

THE GAZETTE

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Benelux news briefs

Gate closure on SHAPE

Luxembourg Gate on SHAPE will be closed through Aug. 17. The main gate and Ottawa Gate are open. Luxembourg Gate will reopen Aug. 18 at 7:30 a.m.

School open house

Parents and students enrolled in the U.S. section of the SHAPE school can get a firsthand look at the new facilities tomorrow from 2 to 4 p.m. The new facilities represent the first step in the SHAPE community's modernization of all national school sections operating at the SHAPE International School.

AFCU closes for Org Day

Andrews Federal Credit Union on Chièvres Air Base will be closed Saturday, Aug. 16, for an organization day.

For account assistance, consider using automated teller machines on SHAPE and Chièvres, online banking, phone banking and mobile banking as well as a night drop for non-cash deposits only.

Alterations Shop closes

The Chièvres Alterations Shop at the PXtra will close its doors today. Army and Air Force Exchange Service is seeking a replacement.

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WWII veterans return to Europe



World War II veterans Archie Maltbie and Ralph Kling of the 365th Fighter Group listen as Lt. Col. (Chris Kuester, 424th Air Base Squadron commander, tells the history of Chièvres Air Base. Maltbie was stationed at Chièvres during the war. (U.S.Army photo by Donovan Abrassart)

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Vacation Bible School

SHAPE Vacation Bible School participants, family and volunteers sing a song at the end of day two Tuesday, Aug., 5, 2014. Ninety children were able to attend this year's SHAPE VBS, 125 attended at JFC Brunsumm and 59 at USAG Benelux-Brussels. This year's theme was "Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind." Children participated in Bible-learning activities, singing songs, played teamwork-building games, made and ate yummy, experienced Bible adventures, collected Bible Memory Buddies to remind them they are one-of-a-kind, and made "Sciency-Fun Gizmos" to take home and play with. (Photo by Shirley Houin)

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The city of Ath ready to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. Goliath

The ducasse dates back to the 15th century and takes place on the 4th weekend in August and stages the famous giants of Ath.

One of these giants is the renowned Gouyasse (Goliath), the king of the festival. After having taken his fiancée to the altar of St Julien's Church to get married, he fights the tiny David in the afternoon.

After the battle, it is time for tasting the traditional "mastelles" tart - also known as "Gouyasse" (macaroon and almond tart).

The following day the traditional procession will take place in Ath, featuring the town's seven traditional giants, along with floats and a multitude of groups.

The Giants from Ath were recognized as an Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO in 2005.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday, Aug. 22

- At 3 p.m.: the giant Tirant arrives
- At 4 p.m.: Mayor's archery contest
- At 7:30 p.m.: Concert by Lariguette
- At 10 p.m. the traditional burning of giant Goliath's pants on the Esplanade. It is a Belgian tradition that friends of a groom burn a pair of his pants and host a huge party before his wedding.

Saturday, Aug. 23

- At noon: the big bell of Saint-Julien Church announces the festivities

- At 3 p.m., celebration of the wedding of Ath's most famous couple, Mr. and Mrs. Goliath, at the Saint-Julien Church.

- At 5 p.m.: the fight between Goliath and David the shepherd in front of the city hall. After the battle, Ath citizens and friends taste the traditional "mastelles" tart..

- At 8 p.m., concert on the Grand'Place by a local band.

Sunday, Aug. 24

- At 9:45 a.m.: the procession with the seven giants departs from the train station and parades through the streets of Ath.

- At 3 p.m.: the procession starts at the Esplanade. The procession is based on religious traditions and was first held in gratefulness to God after he put an end to a plague that devastated Ath in 1215.

Monday, Aug. 25:

- In the morning: the giants parade through the streets
- At 2:30 p.m.: city archery contest
- At 6 p.m., hot-air balloon festival on the Esplanade and mini-giants

All weekend: fun fair on the Grand'Place



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Trenches to Foxholes

Hell Hawks vets stop by Chièvres Air Base

Ralph Kling and Archie Maltbie, both World War II veterans of the 365th Fighter Group (the Hell Hawks), accompanied by family members of theirs and other 365th veterans visited Chièvres Air Base on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014. The latter was stationed at Chièvres from October through December 1944 where he flew support missions for ground troops during the Battle of the Bulge.

As for Kling, he didn't set foot on Chièvres as he was shot down shortly before the Hell Hawks made it to Chièvres and he was taken as a prisoner of war. Each veteran was presented a U.S. flag by the 424th Air Base Squadron and so was the daughter of another veteran who was unable to attend the ceremony. Those flags were flown at the Squadron and above Belgium by Supreme Allied Commander Europe's helicopter detachment. Also attending the ceremony were members of Wings of Memory, an organization that has organized 26 salvages since 1997 of military aircrafts that crashed in Belgium during WWII. They exhibited parts of a 365th P-47 that crashed in Belgium. At the end of the ceremony, all attendees stood in line to get their poster signed by both veterans.



(Above) WWII veteran Ralph Kling salutes Staff Sgt. Aaron Strayhorn, 424th Air Base Squadron Honor Guard, after being presented with the U.S. flag.

(Inset) Staff Sgts. Yvonne Simons and Aaron Strayhorn fold the flag before presenting it to the veterans. (U.S. Army photos by Donovan Abrassart)



(Above) Lt. Col. Chris Kuester, 424th Air Base Squadron Commander, greets Rob Essery, president of the 365th Fighter Group Association and Gary Anderjak accompanying the tour group.

(Right) Ralph Kling and Archie Maltbie sign posters for visitors in attendance at the ceremony. (U.S. Army photos by Donovan Abrassart)



Trenches to Foxholes

Next week in World War history (Aug. 17 to 23)

World War I

1914

Aug. 17 - Russia invades Germany, attacking into East Prussia, forcing the outnumbered Germans there to fall back. This marks the advent of the Eastern Front in Europe in which Russia will oppose Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Aug. 20 - German troops occupy undefended Brussels. Following this, the main German armies continue westward and invade France according to their master strategy known as the Schlieffen Plan. It calls for a giant counter-clockwise movement of German armies wheeling into France, swallowing up Paris, and then attacking the rear of the French armies concentrated in the Alsace-Lorraine area. Under the overall command of Helmuth von Moltke, Chief of the German General Staff, the Germans seek to achieve victory over France within six weeks and then focus on defeating Russia in the East before Russia's six-million-man army, the world's largest, can fully mobilize.

Aug. 23 - The Battle of Mons begins. It is the first major action of the British Expeditionary Force in the War. The British Army attempts to hold the line of the Mons-Condé Canal against the advancing German 1st Army. Although the British fight well and inflict disproportionate casualties on the numerically superior Germans, they were eventually forced to retreat due both to the greater strength of the Germans and the sudden retreat of the French Fifth Army, which expose the British right flank.

1915

Aug. 19 - Two Americans die in the sinking of ship Arabic, off the Irish coast by a U-boat.

Aug. 21 - The Battle of Scimitar Hill is the last offensive mounted by the British at Suvla during the Battle of Gallipoli. It is also the largest single-day attack ever mounted by the Allies at Gallipoli. The purpose of the attack is to remove the immediate Ottoman threat from the exposed Suvla landing and to link with the Anzac sectors to the south. Launched to coincide with the simultaneous attack on Hill 60, it is a costly failure, in which the Turks are forced to use all their reserves in "severe and bloody fighting" far into the night, with some Turkish trenches lost and retaken twice.

1916

Aug. 18 - The Romanian government signs a secret treaty with the Allies; by its terms, in the event of an Allied victory Romania will acquire Transylvania, up to the River Theiss, the province of Bukovina to the River Pruth, and the entire Banat region, all territory under Austro-Hungarian control.

1917

Aug. 18 - The Italian army launch their 11th battle against Austro-Hungarian troops on the Isonzo River, near Italy's border with Austria-Hungary.

Aug. 20 - The Battle of Langemarck ends.

1918

Aug. 21 - The British 3rd Army begins an attack along a 10-mile front south of Arras, while the adjacent 4th Army resumes its attack in the Somme.

World War II

1940

Aug. 18 - The British evacuation of Berbera, British Somaliland is completed after troopships and hospital ship depart the port, destined for Aden. Australian cruiser HMAS Hobart is left behind to collect stragglers and destroy vehicles, fuel, and stores. Colonial troops of the Somaliland Camel Corps choose to remain; their British officers respect their decision and allow them to keep their weapons.

1941

Aug. 21 - Adolf Hitler directs the transfer of units away from the Moscow area in order to bolster the siege on Leningrad and aiming to the link up with Finnish forces, as well as pulls forces from the battles in Ukraine to focus on the oil fields in the Caucasus region.

1942

Aug. 17 - German submarine U-507 sinks Brazilian ship Itagiba off Brazil at 3:49 p.m. (36 are killed, 145 survive); later at 6:03p.m., as Brazilian ship Arará approaches to rescue survivors, U-507 sinks her as well (20 were killed, 16 survived).

Aug. 20 - Henderson Field receives 31 U.S. Marine fighter aircraft (19 Wildcat fighters and 12 Dauntless dive bombers) from USS Long Island, allowing air supply and evacuation of wounded to begin between Espiritu Santo and Guadalcanal; the small air fleet is dubbed "Cactus Air Force".

1943

Aug. 18 - Three waves of British bombers (227, 113, and 180 bombers, respectively) strike the German rocket research site at Peenemünde, dropping a total of 1,600 tons of high explosive bombs and 250 tons of incendiary bombs. Initially the damage appears to be extensive, but the site returns to operation within four to six weeks. Many buildings are left unrepaired and craters unfilled in order to trick the British into thinking that the site is abandoned after the raid.

1944

Aug. 19 - Hauptmann Werner Schmidt of the German Kampfgeschwader 55 wing is awarded the Knight's Cross of the Iron Cross.

- Field Marshal Günther von Kluge commits suicide by taking cyanide near Metz, France after being relieved of his command and recalled to Berlin, Germany.

1945

Aug. 22 - Japanese forces in the Manchuria region of northeastern China surrender. In the two-week campaign, the Japanese lost 80,000 killed and wounded and 54,000 taken prisoner, including 143 generals. The Soviets lost 8,200 dead and 22,000 wounded.

Aug. 23 - The Soviet Union announces that all Japanese resistance in the Manchuria region of northeastern China has ceased. Meanwhile, Soviet troops receive the surrender of the Japanese garrison at Paramushiro, Kurile Islands.

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

German general becomes USAREUR chief of staff

By U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs

As announced by the German Federal Ministry of Defence, U.S. Army Europe's next chief of staff will be a general officer from the Bundeswehr, Brig. Gen. Markus Laubenthal. In this capacity, Laubenthal will synchronize the activities of the USAREUR staff in much the same manner as his American predecessors have done.

Laubenthal reported to duty full time on or about August 4. "This is a bold and major step forward in USAREUR's commitment to operating in a multinational environment with our German allies. U.S. and German senior military leaders have been serving together in NATO's International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan for years. Sustaining the shared capability from this experience will benefit both U.S. and German armies. As you know, actions speak louder than words, and this innovation carries a very strong message regarding our seriousness about a multinational team. I look forward to working with Brig. Gen. Laubenthal and seeing the tremendous impact his presence will have on the team," said Lt. Gen. Donald Campbell Jr., USAREUR commanding general.

Laubenthal is looking forward to his new assignment. "I view my new duties as chief of staff with interest and respect. As the commander of Panzerbrigade 12 (12th Armored Brigade) 'Oberpfalz', I have always valued the joint exercises

with our partnership unit, the 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Vilseck. I am therefore even more pleased to continue this close cooperation in a new and unique way in Wiesbaden. I am sure that I can use the experience I gained in the German Army supporting the training of ready army forces, in my new position with USAREUR."

Immediately prior to this assignment, Laubenthal served as the commander of the 12th Armored Brigade in Amberg and the chief of staff for ISAF Regional Command North in Afghanistan. Among several command and staff assignments in Germany, he also served as military assistant to the deputy commander of operations and assistant chief of staff for operations for the Kosovo Force.



Brig. Gen. Markus Laubenthal

Freeze-dried plasma saves Soldier in combat

The Army Blood Program is currently involved in a pilot study to collect licensed fresh frozen plasma to be converted to freeze dried plasma.

The main goal of the Army Blood Program's freeze dried plasma initiative is to significantly increase the survival rate of soldiers on the battlefield. Freeze-dried plasma does not require dry ice or freezing, ships easier and can be easily reconstituted with water when needed.

These characteristics make the product a valuable tool for medics in the heart of battle.

In a story at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndpyAkYAt70&list=UUgi5HggiWdSvL6g9oy2H86w> produced by a San Antonio news outlet, Army Medicine researcher Lt. Col. Andrew Cap explains how the Armed Services Blood Program is working to bring this lifesaving product farther forward to the frontlines.

The freeze-dried blood product is credited with helping to save the life of an Army Ranger critically wounded in combat.

The Army Blood Program is one of three Service Blood Program Offices of the ASBP, the official blood program of the United States military.

The ASBP is a tri-service organization representing all

three major services – Army, Navy and Air Force – and is tasked with providing safe, reliable blood and blood products to ill or injured service members, veterans and their families worldwide.

Several of the ASBP's Army blood donor centers are participating in the freeze-dried plasma program. For more information, contact the Fort Bragg Blood Donor Center <http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/fortbragg/contact.aspx>.

Since 1962, the Armed Services Blood Program has served as the sole provider of blood for the United States military. As a tri-service organization, the ASBP collects, processes, stores and distributes blood and blood products for Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and their families worldwide.

As one of four national blood collection organizations trusted to ensure the nation has a safe, potent blood supply, the ASBP works closely with our civilian counterparts by sharing donors on military installations where there are no military blood collection centers and by sharing blood products in times of need to maximize availability of this national treasure. To find out more about the ASBP or to schedule an appointment to donate, please visit <http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil/>.

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SACEUR visits air defenders in Turkey

By Spc. Glenn M. Anderson
U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs

NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Europe visited Soldiers of U.S. Army Europe's 5th Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 10th Army Air and Missile Defense Command July 31.

Air Force Gen. Philip Breedlove toured the 5-7th's Patriot missile site and spoke to Soldiers and the media about the importance of the NATO mission to augment Turkish air defenses and guard against a possible missile strike from neighboring Syria. The U.S. battery, the second to serve a yearlong rotation, is taking part in the operation in concert with German and Dutch air defenders based respectively at Kahramanmaraş and Adana.

The U.S. participation in the mission began in January 2013 following a Turkish government request for NATO assistance to protect Turkish citizens from potential ballistic missile threats from Syria.

Breedlove said the air defenders' duty here is an embodiment of the principle of collective defense outlined in Article 5 of the NATO Treaty and at the core of NATO's mission.

"Our mission in Europe really hasn't changed," said Breedlove. "Americans are part of the NATO alliance, and where NATO needs us, that will certainly be where we are employed."

"Turkey is one of our most important and strongest allies," the general added.

"Turkey is in a very strategic spot in our alliance, and think of what Turkey is facing right now. To the south is instability in Syria, instability in western Iraq; to the north is the instability in the Black Sea, Crimea and Ukraine; and so this is key land, and defending Turkey is a big part of our NATO duties."

Breedlove said the U.S. needs to take a hard look at its force structure in Europe. He noted that since the Cold War the U.S. has reduced its forces in Europe by 80 percent, and cautioned that those forces should not be reduced further until the recent instability in the region is understood.

The general called the Patriot mission in Turkey a clear success and praised the Soldiers of the Kaiserslautern, Germany-based 5-7th for their vigilance, their support of their allies, and their demonstrated commitment to that core value of collective defense.

"If mission success for a missile defender is no missiles hit the ground, we have perfect success. I think the deterrent value of what these Soldiers have done here has meant safety to this big city you see in front of you," gesturing toward Gaziantep, a city of approximately 1.4 million people.

During his visit the general spent time speaking with



U.S. Air Force Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Europe and commander of U.S. European Command, talks at a press conference at the U.S. Patriot missile site in Gaziantep, Turkey, July 31. Breedlove spoke to the media about current threats and NATO's support to regional security. Patriot Soldiers from U.S. Army Europe's 5th Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery are augmenting Turkish air defenses as part of a NATO mission in concert with German and Dutch air defenders.

Soldiers and leaders of the 5-7th ADA about their mission and thanking them for their service, less than 75 miles from conflict zones in Syria.

"It's nice to have our leadership come and see operations that happen at Gaziantep at a personal level," said Spc. Kayla Echman, a Patriot fire control enhanced operator/maintainer assigned to 5-7th.

"I think this is a great opportunity to showcase our Soldiers and the mission that we are doing out here for NATO protecting the country of Turkey," said Lt. Col. Lisa Bartel, commander of the 5-7th.

Bartel said her unit is operational and on duty 24 hours a day, helping to serve as a deterrent. Breedlove added that the Patriot Soldiers are also fulfilling the equally important mission of building relationships with our Turkish allies.

The general said the U.S. Soldiers are getting to know the citizens of Gaziantep and used a sporting match as an example of how American and Turkish forces here are mingling and forming bonds through friendly competition that enhance and support the mission.

"It is very important that we have this bonding of our cultures," said Breedlove.

He noted that in that competition the Americans won at basketball, while the Turkish Soldiers triumphed in a soccer match.



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Employment Opportunity

Sterling Medical is accepting resumes for an Education Advisor and Test Examiner at Geilenkirchen Military Base. For more information and instructions on submitting your resume, call 800-852-5678 extension 233 with any questions. Reference code RCM-GEIL.

Call for bloggers

USAG Benelux is looking for bloggers for a historical program. For more information email usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil with 'interested in blogging' as the subject line.

Schinnen employment/education

Bring your résumé to the Schinnen Tri-Border Community's Employment, Education and College Fair at the JFC Conference Center Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to U.S. ID card holders. For more information, call DSN 360-7500/7269 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500/7269, or DSN 458-6015 or civilian +31 (0) 49 (0) 2451-633791.

GK offers info on VA home loans

At a recent workshop, hosted by the 470th ABS Airman & Family Readiness Center at Geilenkirchen Air Base, community members learned about the Veterans Administration Home Loan process.

The overseas military services coordinator for the German region, Sean Cannon, presented an informative hourlong introduction to the VA Home Loan guaranty and process July 24.

If you missed the presentation and want to learn more visit <http://www.va.gov/> or contact the A&FRC at DSN 458-6015 or civilian +49-2451-633791 for a copy of the presentation slides.

NLC offers claims help

If you recently arrived in the Netherlands/Germany and have received your hold baggage and/or household goods and need to file a claim for missing and/or damaged items in the online "DPS" program, contact the Netherlands Law Center at DSN 360-7683 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437683 for assistance.

Schinnen ACS offers financial counseling

One-on-One Counseling - Receive specialized help and support on subjects ranging from local utility bills to personal finances. Call Schinnen's financial-readiness counselor at Army Community Service for an appointment at civilian 046-4437450.

Chièvres LRC offices close Fridays

Some supply and services offices under the 405th Army Field Support Brigade's Logistics Readiness Center-Benelux, located at Hangar 3 on Chièvres Air Base, are closed Fridays through Aug. 29:

- Supply Support Activity Central Shipping and Receiving
- Property Book Office
- Hazardous Material Management Issue Center.

In case of emergency, call DSN 361-5491 or civilian 068-275491.

Normal Friday operating hours will resume Sept. 5.

AAFES Exchange brings new look to Brussels community

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, or AAFES, is concluding the final plans to transition the current Brussels Special T's operation to a local contractor-operated concessionaire. The last day for the current Special T's operation will be Aug. 29.

Pending the solicitation and award of the contract, the new concessionaire is expected to open by Oct. 1. September will be used to renovate the current location for the new concessionaire.

In addition, a change will also be underway in the Retail Store, with the expansion of the current Snack Avenue area. The Snack Avenue expansion will provide an additional 12 feet with a multitude of ready-to-eat meal options, healthy snacks, expanded coffee selection and grab-and-go treats added to the assortment.

SATO operates on summer hours

Summer operating hours for the CWT SatoTravel Office at Chièvres Air Base will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Sept. 5. Normal operating hours will resume Sept. 8.

SHAPE Sub Aqua Club

SSAC is multinational and welcomes divers of all certifications. All SHAPE members who are certified divers from any disciplines are welcome and encouraged to join. All non-certified SHAPE members interested in diving are welcome to join and take classes for certification.

SSAC offers Try-Dives Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Annual club membership fee is €75 for an individual or €125 for a family, and it gives access to and use of the club's well-stocked equipment. The club organizes an annual Dive and Dinner in Brussels at NEMO 33, the world's deepest indoor pool.

Learn more at <http://www.shapesubaqua.com>.

Summer travel

This summer, many people travel across Europe and around the globe. Any travel comes with potential danger.

You can reduce the likelihood of becoming a terror victim by maintaining situational awareness in large crowds. Report suspicious activity to appropriate authorities.

USAREUR's Antiterrorism experts have designed an information trifold brochure now available at http://www.eur.army.mil/vigilance/Travel_Guidance_trifold_June2014.pdf.

Arts & Crafts at SHAPE

SHAPE Arts & Crafts in Building 307 provides an array of craft classes and material for SHAPE families. Book a craft birthday party or order helium balloons.

For more information, stop by the Arts & Crafts Center on SHAPE in Building 307, e-mail artsandcraftsshape@gmail.com or call DSN 423-6049 or civilian 065-446049.

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SHAPE International Library

Belgian Corner - If you are looking for something to do, want to explore Belgian cuisine or wonder about the origins of Belgian festivals, visit SHAPE International Library's new Belgian Corner. Located between the French and German sections, the Belgian Corner helps you to familiarize yourself with your temporary home. Read about local festivals, attractions and museums as well as Belgian food and traditions.

For more information, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631, email mwr.shape.library.info@us.army.mil or stop by during regular hours.

Book clubs - The Kids Book Club and the Preteen/Teen Book Club are taking a break for the summer.

The Kids Book Club resumes Sept. 11 at 4:30 p.m.

The Preteen/Teen Book Club resumes Sept. 18 at 4:30 p.m. Both clubs will meet monthly during the school year.

Summer reading program 'Paws to Read'

Schinnen - The program runs through Aug. 17. It is open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders between the ages of 3 and 18 years old. For more information call DSN 364-2669 or civilian 045-5262669.

SHAPE/Chièvres - Registration is open and will continue throughout the summer.

In keeping with the "Paws to Read!" theme, participants in SRP at SHAPE and Chièvres libraries are invited to attend the library's Pet Parade, scheduled Aug. 30 at the SHAPE Fest Tent in conjunction with MWR Dogs Day Out. Pets and stuffed animals are welcome.

For more information, call the SHAPE International Library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631 or the Chièvres Library at DSN 361-5767 or civilian 068-275767. You can also visit the libraries' website at <http://chievres.armymwr.com/europe/chievres/>.

Brussels CDC discontinues lunches for children at hourly care

Lunch is no longer offered in the Brussels Child Development Center hourly room. Parents must provide a lunch in accordance with USDA guidelines. A simple snack will be offered daily at the CDC. As a result, hourly rates will decrease to \$3.50 per child per hour.

Questions can be directed to the assistant director of the USAG Benelux-Brussels CYSS at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651.

CYSS now accepting paperwork for Free and Reduced Lunch Program

CYSS is now taking Free and Reduced Lunch Program applications for the 2014-2015 school year. Applications are available at CYSS Parent Central Services for students attending USAG Benelux DoDDs schools. Current leave-and-earnings statement, or LES, is required with each form. Recertification of school lunch accounts needed for all previous and

new participants. Forms can be dropped off in the boxes labeled School Lunch Application forms at CYSS or at school.

CYSS at Brussels

Contact Brussels CYSS Parent Central at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651. Volunteers are needed for sports.

Summer camp - Brussels CYSS offers summer camps through Aug. 22 for youth who have completed grades kindergarten through 11. Register soon because space is limited.

Fall soccer - Registration is open through Aug. 29 for fall soccer, ages 3 to 15. Season starts Sept. 8. Cost for children ages 3 to 5 is \$20 and for children ages 6 to 15 is \$40.

Fall cheerleading - Registration is open through Aug. 29 for ages 8 to 12. Season starts Sept. 8. Cost: \$40.

Flag football - Registration is open through Aug. 29 for ages 10 to 15. Season starts Sept. 8. Cost: \$40.

CYSS at Schinnen/Brunssum

Call CYSS Parent Central Services at DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.

Summer camp - The USAG Benelux-Schinnen School Age Center and Youth Center offer summer-camp trips through Aug. 15. Space is limited.

CYSS at SHAPE

Summer Camp - Registration is open for the Summer Camp through Aug. 22. Call SHAPE Parent Central Services at DSN 423-6039/6099 or civilian 065-446039/6099.

Paid internship - If you are a U.S. citizen between 15 and 18, currently in high school, if you maintain a C grade-point average or better and are subject to the satisfactory completion of local police background checks, you are eligible to apply for a paid internship with CYSS Sports & Fitness. CYSS offers a paid internship for 12 continuous work weeks once all goals are met with 15 to 18 hours of work during school weeks and a maximum of 40 hours during non-school weeks. CPR training, first-aid and child-abuse prevention classes will be offered. Call CYSS at DSN 423-5611 or civilian 065-445611.

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Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Through Aug. 17

- **Brussels Summer Festival** - It has more than 280 free concerts in a diverse range of music styles - rock, world music, jazz, hip hop, folk and reggae. More information at <http://www.bsf.be/en/>.
- **"Foire du Midi" (funfair) in Brussels** - The fairground on Boulevard du Midi is from 3 p.m. through midnight.
- **Brussels Summer Festival** - It is also a meeting place for different forms of artistic expression including street theater, traveling groups, a circus, etc.

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- **Flower carpet in Brussels** - The carpet of flowers covers almost 20,000 square feet right in the center of the Grand' Place. A different carpet design is created by landscape designers who specialize in growing begonias, which offer a wide range of bright and vibrant colors. More information at <http://www.flowercarpet.be/>.



Aug. 15

- **The bathtub regatta in Dinant** - Follow this unusual and funny race on the Meuse. 25.000 people come to watch the most amazing crafts. Entertainment, music and food stands complete the show. The day will start with a flea market in the Quartier Adolphe Sax along the Meuse river as of 6 a.m. The Regatta will depart at 4:30 p.m. All kind of entertainments will also take place throughout the day.
- **Volksmarch in Gondregnies** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs on Place Henri Schoeling 11 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Visé** for 18, 28, 38, 48 km. Departs from the sports center on Rue de Berneau from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Through Sept. 7 (except Mondays)

- **Visit the Royal Palace in Brussels** - On Place des Palais, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free of charge.

Aug. 14-17

- **Festivities in Steenkerque** - Music and entertainment on Thursday as of 9 p.m., inter-village games at 2 p.m. on Friday, 80's concert at 9 p.m. on Saturday, old vehicle rally starting at 8 a.m. on Sunday, mussels dinner at noon and open stage from 1 to 5 p.m. Participation fee for the rally is €35 for the car and driver, €25 for passengers and €15 for children. Participants will get a roadbook, one plate per vehicle and breakfast is offered. The rally will start from the square.

Aug. 17

- **Volksmarch in Macon** for 5, 10, 14, 21, 30 km. Departs on Route de Baillièvre 3 from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Houtaing** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departs on Rue de la Madeleine from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Bonsecours** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs on Rue des Sapins 30 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Additional bike ride for 20 km.



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

Aug. 14-17

- **Summer festival in Venlo** - The festival mainly focuses on music though dance, theater, mode, cinema, literature will also be part of the event. Open from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Thursday, from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday, from 1:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturday and from 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Sunday. Entrance is free.

Aug. 15-17

- **Het Spektakel in Haghorst** offers music, street



theater, entertainment for children, and more. in the events center on Hekkendam. Open from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday, from 7 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on Saturday and from 1 to 11 p.m. on Sunday.

Aug. 15-16

- **Music festival in Hengelo** on Zelhemsseweg 21. Open both days at 8 p.m. Prices are €7.50 on Friday and €15 on Saturday.

Aug. 16

- **Arts market in Willemstad** - The market takes place inside the domain the historical Mauritsuis on Hofstraat 1. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entrance is free.

Aug. 17

- **Antiques and flea market in Kasteel Limbricht** - Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entrance price is €2.

- **Flea market in Schinnen** on Wolfhagen 121-123 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entrance is free.

Plough competition in Sint Odiliënberg

- More than 80 old and new tractors with plough and horse-pulled plough will compete. The competition starts at 1 p.m. on Postweg. Entrance is free.



- **Volksmarch in Epen** for 14 km. Departs on Kapelaan Houbenstraat 12 at 9:30 a.m. Participation fee is €4.

- **New Orleans Jazz Festival in Oisterwijk** - Open from 3 to 9 p.m. on Lindeplein. Entrance is free.



Trenches to Foxholes

Through Aug. 24

- **Free 3D show in Mons** - Every night at 10 p.m., free 3D show on the Mons main square, based on the "legend of angels." Legend has it that angels came to the rescue of some British troops in jeopardy during World War I. The sound-and-light show projected on the Mons City Hall will highlight this WWI legend.

Aug. 29 to Sept. 3

- **70th Anniversary of the Liberation in the Chimay area** - Events kick off on Friday, Aug. 29, at 7:30 p.m. with the SHAPE Band Concert at the Château in Chimay. On Saturday, Aug. 30, there will be a military memorabilia fair from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a concert and popular dance starting at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. is the Liberation Walk for 6, 10, 14 or 20 km. At 11 a.m. is a Catholic service in memory of the liberators followed by a re-enactment with World War II vintage vehicles. Various entertainment in the afternoon. On Tuesday, Sept. 2, are the official commemorative events at 9:30 a.m. at Cendron and 11:15 a.m. at Monceau-Imbrechies. On Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 11 a.m. is the official commemoration in St. Rémy where American airmen were shot by the Nazis.

• **SHAPE Trips & Tours has scheduled a trip to Cendron Aug. 31 to take part in the commemorations combined with a visit to the Château of Chimay. Price is €30 per person. Departs from Brussels at 8 a.m. and from SHAPE at 9 a.m. Returns to SHAPE at 5 p.m. and to Brussels at 6 p.m. Contact SHAPE Trips & Tours at 065-443884 for more information.**

Through Sept. 14 (except Aug. 23)

- **Visit the World War I battlefield in the Mons area**, to include Nimy, Obourg, St-Symphorien. The tour is aboard a double decker. Departs from the Mons main square Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. Visit takes three hours. Cost: Adults €18; children €12.

Through Nov. 11

- **Exhibition "Nimy on the eve of the Great War"** - On Aug. 23, 1914, close to the bridge-rail, virulent fights between the 4th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers of the British Forces and the German 84th Infantry Regiment took place in Nimy. Learn more about those fights with the exhibition taking place on R Ue Mouzin 31. The museum is opened Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €2.50. Entrance is free for children under 12 years old. Upon request, it is possible to visit the museum during the week for groups of minimum five people.



Aug. 20-23

- **Annual sales in Breda** - Open from 2 to 10 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and from 1 to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Entrance price is €2. The sales take place on Ginnekenmarkt and its surroundings.

Ongoing

Through Aug. 17

- **Orlando Festival (Chamber music) in Kerkrade** - International chamber music festival for young



and old, this festival not only has concerts, it also offers classes, workshops, masterclasses and more. Festival is held at various locations in Kerkrade, Heerlen and Maastricht. For more information, check <http://www.orlandofestival.nl/>.

Through Aug. 31

- **Guggenheim NY collection in Amstelveen** - Discover the complete collection of Guggenheim New York abstract works at the Cobra Museum, Sanbergplein 1. For more information, check <http://www.cobra-museum.nl/>.

Through Sept. 5

- **Cheese market in Alkmaar** - World-famous for its cheese, Alkmaar has been where cheese has been weighed since 1593. Cheese carriers carry thousands of kilos of cheese from 'Waagplein' square to the weighing house. Cheese carriers can be seen in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon until the first Friday of September. You'll be surprised at how important cheese used to be and still is for the city of Alkmaar.

Through Sept. 28

- **Sand sculpture festival in Oss** - First edition of this festival in Brabant with the theme: "A trip Around the World... in Sand." Some 25 sculptures will be on display from 2 to 7 meters high. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: adults €4.50, children 3 to 15 years old €3, and family tickets €12.50 (two adults/two children).

Through Sept. 30

- **Flower pick-up days in Langendam** at Bloemenboerderij on 't Vaartje 108 - Entrance is free, you only pay for the flowers you pick up. Prices range from €3 to €12.50. Open from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays

SHAPE Trips & Tours

For information on the trip below,
call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884

Medieval Dinner in Brugge (Bruges), Aug. 23 – Immerse yourself in another time: Experience a festive banquet in a grand setting with a dozen lively attractions, medieval costumes and music as well as food and drink. You will feast in what was formerly a church, surrounded by dozens of other revelers while you enjoy a four-course dinner, washed down with all the beer and wine you can drink. While you enjoy your meal, feast your eyes on jesters, minstrels, dancers, sword fighters and more. This evening in Brugge is fun for the whole family. Departs from Brussels at 12:30 p.m. and from SHAPE at 1:30 p.m. Arrives Aug. 24 at SHAPE at 1 a.m. and at Brussels at 2 a.m. Cost: Adults €93; youths, ages 11 to 14, €62; children, ages 6 to 10, €42; children, infant to 5, €30.

Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

Wine Festival Der Mittel Mosel River, Sept. 6 – Take a day trip to Bernkastel-Kues, Germany, and experience what it has to offer, then end your day at the wine festival by watching fireworks from the banks of the Mosel River. This trip is open to U.S./NATO ID card holders and their guests. Departs Schinnen at 11 a.m. Returns Sept. 7 at 2 a.m. Cost: \$55.

SHAPE Travel Group

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

Atlantic Wall Museum and Flanders Field Museum, Aug. 19 - To commemorate the centenary of World War I ("The War to End All Wars" broke out in August 1914), the SHAPE Travel Group will take you on a remembrance trip to Oostende and Ypres.

First stop will be at the Atlantic Wall Museum in Oostende where the group will have time to walk around and learn the importance of the modern fortifications from World War I and II. After Oostende, the tour group will travel to Ieper (Ypres), where

they will visit the 'In Flanders Field' Museum, have time to have a nice dinner and end the trip with the Last Post at Menin Gate. Cost: €40.



SHAPE Trips & Tours

- Mosel Wine Festival, **Aug. 30**
- Commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Cendron and visit to the Chimay Château, **Aug. 31**
- Belgian Beer/Gin Tour, **Sept. 13**
- Burgundy Wine Region, **Oct. 3 to 5**
- Amsterdam, **Oct. 4**



- London, **Oct. 11**
- Peru, **Oct. 24 to Nov. 3**
- London, **Dec. 6 to 7**
- Flanders Field, **Nov. 9**
- Tenerife, Spain, New Year's Eve Gala, **Dec. 27 to Jan. 7, 2015: Sign up by Oct. 1.**
- Buy discounted tickets to: Natura Park, Plugster, Pottery House, Site du Grand-Hornu, Thuin L'Abbaye d' Aulne, Thuin-Le Beffroi and Walibi and more.

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- Miami Dolphins vs. Oakland Raiders in London, **Sept. 27 to 29**
- Cowboys vs. Jaguars in London, **Nov. 8 to 10**

SHAPE Travel Group

- Alkmaar Cheese Market and Haarlem, **Aug. 29**
- Newbury and the Highclere Castle, **Sept. 9**
- Luxembourg Castles, **Sept. 26**
- Wine Tour by the Mosel River, **Sept. 30**
- A Day in Rotterdam, **Oct. 7**
- Best of Belgium, **Oct. 14**
- Amsterdam, **Oct. 21**
- Canterbury, **Nov. 12**
- Bastogne, **Nov. 17**
- Cologne Christmas Market, **Nov. 25**
- Leeds Castle and Dickens Christmas Festival, **Dec. 6**
- Paris Lights and Moulin Rouge, **Dec. 9**
- Strasbourg Christmas Market, **Dec. 16**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Aug. 20, 27; Sept. 3

- **Scream-Free Marriage** - Bring a sack lunch to this lunchtime series on the second floor of Building 4 in the USAG Benelux-Brussels Army Community Service Conference Room from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information and registration (required), call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

Aug. 21

- **Dress for Success** - This workshop, designed to help you choose appropriate attire for interviews, will be held at the Brussels Army Community Service In Building 4's ACS Conference Room from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Reservation is required; call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.
- **Interviewing Tips and Techniques** - Brussels Army Community Service offers this workshop in the ACS conference room in Building 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Attend this workshop to learn the best ways to answer the "tough" questions you often face in an interview. Registration is required; call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Aug. 15

- **Texas Hold 'Em** - Play Texas Hold 'Em at the Memories Lane Lounge from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Open to all US & NATO ID Card Holders and their bona fide guests who are 18 years of age and older. But in is \$25. For more information call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0464-437561.

Aug. 19

- **Armed Forces Entertainment Presents: GIs of Comedy** - Watch "Comedic Troupe of Troops" in action at the Memories Lane Lounge, located in the Schinnen Bowling Center in the USAG Benelux-Schinnen Complex's Building 40 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. To learn more about this 18-and-older event, contact DSN 360-7207 or civilian 0464-437207.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Aug. 15

- **SHAPE schools open house** - Parents and students of the SHAPE International School community can preview the new facilities at SHAPE American Elementary School and Middle School during an open house of the schools, which are sections of the SHAPE International School, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Navy Element will be cooking food so families can grab something to eat and socialize.

Aug. 19

- **Registration opens for Fall Theater Camp** - Children can join the SHAPE Players at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre through Fall Theater Camp, which will culminate in performances of "Seussical the Musical." For more information, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Aug. 19 and 26

- **Lunch and Learn Series** - Brown-bag it, and join the discussion group at the Army Community Service training room in Building 318 on SHAPE from noon until 1 p.m. Life-skills topics covered during the series include: Aug. 19: Children and Moving; and Aug. 26: Balancing Work, Life and Command. Contact ACS at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.



Community Roundup

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

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

Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English:

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

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

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

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

Movie at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

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