

THE GAZETTE

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

Benelux news briefs

JFC Library closes

The library at JFC Brunssum will close Jan. 21 at 3 p.m.

Job opens up locally

Sterling Medical has a victim-advocate position open in the Benelux area.

For more information, call +49-611-1435449293.

CYSS offers internships

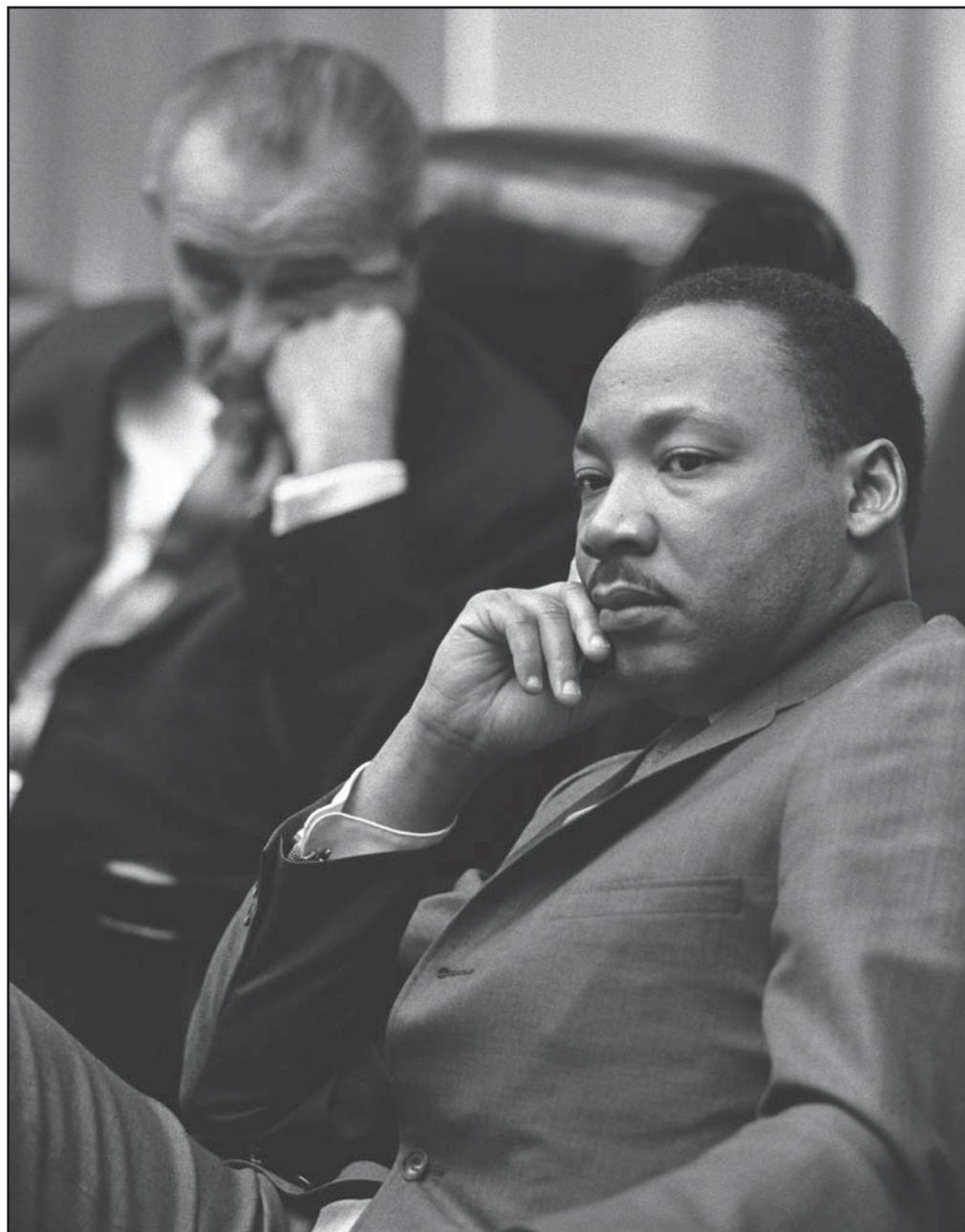
The CYSS Youth Centre on SHAPE is offering three, eight-week internships to help youths in ninth through 12th grades get "job-ready" knowledge through its HIRED! program.

Sessions will be offered on the following dates:

- Jan. 18 to March 4,
- March 7 to April 29 and
- May 2 to June 10.

Interns will learn résumé-writing, interviewing techniques, Microsoft Office, customer-service skills and money management. They will also gain on-the-job experience that can be included on their résumés.

Only a limited number of jobs are available. Pick up applications at the SHAPE Youth Centre. For details, call the CYSS teen-program director at DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104.



Community remembers MLK at today's observance

President Lyndon B. Johnson and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. meet at the White House Friday, March 18, 1966. To commemorate the life of the slain civil-rights leader, the USAG Benelux military community will hold a cake-cutting and display in the Chièvres PX food court Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016, from noon to 4 p.m. (Photo by Yoichi R. Okamoto, White House Press Office)

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Antiterrorism officials urge registration in Mass Warning and Notification System

Individuals and small groups directed or inspired by terrorist causes continue to threaten Western Europe. Terrorists pose a threat to urban centers, large events and transportation hubs, including airports and train stations.

Current information suggests that ISIL (aka Da'esh), al-Qa'ida, Boko Haram and other terrorist groups continue to plan terrorist attacks in multiple regions. These attacks may employ a wide variety of tactics, using conventional and nonconventional weapons and targeting both official and private interests, according to a State Department travel alert.

USAG Benelux constantly tracks threat conditions and, when essential, will disseminate vigilance messages as widely as possible and as often as necessary. Though specifics of threats cannot always be shared publicly, it is important to read and adhere to AtHoc messages, said Kevin Timmons, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux antiterrorism officer.

It is also important to register in the USAG Benelux AtHOC Mass Warning and Notification System and, if you have a smart phone, to download the app.

"The ability to get immediate security updates anywhere may make the difference in your personal and family safety," he said.

It is equally important for personnel to take the time to discuss the security environment with their family members to ensure they are aware and actively practice individual protective measures, he added.

Until threats subside, the garrison will continue to notify personnel via public service announcements, social media and the Mass Warning and Notification System.

The USAG Benelux emergency manager, Willie Gibbs, said, "It only takes a few minutes to register for AtHOC and get the app."

The link for both can be found on the USAG Benelux website at <http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/directorates/DPTMS/EM.html>. He said it is very important to note that phone calls from the system will come from a stateside phone number, but you are not charged for entering your response.

DA asks military community to take AT awareness survey

The Department of the Army's antiterrorism branch has released an anonymous and voluntary "micro" survey to broadly measure antiterrorism awareness across the Army, according to a Jan. 6 news release from U.S. Army Europe.

"Even though the survey is for the Department of the Army, the results will be beneficial for U.S. Army Europe, too," said Keith Horne, a USAREUR force-protection specialist. "It will determine if what we are doing here in theater is working or not, and what changes we should make to be more effective."

The five-question survey should take less than two minutes to complete and is open to all military community members, including active-duty and retired Soldiers, Department of Defense civilians, government contractors and family members.

Antiterrorism experts encourage everyone to participate to gain as much data as possible, which will help gauge overall antiterrorism awareness within the Army.

The survey, which ends Feb. 3, is available at <http://AntiterrorismAwarenessSurveys.ANSER.org>.

In addition to the garrison notifications, U.S. personnel are encouraged to enroll in the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, Gibbs said. The system allows you to receive important information from the Embassy about safety conditions in your destination country, helping you make informed decisions about your travel plans. It also helps the U.S. Embassy contact you in an emergency, whether natural disaster, civil unrest or family emergency, and it helps family and friends get in touch with you during those times. You can enroll in STEP at <https://step.state.gov/step/>.

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IMCOM Europe welcomes new CSM

Region director praises incoming senior enlisted adviser's 'reputation for integrity and leadership'

Story and photo by Ray Johnson

USAG Bavaria Public Affairs Office

Installation Management Command Europe welcomed its new command sergeant major and bid farewell to his predecessor during a change-of-responsibility ceremony held in Sembach, Germany, Jan. 12.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gene Canada takes over from Command Sgt. Maj. Romeo Montez III, who will retire after 32 years of wearing the Army's uniform.

Canada brings with him an "invaluable combination of experience. ... He knows firsthand the types of support Soldiers and commanders need from IMCOM," said Michael Formica, director of IMCOM Europe. "His reputation for integrity and leadership is why I hand-picked him as our senior noncommissioned officer."

Coming from Fort Lee, Virginia, where he was the Ordnance Corps and School Personnel Development Office's sergeant

major, Canada has served for almost 30 years, with stints as the command sergeant major for IMCOM's Army Environmental Command and the former U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern. He has also had multiple combat deployments to Iraq.

Canada said he looks forward to being part of a team that is passionate about taking care of Soldiers, Army civilians and their families.

"I am also excited about building and sustaining relations with all our Strong Europe teammates, our host nations and our communities," he said, addressing an audience that included the IMCOM command team of Lt. Gen. Kenneth Dahl and Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless, along with Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, the commander of U.S. Army Europe.

Canada also thanked Montez for his

support during the pair's transition, encouraging him to stay in touch while he pursues his second career of service as a teacher in Texas.

Additionally, Formica noted that Montez's return to the Lone Star state takes him closer to family. Montez's first grandchild is expected this summer.

Saying he could not ask for a "better battle buddy," Formica applauded Montez's accomplishments, including:

- Increased quality-of-life programs for rotational forces;
- Improvements to infrastructure and services that have an impact on how American troops and multinational partners work and train together;
- Enhancements to the region's Best Warrior program that produced IMCOM's Best Warrior and NCO, and challenged region Soldiers to advance their war-fighting skills; and
- Improvements to Soldier and family programs and services, such as sponsorship and transition assistance.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Montez has been an enterprise leader," Formica said. "He has been our problem-solver — one who builds consensus while leading folks to successful outcomes."

As Montez closed out the ceremony with his remarks, he recalled that, prior to becoming the IMCOM Europe command sergeant major two years ago, he received a message from a former commander whose son had recently become a Soldier. The former commander said, if ever needed, that he would trust the life of his son in Montez's hands.

The commander's words, Montez said, reminded him "of the awesome responsibility we have as leaders. Not just to fight and win, but to genuinely care for the well-being of America's sons and daughters. It is for this reason ... that I am deeply humbled by the opportunities that I was given to serve. I am a Soldier for life."



Command Sgt. Maj. Romeo Montez III passes the guidon to Michael Formica, the director of Installation Management Command Europe, during the region's change-of-responsibility ceremony Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016.

Tax centers will open for business soon

U.S. Army tax centers in the Benelux will hold grand-opening ceremonies in the coming weeks. The tax centers support American service members, Department of Defense civilians and their dependents with free tax assistance and preparation.

- Benelux Tax Centers will hold a grand opening/ribbon-cutting ceremony for the tax season in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, or OSJA, Conference Room on the second floor of SHAPE's Building 318 Jan. 28 from 2 to 3 p.m. The ribbon-cutting will take place at 2:30 p.m.

The U.S. Army legal assistance office will operate three tax centers in Belgium — SHAPE, Chièvres and USAG Benelux-

Brussels.

USAG Benelux commander Col. Marty Vannatter will be the guest of honor in charge of the ribbon-cutting. The event will be open to the Benelux community.

To schedule an appointment, call DSN 423-4868 or civilian 065-444868. (Use 4906 starting Jan. 28.)

- The Netherlands Law and Tax Center in Schinnen will hold a 10:30 a.m. grand opening Feb. 9, which marks the first day of the tax season for the Tri-Border Region.

For more information about how the tax center can help or to make an appointment, call DSN 360-7688 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437688.

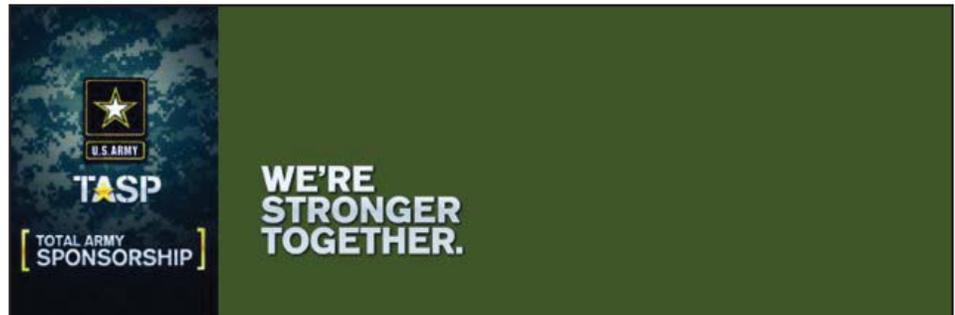
'Rodeo' rustles up sponsorship information for leaders, newcomers in Benelux area

Signs have gone up to encourage members of the SHAPE/Chièvres community to mark their calendars with the Total Army Sponsorship Program Rodeo at the SHAPE Club Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This round-robin training is designed to inform leaders from specialist through colonel of the systems in place throughout the sponsorship process.

USAG Benelux will sponsor this event and will expand its coverage to all U.S. newcomers, including those who belong to elements from the Navy and Air Force. Service representatives will be on hand to provide information on their Sponsorship programs and the services they provide as well as the unique requirements associated with integration into the Benelux work force.

Subject-matter experts will provide



information about the unique challenges that face employees when they arrive or depart the Benelux. The SMEs will be available for questions and have literature to distribute.

At the sponsorship event, attendees will be given information about the assets available within the Benelux community and how they relate to incoming and outgoing military and civilian employees.

“The TASP Rodeo will raise the efficacy of the Benelux sponsorship program, allowing transitioning Soldiers and civilians more time to focus on personal and professional concerns – and less time on the difficulties associated with a move,” event organizer Richard Smith said.

Smith said that a better, solid sponsorship experience could help newcomers sidestep a lot of difficulties.

Boys State/Girls State offers chance at leadership

American Legion Post BE02 and the American Legion Auxiliary recently announced their sponsorship of their 2016 Boys State and Girls State program. Apply by March 31.

American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State teach how government works, develop leadership skills and foster an

appreciation of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

In this summer program, you can run for office, learn public speaking, draft and debate legislation, and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government. You will meet other students from across your area who may become

friends for life.

Successful completion of Boys State and Girls State is recognized by employers, service academies and university admissions boards as an indicator of strong leadership and character traits. Many colleges and universities offer scholarships or admission preference to attendees of

Boys State/Girls State.

High-school students who have successfully completed their junior year and who have at least one more semester remaining are considered. Ask your high-school counselor for an application or get one from American Legion Post BE02 at flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com.

SHAPE Spartans sweep Brussels Brigands

Story and photos by Tim Clark
 USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

In a home-and-away series Jan. 8 and 9, the SHAPE Spartans and the Lady Spartans picked up two wins.

The SHAPE boys team defeated Brussels American School 47-10 at home Friday and 54-16 at Brussels Saturday. Austin Stevens led the way for the Spartans both nights, scoring 18 points Friday and 15 points Saturday.

Dominick DeFazio pulled down 10 rebounds for the Brigands in Friday's game. Callum Proulx scored eight for Brus-

sels Saturday.

The Lady Spartans also came up with two wins, defeating the Brigands 35-6 Friday and 26-22 Saturday. Begoña Rodriguez was the leading scorer both nights for the Lady Spartans, scoring 28 points Friday and 10 points Saturday.

Gloria Hernandez scored eight points for the Brigands Saturday. Kiki Carson had five rebounds and scored three points for Brussels Saturday.



Cameron Little takes flight on his way to scoring for the Spartans during the Brussels-SHAPE game at the SHAPE Main Gym Friday, Jan. 8, 2015.



Begoña Rodriguez scores two at the SHAPE Main Gym Friday, Jan. 8, 2015.



Brigand Julianna Friedhoff guards Kimbyl Larson at the SHAPE Main Gym Friday, Jan. 8, 2015.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Jan. 15

- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community Fridays from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Recreation Night features games, cards, music and movies. Snacks and beverages available for purchase: crispy chicken tenders, daily homemade soup and potato wedges. For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

Jan. 21

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy chicken and ribs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Adults \$12; children, ages 12 and under, \$6. (Alternate children's menu: hotdogs or chicken fingers.) Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before by sending an email message to reservations3star@yahoo.com.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Dress for Success** - Learn the do's and don'ts of dressing professionally and appropriately for an interview and your daily work environment at this employment class at the Schinnen Army Community Service Training Room in Building 39 **Jan. 28** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.

Jan. 25

- **Hearts Apart** - Schinnen Army Community Service offers this support group to youth separated from a loved one, whether through a deployment or a family situation, at AFNORTH International School from 2 to 3 p.m. Home-schoolers welcome. For details, call the ACS Deployment Readiness Office at DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Jan. 14

- **Martin Luther King observance** - The USAG Benelux military community will hold a cake-cutting and display in the Chièvres PX food court from noon to 4 p.m. to commemorate the life of social activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A vital figure of the modern era, King played a pivotal role in the Civil Rights Movement. In sermons and speeches, King's voice rang out with a call for Americans to work toward a better tomorrow.

Jan. 15

- **Movie Time at the Library** - Join us the staff of Chièvres Library, and watch a fun-filled, family-friendly movie from 4:30 to 6 p.m. (Contact the library at DSN 361-5767 or 068-275767 for the title of the film). Free popcorn and juice will be served. Children 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Fun for Kids** - Make sure you have your bikes, trikes, scooters, or skates from 5 to 7 p.m. to join other children at the Chièvres Community Activity Center. You can get together a game of pickup basketball or play on bouncy castles, too.

Jan. 19

- **HHC relinquishment of responsibility** - The Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USAG Benelux, cordially invite you to join them for the ceremony during which 1st Sgt. Alejandro Romar will relinquish his responsibilities. The ceremony will be held in the auditorium of Building 30, Caserne Daumerie, Chièvres, Belgium, at 3 p.m. This ceremony affords the SHAPE/Chièvres community an opportunity to recognize his accomplishments and wish him and his family the best as they travel back to the United States.

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates – 2D movies: adults €7.50 and children 11 and under €4. 3D movies: adults €9 and children 11 and under €6. Check <http://www.shape2day.com> under "Morale & Welfare (MWB)" for the movie schedule.

Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English

Only the British or American movies listed as VO (Version Originale or 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>.

Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Adult admission is €6.5 (ages 12 and older) - Child admission is €3.75 (ages 11 and under). Check the web page at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146> for the movie schedule.

Travel the Benelux

Crossage returns to Chièvres Feb. 10

Story and photos by Tim Clark
USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Shouts of “Chôlette!” will ring through the streets of Chièvres Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10. People will be dodging left and right to avoid errant wooden balls careening down the city’s streets. Fellowship and fun prevail over winning in this not-to-be-missed sporting event.

“It’s quite a cultural experience,” said Capt. Nathaniel “Scott” Beckett, one of many participants from the SHAPE/Chièvres community joining local residents playing the game.

A Walloon tradition for centuries, the game of crossage could be described as sport that is a cross between golf and croquet. Playing crossage involves hitting an oblong-shaped wooden ball, called a chôlette (pronounced “shoh-LET”) with a wooden club, called a rabot (pronounced “rah-BO”) at a target. The targets are decorated beer kegs set up around the city. Teams compete by trying to hit the keg with the chôlette in as few rabot strokes as possible.

The course zigzags throughout the city. Teams may start at any point on the course — in golf terms, a shotgun start. This leads to balls flying around from every direction toward the kegs. Serious injuries are rare, but you can get a bruise or two from being hit by a chôlette.

“Don’t let the danger keep you from playing; a little bit of danger is exciting,” said the director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation for USAG Benelux, Craig Larsen.

Residents prepare for the annual mayhem: No cars are parked along the course, and many windows and doors are covered for protection from the barrage of bouncing balls. The city of Chièvres will be closed to all traffic during the event.

At many places along the course, players can take a break and enjoy their favorite Belgian beverage and conversation with other competitors.

“I like that the whole community embraces it,” said Larsen, who has

played crossage for more than 15 years. “It’s a great way to interact with Belgians in a very positive way, and it’s fun. I love crossage.”



Christina Bhatti celebrates after a successful hit of the keg Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015.

Outside the gate



Adam Peplinski admires his "horse" rabot Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015.

Everything you need to know to play crossage

You will need your own rabot (€28) and a chôlette (€4). Mandatory insurance (€4 in advance or €5 the day of) covers you in case you break something. Preregister by Feb. 5.

To learn where you can get your equipment, register to play or just get more information, call civilian 0496-876938.



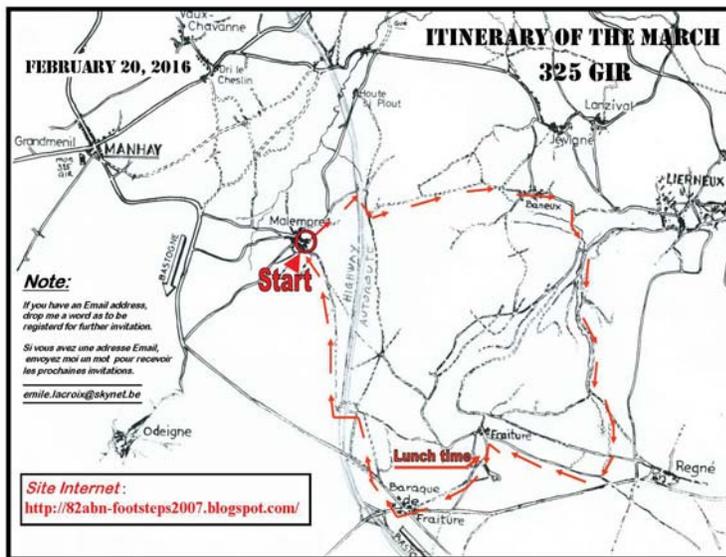
Many players decorate their rabots and chôlettes with colorful designs, ready for the start of crossage Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015.

In the footsteps of the 82nd Airborne Division

The Belgian "All American Jeep Group" is organizing a historic walk Feb. 20, following the trails of the 325th Glider Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, going by the villages of Baneux, Fraiture, Baraque de Fraiture and Malempré.

The 34th edition of the 82nd Airborne Division historic walk will depart Malempré at 9:30 a.m. for a 17-km route following the itinerary taken by the 325th GIR during the Battle of the Bulge. Walkers will be crossing the village of Baraque de Fraiture where the unit fought one of the most important battles during the Ardennes Offensive. At lunchtime, free hot soup will be served at Fraiture, and food will be available for purchase at the group's field kitchen.

At the end of the walk in Malempré, hot wine will be served, and a souvenir certificate will be presented to each participant in the walk.



Itinerary of the walk

February 20, 2016
Time 9h30
Malempré, Belgium

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION

FOLLOWING THE TRAILS OF THE 325 GLIDER INFANTRY REGIMENT

504 PIR 505 PIR 508 PIR 325 GIR

This Historical march follows the steps of the 325GIR from Malempré by Baneux and Baraque de Fraiture. Hot soup will be served in Fraiture and hot wine at the end. - Certificates are presented to the participants .
 -- Registration 6€ --
 See: <http://82abn-footsteps2007.blogspot.com/> (Past 325PIR march)

Registration will be on site only at €6, covering logistic support, hot soup, souvenir certificate, hot wine, insurance and Red Cross support.
 The departure address is Rue derrière la Tour 12 at 6960 Malempré (Manhay).

Outside the gate

Upcoming organized trips

Chièvres Equipment Rental

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 361-6268 or civilian 068-276268.

- **Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany, March 26 to April 2 (All NATO welcome.)**

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Amsterdam with the Heineken Experience, Jan. 16**
- **"The Nutcracker" Ballet, Brussels, Jan. 24 (Seats are limited.)**
- **Thermae 2000 in Valkenburg, the Netherlands, Jan. 30**
- **Malta, Feb. 6 to 11**
- **Paris with dinner cruise on the Seine, Feb. 13**

- **London with "Wicked" musical, Feb. 20**
- **Reims and the Champagne Region, March 5**
- **Cooking class in Lille, March 12**
- **Oostende with Soul Legends, March 19**
- **Croatia with Venice and Slovenia, March 28 to April 6**
- **Berlin, April 29 to May 2**

SHAPE Travel Group

Call civilian 0470-876369 for details.

- **Snow World, the Netherlands (transportation and four-hour ski pass), Jan. 19**
- **Trocs and Leuven (Louvain), Jan. 28**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

Call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **Express Trip to Paris, France, March 19**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Through Jan. 24

- **Motor show in Laeken** at Brussels Expo - Discover 100,000 square meters dedicated to cars and motorbikes. Open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the other days. Admission: €13. Find more information at <http://www.autosalon.be/en>.



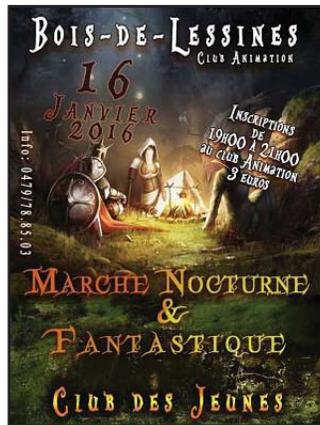
Jan. 15

- **New Year's concert: A Night in Vienna in Ath** by the Royal Symphonic Band of The Belgian Air Force. The concert will take place from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Salle Georges Roland at Rue Hennepin 12. Admission: €20.
- **Orientation run in Nivelles for 3 and 6 km** - The run takes place in the Bois du Sépulcre from 7 to 8 p.m. Admission: €3.



Jan. 16

- **Night and fantasy volksmarch in Bois-de-Lessines for 5 km** - Departs from the square from 7 to 9 p.m. Participation fee: €3.
- **Volksmarch in Flobecq for 5, 8, 14 km** - Departs from Rue Abbé Pollart 4 from noon to 8 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Kortrijk for 30, 40 and 50 km** - Departs from Bad Godesbergstraat 22 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Jan. 17

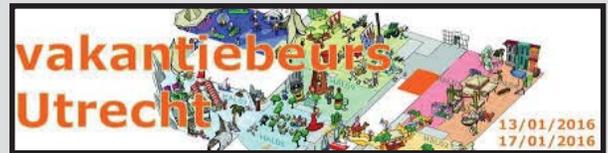
- **Volksmarch in Chapelle-Lez-Herlaimont for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km** - Departs from Rue Vandervelde 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Neufmaison for 5, 10, 15, 20 km** - Departs from the square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Gerpennes for 5, 10 and 20 km** - Departs from Rue du Bois d'Hymiée from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Braine-Le-Château for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km** - Departs from Rue de Tubize 11 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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

Through Jan. 17

- **Vacation Fair in Utrecht** will be held at Jaarbeurs in the town center. You can stroll along the many different booths and get all the information you need to plan your next holiday. Open Jan. 14, 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: €20.



- **Winter at the Dutch Open Air Museum in Arnhem** is being held at Hoeflerlaan 1. Visitors can see what daily life was like in the days of yesteryear. Learn what you would eat, how you would keep warm, how you would dress and more. Be sure to stop by the exhibition on the history of the circus/fairs in the Netherlands. Open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €16; children €11.

Jan. 14 to 17

- **Dutch National Art Deco Fair in Den Haag** will be held at Grote Kerk at Rond de Grote Kerk 12. Enjoy art and design during the period of 1880-1980. Open Jan. 14 from 1 to 7 p.m.; Jan. 15 to 16 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Jan. 17 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €12.50.



- **Interclassics & TopMobiël in Maastricht** for genuine car enthusiasts and others will take place at MECC. Each year, more than 15,000 avid motor-show spectators visit the greatest classic-car event in the Benelux region. Open Jan. 14 from noon to 8 p.m.; Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Jan. 16 to 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €20.



Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.



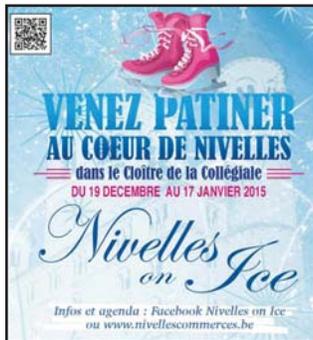
Jan. 17 continued

- **Flea market "The Dressing Room" in Brussels** offers second-hand clothes only at Rue Royale 2-4. Open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Gerpennes for 10, 25 and 45 km** - Departs from Collège Saint-Augustin from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Through Jan. 17

- **Nivelles on Ice** - The ice-skating rink on Nivelles Grand Place returns for its second season. Carriage rides are also available. Open Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: €5, which includes skate rental.
- **Exhibition "Mankind, The Dragon and Death. The Glory of St Georges" in Boussu** - The exhibition (including paintings, sculptures, drawings and illuminated manuscripts) shows how the iconography of St. George and the dragon has always been a powerful driver of the European imagination. At the MAC'S Grand Hornu site at Rue Sainte Louise 82. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.mons2015.eu/en/man-dragon-and-death>.



Ongoing

Through April 3

- **3D World Magic & Fun in Brussels** at Galeries Royales St-Hubert at Galerie de la Reine 26. The exhibition invites the visitors to stage themselves amid trompe l'oeil paintings. There will be a photo contest, and the photographers who take the best five photos will be awarded cameras. Open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Find more information at <http://www.3dWorldBelgium.be>.



Jan. 17

- **Jazz & Blues Festival in Bunnik** will be held at De Landgoederij indoor event venue on Camminghalaan. Open from 3 to 9:30 p.m. Admission: €25.
- **Flea Market in Bruges, Belgium**, will take place in Beurshalle on Hauwerstraat. This large, indoor market will have more than 200 booths. Open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Large indoor Admission: €4.50.



Jan. 18 to 24

- **Jazz Week in Leiden** will feature live jazz music performances in clubs, bars and cafés throughout Leiden city center. Find out more at <http://www.deleidsejazzweek.nl/>



Ongoing

Through Jan. 31

- **Winter Efteling near Tilburg** is Efteling Amusement and Fairy Tale Park at its winter-fairyland best. Located in Kaatsheuvel on Europalaan, Winter Efteling offers good old-fashioned winter fun and special winter attractions, transforming it into a magical winter world with an abundance of twinkling lights and other mood lighting as well as ice-skating and bonfires. Experience the water show Aquanura, a colorful musical show, against a dark winter sky. Open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; weekends from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €40. Learn more at <http://www.efteling.com/winterefteling>.



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