

THE GAZETTE

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

American Indian Heritage

USAG Benelux, BOSS and 650th MI are hosting a National American Indian Heritage celebration, Nov. 15 at the Warrior Zone on Caserne Daumerie from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. including a presentation on Navajo code talkers. BOSS will be selling lunch. For information, call DSN 361-5235.

Postal Holiday Hours

Effective Nov. 19, the hours will be as follows:

SHAPE - Monday through Friday

Postal Finance, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Parcel Pick-up, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For mail by appointment (five or more parcels), call DSN 366-6311.

Chièvres - Monday through Friday

Postal Finance, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Parcel Pick-up, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
For the holiday deadlines, see the community briefs.

Thanksgiving hours

The Schinnen and Chièvres Commissaries will be open Monday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. but closed Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23.

CFC-Overseas

The Combined Federal Campaign Overseas ends Nov. 16. See your representative today or go online to www.cfcoverseas.org to make your contribution.

Honoring the war victims



Reserve Lt. Col. David R. Craine salutes while honoring the war victims of both WWI and WWII during a ceremony held Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012 at Chièvres. (U.S. Army photo by Cis Spook)

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Veterans' Day at Margraten Netherlands Cemetery



Veterans were honored during a special ceremony Friday, Nov. 9, 2012 at Margraten Netherlands Cemetery. (Picture above) Among the participants were the ROTC Cadets providing a Color and honor guard. (Picture left from left to right) Chaplain (Maj.) Philippe Smiley, Ms Kimberly Wayland, USAG Benelux-Schinnen Deputy Garrison Manager, Mrs. Sharon Dolan and Mr. Michael Dolan and Maj. Gen. Joseph Reynes, U.S. Senior Military Representative to the Netherlands pay respect at the playing of Taps. Mr. and Mrs. Dolan are the next of kin of Army Pfc. Gerald W. Kight, 23, of White Salmon, Wash. who was missing in action from World War II during the Battle of Arnhem and whose name is on the Wall of Missing in Margraten. His remains were found in September 2011 in a wartime foxhole in a corn field northeast of Groesbeek (NL). His remains have been buried in his hometown and a rosette has been placed by his niece Mrs. Sharon Dolan next to his name on the Wall of Missing last Memorial Day stating he is not Missing anymore. (U.S. Army photos by Rita Hoefnagels)

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Host Nation community remembers Armistice Day, Nov. 11



November 11 is Armistice Day and commemorates the official cessation of hostilities on the western front signed between the WWI Allies and Germany. Armistice took effect the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. The date was declared a national holiday in many allied nations, to commemorate those members of the armed forces who were killed during the war. In 1954, the name of the holiday was changed to Veterans Day in the United States to celebrate all veterans who have served. Whether called Veterans Day in the U.S., Remembrance Day in the countries of the British Commonwealth or Armistice Day, all remember and honor the veterans for their sacrifices and commitment. Almost every town and village in Belgium had a wreath laying ceremony honoring the war victims. In Brussels, Patrick Rothbauer, USAG Benelux-Brussels Deputy Garrison Manager and James Irish, Plans and Operations Officer attended a commemorative ceremony in Leefdaal, Sunday, November 11, 2012. The wreath laying ceremony was held to honor the crew of a World War II B-24 Liberator bomber that crashed there on November 26, 1944.

Picture above left and right) Command Sgt. Maj. Romeo Montez, III attended the Armistice Day ceremony in Brugelette, Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012 and paid respect to the fallen next to the Brugelette Mayor, Mr. André Desmarlières.

(Picture bottom right) Reserve Lt. Col. David R. Craine lays a wreath with Claude Demarez, Alderman of Chièvres, during the Armistice Day ceremony in Chièvres, Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012.

(Picture bottom left) Lt. Col. Francisco Rivera salutes at a ceremony held in Ploegsteert, Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. The Ploegsteert memorial to the Missing is a Commonwealth War Graves Commission memorial for the missing Soldiers of WWI who fought in the Ypres Salient on the Western front. (Except otherwise mentioned, U.S. Army photos by Marie-Lise Baneton)



Cis Spook

Spiritual Fitness, Then and Now

Community Soldiers tour the Normandy battlefields

Special to the Gazette

More than 30 Department of Defense service and family members disembarked for Normandy, France, November 1, on the USAG Benelux RSO Normandy Spiritual Fitness Training Event. By combining historical events

amazing feats of courage during the invasion,” said Chaplain (Major) Leo Mora Jr., USAG Benelux Deputy Command Chaplain. One such example was a highly decorated Soldier, First Sgt. Leonard G. “Bud” Lomell.



Wendy Mora

At Longues-sur-Mer, Brigitte Simon, subject matter expert, provided the historical facts of the artillery battery that was part of Germany's Atlantic Wall coastal fortifications.

with chaplain snapshots, the group received the big historic and Soldier-on-the-ground picture of “Operation Overlord,” carried out June 6, 1944. Known as the largest armada of all time, in total the “D-Day” invasion involved more than three million men, 11,000 aircraft and 4,000 ships of various kinds.

On day one, a stop at Pegasus Bridge provided an overview of the British Airborne Operations in the eastern part of the battlefield. On day two, a stop at St. Mère Eglise provided information on the western battlefield’s Airborne Operations, showcasing the 101st and 82nd “All-American” Airborne Divisions. Other points of interest included stops at the American beaches of Omaha and Utah to include Pointe du Hoc, which filled in much of the invasion of what came to be known for GIs as “the longest day.”

“D-day and the days that followed brought forth many heroes who did

Leonard G. “Bud” Lomell (1920-201) enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942. He initially served with the 76th Infantry Division and volunteered with the Army Rangers in World War II. He is best known for his actions in the first hours of D-Day at Pointe du Hoc. Located on the coast of Normandy,

the German Army’s largest coastal weapons, equipped with five 155-millimeter German guns with a 25-kilome-

ter range that endangered the tens of thousands of troops landing on Omaha Beach and Utah Beach. This included thousands of watercraft in the English Channel, supporting the Normandy invasion. Concealed from Allied intelligence, the Germans had relocated the guns to a nearby orchard, leaving them operational and ready to fire on unsuspecting American Soldiers.

Through skill, courage and “pure luck,” Lomell found and quickly disabled all five guns with thermite grenades, melting the elevating gear mechanisms that controlled trajectory of fire downrange, rendering them utterly useless. Lomell’s unrelenting pursuit of mission accomplishment enabled him to redeem the time and opportunities during an evil period of human history, while functioning within an environment of turmoil, chaos, and uncertainty. Undeterred, Lomell, fellow Ranger Staff Sgt. Jack Kuhn and other fellow rangers fended off German defense units while securing a secondary, main transport route, objective the Wehrmacht (German infantry) intended to use in transporting troop reinforcements up to the fortified German defense beach heads.



Gregory Roberts

The group in front of one of the bunkers at Pointe du Hoc, Normandy.

Normandy battlefields tour | Continued

RAPIDS Self Service (RSS)

For his actions, First Sgt. Lomell was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and a battlefield commission. He was only 24 years old at the onset of the D-Day Invasion.

According to Tom Brokaw, author of the 1998 book entitled, "The Greatest Generation," Lomell was recognized by historian Stephen Ambrose as the single individual – other than Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower – most responsible for the success of D-Day.

"Anecdotes like Lieutenant Lomell are quite inspiring to me," said Mora, "a testimony to the group we hosted on this recent three-day spiritual fitness Normandy trip tour."

During the visit, the group also honored fallen heroes at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial with a wreath-laying ceremony for those 9,387 veterans who are buried there. In addition, there are 1,557 service members whose names are known but are listed as missing in action.



Senior Airman Mark Lemerond (left) and Spec. Brianna Murray (right) lay a wreath at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in Colleville-sur-Mer to honor the 9,387 American military who are buried there, most of whom were killed during the invasion of Normandy.

Operation Overlord was a costly mission with more than an estimated 10,000 Allied casualties on D-Day. With Veterans' Day in mind, it is a testimony of multiple sacrifices and service accomplished in the name of liberty.

"In preparing myself for Veterans' Day, those same virtues of sacrifice and service of these veterans not only challenge me as a Soldier, but they inspire me to demonstrate sacrifice and service as I live out my faith." stated Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Kevin Pies, USAG Benelux Command Chaplain. "My goal is to be an inspiration and motivation to others in the same way these veterans have inspired me and, yes, motivated me to be the best Soldier I can possibly be," Pies concluded.

RSS is available for all Common Access Card (CAC) holders. Among the services provided by the RSS, CAC holders may now update certain personal information and verify family members for DoD ID card reissuance, as well as functions previously provided by the User Maintenance Portal (UMP). In order to use the RSS website, one must be a DoD CAC holder and have a CAC enabled personal computer.

Prior to RSS, when sponsors needed to verify their dependents in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) for medical benefits or to have an ID card reissued, they had to accompany their family member to a Real-time Automated Identification System (RAPIDS) location, wait in line and have an operator make the change for them. This newly introduced business process provides DoD Sponsors the ability to update contact information or complete an application for ID card reissuance. Sponsors can now easily verify family members, digitally sign, and save the request form through RSS to the family member's record. This digitally signed 1172-2 can also be viewed from your RAPIDS workstation.

The RSS application also replaces the existing CAC User Maintenance Portal (UMP). The UMP is used by CAC holders to update certificates on the CAC without going to a RAPIDS ID card facility. A common update example is a change to the email address on the card. Users attempting to access the UMP will be redirected to the RSS website.

The RSS expands on the self service capabilities already provided through milConnect found at milconnect.dmc.mil. MilConnect provides service members and their family members with a single, authoritative view of their authorized medical, dental, commissary, exchange, morale welfare and recreation, family life insurance, and educational benefits, and entitlements 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Additional information is available at https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/self_service/.

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Award winning author brings up beat yet vital message to SHAPE

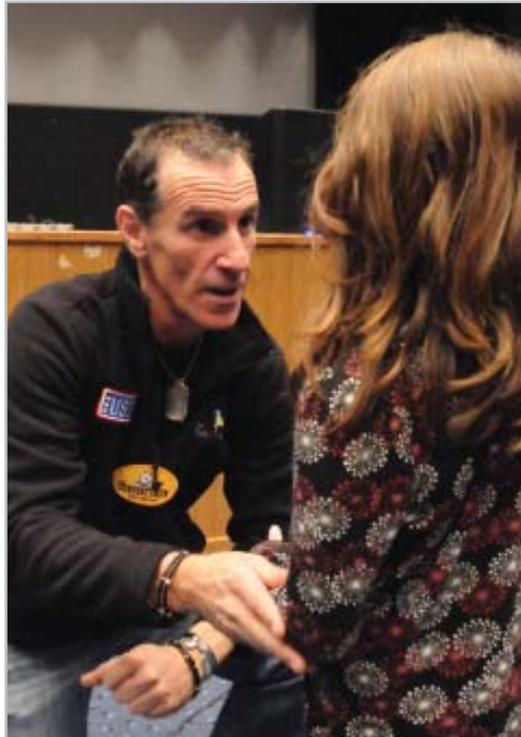
By Keith Houin

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

Trevor Romain, award winning children's book author, television personality, motivation speaker and child advocate opened his *With You All the Way* USO tour performance to 480 SHAPE American Elementary School students with praises for the strength of military children.

"You guys in this room are so important. Its hard work being a military kid," he said.

Romain's presentation brought a hush over the children as they listened to his life story and eruptions of laughter from his slapstick humor.



Trevor Romain speaks with one of the many children who came to share their experiences with him after his presentation at the SHAPE Auditorium during his *With You All the Way* USO tour stop Thursday, November 8, 2012.

As Romain shared his story about a visit to children's ward in an Angolan hospital, the 480 students were hanging on every word in complete silence. Romain had accidently ended up in a children's ward with multiple children to a bed. When one young boy, who would likely never walk again, asked for a hug, Romain complied and his life was changed forever. That was the day he decided to dedicate his life to helping children.

"Mr. Romain spoke to the children in a way they could understand and to which they could relate. It seems that the children's hearts were touched by his descriptions of how kindness can change someone's day, life," Judy Lam, SHAPE Elementary School Counselor said.

The mood lightened quickly as Romain seemed to become one of the children he was talking to. His jokes about a grandma swinging on a ceiling fan and moments that make you go "duh" elicited roars of laughter. He even shared his personal run in with being bullies and his struggles with dyslexia in a humorous fashion.

His lighthearted approach to some very serious children's issues captured the attention and the emotions of the children and adults in the room alike. Bullying, healthy friendships, cliques, facing fears, health, tackling homework and

the unique challenges of military life were all part of the 75 minute program.

He showed videos featuring the animated characters *Jack and Skye* dealing with a variety of those same problems. Again roars of laughter. But in every situation *Jack and Skye* find themselves in, they seek help or advice and realize they aren't alone.

"I think the children realized that many of them had shared similar feelings and experiences, both negative and positive, and that if everyone treated each other with kindness and respect, they could help make the world a better place. They also were encouraged to ask for help when they were sad or having problems - it's not a weakness to seek help," Barbara Troxell, USAG Benelux School Liaison Officer said.

Throughout the presentation Romain would stop to ask questions and children's hands would fly into the air with hopes of being picked to share their experience. One young boy's hand stayed up long after the final question and answer time. Woody Englander, Chief Executive Officer of the Trevor Romain Company, recognized the boy's need and interrupted Romain asking him to hold off his final comment so the boy could share.

Romain closed the presentation with a final reminder to the children that there are people out there who will help them and support them. "You don't have to be alone with any problem," he said.

After the show numerous children made their way to Romain to share their feelings and situations. He gave his undivided attention to each of them that came forward and provided a sympathetic ear and message of support.



All of the elementary students will also receive a special free kit that includes all

six of Romain's animated DVDs, a journal for the child and companion journal for the parents, and Romain's book *The Art of Caring*.

Romain, A U.S. citizen born in South Africa, is the author and illustrator of an award-winning series of self-help books for children that include *How To Do Homework Without Throwing Up* and *Cliques, Phonies & Other Baloney*.

For the last four years he's teamed up with the USO touring military schools worldwide and he visited more than 110,000 military children in the last two years.

BATTLE OF THE BULGE

Commemorations are coming up

Special to the Gazette

The Battle of the Bulge commemorative ceremony in Bastogne will be held this year Dec. 15. As usual, the commemorations will start with the historic walk which will depart from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Bastogne sports center on Rue Gustave-Delperdange 57. Participants in the walk can choose one of the three routes: 7, 13 or 22 km. The participating fee of €6 per person can be paid before the departure of the walk. All profits from the walk will go to organizations that take care of U.S. veterans.

Lodging is still available in common rooms in the Bastogne sports center at €15 per person per night, breakfast included or at €25 per person for two nights. Reservations need to be done prior to Nov. 25 by filling out the online form at www.centresportifbastogne.be.



Cis Spook

Soldiers, re-enactors and civilians of all nationalities participate in the historic walk.

The 35th edition of the walk will cover the sector of Hemroulle where the 502nd Para Regiment, 101st Airborne Division had its headquarters and had to combat the 77th Regiment, 26th Volksgrenadier Division from Dec. 22, 1944 through Jan. 4, 1945.

This year's official ceremonies will be held starting at 3 p.m., Dec. 15 with a patriotic parade, headed by a joint Belgian U.S. Color Guard for wreath laying ceremonies at the General Patton and McAuliffe monuments followed at 4 p.m. by the traditional nuts throw from the city hall balcony.

Although the Ardennes had been liberated since September 1944, Hitler decided to launch a surprise attack in order to retake the port of Antwerp. Making his way to this strategic location would be his last chance to take control again. Hitler's artillery began blasting the front lines Dec. 16, taking advantage of heavy overcast weather which grounded the Allies' air support.

By Dec. 21, the German forces had surrounded Bastogne. The conditions in Bastogne were difficult as medical supplies and personnel were missing. Asked to surrender, Gen. Anthony McAuliffe, acting commander of the 101st Airborne Division, replied his famous "Nuts!" to the Nazis.

As soon as weather conditions were improving, the Allied air forces attacked and dropped supplies. The Allies led by General George Patton's Third Army, eventually relieved Bastogne in the afternoon of Dec. 26 but the Battle of the Bulge would last until Jan. 25, 1945 when the Nazis lost their final WWII battle in Belgium.

The American Belgian friendship that was born on the battlefield, has grown over the years with USAG Benelux Soldiers participating in many of the Bastogne official ceremonies.



Keith Houin

U.S. Soldiers participate every year in the Bastogne commemorative parade headed by a joint Belgian U.S. Color Guard.

Local orphans await Santa's arrival

Special to the Gazette



Archive Photo

Christmas is around the corner and the children of the local orphanage in Ath are ready for Santa's visit.

Ever since the U.S. community settled in the SHAPE/Chièvres area in 1967, it has been supporting the local orphanage association "La Fermette" in Ath. This association takes care of 31 children aged between one and 18 living in two homes located close to Ath. It also takes care of an additional 35 children who are still living with their families but who need specific attention.

This year again, all 66 children have submitted their wish list for Christmas. Our goal is to provide each and every child with one of their wishes at the party to be held Dec. 19 in the afternoon on Chièvres Air Base. Details are still being worked out for the party but Santa has already confirmed his presence.

If you want to support the program, you can do so in various ways. You may request a copy of the wish list, sign up and purchase the gift for a particular child. You can also donate funds to be used to purchase the remaining gifts on the wish list or to provide refreshments and candy at the party or you can donate some time and help out at the party.

If you want to take a look at the wish list or if you have any questions on the orphans program, contact the USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office at DSN 361-5694 or civilian 068-27-5694.

Cost of Living Allowance survey soon to be available

The U.S. Department of State periodically collects data to assist in setting rates of cost of living allowances to be paid to employees overseas. The purpose of the allowances is to offset increased costs for purchasing certain goods and services in the overseas area, equalizing purchasing power between members overseas and their CONUS-based counterparts.

USAG Benelux will make a Living Pattern Survey available to the DoD civilian employees of our community beginning Nov. 25. The survey will be available on the USAG Benelux website. Survey participants will be able to go to the site, download and complete it and then deposit it at a number of locations in the community for collection and delivery to the U.S. Embassy, Brussels, for consideration in the next round of cost of living allowance negotiations in Washington, D.C. Listen to AFN and keep an eye out in "The Gazette" for further and continuous information.

This week is "Get smart about antibiotics Week"

Lisa Young, Health Educator

U.S. Army Public Health Command

Child: I don't feel so good. Achoo! My nose is so stuffy and my throat hurts.

Parent 1: You know how frustrating it is trying to help your kids when they're sick. A visit to the doctor's office can be a challenge. So, I want to get my child on some antibiotics.

Nurse: As a parent, you want to help make your child feel better as fast as possible. It's tempting to think that antibiotics are the answer when your child is sick. However, a lot of illnesses can be caused by viruses, and antibiotics don't work on viruses.

Parent 2: I'm a doctor and the mother of two kids so I've seen my share of waiting rooms. He's right; if antibiotics are used too often for things they can't treat, like colds, flu or other viral infections, they can stop working effectively against bacteria when you really need them.

Nurse: Antibiotics are not always the answer. Let's see what else we can do.

Antibiotic resistance is a worldwide public health problem. Resistance occurs when bacteria can no longer be killed by a previously effective antibiotic and the bacteria continue to grow. According to the Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics, if resistance to treatment continues to spread, our globally connected world may find itself back in the dark ages of medicine—before today's miracle drugs existed.

This misuse and overuse of antibiotics is believed to be the cause of antibiotic resistance among bacteria. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated that more than 50 percent of antibiotics are unnecessarily prescribed for upper respiratory infections like cough and cold illness, most of which are caused by viruses. This is one of

Illness	Usual Cause		Antibiotic Needed
	Virus	Bacteria	
Cold	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Flu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Chest Cold (in otherwise healthy children and adults)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Sore Throats (except strep)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Bronchitis (in otherwise healthy children and adults)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Runny Nose (with green or yellow mucus)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Fluid in the Middle Ear (otitis media with effusion)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

the most common causes of improper use and misuse of antibiotic prescriptions. In addition, many people don't complete the full dosage of the antibiotic because they feel better or want to save some for the next time they are ill. This practice leaves some bacteria alive and contributes to the bacteria's future resistance to antibiotic treatment. Limited access to medical care and effective treatments may also lead to self-medication misuse such as sharing or using leftover antibiotics.

The American College of

Physicians states that both physicians and patients have a role to play in decreasing the misuse of antibiotics. Physicians should only prescribe antibiotics when tests indicate that a bacterial infection is present. As a patient you can prevent antibiotic resistance by doing the following:

- Not requesting antibiotics from your doctor or taking antibiotics for a viral infection like a cold or the flu.
- Not sharing prescriptions or using a prescription that was not written for you.
- Taking all prescribed doses of the antibiotic.
- Taking the antibiotics exactly as the doctor directs. Returning for care if symptoms persist.

Be smart when using antibiotics and keep in mind—antibiotics kill bacteria, not viruses. Antibiotics will not keep other people from catching the infection. Taking antibiotics for a viral infection not only wastes time and money but contributes to increased antibiotic resistance. For the health of future generations, do your part to improve appropriate antibiotic use.

For more information on the appropriate use of antibiotics and antibiotic resistance, visit www.cdc.gov/getsmart/healthcare/index.html.

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Education

University of Maryland University College Europe

University of Maryland University College Europe (UMUC Europe) is celebrating American Education Week with a special application fee waiver for all new students who apply Nov. 11-17. Also during this time, prospective and current students can receive a free UMUC Fast Plan with an academic advisor. Students can apply online at www.ed.umuc.edu.

With a free UMUC Fast Plan, both prospective and current students can find out which program fits their goals best, how many previous credits could transfer, how close they are to earning a degree, and the classes needed to get there. Local field academic advisors stand ready to help students get started: www.ed.umuc.edu/advising.

Registration is available now for Holiday Express Intersession – a shortened session that gives students the opportunity to earn university credit in half the time during the holidays – beginning Dec. 17. Many of these courses are offered face-to-face at downrange locations like Afghanistan and Bahrain, so deployed servicemembers can work toward their future goals while fighting for their country this holiday season. The schedule can be found at <http://webapps.umuc.edu/soc/europe.cfm>.

For more information, contact a local UMUC Europe field representative, visit www.ed.umuc.edu, or call DSN 314-370-6762 or civilian 0049-(0)6221-3780.

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Energy conservation meeting

The meeting will be held Nov. 15 and 19 at 6 p.m. at the auditorium, Bldg. 30, Caserne Daumerie and is mandatory for all U.S. service members and spouses (if available) residing in family housing areas in Attre, Lens, Maisières, Casteau and Ghlin. The purpose is to have a better understanding on how to save energy within the assigned family housing units. Sign in rosters will be provided at the door and compared to current tenant rosters, all service members need to attend and sign-in.

CYSS

Schinnen CYSS

- CYSS is looking for volunteer coaches for tennis, rock climbing, skateboarding, swimming, skiing/snowboarding, archery, and basketball. Enrollment for Basketball for age group 13-15 both boys and girls is open through Nov. 30. For information call DSN 364-4195 or civilian 0031(0)45-526-4195.

- Snowboarding Clinics at CYSS - Enrollment open for 6th through 12th Grade students until Nov. 23 at CYSS Central Parent Services in Brunssum. The \$240 fee includes transportation to and from Snow World, helmet, skis or snowboard, two hours of professional instruction and a snack. The December 6 to February 5 clinics include Freestyle Snowboarding, Beginner/Advanced Skiing and Snowboarding. For details call 31(0)45-526-3121.

- CYSS Sports & Fitness Basketball - Enrollment for boys and girls basketball ends Nov. 30 and spaces are limited.

Cost for boys is \$20 for ages 3-5, \$40 for ages 6-15 and \$40 for girls 13-15. Enrollment at Parent Central Services is open to all US/NATO ID card holders. For information please contact 31(0)45-526-3121.

Brussels CYSS

Brussels CYSS is looking for volunteer coaches for baseball, basketball, cheerleading, flag football, soccer and wrestling. If you are interested, call Youth Sports & Fitness at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651.

Registration for wrestling, basketball and developmental basketball is open through Nov. 30. For more info call CYSS at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651.

SHAPE/Chièvres CYSS

SHAPE/Chièvres CYSS is looking for volunteer coaches for racquetball, cross country and table tennis. If you are interested, call Youth Sports & Fitness at DSN 423-6143 or civilian 065-44-6143.

Registration is open for Indoor soccer through Nov. 15. For more information call DSN 423-6143 or civilian 065-44-6143.

SKIES Unlimited

- Enrollment for Spanish classes fall session is now open until full. Session is for 6-12 and 13-18 years old. Parents are welcome to enroll with their child. Price is \$120 for 12 classes.

- Enrollment for cheerleading and basketball open through Nov. 30. For age group 6 to 12. Fee is \$40.

- For more information, contact Parent Central Services at DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

Mobile Phone Recycling Drive

The Roots and Shoots Club at SHAPE Elementary School



is collecting old mobile phones until Nov. 30. Drop your phone at one of the boxes at the Commissary, SHAPE Library, GB and SHAPE Elementary Office. The collected phones will be given to the Jane Goodall Institute of Brussels for recycling. The reason for collecting these phones is because of coltan, a mineral used in cell phones and that is illegally mined in the Congo, causing problems for habitats for many endangered animals.

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Holiday Mailing Deadlines

To ensure your packages sent to the United States are delivered before Christmas, mail them no later than these dates:

26 November	SAM parcels
3 December	PAL parcels
10 December	Priority parcels
10 December	First Class letters
18 December	Express Mail

These dates are valid for all three communities: SHAPE/Chièvres, Brussels and Schinnen.

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Belgian Telenet takeover by U.S. Liberty Global

The American based telecommunications giant Liberty global is planning on launching a bid at 35 Euros per share for the remaining shares of its Belgian counterpart Telenet. According to a business bank, the shares are worth between 37 and 42 Euros.

Drug dealer arrested at Zaventem and released

A 25-year-old Brazilian was recently arrested upon his arrival at Brussels airport after four kilograms of cocaine were found in his luggage. The young man had to be released because no Portuguese interpreter could be found on time to translate what the suspect had to say. Belgian legislation stipulates that no one can be arrested for more than 24 hours unless the person is indicted. The Brazilian man upon his release, took a cap to Zaventem where he hoped to catch a flight back to Brazil.

Dutch environmental measures

The infrastructure and environment ministry is taking steps to discourage 13,000 civil servants from driving to work. They are being encouraged to work at home because there is not enough office space to accommodate all of them at the new ministry building in the center of The Hague. Other measures include the reduction and replacement of their current vehicles by electric vehicles to help reduce the CO2 emissions by 28.2% by 2016.

New Belgian stamps

In 2013 Belgium will issue postage stamps that give light in the dark, have a smell and taste of chocolate and change their aspect depending on the temperature. Among these, traffic safety stamps that will be printed using glow-in-the-dark ink and will reflect light in the dark. In addition, a special stamp is being issued to mark the two decades that King Albert has been on the throne.

Dutch soccer team sinks on Fifa rankings

The Netherlands has slipped to seventh place in the Fifa rankings of the world's best football teams after being overtaken by Italy. European and world champion Spain remains in the top spot, followed by Germany, Argentina and Portugal. Italy is in fifth place and England sixth. Oranje topped the rankings in August 2011 but has slipped steadily since then.

No Christmas tree on Brussels Grand'Place

This year unlike previous years, there will not be a genuine Christmas tree on Brussels historic market square. For many years a traditional fir tree has embellished the market square, but this year the tree's sponsor, electricity company Electrabel, has opted for something new. In lieu of a genuine tree, there will be a 25 meter high structure consisting of a set of screens. During the daytime you can climb to the top of the 'tree' where you will be able to enjoy a panoramic view of the city. As soon as it becomes dark, the 'tree' turns into a spectacle of light and sound. Every ten minutes an amazing show will unfold.

DSM profit drops

Limburg-based specialty chemicals group DSM announced their turnover is down 7% with a drop in net profit of 52% at €81m. The results are worse than analysts expected and are particularly affected by the polymers division which makes raw materials for synthetic fibres and materials, a sector hit by lower prices and fewer orders. A restructuring program is on schedule and should provide savings of €150m in 2014, the company says. In addition, there has been a €2.3bn investment in a number of takeovers, particularly in the food sector. These should make DSM stable in a still uncertain global economy, the company said in a statement.

Father and four children perish in fire

A father and his four children aged 11, 9, 4 and 2 have died in a house fire in the Walloon village of Han-sur-Lesse (Namur province). The fire service first received reports at around 2:30 am on Monday. It is believed that the fire had started about half an hour earlier in the hallway of the house.

Upon arrival at the house, the firefighters found the mother in shock. A family friend was also in the house when the fire started. He had tried in vain to save his friend and the children from the blaze.

Belgians can't get back to Antarctic base

The Belgian polar exploration base Princess Elisabeth in Antarctica remains unmanned. The team that was supposed to fly out to Antarctica last week is stuck in Cape Town, South Africa and is awaiting a weather improvement. Bad weather is the reason why polar explorer Alain Hubert and his team have been unable to get back to the base that they left last February. The Princess Elisabeth Base is cut off from the rest of the world. The International Polar Foundation that Hubert heads speaks of the greatest delay in the base's five year history. The base was abandoned to the elements at the end of February. Usually it is only manned during the Antarctic summer, for four months from November onwards. This year some thirty scientists are expected to reside at the base.

Long term interest rates in Belgium

The rate of interest that Belgium has to pay on long term loans repayable over a period of 10 years fell to 2.3%. This is the lowest level since the American financial news agency Bloomberg started compiling figures on long term interest rates in 1993. The fall comes as no surprise and is part of a downward trend that started almost a year ago. Record low levels of interest have been set over the past few months. A year ago, just before the new Federal Government took office, the rate of interest Belgium had to pay on long term loans had topped 6%. Since then the rate has consistently fallen and has been below 6% since the beginning of June. Low interest rates are good news for the treasury as it means that the state can lend money cheaper.



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

15 November

- **Late openings in Brussels museums** – Among others, the Belgian Museum of Freemasonry, the Center for Fine Arts (BOZAR), the Jewish Museum of Belgium and the National Museum of the Resistance will be opening their doors from 5 to 10 p.m. More information on www.brusselmuseumsnocturnes.be/index-en.php?page=2§=&id= .

15-17 November

- **Innova exhibition in Brussels (Heysel)** – Exhibition on inventions, research and new technologies. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. More information on www.brussels-innova.com.

16-18 November

- **Flea market and antique fair in Mouscron** at the Expo Center on Rue de Menin from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (100 booths).

17-18 November

- **Crafts fair in Soignies** at the Collège St-Vincent on Chaussée de Braine 22 from 1 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. (35 booths)
- **Book fair in Tournai** at the Halle-aux-Draps from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (50 booths)



Through 18 November

- **Antica Fair in Namur** – The 36th edition of the Namur Antique Fair is held at the Namur Expo from 2 to 7 p.m. on weekdays and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends. Ladies' Day is on November 13 and access will be free of charge for women from 2 to 7 p.m.

18 November

- **Flea market in Aiseau-Prele** – on Rue JF Kennedy 150 from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. (130 booths).
- **Military memorabilia in Pipaix** on the Grand'Place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Military memorabilia in Tournai** on Avenue Minjean 60 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Binche** for 4, 6, 12, 20, 30 km. Departure is on Avenue Wanderpepen 30 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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

13-15 November

- **Winter Fair in Maarsbergen** in Kaasboerderij (cheese farm) "De Weistaar" on Rottegatsteeg 6 with lots of home and garden decorations, flowers, plants, live music, fashion, jewelry and lots of food. Open Nov. 13-14 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €7.50, free entrance for children 11 and younger.

14-18 November

- **Spirit of Winter Fair near Apeldoorn** turns the park of Palace Het Loo into a magical winter garden filled with winter fest ideas. The outdoor fair features crystal, furniture, silver, china, plants and Christmas decorations and provides beautiful decor ideas. Entry is €17.50 (includes entrance Palace); children 12 and younger get in free. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

16-18 November

- **31st edition of Paard & Koets (Horse & Carriage) in Den Bosch** will take place in the Brabantthalen, Diezekade 2. Drivers from all over Europe meet once a year at Paard & Koets, the only fair for and by drivers. Open Nov. 16, from 2 to 10 p.m.; Nov. 17, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €17.50; children (6-14) €10. More info at www.paardenkoets.nl.



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- **Winter Fair in Nieuw-Vennep**, held in Van Zantenhal on IJweg is a large and attractive fair with many gifts, decorations, delicatessen, fashion and home decorations. Entry is €3.50. Open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Swedish Christmas Fair in Rotterdam** at the Sweden Naval Church (Zweedse Zeemanskerk) on Parklaan 5. Open: Nov. 16, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Nov. 17-18, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

16-22 November

- **Indoor Winter Fair in Utrecht** held in Jaarbeurs, gives visitors a taste of the coming festive month. Entry is €20. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

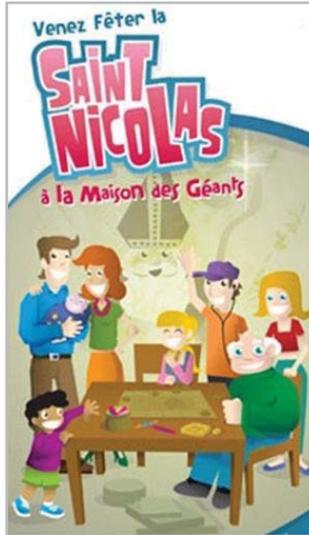
16 November - 23 December

- **Unique Christmas Market in Valkenburg**, held in the Fluwelen (velvet) Cave under the castle ruins on Daalhemmerweg. Open Sundays to Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 23, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €5; children 5 to 11, €3.



18 November Continued

- **Volksmarch in Woluwe-Saint-Pierre** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on Val des Epinettes 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Bois-de-Lessines** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on the Square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Horrues** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on Chemin à Rocs 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Thuin** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is on Drève des Alliés 11 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Saint-Nicholas in Ath** at the Maison des Géants (House of Giants) on Rue Pintamont 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lots of activities for children. Entrance fee is €0.50 per person.



Ongoing Events & Happenings

Through 6 January

- **Expo Toots 90 exhibition in Brussels** - For his 90th birthday, discover the career of one of the greatest Belgian jazzmen. In this exhibition, Toots shares his memories and a part of his life. More information on www.toots90.be.agenda.

Through 27 January

- **Jordaens and the Antique exhibition in Brussels** at the Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium. Around 80 paintings and drawings, tapestries and sculptures. More information on www.fine-arts-museum.be/site/EN/frames/F_expo.html.

Through 19 May

- **Monumentum exhibition in Brussels** at the Royal Museum of Armed Forces and Military History. Special exhibition during the cycle "Reflections on the Great War". More information on www.klm-mra.be/klm-new/engels/main01.php?id=menu_links/startpagina.



16 November - 23 December Continued

- **Christmas Market in a cave in Valkenburg**, located in Gemeentegrot on Cauberg 4. Open on weekdays, from noon to 9 p.m. and weekends, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 23, from noon to 6 p.m. Entry is €5; children 5 to 11, €3.

17-18 November

- **Winter Christmas Fair in Amstenrade** at flower and plant nursery Castle Amstenrade i Open: Nov. 17, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €3.50.

18-25 November

- **PAN Amsterdam** is an important and large international Art & Antique Fair held at RAI. Every year more than hundred art and antique dealers participate with paintings, jewelry, design, silverwork, glass, statues, Asian art and more. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Nov. 22 and 25 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €15; children 11 and younger - free entrance. Catalogue is €12.50.

21-25 November

- **Country & Christmas Fair near Haarzuilens** at Castle De Haar. The fair has more than 200 booths featuring exclusive articles, attractive accessories and festive novelties. Open: Nov. 21-24, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €16.50; children (12 to 16), €10.

Ongoing Events & Happenings

Through 3 December

- **Altstädter Nikolaus Market in the old historic center of Bergheim** - Attractive and traditional Saint Nicolas Market located in the Heimatmuseum among the timber-framed houses. Open daily from 6 to 10 p.m.

Through 23 December

- **Christmas Show in Schimmert**, at Lupa Outdoors Vijvercentrum Limburg on Op de Bies 70. Open: Mondays, from 1 to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays-Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays- Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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Through 3 February

- **Winter Efteling in Kaatsheuvel** at Efteling Amusement & Fairy Tale Park on Europalaan near Tilburg offers good old-fashioned winter fun. Open on weekdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekends and Dec. 22 through Jan. 6 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Entry is €35.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Medieval Dinner in Brugge, November 17** - You will be transported from the 21st century back to July 3, 1468. Charles the Bold and Margaret of York bid you welcome to the wedding feast. The meal itself is a four-course dinner, richly washed down with beer and wine. Apart from the meal, you'll also enjoy the entertainment and atmosphere. The wedding feast will be enlivened by jesters, minstrels and dancers. There is also sword fighting, falconry, flame swallowing, a witches' dance, jousting, parrot shooting and more for your enjoyment. Prices: € 92 Adults. € 65 Youth (11-14 years.) 45 Children (6-10 years) €35 Children (0-5) Departs Brussels at 11:45 a.m. (Saturday), departs SHAPE at 1 p.m. (Saturday). Returns SHAPE at 1 a.m. (Sunday) and returns Brussels at 2 a.m.
- **Brugge Snow & Ice Sculpture Festival, November 24** - Come see 300,000 kilos of ice and 400 tons of snow, kept at minus 5 °C, which a team of 30 international artists have transformed into Ice Magic. The theme of this year's event is inspired by the stories of Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit. Don't forget to dress warmly. Then head into town for the festive Christmas Markets complete with ice skating rink. Prices- 45€ Adults, 40€ Youth 4-11, 30€ children under 4. Departs Brussels at 8 a.m., departs SHAPE at 9 a.m. Returns SHAPE at 8 p.m., returns Brussels at 9 p.m.
- **Christmas Markets in Germany & France, December 1-2** - Tour begins in the city of Nürnberg which is host to one of Germany's oldest Christmas Markets, dating back to the mid 16th century. Over 180 booths will tempt you with their traditional German wares; Spiced gingerbread, fruit loaves, baked goods and sweets, savory sausages, glühwein, hand crafted toys, ornaments, candles and crafts. Our holiday merriment begins the following day as we head to Strassbourg, one of France's most enchanting Christmas markets. Spend the day strolling through the cobbled streets and embrace the magic of ten small Christmas markets spread throughout the city center. Ice-skate on the outdoor Ice Rink or stroll through the 300 twinkling booths, discovering local treasures. Price is €180 Single, €165 Double/Twin, €160 Triple, € 145* Youth (7-12), € 125* Children (0 - 6) *when sharing with 2 paying Adults. Departs SHAPE at 6 a.m. (Saturday), departs Brussels at 5 a.m. (Saturday), returns SHAPE at midnight (Sunday), returns Brussels at 1 a.m. (Monday).



Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

- **Day trip to Paris, November 17** - Spend a day of exploring, sightseeing or shopping in the City of Lights. Price is \$75. This trip requires a minimum of 35 participants, so book early by email or at the Fitness Center. Departs Schinnen at 4 a.m. and returns at 2 a.m. the following morning. For more info call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031(0)46-4437561.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trips below call civilian 065-336560
Travel Group members are available every Wednesday and Friday
from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Foyer of the SHAPE Library, Bldg. 307.

- **Cologne Christmas Market, November 27** - Get in the Christmas spirit with this annual favorite to Cologne, Germany. It's a unique experience with several Christmas markets in the city. You may also visit the magnificent Cologne cathedral or the Farina Fragrance Museum, home of Eau de Cologne. Price is €25 Adults.
- **Monschau Christmas Market and Coffee Mill, November 30** - Guided tour of an artisanal coffee house to follow the evolution of coffee bean to a cup of java. You will then have time to stroll through the stalls of the quaint Monschau Christmas Market, set in a little postcard village. Price is €35 Adults.

For recurring events check on www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/sites/local/pages/gazette/GazetteExtra.pdf.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

November 13

- **Healthy Venting Group** - A safe place for parents with children of all ages to come together in a peer group surrounding to share the trials and tribulations of parenting. Bring your lunch, grab a chair and find out what other parents are going through. Drinks and dessert are provided. Get-togethers start at noon at the JFC Brunssum Library. Call 31(0)46-443-7444 for more information.

November 13-15

- **TAP Workshop** - From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the ACS Conference Room. It's designed especially for service members leaving the military and their family members. You'll learn the skills needed to locate and get that job by studying effective job search, resume writing and interviewing techniques. Register for this informative workshop by calling 31(0)46-443-7500.



November 15-16

- **Tri-border Culture College and Newcomers' Tour** - On day one, explore the Dutch culture and get an overview of the Tri-Border installation services. On day two, take a hospital tour, sightsee local attractions, visit shopping areas and learn how to use the local trains. For information and registration, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian 31(0)46-443-7500/7512.

November 20

- **Job Search & Resume Writing Class** - From 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the ACS Conference Room. Learn how to look for jobs in this area and how to adapt your resume for the job announcement. For more information and to register, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian 31(0)46-443-7269/7500.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

November 14

- **Social Networking Security Community Seminar** - Free and open to all persons with USAG Benelux-Brussels access from noon to 1 p.m. Lunch composed of soup, salad bar and potato bar will also be provided at the price of \$6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Held at the 3 Star Community Club. For more information or to make reservations contact the 3 Star Community Club at DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-717-9822.

November 15

- **Library Book Club** is meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Library, 1st floor, Bldg. 4 to discuss "The Periodic Table" by Primo Levi. For more information, call DSN 368-9791 or civilian 02-717-9791.

November 16

- **Brussels Community Christmas Market** - From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the 3 Star Community Club with various Belgian vendors selling Belgian style gifts and décor for the holiday season. For information, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-717-9822.
- **Bunco Friday** - From 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the 3-Star Community Club. Ten euro buy in. For information, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-717-9822.

November 18

- **Catholic Mass** at the USAG Benelux-Brussels Chapel from 1 to 2 p.m. by a U.S. military Catholic priest from SHAPE. For information, call DSN 368-9747.



Community Roundup

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY *Continued*

November 21

- **Free Thanksgiving Luncheon** held at 11:45 a.m. at the 3-Star Community Club, sponsored by the USAG Benelux-Brussels Chapel. Event includes a traditional Thanksgiving meal, enjoying the SHAPE Brass Quintet, and hearing an inspiring message from Chaplain (LTC) Pies, the Senior Benelux Chaplain. For additional information, call DSN 368-9708.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

- **Children's Holiday Art Contest** - This year's theme is "Let's Celebrate" and is open to age categories 4-6 years, 7-9 years, 10-12 years. The submission deadline is Nov. 23 by 5 p.m. for any artwork that reflects a December holiday celebration. For details, go to the Chièvres FMWR facebook page.

November 13

- **Share-a-Meal** - Donations of non perishable food items can be delivered from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. at the SHAPE International Thrift Shop. All food collected will be donated to the Share-A-Meal Appeal 2012.
- **Share-a-Meal** - If you need to pick up your boxes or want to make a donation, visit the Share-a-Meal booth at the Silver Spoon from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

November 14

- **Resilience day - Problem solving** - Accurately identify what caused the problem and identify solution strategies. The class is held at SHAPE ACS, Bldg. 318, from 10 to 11 a.m. Pre-registration is required by the Monday before each class. For more information or to register call DSN 423-5324/8217 or civilian 065-44-5324/8217.
- **Breastfeeding Support Group meeting** - From 10 to 11 a.m. in the SHAPE Healthcare Facility Old Physical Therapy second floor Berlin Hallway. Feeding concerns are discussed in a supportive environment with a certified Lactation Consultant. All pregnant and breastfeeding mothers are invited to attend. **Infant massage class** follows from 11 a.m. to noon in the same location.

November 15

- **Education Week Celebration** - Central Texas College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Maryland, University of Oklahoma and USAG Benelux Education Center celebrate American Education Week with a chili cook off and raffle prizes from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Share-a-Meal** - If you need to pick up your boxes or want to make a donation, visit the Share-a-Meal booth at the Rendez Vous from 2 to 4 p.m.

November 15-16

- **Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) conference** - If you see a problem in the community or if you have a solution, become a delegate at the AFAP conference held in Bldg. 318, SHAPE from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Open to all U.S. military, family members and DoD civilians. For more information, call civilian 065-44-8217 or submit an issue online at www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil.

November 17

- **Canadian Christmas market** - From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the International School Cafeteria, SHAPE with authentic handicrafts from Rwanda.

November 20

- **Single service members Thanksgiving Dinner** - The USAG Benelux Chaplain's Office invites all single service members to a Thanksgiving dinner at 5 p.m. at the Chapel Fellowship Hall, Caserne Daumerie.
- **Share-a-Meal** - Donations of non perishable food items can be delivered from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. at the SHAPE International Thrift Shop. All food collected will be donated to the Share-A-Meal Appeal 2012.
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November 22

- **Multicultural Festival** - Hosted by the SHAPE American Middle and High School from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and includes a fashion show and cultural performances in the SHAPE Cinema and immediately following a food sharing, with cultural displays and group dancing. This year's theme is 'SHAPE our Top 10.'

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