5.

For more information contact WIC Overseas USAG Benelux at DSN 423-5971 or civilian 065-44-5971, or WIC Overseas USAG Benelux-Schinnen at DSN 360-7489 or civilian 046-443-7489.

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*Benelux News is a compilation of translated news stories from regional media sources*

## **Use of F16s during summit in The Hague**

Security measures for the Nuclear Security Summit to be held later this month, will include two Dutch F16s to secure The Hague's airspace by intercepting unknown aircraft, identifying and possibly shooting it down. At the same time, there will be F16s at airbases in Volkel or Leeuwarden ready to take off should there be a threat. Dutch airspace will only be partly accessible during the Nuclear Security Summit. The F16s will be refuelled in air. The cost to have the F16s in the air have been estimated at approximately 20,000 euros per hour.

## **Belgian residence permits**

Some 1,900 foreigners were granted a residence permit last year. The number is more than 50 percent down on the year. The drop applies especially to regularizations for medical reasons, after procedures involving medical checks got stricter. The number of asylum applications in general has dropped, and the number of people trying to obtain a residence permit via regularization also saw a sharp decline. One of the main reasons is the shorter asylum application procedure. Asylum seekers whose application was finally rejected after trying all possible procedures, used to have hopes to be granted a residence permit. Due to the lengthy procedures, they had been staying in Belgium for years and even got well integrated in the end. Now, as procedures have been shortened drastically, their hopes of obtaining a residence are dashed.

## **Dutch export to the U.S.**

New figures released by Netherlands Statistics show a 17 percent decrease in Dutch exports to the U.S. last year. Reports explain the drop was mainly caused by a decrease in export of petroleum products such as gas, and also caused by lower export prices. The total export to the U.S. was 16.8 billion euros last year compared to 20.2 billion in 2012. Export of petroleum products mainly suffered from shale gas extraction in the U.S. which allows American production at cheaper rates. Nevertheless, the U.S. continues to be the most important export partner outside Europe for the Netherlands.

## **Dutch women earn 18 percent less than men**

There was almost an 18 percent difference in gross income between men and women in 2012. Yet, these figures are slightly better than the ones from 2008 when the difference in gross income was still 20 percent. The difference in hourly wage for men and women is particularly high above the age of 45. Between the ages of 20 and 30, there is very little difference in gross hourly wages while between the ages of 25 and 30, women earn even more than men.

## **Shark that washed up on Dutch island has died**

The Starry smooth-hound shark which washed up alive on the Wadden Sea island of Vlieland two weeks ago has died. The shark, a female, was taken to the Dolfinarium in Harderwijk to recuperate before efforts were made to release her back into the sea. She was given intravenous food because she did not want to eat. Her carers now think the slight wound on her head proved fatal after an infection reached her brain. The shark will undergo a post mortem examination at Utrecht

University. The shark, just over one meter long, was the biggest live shark ever to wash up on the Dutch coast.

## **Wild boars in Namur area**

In Malonne, close to the city of Namur, the population of wild boars has risen in such a way that the animals have become a nuisance. Local farmers are desperate and try anything to keep the animals out as they damage the soil in search of food. The Namur city council has stepped in by allowing an exception to hunt wild boars in selected areas.

## **Rembrandt's painting returns home**

"The Conspiracy of the Batavians Under Claudius Civilis" returns to Amsterdam on March 21 to hang in the Rijksmuseum. The three-meter wide canvas, painted in 1661-1662, belongs to the National Museum in Stockholm but is on loan to the Rijksmuseum while the building is being renovated. The painting was commissioned by Amsterdam city council for the town hall but was returned to Rembrandt. Its original size of 6.5 by 6 meters made it his largest painting, but also difficult to sell and the painter cut it down to 3 by 2 meters. It depicts an episode from the Batavian rebellion of 69-70 AD led by the one-eyed chieftan Claudius Civilis.

## **36 Dutch die every year without noticing**

At least 36 people die unnoticed at home in the Netherlands every year. In Rotterdam, for example, forensic doctors deal with some five bodies a year that have been undiscovered for at least two months. The most likely people to die unnoticed are men over the age of 60 who live in isolation, often with addiction problems.

## **WWI shells still to be removed**

The Belgian Army's mine clearing department has started the removal of toxic shells dating back from the first war in the area of Passendaele. Four farmers' fields of a total of 4.5 hectares have been fenced off and local inhabitants have been asked to stay home. Some time ago, one of the farmers unearthed about 150 shells containing the famous mustard gas and which were probably part of a German storage. The Belgian Army's mine clearing unit does more than 3,000 interventions per year and about 40 percent of all ammunition used during WWI did not explode, with the heaviest shells sometimes buried at a depth of six meters and lighter ones at two meters. Since 1918, "forgotten" shells have killed a total of 358 people, including 19 kids.

## **Oegstgeest is best place to live in the Netherlands**

The Zuid-Holland town of Oegstgeest is the best place to live in the Netherlands, scoring 8.7 out of 10 in a research project. The score was based on Oegstgeest's key quality of life indicators - house prices, crime, poverty, shops, schools and medical care. Oegstgeest is officially a town of 23,000 people but is effectively a suburb of Leiden. The local authority areas of Edam-Volendam and Heemstede were in second and third place. Bottom of the list, with a score of just 2.2, was Vaals in the far south of Limburg. Vlagtwedde and Eemsmond in Groningen were second and third from bottom. None of the big cities appear in the top 25 ranking.

This column includes events within close distance to Chièvres, SHAPE, Brussels

**13-16 March**

- **"ArtisanArt" and Creativa fair in Brussels** - Fair for creative leisure held at the Brussels Expo on Place de Belgique. Over 100 booths will sell everything you need for scrapbooking, jewelry making, patchwork quilting, card making, mosaics and much more. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €11.

**14-17 March**

- **Wine producers fair in Saint-Gilles** - Some 70 wine producers will be offering their wine at the fair held on Place Van Meenen from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the weekend and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday. Entrance fee is €10.
- **Garden and decoration fair in Tournai (Kain)** - Held at the expo on Rue du Follet from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**14-23 March**

- **Eurantica in Brussels** - 33rd edition of the fine arts and antiques fair held at the Brussels Expo on Belgiëplein 1. Open from 2 to 7 p.m. on weekdays and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the weekend.



**15 March**

- **Indoor flea market in Anderlecht (70 booths)** - Held at the school on Rue Van Winghen 1, the flea market is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**15-16 March**

- **Horse, pony and donkey fair in Mons** - Held at the Mons Expo on Avenue Thomas Edison from 10 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 11 p.m. both days. Learn all you want to know about horses, ponies and donkeys and related sports activities. Entrance fee is €7 for adults and €4 for children up to 10 years old.



- **Secondhand market for ladies only in Neufmaison** - Market for secondhand jewelry, shoes, perfume, hats, purses and more at the Salle des Manous on the square. Entrance fee is €2.

**16 March**

- **Books and records flea market in Evere (45 booths)** - Held at the sports center Herman from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free entry.
- **Flea market in Woluwe-Saint-Lambert (70 booths)** held on Rue des Déportés 38-40. This inside and outside flea market is held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Flea market in Binche (50 booths)** - All proceeds will go to the Make a Wish association. Held on Route de Mons 259 (Lidl parking lot) from 1 to 7 p.m.

This column includes events within close distance to Brunssum and Schinnen.

**14-16 March**

- **International Wine Fair in Aarschot (BE)** held at Stadsfeestzaal, Demervallei 14. Wine producers from France, Italy, Spain, Portugal and other countries participate and present their wines. Entry is €6. Open March 14 from 5 to 10 p.m.; March 15 from 2 to 8 p.m. and March 16, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Spring Easter Market in Bielefeld (GE)** held at Ravensberger Spinnerei has many participants offering all kind of decorations, art, ceramics, fashion, jewelry and more. Open March 14 from 1 to 6 p.m., March 15 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and March 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €3.
- **Culinary Bruges in Brugge (BE)** held at Oud Sint-Jan Site on Mariastraat 38 - Enjoy the many national and international culinary products offered. Open March 14 from 4 to 10 p.m. and March 15-16 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**14-23 March**

- **Art & Antique Fair "TEFAF" in Maastricht** - The world's largest, most important and exclusive Art & Antique Fair "TEFAF" is held at MECC. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and March 23 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €55 (catalogue included), children (12-18 years) €20. More information at <http://www.tefaf.com>.



**15 March**

- **International Belly dance festival in Heerlen** - Bellydance performances by both professional and amateurs from noon to 9 p.m. at the Cultural center Heerlen on Sittarderweg 145. For additional information, check <http://www.bellydancefestival.nl>.
- **Draft horse day in Weerter** - This year, Weerter is celebrating the 450th anniversary of its horse market with horse inspections and several activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the center of town.

**15-16 March**

- **Antiques, Art & Design Fair in Breda** - held at Amrath Hotel, Heerbaan 4. Participants display a collection of silver, ceramics, antique jewelry, clocks, furniture, Art Deco, glass, paintings and more. Entry is €5. Open March 15 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and March 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Collectors & Flea Market in Nieuwegein** - with more than 500 participants held at Home Boxx on Symfonielaan 1. Open March 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and March 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Entry is €7.50.



16 March Continued

- **Indoor and outside flea market in Nivelles (70 booths)** - Held on Rue de Sotriamont from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Braine-le-Comte** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from Rue des Postes 101 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Pipaix** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from "Salle l'Ecourché" on Place 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Montignies-sur-Roc** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from "Salle Omnisports La Roquette" from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Quaregnon** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from Rue du Plat Rie 345 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Seneffe** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the school on Rue du Miroir from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ophain-Bois-Seigneur-Isaac** for 4, 7, 10, 20, 30 or 40 km. Departure is from Rue des Combattants, 3 from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Ongoing

Through 4 May

- **Display on Marguerite Bervoets in Mons** - Discover her role in the resistance during WWII but also her life as a little girl and a woman. At Salle Saint-Georges on the main square, next to the city hall from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays and from 2 to 8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.



Through 26 April 2015

- **Expo 14-18: It's our history in Brussels** - At the Royal Army Museum on Parc du Cinquantaire 3, daily from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:45 p.m. except Mondays. Admission is €12, children 6 to 18 pay €8, family package (2 adults and 2 children) are at €32.



15-16 March continued

- **Gothic & Fantasy Fair in Rijswijk** - A fantasy, Gothic and medieval event, held at Volmerlaan 2. You'll feel like being in a different world. It has attractive stands, entertainment, live music, demonstrations and more. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €10, children (7-12) €3.
- **Spring fair in Velbert (GE)** - Held in the rooms and court yard of Castle Hardenberg. Open on both days from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €2.
- **Curiosa Market in Werkendam** - Held at the unique location of Fortress Altena on Tol 8. The fortress can also be visited those two days. Open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

16 March

- **German/Dutch cloth and fabric market in Remagen (GE)** - This annual market is combined with an attractive spring market. And when in Remagen why not also visit the remains of the famous bridge and museum of the town.

19 March

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

20 March - 18 May

- **Keukenhof Gardens near Lisse** opens its gates again to show floral displays planted in endless varieties among works of art. This year the international flower exhibition has chosen "Holland" as its central theme with the focus on the tulip and its history. The Keukenhof is open daily from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ticket office closes at 6 p.m. Entry is €15, children age 4 to 11 pay €7.50. More information at <http://www.keukenhof.nl>.



Mark your calendar

19 April

- **Kennedy Mars** - Register now for the Kennedy Mars held April 19 in Sittard. To register go to <http://kennedymars.org>. In a 1963 speech, John F. Kennedy said as a result of the modern affluent society, "nobody can walk 50 miles within 20 hours anymore". After this statement, people around the world walked 50 miles/80 km to prove he was wrong.

## SHAPE Trips & Tours

For information on the trips below, call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-44-3884

- **Amsterdam with canal tour, March 15 (last day to sign up is today)** - Come along with us for a day in Amsterdam where we begin with a canal tour to introduce you to some of the city's secrets. Spend the remainder of the day soaking up sites smells and tastes of this unique city. Whether you're an art lover, music lover or culture lover- Amsterdam has something just for you! The price with canal tour is adults €82, child (4-12) €79, child (0-3) €70. Price without canal tour is €70 per person. Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m., departs Brussels at 7:30 a.m., arrives at Brussels at 11 p.m., and arrives at SHAPE at midnight.



## Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trips below call DSN 360-7561 or civilian

- **Paris, March 15** - Spend a day to shop, dine or take a city tour. Bus departs Schinnen at 4 a.m. and returns at 2 a.m. (Sunday). Cost is \$75 for adults and children.

## SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below call civilian 0486/56.53.71

- **Polish Pottery Outlet & Utrecht, March 21** - Come with us to the Polish Pottery outlet at Nijkerk and stock up. We will spend a couple of hours at the outlet, and then we will continue to Utrecht. Utrecht boasts beautiful canals with extraordinary wharf cellars housing cafés and terraces by the water. Besides the Dom Tower, Utrecht has many other monuments that each contribute to the special atmosphere in this centuries-old university town. There are a variety of shops lining the canals and streets and the city center is small enough to explore on foot, but you may need to visit again to see all the art and culture available. The Rietveld Schröder Huis, Dick Bruna Huis, Catharijne Convent Centraal Museum and Museum Speelklok are just a few of the many places to visit. On a nice day you can take a walk in the Wilhelminapark, Lepelenburg park and botanical gardens.



## Upcoming trips

### SHAPE Trips & Tours

- **Dover Castle and Canterbury, March 22**
- **Maastricht, March 29**
- **Monet's Home and Gardens, April 12**
- **Keukenhof and Gouda, April 18**
- **Hans caves and safari park, April 19**
- **King's Day Amsterdam, April 26**
- **Rhine in Flames, May 3**
- **Champagne, May 10**
- **Paris, May 17**
- **Versailles, May 24**
- **Polish pottery, May 29 - June 1**
- **Normandy Beaches, May 30 - June 1**
- **London, June 21**
- **Stonehenge with Salisbury, June 28**
- **London, August 15-17**

### Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Trout fishing, March 29**
- **Keukenhof Gardens, April 12**
- **Trip to Malgrat De Mar, Spain, April 18-27**
- **Miami Dolphins VS Oakland Raiders in London, 27-29 September**

### SHAPE Travel Group

- **Nivelles & St. Feuillien, March 25**
- **Champagne in Epernay, April 24**
- **Keukenhof & The Hague, April 29**
- **Strasbourg, May 8**
- **Versailles Palace & Gardens, May 22**
- **Tongeren & the antiques market, June 1**
- **Fontainebleau Palace, June 5**
- **A day in Paris, June 19**

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

### 17 March

- **Shamrock 5K Run** - This fun run is free. It starts at 9 a.m. and will go through the installation and local cross country trails, just follow the rainbow to the pot of gold, and don't forget to wear green. The run is open to all Tri-Border Community NATO ID card holders. For more information contact the USAG Benelux-Schinnen FMWR at DSN 360-7561 or civilian 046-443-7561.



Monday 17 March

### 18 March

- **Ten Steps to a Federal Job** - Get an overview of the start-to-finish process of the U.S. federal job search from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ACS Conference Room. Learn the 'Ten Steps' of applying for a job including exploring the different agencies, and occupational codes, analyzing job announcements, understanding U.S. jobs, writing effective resumes, answering questionnaires, and much more. For information or to register, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian 046-443-7269/7500.

### 19 March

- **Pre-departure class** - Learn when to notify your cable, utilities and cell phone companies that you're leaving. Learn what kind of financial expenses you can expect. The class is held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Schinnen ACS, Bldg. 39. For more information, call ACS Relocation Readiness at DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian 046-443-7512.
- **Sponsorship training** - Held at Schinnen ACS, Bldg. 39 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7512 or civilian 046-443-7512.
- **Smooth Move** at ACS from 10 to 11:30 a.m. If you are PCS'ing, separating or retiring, this will teach you valuable information to help in your transition.
- **PCS Brief for Junior Enlisted** - From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at ACS, PCS brief provides guidance on financial preparation and planning for a PCS move such as PCS checklist, entitlements, importance of planning your move in advance, the real and hidden cost of relocation and useful websites. For more information or to register, contact ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 civilian 046-443-7450/7500.

### 20-21 March

- **Host nation and Newcomer's Tour** - On day one, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., explore the Dutch culture with an introduction to the language and get an overview of Tri-Border services. On day two, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., visit the Tri-Border communities, take a hospital tour, visit local attractions and shopping areas, and learn how to use the local trains and bus systems. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian 046-443-7512/7500.

## REGISTER NOW

### 22 March

- **Basketball Tournament** - March Madness -3 on 3 basketball tournament- starts at 10 a.m. For more information contact the USAG Benelux-Schinnen FMWR at DSN 360-7561 or civilian 046- 443-7561.

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

### 13 March

- **Dress for success workshop** - Held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Digital Training Center on Chièvres Air Base. Registration is required. Call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-32-6824.
- **The kids' book club** - The group will discuss *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster at 4:30 p.m. at the SHAPE International Library. Registration is not required and there is no fee for this program. For more information or to reserve a copy of the book, please call the library at DSN 423-5631, civilian 065-44-5631, e-mail at mwr.shape.library.info@us.army.mil or stop by during regular hours.

### 14 March

- **St Patrick's Day** - Wear green and celebrate St Patrick's Day at the SHAPE Events Center from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

### 15 March

- **Dinner in the Dark** - Enjoy a 3-course gastronomic menu for €40 as of 8 p.m. at the SHAPE Club. Tickets are on sale at the SHAPE Club.

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY CONTINUED

### 15 March continued

- **Family Fun Night** - Skating, games and bouncy castle from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Entrance fee is \$3 and skate rental is \$85. For more information call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-27-5643.

### 18 March

- **Lunch and Learn - "Bully Busting Activities"** - From noon to 1 p.m.
- **Interviewing Tips and Techniques Workshop** - Held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Digital Training Facility, Bldg. 20104, on Chièvres. Registration is required at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-32-6824.
- **U.S. town hall and information fair** at the SHAPE events center from 3 to 6 p.m. The town hall will start at 4 p.m. with information booths and family fun from 3 to 4 p.m. and from 5 to 6 p.m. Event is open to all U.S. service members, civilians and dependents. For more information, call the USNMR at DSN 423-4032 or civilian 065-44-4032.

### 19 March

- **Page turners book discussion group** - The group will discuss *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini. Registration is not required and there is no fee for this program. For more information or to reserve a copy of the book, please call the library at DSN 423-5631, civilian 065-44-5631, e-mail at mwr.shape.library.info@us.army.mil or stop by during regular hours.
- **Resume writing workshop** - Learn how to market you on your resume from 9 a.m. to noon at the Digital Training Facility, Bldg. 20104 on Chièvres Air Base. Registration is required at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-32-6824.

### 20 March

- **Jazz and poetry night** - Performers can register on the Facebook page "Jazz and Poetry Night". This free event starts at 7 p.m. in the Mons Bar, SHAPE Club.

### 21 March

- **Lunchtime concert** - Come, sit down, relax and listen to classical music performed by musicians from the SHAPE community from 12:15 to 1 p.m. at the SHAPE Chapel Center, East Chapel

## REGISTER NOW

### 22 March (Limited to 20 participants)

- **Purple Belt Self Defense Class** - Protect yourself, using your mind and your body. The class is led by a female self defense instructor and a male 2nd Degree Black Belt in Shotokan Karate. The class will be held at the SHAPE Gym from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Each participant will be awarded a purple belt. For more information or to register call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-32-6824.



## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

### 15 March

- **Resume writing workshop** - Held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ACS conference room, Bldg. 4. Registration is required at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-32-6824.

### 18 March

- **NCAA Basketball March Madness pool** - The American Club of Brussels is hosting its second annual NCAA Basketball March Madness pool. It is open to all. To participate and say how many brackets you would like to participate with, contact info@americanclubbrussels.org and you will get an email with the invitation to the league and all of the details. Reservations and payments can be made now through March 15. Each bracket submitted is €10. Payment can be made directly to the American Club of Brussels at ACB at BE55 4279 1958 8144 (BIC/SWIFT: KREDBEBB). The payment must be received prior to the start of the tournament.

### 19 March

- **The 7 habits of 24/7 Dads** - Held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ACS Conference Room, Bldg 4, second floor. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.



**KEEPING YOU CONNECTED**

The Official Website of the American Forces Network Benelux

Brussels: 101.7 FM – Chièvres 107.9 FM – SHAPE 106.5 FM and 104.2 FM

[benelux.afneurope.net](http://benelux.afneurope.net)

**BRUSSELS COMMUNITY CONTINUED**

**19 March continued**

- **Newcomers' brief** - Key agencies present a brief overview of their services and answer questions from 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9783/9729 or civilian 02-717-9783/9729.

**20 March**

- **Hospital guided tour** - Tour a local hospital with the Brussels Clinic Patient Liaison from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9783/9729 or civilian 02-717-9783/9729.
- **Cultural adaptation** - Learn about local customs and helpful basic French and Flemish vocabulary from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9783/9729 or civilian 02-717-9783/9729.

**21 March**

- **Metro Madness** - Learn how to use public transportation and take a trip to explore Brussels from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9783/9729 or civilian 02-717-9783/9729.

**Movie schedule at the SHAPE Cinema**

Rates: 2D movies are €7 for adults and €4 for 11 years and under; 3D movies are €9 for adults and €6 for 11 years and under. Movies are subject to change. Check <http://www.shape2day.com/cinema/february-movie-schedule.aspx> for updates.

<b>March 14</b>	4 p.m.	Mr. Peabody & Sherman 3D	PG	92 min
	6:45 p.m.	Son of God	PG-13	95 min
	9:30 p.m.	That Awkward Moment	R	94 min
<b>March 15</b>	4 p.m.	Mr. Peabody & Sherman 3D	PG	92 min
	6:15 p.m.	Pompeii 3D	PG-13	106 min
	9 p.m.	300 Rise of an Empire 3D	R	102 min
<b>March 16</b>	3 p.m.	Son of God	PG-13	95 min
	5:45 p.m.	Non Stop	PG-13	106 min
<b>March 19</b>	4 p.m.	Mr. Peabody & Sherman 3D	PG	92 min
	6:45 p.m.	300 Rise of an Empire 3D	R	102 min

**Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English:** Only the British or American movies listed as VO (Version Originale or Originele Versie) will be in English.

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

**ImagiBraine** - Boulevard de France, 1420 Braine l'Alleud

Check the schedule and purchase your tickets at : <http://kinopolis.be/nl/bioscopen/kinopolis-imagibraine>.

**Kinopolis** - Boulevard du Centenaire 20, 1020 Bruxelles. Check the schedule at <http://kinopolis.be/fr/cinemas/kinopolis-bruxelles>.

**Movie schedule at the JFC HQ Alliance Theater**

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

<b>March 14</b>	7 p.m.	Her	R	120 min
<b>March 15</b>	4 p.m.	Mr. Peabody & Sherman	PG	92 min
	7p.m.	300 Rise of an Empire 3D	R	102 min

Community Roundup

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