

# THE GAZETTE

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## Benelux news briefs

### Outdoor Rec closed

Brussels Outdoor Recreation is closed until further notice because of limited staff.

For assistance, call Chièvres Outdoor Recreation at DSN 361-6268 or civilian 068-276268.

### Credit union has jobs

Andrews Federal Credit Union is now hiring in its Brussels, Chièvres and Schinnen locations. Chièvres and Schinnen have teller positions open while Brussels has a branch manager position open.

Interested applicants may apply online at <https://www.andrewsfcu.org>.

### SHF plans for reduced staffing for holiday

SHAPE Healthcare Facility will operate with reduced staffing for Belgian National Day, July 21.

Acute Care Walk-In Clinic will operate with Medical Officer of the Day, or MOD, coverage only from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. This provider is able to see patients who are 2 and older.

### Gazette will be early

The Gazette will be published Wednesday, July 20, because of Belgian National Day, July 21. (See page 9.)

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### MPs train in active-shooter scenario

Staff Sgt. Charles Yates and Spc. Zachary Yahn, USAG Benelux military police, practice securing a building during the Active Shooter Training at the old commissary on Chièvres Air Base, Friday, July 8, 2016. This role-playing training prepares them to react to the threat of an active shooter. (U.S. Army photo by Pascal Demeuldre/TSC Benelux)

# USNMR holds town-hall meeting today

Hosted by the U.S. National Military Representative to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, the next U.S. town-hall meeting will be today, July 14, at the SHAPE Events Centre. The information fair will run from 3:30 to 3:55 p.m., and the question-and-answer session will start at 4 p.m.

Service members, civilians and family members of the All American community are invited to meet with leaders and

agencies to ask questions and receive information.

American Forces Network, or AFN, will broadcast live from the event.

For any questions or concerns, call DSN 423-4032/4634 or civilian 065-444032/4634, or send the USNMR a private message on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/usnmrtoshape>.

# Shuttle will soon have new schedule

SHAPE/Chièvres shuttle service will fall under a new pickup/drop-off schedule, starting Aug. 1.

Most of the stops will be earlier or later by one to eight minutes. Check the schedule for exact times.

In addition to pickup/drop-off times changing, the shuttle won't be stopping at Attre housing area or Lens housing area any longer. The new shuttle-bus

pickup/drop-off schedule is in line with Army Regulation 58-1, which prohibits off-base pickups and drop-offs to eliminate security issues.

New shuttle schedules have been posted at shuttle-bus stops since June, and housing-area residents have been alerted to the change that particularly affects them.

No shuttle service on weekends or

Belgian/SHAPE holidays.

For assistance, call DSN 366-6332 or civilian 065-326332, or DSN 361-6342 or civilian 068-276342.

**No shuttle service on holiday**

In related news, due to the Belgian holiday, National Day, July 21, the SHAPE/Chièvres shuttle bus service won't be running. Normal service hours will resume July 22.

**Americans can vote. Wherever they are.**

**DSN 361-5973 or civilian 068-275973**

## Emergency numbers

<p><b>Brussels</b></p> <p><b>Any emergency - Dial 112</b></p> <p><b>Brussels MP station:</b> <b>DSN 368-9769</b> <b>civilian 02-7179769</b></p> <p><b>Schinnen</b></p> <p><b>Any emergency - Dial 112</b></p> <p><b>Schinnen MP station:</b> <b>DSN 360-7555</b> <b>civilian 046-4437555</b></p>	<p><b>SHAPE/Chièvres</b></p> <p><b>Any emergency - Dial 112</b></p> <p><b>Chièvres MP station:</b> <b>DSN 361-5301</b> <b>civilian 068-275301</b></p> <p><b>SHAPE Police Desk:</b> <b>DSN 423-3333/4</b> <b>civilian 065-443333/4</b></p>
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# US, Belgian commo units work side by side

by Capt. Phillip Gilchrist

Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 39th Signal Battalion

Members of the 39th Signal Battalion recently traveled deep into the Ardennes Forest to work with their Belgian counterparts in Operation Combined Lightning, a multinational SATCOM exercise, in Saint-Hubert, Belgium.

The 39th designed this dual remote satellite-terminal exercise to increase communications interoperability, allowing its American Soldiers and members of the Belgian army's 6Gp CIS ("6th Group Communications and Information Systems" in English) to share equipment and expertise.

Based in Chièvres, Belgium, the 39th Signal Battalion has developed a partnership with the Belgian army's 6Gp CIS by conducting combined training and communication exercises. Both units have worked together and explored the technical challenges surrounding interoperability with the hope of integrating military communication systems.

The 6Gp CIS had been planning an internal communication exercise called GENESIX and had been working with the 39th on how to integrate Belgian and American communication systems. After plans were developed, the exercise was re-labeled Operation Combined Lightning.

Operation Combined Lightning was a planned communication

exercise that allowed the two nations to integrate satellite communication systems. The 39th Signal Battalion and the 44th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, based in Grafenwoehr, Germany, worked together to set up a satellite terminal at the Belgian field site, and the Belgian army used it to connect to the Belgian defense network.

In this exercise, the American equipment was the backbone that enabled Belgian commanders to communicate with other Belgian units. This test determined that an American satellite terminal can connect to the Belgian network and provide Belgian commanders on the ground the ability to communicate via Belgian networks, strengthening command and control.

Because Europe's strength depends on interoperability with other nations, U.S. Army Europe commander Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges has made it a priority for USAREUR to build relationships with allies and partners and to maintain a dynamic presence.

The 39th Signal Battalion and 6Gp CIS are completely committed to the partnership, and this exercise was the first of many exercises to come, said the commander of the 39th Signal Battalion, Lt. Col. Nicholas E. Prisco.

Andrea Wales contributed to this report.



(Above) The 44th Signal Battalion's Sgt. Erik Black is troubleshooting American communication equipment while a member of the Belgian 6Gp CIS observes in Saint-Hubert, Belgium, Tuesday, June 28, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Phillip Gilchrist/39th Signal) • (At right) Soldiers from 39th Signal Battalion and 44th Expeditionary Signal Tactical Battalion work with members of the Belgian army's 6Gp CIS on a mobile military satellite terminal in Saint-Hubert, Belgium, Tuesday, June 28, 2016. (U.S. Army photos by Henri Cambier/Training Support Center Benelux)



(Left) Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kevin P. McGill of the 39th Signal Battalion works to set up communication equipment at the Belgian Operation Center in Saint-Hubert, Belgium, as 39th Signal's Sgt. 1st Class Robert Vaughn and the 6Gp CIS commander, Lt. Col. Michel P. Flohimont, observe, Tuesday, June 28, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Capt. Phillip R. Gilchrist/39th Signal Bn)



# Learn healthy ways to eliminate pests

by Valentin Wallers

Natural- and cultural-resources manager, USAG Benelux Department of Public Works Environmental Division

Although flies, bugs, rats and weeds are important to biodiversity, they aren't welcome in human homes. They are considered pests because they have a reputation for carrying diseases and being attracted to dirt.

Although they may trigger an immediate repulsion among many people, they are actually just in search of food and that leads them to visit human homes.

The most common way to get rid of pests is to use chemical products that promise to kill or keep all bugs away, which you can get from your local garden center. Those pesticides, even when designated for domestic use, aren't harmless. Although in a more diluted version, they still contain the same dangerous substances as the pesticides used by professionals. The risk of impact on human health, such as neurological and reproductive disorders, remains high. They cause also damage to the environment, especially among the pollinator's population.

In addition, they present a high risk to children and pets if improperly stored and used. Before breaking out the heavy artillery, you may want to consider a milder response to the pest threat.

## First step

Know your enemy. Understand why they feel at home. Most of the time settlements of pests are caused by food surplus (stored rubbish, crumbs of food and rotten fruits). You can eliminate the root cause by keeping a clean home and having a good trash disposal habits.

The settlement of pests also depends on their living conditions. Cockroaches are big fans of moisture. They can be prevented by repairing any plumbing leaks. Annoying summer flies can be prevented by creating air drafts, which they hate. Mosquitoes can be eliminated by avoiding stagnating water in your garden and in your house.

## Second step

Physical treatments and barriers (also chemical-free options) can do the job as well.

- Cover bare soil with straw, shredded



Best grown outdoors, the carnivorous *Heliamphora nutans* (a pitcher plant) can help you with ant control.

bark mulch or cardboards in your kitchen garden to prevent weeds from growing.

- Use window screens and mosquito nets in bedrooms to avoid mosquito bites.
- Weeds are sensitive to thermal shocks. Pour boiling water or use a blowtorch on them. They won't survive.

## Third step

If these measures haven't proven effective, you may consider utilizing the natural arsenal offered by plants, essential oils and other natural remedies.

- *Fritillaria imperialis* (crown imperial, or kaiser's crown) and euphorbias like *Euphorbia ipecacuanha* (American ipecac) are known to discourage moles from staying in your garden.

• Aromatic plants, such as basilica, mint and lemongrass on your window sill, keep flies, ants and mosquitoes away.

• Adopt carnivorous plants — such as *Drosera capensis* (Cape sundew) or *Dionaea muscipula* (Venus flytrap) — to feast on your flying pests.

- Placing cotton impregnated with essential oils, such as eucalyptus or lemon, near plumbing will disturb the cockroach's communication system.

## Final step

If the previous measures don't work, you might be compelled to use pesticides as a last resort. The following good practices allow you to limit the negative impacts for you, your family and the environment:

- Always read the description label.
- Follow directions for the prescribed dose and the dilution factor.
- Wear protective equipment — such as gloves, goggles, mask and boots — and remove them once the work is done to avoid contaminating your loved ones.
- Make sure pesticides (and trap boxes) are out of the reach of children and pets.
- Dispose of any empty containers and expired products at your local recycling center. Disposal is free. Pesticides don't belong to the regular trash bin.

Remember, "pests" and you belong to the same very fragile global ecosystem. Exterminating one element of the chain doesn't come without consequences.

For more help managing the pest "threat," contact your natural-resources manager at DSN 361-6369 or civilian 068-276369.

**FRENGLISH PAGE**

**Interns help US community with French touch**

**By Fauve Altman**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs intern

Each week, English speakers will be in contact with French language in a friendly way. The interns' page is divided into three sections. The first one (Useful expressions) is dedicated to commonly used expressions translated into English and accompanied by a phonetic transcription. The second part (Word search) is a fun way to learn French words, along with their English translation. The last part (Dialog) is brightened up with a French dialog and its English translation.

**Useful expressions**

- To lend money. Prêter de l'argent. /Pray teh the l'arh jent/
- Les marchés financiers. The financial markets/ Lay mar shay fee nan ciay
- Un virement. A transfer. /Un vee ruh mahn/
- To save money. Faire des économies. /Fay ruh day eeh ko no mee /

**Word search**

Here are some words in French related to the theme "La Banque / The Bank" that you can find in the grid.

- la/une Banque / bank / bahnke
- le/un Guichet / Counter / gueue shay
- l'Argent / Money / arh jent
- le/un Billet / Note, bill / bee yeh
- l'Espèce / Cash / ays spayss
- la/une Pièce / Coin / pee ayss
- le/un Chèque / Cheque / chayk
- la/une Carte bancaire / Bank card / cahrt bahn kayr
- le/un Relevé / Statement / ruh luh vay
- l'un Emprunt / Loan, mortgage / unh pruh
- le/un Reçu / Receipt / ruh suh
- le/un Compte / Account / kohn tuh
- Retirer / To withdraw / ruh tee ray
- Signer / To sign / see nyeh

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**Dialog: At the bank: opening an account.**

- B: I need to open a bank account.
- A: What kind of account?
- B: I just need a checking account.
- A: You can open a savings account, too.
- B: All right. Open both.
- A: You need to deposit at least €50 into both accounts.
- B: I will be depositing €300 today.
- A: I will set your accounts up right now.

- B: J'aurais besoin d'ouvrir un compte bancaire.
- A: Quel genre de compte?
- B: J'ai besoin d'un compte à vue.
- A: Vous pouvez aussi ouvrir un compte épargne.
- B: Très bien, ouvrez les deux.
- A: Vous devez déposer au moins 50€ sur chaque compte.
- B: Je vais déposer 300€ aujourd'hui.
- A: J'ouvre vos comptes immédiatement.

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

### Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camps** - To register for these weeklong camps, which run **through Aug. 12**, call Brussels CYSS at DSN 368-9535 or civilian 02-7179535.

### Going on now

- **Summer Reading Program** - Read books and earn prizes in the Summer Reading Program's "Read for the Win." Join the Brussels Library staff for Story Time and crafts Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

### July 14, 15

- **Community Movie Night** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, sponsors free movies "Finest Hour" (PG-13) July 14 and "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" (PG-13) July 15 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the BOSS Movie Area on the third floor of Building 1. Make your reservation soon at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Call DSN 368-9768/9819 or civilian 02-7179768/9819.

### July 15

- **Pizza Fridays at the 3 Star** - Pick up a pizza to take home for dinner or eat in Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m. To place an order, call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.
- **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. For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822, or DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

### July 20

- **Pizza Wednesdays at the 3 Star** - Eat in or take out pizza for lunch Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Traditional and personal pan pizza available. To place an order, call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

### July 21

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - All-you-can-eat pizza and salad will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Facility will be open until 10 p.m.) Cost: adults \$10, children, ages 12 and under, \$5. (Alternate children's menu: chicken strips with potato wedges, \$5.) Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

### Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camps** - Discover Europe with the School Age Center and Youth Center at JFC Brunssum **through Aug. 12**. Camp placement will be based on grade attended (first through 12th) during 2015-2016 school year. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card-holders. Call DSN 606-244-3121 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121.
- **Workshop: The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People** - Service members, civilian employees and their family members are invited to bring a new dimension of effectiveness to their work and home lives. Geilenkirchen Airman & Family Readiness Center is looking for people who are ready to work toward sustainable personal growth and embark on a career-altering life trajectory in this workshop based on the book "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen R. Covey. This internationally renowned, principle-centered workshop will be held at Geilenkirchen Chapel Annex **July 26 to 28** from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two airman-and-family readiness consultants will lead the FranklinCovey 7 Habits of Highly Effective People Signature program. To enroll, contact A&FRC at DSN 458-6015 or civilian +49 (0) 2451-633791, or email at 470abs.dpf2@us.af.mil.
- **GK Chapel Vacation Bible School** - Geilenkirchen Chapel will hold its Vacation Bible School **Aug. 1 to 5** from 9 a.m. to noon. Register at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/GKchapel2016>.

### Going on now

- **Summer Reading Program** - "Read for the Win with Froggy" at HQ JFC Brunssum Library **through Aug. 14**. This program is open to all U.S. and NATO ID card-holders in the Tri-Border Community. For more information and to register, call DSN 364-2469 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5262469.

### July 15

- **"Sleeping Beauty"** - Sponsored by the Geilenkirchen School-Age Program, Missoula Children's Theater presents "Sleeping Beauty" performed by the theater-camp troupe at the Multi-Purpose Room Theater. The curtain goes up on "Sleeping Beauty" at the MPR at 1 p.m. For details, call DSN 458-6017 or civilian +49 (0) 2451-632216.

### July 18 to 21

- **VA Benefits local visit to Geilenkirchen** - To register for the seminar or to get one-on-one time with a benefits counselor, call DSN 458-6015 or civilian +49 (0) 2451-633791.
  - **VA Benefits Mass Briefing** - Learn about VA Benefits at this seminar on Geilenkirchen Base in Building 88's NSU Conference Room July 18 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and from 3:30 to 5 p.m.
  - **VA Benefits Individual Appointments** - Set up an appointment to discuss VA entitlements July 19 to 21 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. at the Geilenkirchen Airman & Family Readiness Center in Building 78.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY *continued*

### July 20

- **Lego Master Class Event** - Come make friends and become master builders at JFC Brunssum Library from 2 to 5 p.m. For more information, call DSN 606.244.2469 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5262469.

### July 21 to 22

- **Welcome, newcomers** - Learn what you need to know at Schinnen Army Community Service. All newcomers must attend the Host-Nation Orientation on Day 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to learn local customs, culture, language and an overview of Tri-Border services. On Day 2, meet at ACS to take the Newcomers Tour from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The group goes beyond the gate to learn and use the public transportation to visit points of interest in the community. Contact DSN 360-7218/7500 or civilian 046-4437218/7500.

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

### Tickets on sale now

- **SHAPE Performing Arts Center** - To find out more about the shows and auditions below, or stop by Building 207, or call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.
  - **"Once Upon a Mattress" with "Disney's 101 Dalmatians"** - SHAPE Performing Arts Center presents the SHAPE Performing Arts School's production of the classic Broadway musical "Once Upon a Mattress" with the Summer Theatre Camp troupe and "Disney's 101 Dalmatians" with the Fractured Fairy Tales Camp troupe. The curtain goes up **July 28, 29 and 30** at 7:30 p.m. and a matinee **July 31** at 3 p.m.
  - **Season tickets** - The SHAPE Players recently announced the 2016-2017 theatrical season: "All the King's Men" opening in September, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" opening in November, "The Lusty and Comical History of Tom Jones" opening in March and "Peter Pan" opening in May.
  - **Auditions** - The SHAPE Players will conduct tryouts for two plays **Aug. 8 and 9**: the political drama "All the King's Men" from 6 to 8 p.m. and the musical comedy "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" from 8 to 10 p.m.

### Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camps** - To register for these camps, which run **through Aug. 12**, call SHAPE CYSS at DSN 366-6839 or civilian 065-326839.
- **Summer Reading Program** - Chièvres Library and SHAPE International Library will host a range of free activities for children **through Aug. 11**. Activities based on the theme, "Read for the Win!" will be held at Chièvres Library Thursdays from 3 to 4 p.m. Story Time and Craft is geared toward school-aged children, but all children are welcome. For details on SHAPE Library's program, call DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631.

### July 15

- **Mobile Center Grand Opening** - Chièvres Exchange hosts the grand opening of its Mobile Center during business hours. Ribbon-cutting at 11 a.m. Enjoy free food, attendance prizes and a virtual-reality demonstration. Face-painting for the children. American Forces Network, or AFN, Benelux will broadcast from the event.

### July 16 to 17

- **Healthy Lifestyle Festival** - Start your day with free, fresh-squeezed orange juice at "Your Healthy Lifestyle Festival" at Chièvres Commissary starting at 9 a.m. (OJ served until 10 a.m.) Activities will include farmers market, watermelon-eating contest, coloring contest, free samples throughout store, balloons for all and attendance-prize giveaway. For more information, call DSN 361-6480/6488 or civilian 068-276480/6488.

### July 21

- **Food-handler training** - SHAPE Healthcare Facility offers this training at 3 p.m. in the second-floor conference room in the Washington, D.C., wing (yellow wing). The course is designed for all family readiness groups, Group 2 activities and volunteer groups that intend to sell food at 2016 SHAPE Morale and Welfare Branch/Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or MWB/MWR, events and functions at SHAPE and USAG Benelux facilities. To register for this date or any of the four other dates, call DSN 566-5336 or civilian 065-325336.

## Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates — 2D movies: adults, €6.50; children, ages 12 and under, €3.75. 3D movies: adults, €8.50; children, ages 12 and under, €5.75. Visit <http://www.shape2day.com>, and click "Cinema Schedule" icon. Ticket sales begin 30 minutes prior to each showing. Films will start promptly. Thrifty Thursday means half-price popcorn and free movies from the same film series (or related subject matter) as an upcoming film as well as half-price pizza and calzone at the Pizza Bowl.

## Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Rates — adults, €6.50; children, ages 11 and under, €3.75. For the movie schedule, visit <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146>.

# Travel the Benelux

## Luxembourg offers UNESCO sites

by Fauve Altman

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Historically, Lucilinburhuc (“Little Fortress”), ancient Saxon name for Luxembourg, reflected its strategic position as “the Gibraltar of the north,” astride of a major military route linking Germanic and Frankish territories.

Despite its small size, Luxembourg is historically and culturally rich with three sites belonging to the UNESCO Cultural and World Heritage.

The first one is the old town of Luxembourg and its fortress listed since 1994.

Due to its strategic location, it was one of Europe’s most fortified city between the 16th century and 1867, when it was dismantled.

The fortifications impressiveness is due to the number of times it was fortified during the consecutive power shifts in Europe.

The remains of the fortress are still visible and is one of the principal touristic attraction of the city.

The second site is the permanent photography exhibition “The Family of Man.”

It is a famous collection of photographs created in 1955 by the American, from Luxembourgish origins, Edward Stheichen for the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

The collection is composed of 503 photographs taken by 273 different photographers from all over the world,

such as well-known Robert Capa, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Robert Doisneau, Brassai and many more.

The collection is permanently exhibited in the castle of Clervaux, partially built during the 12th century, and showcases a beautiful mosaic of human existence. The exhibit was registered in 2003 in the registry of “Memory of the World” of UNESCO, aiming at the preservation and broadcasting of the collections of archives and library all around the world.

Finally, the intergovernmental committee of protection of the immaterial cultural heritage of UNESCO decided in 2010 to register the Dancing Procession of Echternach on the list.

The dancing procession of Echternach occurs every Tuesday of Whit day (also called Pentecost day), in this medieval city from Eastern Luxembourg.

The dance is founded on the veneration of St. Willibrord (658-739), an Irish-born Monk and creator of Echternach abbey.

He is honored for his missionary activities, his benefactions and his gift to cure certain diseases.

The dancing procession, whose first written traces go back to the year 1100, starts early in the morning in the old courtyard of the abbey.

Approximately 8,000 dancers are aligned in rows of five to six persons, holding each other by the end of

their handkerchief, accompanied by singers and musicians, jumping from left to right until they reach the grave of St. Willibrord inside the basilica of Echternach.

The dancing procession is not only a religious event profoundly rooted in the Luxembourg tradition, but over the course of the years it has become a famous cultural event, attracting every year around 14,000 pilgrims and spectators.



The dancing procession of Echternach (Photo credit: United States Public Domain)

# National Day celebrates Belgian independence

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Ever since the Celts in the area were subjugated by the Romans in 57 B.C., various powers — Spain, Austria and France, to name a few — have ruled Belgium.

Most recently, in 1815, the Great Powers, that is, the four countries that had recently defeated Napoleon — Austria, Britain, Prussia and Russia — met for the Congress of Vienna to stabilize Europe and created the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which included both Holland and Belgium.

Dissatisfied with this arrangement, the Belgian populace grew discontented because of unemployment, labor disputes and other problems, which led to a series of uprisings. The Dutch had to retreat, and Belgian independence was declared by a provisional government Oct. 4, 1830.

In June 1831, the Great Powers came together in London and recognized Bel-

gium as a sovereign nation.

After considering several candidates, the Belgian National Congress asked Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld to be king, and he accepted June 26, 1831. He swore allegiance in the Royal Palace in Brussels July 21, 1831, and became Leopold I, the first king of the Belgians. From then on, he dedicated himself to strengthening the fledgling nation.

July 21 is celebrated as National Day, a patriotic holiday in Belgium, with parades, concerts, fireworks and other events. Use your favorite search engine to search for “Belgian National Day festivities” in your area.

If you decide to attend any National Day events, be sure to remain aware of your surroundings and immediately report suspicious activity. Be especially cognizant in large gatherings and transportation hubs.

## Who was Leopold?

A German who distinguished himself as a lieutenant general in the Russian cavalry as part of the coalition against Napoleon, Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld endeared himself to the British people as the husband of their beloved Princess Charlotte Augusta of Wales, who was the first legitimate grandchild (through George IV) of King George III, Britain’s monarch during the American Revolution.

Leopold, who became a British citizen and was made a field marshal, and Charlotte, whom British subjects thought of as their long-awaited future queen, were happily married until she died shortly after giving birth to their stillborn son in November 1817.

Later, Leopold became principal adviser to his niece (daughter of Leopold’s sister, Marie Luise Viktoria,



A painting of Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld by George Dawe. The officer later became Leopold I, the first king of the Belgians. (Photo in the public domain)

and one of King George IV’s younger brothers, Edward) who would become Britain’s Queen Victoria. Leopold also eventually arranged Victoria’s marriage to his nephew (son of Leopold’s older brother, Ernest), Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

Outside the gate

## Upcoming organized trips

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- **Dinant Kayak Trip and Brewery Visit, Aug. 13**

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- **Paris, July 23**
- **Rhine River Cruise, Cable Car and Fortress, Aug. 6**
- **Rotterdam with Splashtour, Aug. 9**
- **Copenhagen (Denmark), Aug. 12 to 15**
- **Ghent with City Beer Discovery Boat trip, Aug. 20**
- **Notting Hill Carnival, Aug. 27 to 29**
- **Cochem, Germany, with medieval dinner in castle, Sept. 3**
- **Amsterdam with dinner show, Sept. 17**
- **Paris with Secret Food Tour (optional), Sept. 24**
- **Crete, Spa and Middelkerke, all year**

### SHAPE Travel Group

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- **Gouda and Kinderdijk, the Netherlands, Aug. 25**
- **Champagne in Epernay, France, Sept. 8**
- **Delft, the Netherlands, Sept. 15**
- **Blegny Mine and Liège, Sept. 29**

### Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- **Dutch Day Trip: Alkmaar, Zaanse Schans, Volendam, July 29**
- **Amsterdam, Aug. 6**
- **Family Day Trout Fishing, Sept. 10**
- **Largest Wine Festival in the World at Bad Durkheim Wurstmarkt, Sept. 17**
- **National Liberation Museum 1944-1945 and Battle of Arnhem (“A Bridge Too Far”), Sept. 24**
- **Washington Redskins vs. Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 29 to 31 (Pickups at Schinnen and SHAPE.)**



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**July 14 - French National Day**

**July 15**

- **Evening flea market in Brasmenil (100 booths)** - Held on the Grand'Place from 4 to 11 p.m.
- **"After work" Aperitif in Chaussée-Notre-Dame Louvignies** - Meet people, enjoy the music while children have fun in the bouncy castle. This free event is held on Rue Joseph Quintart from 5 to 10:30 p.m.



**July 15-17**

- **Antique fair in Ciney** - Some 300 booths will be gathered at the Ciney Expo at Rue du Marché Couvert 3 and vendors from Belgium and abroad will offer their antique furniture, painting, decorations and more. Admission: €8. For more information, visit <http://www.cineyexpo.be>.

**July 16**

- **Art market in Nieuwpoort** - Market is in the style of Montmartre in Paris and will be held on the square from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Evening flea market in Soignies (100 booths)** - Held on Rue P.J. Wincqz from 3 to 9 p.m.
- **Flea market in Marcq (200 booths)** - Held near the church from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market and arts & crafts in Chièvres** - Held on Rue de Ladeuze and Rue du Bois from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Maffle (100 booths)** - Held on Rue de Soignies from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Horse and donkey fest in Ittre** - Event highlights horses and donkeys with contest, display, rides at Forge du Bonheur on Rue Basse from 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- **Skateboard contest in Braine-l'Alleud** - Contest will be held at the skate park at Avenue de la Belle Province 20 (in front of Lidl grocery store) from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Free admission. If you want to participate in the contest, call 02-3874691.



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**Through July 16**

- **Fishery Days in Bruinisse** will be held in the harbor and town center. It offers rides, a fair, a naval parade, live music, all kinds of delicacies to taste, games and more. Free admission.

**Through July 17**

- **Culinary Festival "Arnhem Proeft" in Arnhem** will be held at Musispark. It has more than 25 participating restaurants, a food market, live cooking, music and more. Open July 14 to 15 from 5 p.m. to midnight; July 16 from noon to midnight and July 17 from noon to 10 p.m.
- **Wine Fest in Jülich, Germany**, will be held at the castle square. Open July 14 to 15 from 4 p.m. to midnight; July 16 from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. and July 17 from noon to 10 p.m.
- **Gallic Village in Liège, Belgium**, will take place on Place Saint Paul. This French-heritage village has about 40 booths offering local products, such as paella, filet of duck, Savoyard tart and homemade ravioli. Take them home or consume them on the spot on the covered terraces.

**Through July 20**

- **World Festival Parade in Brunssum** allows you to "see the world." For festival parade route and more things to see and do, visit <http://www.paradebrunssum.nl/en>. Highlights include —
  - **July 14:** Opening ceremony in Vijverpark at 8:30 a.m.
  - **July 16:** Mijnwerkersdag (Miners day) in the city center from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Miners parade begins at 2 p.m.
  - **July 16:** Culture market in the city center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - **July 16:** Irish Folk Dance in the park from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
  - **July 17:** Parade at 1:30 p.m.
  - **July 20:** Closing ceremony in Vijverpark at 10 p.m.

**July 14, 21**

- **Nostalgic market in Barneveld** in the town center will seem to take you back to Grandma's time with traditional crafts, costumes and regional food as well as national and international folkloric dance groups. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**July 16**

- **Lempkesmarkt in Ubachsberg** near Voerendaal will be held in the center of town. All booths will have lights during this traditional market. Open from 5 to 11 p.m.

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**July 17**

- **Volksmarch in Jurbise for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue du Moustier 8 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Orbais for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Salle du Kibboutz on Rue Chapelle à la Barre from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Wodecq for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the soccer field at Quesnoit 23 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Royal Park Music Festival in Brussels** - Every Sunday in July, the Brussels Royal Park holds free music concerts (jazz, blues or world music) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Visit the "Tour Burbant" in Ath** - Get to know the his-



tory of the military architecture and the rich history of the city of Ath between 3 and 6 p.m. Admission: adults, €3; children, ages 3 and up, €2.5. Visit will start at the tower on Rue du Gouvernement.

- **Flea market in Ath** - Held on the Delhaize parking lot on Rue de l'Abbaye from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Ongoing**

**Fridays through Sept. 9**

- **Roller Bike Parade in Brussels** invites rollers, bikes, longboards and freelines to participate in this event. Departs from Place Poelaert, going to Hasselt and passing by Leuven. Open from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Free.

**Through Aug. 15**

- **Bouglione Circus in Mons** will be located at the Imagix parking lot. Come and watch a real circus with acrobats, clowns, tricks, animals and more. Admission: €15 to €25. For more information, visit [http://www.bouglione.mobi/fr\\_tarif\\_mons.php](http://www.bouglione.mobi/fr_tarif_mons.php).

**Through October**

- **Treetop Adventure Trail in Tertre** will be held at Rue de la Hamaide 79. Three trails will be available for children, ages 7 and older, and for adults as well. Two trails will be available for children, ages 3 and older. Open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €9 to €19.



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**July 16 to 17**

- **Delft Ceramica in Delft** will be held on market square in the city center. Artists and artisans display Delftware, ceramics and china at this international event. Open July 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and July 17 from 1 to 5 p.m. Free admission.
- **Historic festival in Vorden** will be held at Castle Vorden at De Horsterkamp 28. Visitors can watch a Viking fighting show, a medieval battle, a battle from the Napoleonic era and World War II demonstrations. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: adults, €7; children, ages 4 to 12, €5.

**July 17**

- **"Preuve Hoevefeesten Libeek" in Sint Geertruid** will be held at the Libeek Farm at Libeek 27 and offers Belgian and Dutch regional culinary products. Open at 10 a.m. Admission: €3.
- **Birds of Prey Show in Valkenburg** will be held at the castle ruins at Daalhemmerweg 27. The shows are at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Admission (includes admission to the Velvet Cave): €10; children, ages 4 to 12, €7.50.

**July 19 and 26**

- **Historic market in Veere** will take place on the historic market square in the town center with re-enactors in costume, traditional crafts, antiques and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**July 19 to 22**

- **Nijmegen March in Nijmegen** takes over Nijmegen with the march and the festivities surrounding the world's largest walking event. Learn more at <http://www.4daagse.nl>.

**July 21**

- **International Painters Market in Neeroeteren, Belgium**, near Maaseik, Belgium, will be held around St. Lambertus Church with demonstrations and entertainment. Open from noon to 6 p.m.

**July 21 to 24**

- **Zwarte Cross in Lichtenvoorde** is a combination of a music festival and motocross located on Heringsaweg. Learn more at <http://www.zwartecross.nl>.

**Ongoing**

**Through Sept. 2**

- **Cheese market in Alkmaar** is famous worldwide for its cheese, which has been weighed in Alkmaar since 1593. See cheese carriers in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon.

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