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Benelux news briefs

USAREUR emergency DSNs align with Europe

Effective Jan. 1, 2015, the DSN emergency phone number for all USAG Benelux sites became 112; calls will now go to the MP Desk. All of USAREUR is going to 112 for DSN, which makes it align with civilian usage.

Gym open during reno

The Brussels Fitness Center's locker rooms will be renovated from Jan. 19 to March 3, and the front entranceway will be closed, including the locker rooms. Customers will have to use the back entrance way to the fitness.

The gym will still be open for patrons to work out, but locker rooms won't be available for patrons to shower or change.

ACS closes for one day

The USAG Benelux Army Community Service offices in SHAPE, Brussels and Schinnen will be closed Jan. 23, due to strategic planning requirements.

In case of an emergency please contact ACS on cell: +32 (0) 472-485985.

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Laroche-en-Ardenne celebrates liberation anniversary

A U.S. color guard – composed of noncommissioned officer in charge Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy King, Spc. Devlin Trefethen, Sgt. Joseph Quirarte, Sgt. Jay Butler and Pfc. Antonio Jones – represents the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux and SHAPE Healthcare Facility at a ceremony held in Laroche-en-Ardenne Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015. They joined platoons of the Belgian 1st/3rd Lancers Battalion, the Belgian Air Force Band and representatives of the Scottish 51st Highland Division to mark the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the city Jan. 11, 1945. On that cold day of the Battle of the Bulge, the U.S. and Scottish troops linked up in the heart of the small Ardennes town that the German troops had just abandoned. The town had endured harsh combat and was almost destroyed. The ceremony took participants to four different monuments honoring the civilians and military who lost their lives there. From La Roche, the troops had to liberate Houffalize before they could link up with Patton's Third Army Jan. 16, 1945.

TRI-SIGNED LETTER

Leaders reflect on lasting legacy of America's slain civil-rights leader

This year marks the 30th national observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, celebrated Jan. 19.

It is an occasion for people to remember Dr. King's remarkable life, to rededicate ourselves to implementing his dreams and to stand united by his principles of unity and equality.

Through his caring leadership, Dr. King rallied people from all walks of life and awakened a nation to the need for equality, tolerance and justice.

On this day of national community service, which commemorates Dr.

' When we celebrate Dr. King's dream, we celebrate the American dream.'

King's lasting legacy, let us remain mindful of our endeavor to promote diversity, foster inclusive behavior

and demonstrate infinite respect for others. When we celebrate Dr. King's dream, we celebrate the American dream.

We ask our entire Army family to commemorate this occasion by joining in activities to help others in need. That includes volunteering to feed the hungry, mentoring at-risk youth and so many other similar projects designed to build the beloved community of Dr. King's dream — a place where we stand proudly together in service to our nation and one another.

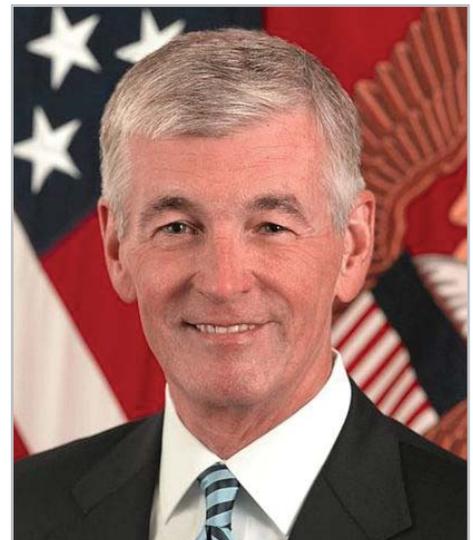
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Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III



Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno



Secretary of the Army John McHugh

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Master Sgt. Donald Sparks



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The possibility of participating in the multinational Exercise Jackal Stone or in a leaflet drop can draw eligible Soldiers to Special Operations Forces. SOF is recruiting for Special Forces, Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations in the Benelux starting Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015.

Special Operations Recruiting comes to Benelux, offers careers to those who have what it takes

U.S. Army Special Operations Recruiting will hold briefings on careers in Special Forces, Psychological Operations and Civil Affairs this month.

- Jan. 20: Caserne Daumerie at USAG Benelux Headquarters Auditorium in Building 30
- 9:30 a.m.: Special Forces
- 10:45 a.m.: Psychological Operations
- 2:30 p.m.: Civil Affairs

- Jan. 21: SHAPE at AFN Conference Room in Building 318
- 10 a.m.: Special Forces
- Noon: Psychological Operations
- 2 p.m.: Civil Affairs
- Jan. 22: JFC Brunssum at Delegation Room in Building H307
- 10 a.m.: Special Forces
- Noon: Psychological Operations
- 2 p.m.: Civil Affairs

If you cannot make it at the designated time for the briefing you would like, show up when you can between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Army Physical Fitness Tests will be conducted each day at 3:30 p.m. Contact Special Operations Recruiting at DSN 475-7212/5155 or civilian +49 (0) 9641-837212/5155, or via email at usarmy.knox.usarec.list.9s1e@mail.mil.

Make sure you have right driver's license for needs Do you have international or Belgian card?

Prior to traveling to Europe, all drivers should check their stateside driver's license for an expiration date. The license must be current and not due to expire, according to the Military Installations website at <http://www.militaryinstallations.dod.mil>. Many states can process a renewal by mail.

Some states, however, consider a service member's driver's license that has expired while overseas as still valid.

To learn more, see the Jan. 14 story in Stars and Stripes at <http://www.stripes.com/german-police-call-into-question-validity-of-usareur-license-1.323906>.

Applying for an international driver's license in the United States is recommended, according to Military Installations.

When applying for an international license in Belgium, the license expires in three years or on the sponsor's date eligible to return from overseas, or DEROS. Additionally, the international driver's license is valid outside the country of issue. The SHAPE Driver's License is only valid in Belgium.

It is highly recommended for U.S. civilians and family members in Belgium to apply for a Belgian national driver's license, which is valid throughout Europe.

Contact your local Drivers Testing Station to find out more:

- SHAPE DTS (which also serves Brussels) at DSN 366-6603 or civilian 065-326603 is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., and Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3:15 p.m.
- Schinnen DTS at DSN 360-7433 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437433 is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Eddy Van 3000

Before you get behind the wheel like Belgian Beauty 2009 Nele Somers, be certain you have the correct driver's license for the journey. An international or Belgian driver's license is the best choice for Department of Defense civilians and family members who live in Belgium and want to travel to other countries.

Emergency numbers

Brussels

Any emergency -
Dial 112

Brussels MP station:
DSN 368-9769
civilian 02-7179769

Schinnen

Any emergency -
Dial 112

Schinnen MP station:
DSN 360-7555
civilian 046-4437555

SHAPE/Chièvres

Any emergency - Dial 112

Chièvres MP station:

DSN 361-5301

civilian 068-275301

SHAPE Police Desk:

DSN 423-3333/4

civilian 065-443333/4

Suicide hotline

DSN 118 (*2118 from SHAPE)

or the toll-free number

00800-12738255

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SHAPE news briefs

Belgian frites now on SHAPE

B3's Sports Bar at the SHAPE Events Centre starts serving Belgian frites tonight.

The Belgian-style french fries are available to go or to enjoy at B3's. Get your frites Thursdays from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m., Fridays from 3:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. and Saturdays from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Breakfast now at Pizza Bowl

The Pizza Bowl on SHAPE has expanded its menu to include breakfast Saturdays and Sundays from 9 to 11 a.m.

View the menu on the SHAPE Families Facebook page.

In related news, the Pizza Bowl now offers free bowling the first Sunday of the month.

SHAPE Club adds to menu

Located in Building 903 near the Luxembourg Gate, the SHAPE Club has added a third breakfast menu to its €3,50 breakfast offerings:

- Menu 1 - Mini pastries, marmalades and juice or coffee;
- Menu 2 - Scrambled eggs, bacon and juice or coffee;
- Menu 3 - Large stack of pancakes, bacon and juice or coffee.

A la carte items are also available as well as smoothies, cappuccino and breakfast drinks.

The SHAPE Club also offers many low-cost options like Tuesday €5 Meal Deal (each month devoted to a different international cuisine) from 11:30 a.m. to close of business.

In related news, free conference-room rentals of the Pathfinder Room and Mons Bar are available under these conditions:

- Meeting must be under four hours or full day with meal service.
- Reservation must have a minimum of eight participants.
- Organization may book a maximum of one free reservation a week.
- Rooms are subject to availability ("first come, first served").

Call DSN 423-4133/8301 or civilian 065-444133/8301, or check its Facebook page and <http://www.shape2day.com> for updates.



Victim Advocate Hotlines

SHAPE/Chièvres and Brussels: +32 (0) 476-762264

Schinnen: +31 (0) 651-919119

DOD Safe Helpline: 001-877-995-5247

Trenches to Foxholes

Next week in World War history (Jan. 18 to 24)

World War I

1915

Jan. 19 - Britain suffers its first casualties from an air attack when two German zeppelins drop bombs on Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn on the eastern coast of England.

Jan. 24 - German naval forces under Adm. Franz von Hipper, encouraged by the success of a surprise attack on the British coastal towns of Hartlepool and Scarborough the previous month, set off toward Britain once again, only to be intercepted by a squadron of British cruisers led by Vice Adm. Sir David Beatty near the Dogger Bank in the North Sea. Franz loses more than 1,000 men and one ship.

- Lt. Gen. Sir Archibald Murray resigns as Chief of the General Staff, British Expeditionary Force, France, and Lt. Gen. Sir William Robertson resigns as Quartermaster-General.

1916

Jan. 18 - Baron Napoléon Eugène Beyens succeeds Julien Davignon as Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Jan. 19 - Lt. Gen. Sir Percy Lake takes over command of British forces in Mesopotamia.

Jan. 21 - The First Battle of Hanna (Turkish: Felahiye Muharebesi) is fought on the Mesopotamian front between the Ottoman Army and Anglo-Indian forces.

Jan. 22 - The Rumanian government opens negotiations with the Russian government regarding military assistance.

1917

Jan. 19 - The British intercept a telegram sent by Alfred Zimmermann in the German Foreign Office to the German embassies in Washington, D.C., and Mexico City. Its message outlines plans for an alliance between Germany and Mexico against the United States.

Jan. 23 - British trawlers Agnes, George E. Benson and Vera are captured by German U-boat U-44 commanded by Kapitänleutnant Paul Wagenführ.

1918

Jan. 20 - British and German forces clash in the Aegean Sea when German battleships Goeben and Breslau attempt a surprise raid on Allied forces off the Dardanelles Strait.

1919

Jan. 18 - Post-World War I peace conference begins in Paris. Leaders of the victorious Allied powers — France, Great Britain, the United States and Italy — debate peace accords for the next six months. For most of the conference, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson struggles to support his idea of a "peace without victory" and make sure that Germany, the leader of the Central Powers and the major loser of the war, isn't treated too harshly. On the other hand, Prime Minister Georges Clemenceau of France and Prime Minister David Lloyd George of Britain argue that punishing Germany adequately and ensuring its weakness is the only way to justify the immense costs of the war. In the end, Wilson compromises on the treatment of Germany in order to push through the creation of his project, an international peacekeeping organization called the League of Nations.

World War II

1940

Jan. 21 - German submarine U-22 attacks British merchant vessel Cyprian Prince in the Moray Firth in Scotland at 5:38 a.m. but fails to hit it. At 6 a.m. U-22 torpedoes and sinks destroyer HMS Exmouth off Wick, killing 189, which is the entire crew. At 7:11 a.m. U-22 torpedoes Danish ship Tekla, killing four; nine crew members survive.

1941

Jan. 19 - British forces in East Africa, acting on information obtained by breaking the Italians' coded messages, invade Italian-occupied Eritrea — a solid step toward victory in Africa.

Jan. 22 - British and Commonwealth forces enter the port at Tobruk in Libya, and tens of thousands of Italian occupiers are taken prisoner.

1942

Jan. 18 - Heinrich Himmler promotes Auschwitz camp commandant Rudolf Hess to SS major. He also orders that the Warsaw ghetto, the Jewish quarter constructed by the Nazis upon the occupation of Poland and enclosed first by barbed wire and then by brick walls, be depopulated — a "total cleansing," as he described it. The inhabitants are to be transported to what becomes a second extermination camp constructed at the railway village of Treblinka, 62 miles northeast of Warsaw.

1943

Jan. 24 - German Gen. Friedrich von Paulus, commander in chief of the German Sixth Army at Stalingrad, urgently requests permission from Adolf Hitler to surrender his position there, but Hitler refuses.

1944

Jan. 20 - The heaviest RAF raid on Berlin to date is launched, with 769 aircraft (495 Lancaster, 264 Halifax, 10 Mosquito) dropping over 2,300 tons of explosives on the German capital. Thirteen Lancaster and 22 Halifax bombers are lost. Damage to Berlin is thought to be extensive but cannot be confirmed due to bad weather on the next day.

- Heinrich Prinz zu Sayn-Wittgenstein shoots down three British aircraft near Berlin, increasing his victories to 78. His Ju 88 aircraft is damaged by the propeller of the third aircraft he shoots down, a Lancaster bomber, and he only barely makes it back to the airfield and has to crash land.

1945

Jan. 20 - U.S. troops capture Diekirch, Luxembourg. Upon capture, they find 12 to 15 dead civilians, executed by the retreating 208th Volksgrenadier Regiment.

Jan. 23 - In fighting at Brachterbeek, the Netherlands, Lance Cpl. Henry Harden, a medic attached to the Commandos, sprints 100 yards under fire over open ground to attend three wounded men. He carries one back to safety and, despite being hit, insist on returning for the others. As he hoists the second wounded man onto his back, he is shot and killed. He is posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

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

SHAPE Spartans basketball teams victorious

Story and photos by Tim Clark
 USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office volunteer

There's no place like home. In games against Brussels American School, SHAPE Spartans boys and girls basketball teams each earned their first win of the season in their home opener Saturday at the SHAPE gym.

The lady Spartans capitalized on a 12-point third period to defeat the Brussels Brigands 27-7. With the score 12-2 at the half the Spartans came out strong after the halftime and scored 12 points in the third period while holding Brussels scoreless. At the end of the third period, the score was 24-2 in favor of the Spartans.

"It was a great team effort from all the players," Coach Todd Mitchell said, adding that Begoña Rodriguez was leading the way for the Spartans with 8 points. It was "a solid performance from our point guard Begoña who controlled the tempo and offense of the game."

See next page.



(Clockwise from above left) Megan Vanheuckelom puts on the pressure defense. The Spartan defense held Brussels to 7 points for the game. The SHAPE American High School girls basketball team defeated Brussels 27-7 Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, at the SHAPE gym. • Kate Mitchell scored 6 points for the Spartans at the SHAPE gym Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015. • Leilynn Arrington is fouled as she shoots against the Brussels Brigands in a game at the SHAPE gym Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015.

Spartans I continued

Austin Stevens who scored a game-high 26 points and pulled down five rebounds made the difference for the boys team in defeating Brussels 41-23.

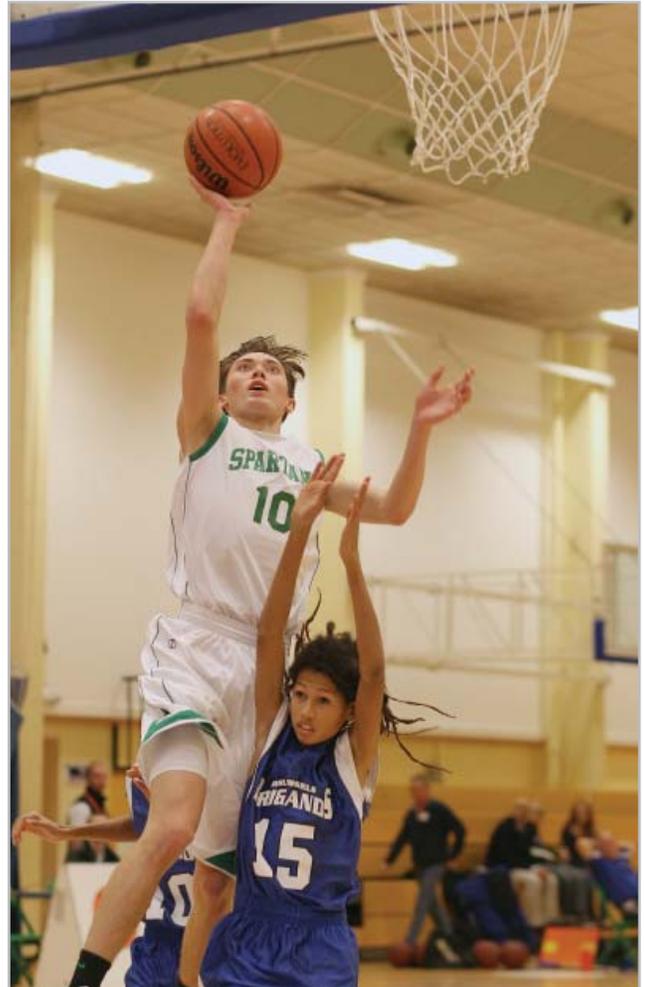
"This was our first game back from winter break, and we were a little rusty in the first half," Coach John Leipheimer said.

The score stood 13-8 in favor of the Spartans at the half. Scoring 12 points while holding Brussels to only 5 in the third left the Spartans with a 28-13 advantage at the end of the third.

The Spartans closed out the game with 13 points in the fourth while Brussels put up 10.

"The team is a young team with only one senior and has improved each week this year. If the team can keep improving, we will be a team that no one wants to play come tournament time in February," Leipheimer said.

Both teams return to the SHAPE gym with games against Alconbury Jan. 30 and 31. Other games on the home schedule include AFNORTH Feb. 7 and a two-game stand against Ramstein Feb. 13 and 14.



(Clockwise from above left) Noah Bradsher weaves past the Brigands defenders on his way to the basket. The SHAPE American High School boys basketball team defeated Brussels 41-23 Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, at the SHAPE gym. • Austin Stevens scores two of his game-high 26 points. The SHAPE American High School boys basketball team defeated Brussels 41-23 at the SHAPE gym Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015. • Seth Cain passes to teammate William Henry. The SHAPE American High School boys basketball team defeated Brussels 41-23 Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, at the SHAPE gym. Both the boys team and the girls team will play against the Alconbury Dragons at the SHAPE gym Jan. 30 and 31. Other games on the home schedule include the AFNORTH Lions Feb. 7 and a two-game stand against the Ramstein Royals Feb. 13 and 14.

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Explore fitness at SHAPE gym's event

Health and Fitness Day will be filled with plenty of ways to move at the SHAPE gym Jan. 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.: Power Yoga
- 10:45 a.m. to noon: Zumba
- Noon to 1 p.m.: Crossfit
- 1 to 2 p.m. Step Aerobics
- 2 to 3 p.m. Pilates

In addition to workouts at the event, food and drink will be available.

You can also learn about diet and nutrition, alcohol and drug abuse, and sports clubs. Get your walk evaluated during a gait-and-posture analysis.

For further information, contact DSN 423-3945 or civilian 065-443945, join the group on Facebook (Search for SHAPE Sports and Fitness) or visit <http://www.shape2day/sport>.

Law centers seek tax volunteers

The Netherlands Law Center and the Northern Law Center are looking for volunteers to prepare tax returns for the upcoming tax filing season.

Volunteers will receive training and Internal Revenue Service certification on tax law and preparation, and will receive on the job training as they prepare tax returns under an experienced attorney. This is an excellent opportunity to develop valuable expertise that is transferrable anywhere.

- **Netherlands Law Center** - Volunteer positions are available at the Schinnen Law Center, the Netherlands. For more information, contact the Netherlands Law Center at DSN 360-7688 or civilian +31-(0) 46-4437688.
- **Northern Law Center** - Volunteer positions are available at SHAPE, Chièvres Air Base and USAG Brussels. Tax training will be conducted Jan. 20 to 23 and advanced training will held Jan. 29 and 30. Both training sessions will be held at Chièvres Air Base. For more information, contact the Northern Law Center at DSN 423-4868 or civilian 065-444868.

Job opening at AFCU

Officials at Andrews Federal Credit Union would like to hire a new part-time teller at the Brussels branch. The job is listed on the AFCU website at <http://www.andrewsfcu.org>. Once on the website, just click on the "Career Opportunities" link at the top left of the screen. After you are taken to the Career Opportunities Center page, click on "Employment Listings."

SHAPE clinic offers flu shots

The SHAPE Immunization Clinic offers flu vaccines Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Alterations now open on Chièvres

A new alterations contractor recently opened up shop on Chièvres Air Base. Stripes, located in the PXtra, is trying out a test schedule: Mondays from 2 to 5 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:30 to 6 p.m.

CYSS winter camp registration begins

Have fun at Winter Break Camp at the SHAPE Youth Center Feb. 16 to 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Camp is open to sixth- through eighth-graders.

Winter Break Camp features a full-day trip to Snow World Feb. 18.

Registration begins Jan. 19. Space is limited.

Obtain more details at CYSS Youth Program, Building 503, or call DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104

Register at CYSS Parent Central Services in SHAPE's Building 503, or call DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.

Co-ed Venturing crew now at SHAPE

A new Venturing crew has recently formed at SHAPE.

Venturing is a youth-development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 13 and have completed the eighth grade, or age 14 through 20 years of age, according to the BSA website at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Venturing.aspx>. Venturing is designed to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Don't miss the great opportunities that are offered through Venturing, such as camping, high-adventure activities and other social gatherings.

For more information, contact scoutingmembership@gmail.com.

DeCA offers scholarships

Applications for the Scholarships for Military Children Program's 2015-2016 school-year awards are now available at commissaries worldwide or on the Internet at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>, according to a Defense Commissary Agency news release.

An applicant must be a dependent, unmarried child, younger than 21 — or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university — of a service member on active duty, Reserve or Guard member, retiree or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty, or survivor of a retiree.

Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 13. Packages must be hand-delivered or shipped via U.S. Postal Service or other delivery methods, not emailed or faxed.

American Legion holds speech contest

The American Legion sponsors its annual oratorical contest directed toward high-school students, and youths from all over the Benelux who will compete at Brussels American High School Jan. 24. Registration is now open.

The recurring theme is "A constitutional speech contest."

Speaking subjects must be on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with some emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to the government.

If you would like a registration form, contact the American Legion Post BE02 via email at flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Jan. 16 to 25

- **European Motor Show (cars and motorcycles) in Brussels** is held at Brussels Expo on Belgiëplein 1. Visitors will see all the makes of cars and motorbikes you can find in Belgium. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; special hours Jan. 16, 19 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission: €13; children, ages 6 to 12, €7.

Jan. 16

- **River Jazz Festival "l'Hijâz'car" (Jazz, Blues, Folk) in concert in Etterbeek** - At Le Senghor on Chaussée de Wavre 366 at 8:30 p.m. Admission: €12. For more information, visit <http://www.hijaz-car.com>.



L'Hijâz'car - Jan. 16

Jan. 17

- **Volksmarch in Flobecq for 5, 8 or 14 km** - Departs from Rue Abbé Pollart 4 from noon to 5 p.m. Small participation fee.
- **Classic Music Concert in Jette** - In the Saint Joseph Church on Rue Soetens 36 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Concert is by the Nuove Musiche Symphonic Orchestrae. Admission: €10.

Jan. 17 and 18

- **Secondhand clothing sales in Boussu** - At Cercle Saint-Charles, in front of the church, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jan 17, 18 and 19 (and 23, 24 and 25)

- **Batirama Fair in Tournai** - This fair offers all you need to know about construction, renovation and decoration of your home. At the Tournai expo from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day. Admission: Fridays €4 and Saturdays and Sundays €6.

Jan. 18

- **Volksmarch in Neufmaison for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from "Salle le Colombier" on the square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Braine-le-Chateau for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from "Espace Beau Bois" on Rue de Tubize 11 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Labliau for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the "Foyer rural" from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Nordic Walking in Stambruges** - Walking sticks are available. Departs from Rue de l'Hippodrome at 10 a.m. in a group.
- **Flea market in Jemappes (150 booths)** - On Avenue Maréchal Foch 873 from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Hornu (100 booths)** - In the Cora parking lot on Route de Mons from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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

Jan. 14 to 18

- **Vacation Fair in Utrecht** at Jaarbeurs trade-fair/conference center is a large, indoor event held in the city center. In one day, you can visit the many different booths and get all the information you need to plan your next holiday. Open daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; special hours Friday, Jan. 16, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: €20.

Jan. 15 to 18

- **Realisme Amsterdam in Amsterdam** is a popular art fair held annually at Passenger Terminal Amsterdam on Piet Heinkade 27. Many national and international galleries display their objects there. Open: daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; special hours Jan. 16 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: adults €12.50; youth, ages 13 to 18, €8; children, ages 12 and under, free.

Jan. 17 to 18

- **GoGreen Fair in Houten**, held at Expo Houten on Meidoornkade 24, offers natural and environmentally friendly products for home, garden, recreation, fashion, food and transportation. Open Jan. 17 from noon to 5:30 p.m. and Jan.18 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission: adults €5; children 11 and under, free.

Jan. 19 to 25

- **Jazz Week in Leiden** is held in several locations, including bars and cafés. For more information, visit the Jazz Week website at <http://www.jazzstadleiden.nl>.

Jan. 20

- **Winter Fair in Paal, Belgium**, offers with jewelry, cosmetics, items for the home and more at O.C. de Buiting on Tessenderlosesteenweg 18. Open from 3 to 9 p.m.

Jan. 22 to 25

- **Art and Antique Fair in Naarden** is held at Grote Kerk in the center of this historic, fortified city. A very exclusive fair, it offers furniture, silver, jewelry, paintings, china, clocks and more. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; special hours Friday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission: €16.50.

Jan. 23 to 25

- **Western Experience in Den Bosch**, held at Brabanthallen on Diezekade 2, is the largest all-around country and western festival in Europe. You can enjoy country music, western riding, pow-wow dances, line dancing, American Wheels Show and a large western market. Open Jan. 23 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Jan. 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €19.50; children, ages 5 to 12, €12.50.



Jan. 18 continued

- **Sabor Latino concert (Jazz, Blues, Folk) by the New Beat's Band in Saint Ghislain** - At the Cultural Center from 4 to 6:30 p.m. (ticket sales opens at 3:15 p.m.) Admission: adults €15 (pre-sale is €12). Children under 12 get in free of charge. Reservation can be made at nbbreservation@gmail.com. Get more information at <http://www.thenewbeatsband.be>.
- **Flea market in Brussels (150 booths)** - At the Tour & Taxis on Avenue du Port 86c from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Garage sales in Forest** - Clothing, baby accessories, tools and more at Avenue du Parc 124 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jan. 21

- **Battle of the Bulge Conference in Brussels** - Discover the in-depth story of Bastogne at CEGESOMA (Centre d'Études et de Documentation Guerre et Sociétés contemporaines, or the Centre for Historical Research and Documentation on War and Contemporary Society) from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Author and historian Peter Schrijvers will give an English-language presentation and take questions in the CEGESOMA conference room at Square de l'Aviation 29 in Brussels. Register before Jan. 19 by contacting CEGESOMA at civilian 02-5569211 or via e-mail at cegesoma@cegesoma.be.



Through April 26

- **Expo 14-18: It's our history in Brussels** - At the Royal Army Museum at Parc du Cinquantenaire 3, open daily from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:45 p.m., except Mondays. Based on the rich and unique collections of the Royal Army Museum this display shows all aspects of conflicts, which left Europe battered and weakened. The war and the everyday life during the Belgian occupation constitutes an important part of the exhibition. Authentic objects, sceneries, testimonies, multimedia, cinema films and immersive spaces show how this conflict has deeply influenced the history of the 20th century. Admission: adults €12; children 6 to 18, €8. The family package is €32 (two adults and two children). You can look into day-trip specials to Expo 14-18: It's our history in Brussels on Belgian rail at <http://www.belgianrail.be>.



Jan. 24 to 25

- **Vacation Fair for Special Travel in Maastricht** is held at MECC. Visitors will be offered a different kind of vacation. The fair specializes in



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“do” vacations; quality and exclusivity are the watchwords. They have, for instance, trips to the Antarctic, walking tours and more ad-

venturous travels to take you to the farthest outbacks in the world. Open Jan. 24 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Jan. 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €12.

Ongoing

Through Feb. 1

- **Winter Efteling in Kaatsheuvel** on Europa-iaan near Tilburg has something for all ages. Efteling Amusement and Fairytale Park offers good, old-fashioned winter fun, including "Winter Illusions." Three attractions transform at sundown. Experience the illusions: • Outside The Flying Dutchman, "the eternally wandering ghost ship" • At the Haunted Castle, "the escaped inhabitants" • At Villa Volta, "the curse of the white lady." The illusions are so spectacular and exciting that park officials advise parents that the attractions might be best suited for children ages 6 and older. Open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekends from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €35. Visit <http://www.efteling.com/winterefteling>.



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Through Feb. 8

- **Designing 007: Fifty Years of Bond Style in Rotterdam** at Kunsthal on Westzeedijk 341 presents an unequalled multimedia experience of the world of James Bond, including numerous film clips. Discover the design and style of the James Bond franchise over the course of five decades, through a dozen themed rooms and environments from 1962's "Dr. No" to 2012's "Skyfall." This exhibition features more than 500 unforgettable objects, including gadgets from "Q Branch." including Bond's 1964 silver Aston Martin DB5. Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibition is closed Mondays. Visit <http://www.kunsthal.nl/designing007/en/>.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE

For information on the trip below,

call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

Amsterdam with optional tour of Anne Frank House, Jan. 24 - Visit the Van Gogh Museum, sip coffee at the world's best cafés and enjoy a day of leisure in the beautiful city. You may also explore Anne Frank's hiding place. Wander around the labyrinth of hallways, stairs and little rooms. Inspect the furnished rooms, and listen to the stories of those who hid there and their helpers. Departs from SHAPE at 6:30 a.m. and from Brussels at 7:30 a.m. Returns to Brussels at 11 p.m. and to SHAPE at midnight. Cost: Amsterdam only – 70€; Amsterdam with Anne Frank House – adults €80; children, ages 10 to 17, €75; children, newborn to 9, €70.

Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trip below,

call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031-(0)46-4437561.

Day trip to Paris, March 14, 2015 - You will have hours of free time to explore "the City of Light." Coach departs from Schinnen at 4 a.m. and arrives in Paris at 10 a.m. Coach departs from Paris at 8 p.m. local time and arrives back in Schinnen Sunday, March 15, at 2 a.m. Included in tour price: round-trip coach transportation. Assigned seating on a "first come and pay" basis. Register with full payment at the Trips and Tours office in Schinnen. Cost: \$79 per person.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below,

call civilian 0470-876369.

Luxembourg City and Bernard-Massard Winery, Jan. 22 - Come spend the day with Shape Travel Group exploring the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, a small country with a large banking industry. In the morning, tour-group members will be dropped off in Luxembourg City, which is divided into upper and lower sections. The lower portion, where group members will disembark, offers many shopping opportunities (January sales) and many tourist attractions to see and visit. The grand duke's palace, St. Michael's Church and interesting architecture as well as several museums and monuments are in the lower section. Using an elevator or taking the local bus, you can ascend to the upper portion of the city to visit the Bock Casemates, a UNESCO World Heritage site. A 23-km network of casemates, which are fortified enclosures, was built into the Bock promontory, part of the reason that Luxembourg was once known as the "Gibraltar of the North." The casemates housed thousands of Soldiers and their horses as well as workshops, kitchens, bakeries and even slaughter houses. After lunch in a location of your choice, the group will board the bus and travel to Bernard-Massard Winery to enjoy a tour of the winery and be offered the chance to taste three of its wines. Wine will also be available for purchase. Cost: €45.

Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

- Day trip to Centro Shopping Center in Oberhausen, Germany, **Jan. 31**
- London, **Feb. 7**
- Paris: Valentine's Cruise and Dinner, **Feb. 14**
- Cologne Carnival Rosenmontag in Germany (Fasching), **Feb. 16**
- Disneyland Paris, **Feb. 20**
- Thermae 2000 in Valkenburg, The Netherlands, **Feb. 28 (Schedule extra appointments in advance.)**
- Dover Castle and Canterbury by Ferry, **March 14**
- Maastricht, Dutch Fruit Pie-Baking Workshop optional, **March 21**
- Movie Park Germany, **April 4**
- Croatia with Venice and Slovenia, **April 6 to 15 (10 days' round-trip)**
- Giverny, Monet's Home and Gardens, **April 25**
- Polish Pottery and Czech Crystal Shopping Trip, **May 1 to 4**
- Berlin City Tour, **May 14 to 17**
- Somme Battlefield and Peronne Museum, **June 20**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- Day trip to Bruges, **March 21**
- Family Day "Trout Fishing," **April 11**
- Keukenhof Gardens, **April 25**

SHAPE Travel Group

- Soufflenheim Pottery, France, **Feb. 5**
- London with Wicked (optional), **Feb. 11 (Matinee tickets through the tour are sold out, but you can purchase tickets at the box office or online.)**
- Spa, Belgium, **Feb. 25**
- Netherlands: Volendam/Edam/Marken, **March 5**
- Reims, France, and Champagne Tasting, **March 19**
- Trier with Winery Tour, **April 15**
- Polish Pottery and Giethoorn, **April 24**
- Rhine In Flames, **May 2**
- Giverny, France, **May 7**
- London and Chelsea Flower Show, **May 21**
- Amiens and Les Hortillonages (Floating Gardens), **June 2**
- Provins Medieval Festival, **June 13**
- Paris, **June 18**
- Hampton Court Palace and Gardens, **June 30**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Jan. 15

- **Family Dinner at 3 Star** - Family Dinner is offered Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy chicken pecorino (an Italian cheese made from ewe's milk) or pasta with salmon. Make your (required) reservation at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Cost: Adults \$12, children 12 and under, \$6.

Jan. 21 and 28

- **Scream-Free Marriage** - Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program offers this relationship-techniques seminar from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the ACS Conference Room in Brussels. Take a sack lunch to this lunchtime series. A short review will be given at the beginning of each class to update those who missed a session. To register or for more information, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

Jan. 22

- **Conquering debt** - Set a debt-freedom date and learn how to make it happen at the "Living Debt-Free in the New Year" seminar in the Brussels Army Community Service Conference Room in Building 4 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Library Book Club** - The topic of discussion at the Library Book Club from 1 to 3 p.m. will be "Behind the Silk Curtain: A Kazakh Ambassador's Wife Learns to Deal With Life Behind the Multicultural Curtains of Diplomacy" by Gulistan Khamzayeva. For more information, including location details, call DSN 368- 9791 or civilian 02-7179791.
- **Family Dinner at 3 Star** - Family Dinner is offered Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy chicken curry or chicken fried rice. Make your (required) reservation at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Cost: Adults \$10, children 12 and under, \$5.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Happening now

- **Military Hand-to-Hand Combat** - JFCBS Martial Arts and Self Defense Club offers this training to military, NATO partners and civilians through Feb. 6 at the JFC Brunssum Gym. Classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 8 a.m.; on Tuesdays and Thursdays (flex) from 11 a.m. to noon and Saturdays (optional) from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Martial-arts practitioners will work with each student. Call +31 (0) 45-5263890.

Jan. 17

- **Hispanic Tri-Border Club** - is having a Domino Competition from 3 to 7 p.m. at the JFC International Conference Center in Brunssum. At the Domino Competition, you can visit vendors and enjoy food and drinks (Cuban sandwiches/chicken nachos). Admission: free.

Jan. 18

- **AP meeting** - The Alliance Players will hold their Annual General Meeting at the International Conference Center starting at 4 p.m. to discuss 2015. Anyone interested in joining and working with the Alliance Players is welcome to attend.

Jan. 20

- **Credit Reporting and Scoring** - If you want to improve your credit score, if you think that you have been a victim of identity theft, or if you are having problems with or need to renew your security clearance, go to USAG Benelux-Schinnen ACS Conference Room to get your free myFICO score during this class from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To register, call ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437450/7500.

Jan. 21

- **Pre-departure Briefing** - If you are moving to a new duty station, separating or retiring, you can learn valuable information to help in your transition at this briefing at Schinnen Army Community Service from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437512/7500.
- **Sponsor Training** - Find out about the responsibilities of being a good sponsor and the local information that will make your job stress-free at this training at Schinnen Army Community Service from 2 to 3:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437512/7500.

Jan. 21 or 28

- **The 5 Love Languages of Children** - Held in the Schinnen ACS Conference Room from 1 to 3 p.m., this parenting workshop will help parents learn the different ways people understand love. Using Gary Chapman's award winning book, "The 5 Love Languages for Children," build a foundation for unconditional love and more effective discipline. To register or for more information, call DSN 360-7367 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437367.

Jan. 22

- **Dress for Success** - Learn the do's and don'ts of dressing professionally and appropriately for an interview and your daily work environment at Schinnen Army Community Service's employment class 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.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY continued

Jan. 22, 24 and 25

- **Auditions with the AP** - The Alliance Players are looking for adults and teenagers to fill the roles in the family-oriented show Aladdin: the title role, the princess, the evil wizard, the emperor and empress, the twins Ping and Pong, the widow and her nephew as well as slaves of the lamp and ring, and henchmen and women. Auditions are at the JFC Alliance Theatre Jan. 22 from 7 to 9 p.m., and Jan. 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Jan. 30

- **Hearts Apart** - Hearts Apart will hold a youth meeting at AFNORTH International School from 2 to 3 p.m. This support group is designed for youth separated from a loved one, whether through a deployment or a family situation. For details, call Army Community Service at DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Happening now

- **Free-speech display** - SHAPE International Library has put together a book display on free speech/freedom of the press in light of last week's Paris terrorist attack on "Charlie Hebdo," a French satirical magazine. Two masked gunmen killed the editor, his police guard and nine members of the "Hebdo" staff; 11 other people were wounded in the Jan. 7 incident.

Jan. 20

- **Interviewing Tips and Techniques Workshop** - Learn to ace any interview with these tips on how to prepare for an interview, get into the right mind set, and convince potential employers you are a perfect fit for the position. SHAPE Army Community Service puts on this free workshop in Building 318 from 9 a.m. to noon. To register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Jan. 20 and 27

- **Lunch and Learn** - Offered by Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program, Lunch and Learn meets Tuesdays in the SHAPE ACS Training Room in Building 318 from noon to 1 p.m. The military family-life consultant presents a variety of topics — Jan. 20: Communication and Assertiveness (including how to communicate long distance), Jan. 27: Balancing Work, Life and Command (including how to improve stress-management skills). Brown-bag it, and join the discussion group. To register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Jan. 21

- **Résumé Writing Workshop** - Attendees will learn to prepare a chronological, functional, hybrid and/or federal résumé at SHAPE Army Community Service from 9 a.m. to noon. Learn to be marketable using a career-planning process that includes self-assessment, personal development and a career portfolio as ways to gain initial entry into the workplace. To register or to obtain more information, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Jan. 23

- **Fun for Kids** - Take your bikes, trikes, scooters or skates and join other children at the Chièvres Community Activity Center from 5 to 8 p.m. Get together a game of pickup basketball or play on bouncy castles. This free event is open to those who have access to Chièvres Air Base. To find out more about the Fun for Kids event, call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.

Jan. 24

- **BOSS Paintball Event** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is putting on this action-packed event from 1 to 5 p.m. Participants are encouraged wear attire that covers their arms and legs. Cost: €35, which includes 300 paintballs, mask, weapon and unlimited gas canisters; add €5 for each additional set of 100 paintballs. Service members can register by contacting the BOSS president at DSN 423-5857 or civilian 065-445857.

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. 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 the new web page at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146> for the movie schedule.