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- Fri - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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- Sun - closed

Need basketball coach

JSA-Enghien basket ball club is looking for an american coach for its senior team for 2014-2015. They would like to access the higher category (Provinciale 3) and are very motivated. If interested, call 0485/402002 or email jse.enghien.secretariat@gmail.com.

Radar checks in Jurbise

The Belgian Police will be checking your speed May 16 in Jurbise on Rue d'Ath.

Army Ten-miler

USAG Bavaria will host the 2014 U.S. Forces Europe Army Ten Miler Qualification Race, June 28. The purpose of the qualification race is to select the best qualified candidates to represent USAREUR in the 2014 U.S. Army Ten Miler. For information and to register, go to <http://grafenwoehr.armymwr.com/europe/grafenwoehr/grafenwoehr-events/us-forces-europe-10-miler-qualification-race/?eID=26210>.

Exercise - Exercise - Exercise



Cis Spook

USAG Benelux MP, Sgt. Gregory B. Hubbard, checks on security guard Thomas Godard who is role playing one of the victims during the USAG Benelux exercise held on Chièvres Air Base, May 12, 2014.

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Rendering honor to the flag

When the flag is being raised in the morning, you should stand at attention on the first note of "Reveille" and salute. In the evening "Retreat" is played prior to "To the Colors." ("Colors" refer to the flag of the United States and can also include the unit flag). When you hear the first note of "Retreat" come to the position of attention and face the flag or the direction the music is coming from if the flag is not visible. Render the hand salute at the first note of "To the Colors." You normally face the flag when saluting, unless duty requires you to face in some other direction. At the conclusion of the music, resume your regular duties. If you are involved in some duty that would be hampered by saluting, you do not need to salute.



Cis Spook

Cigarettes butts

Cigarettes should be disposed of in butt cans or other cigarette receptacles. Flower pots, trash cans and drains are not for cigarettes. Recently, a cigarette was tossed into a one of the large flower pots that contained fresh dry mulch, near the PXtra. The mulch caught fire and started burning the small tree planted in it. This could have potentially injured someone or damaged nearby vehicles.

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EXERCISE I Continued

Special to the Gazette

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, tenant units, local authorities and host nation emergency responders participated in a mass training event May 12, to test emergency operations command and control as well as execution of actions to threats to the safety of base personnel.

The scenario covered procedures for an active shooter and a suspicious package and was designed to test a number of key areas such as initial incident response, transfer of on-scene command, emergency operation center capability, host nation response time and region-wide communication with both U.S. and host nation authorities.

Additionally Chièvres Mayor Bruno Lefèbvre and some members of the provincial government were on-scene and in the emergency operations center to get a better understanding of how the U.S. side operates so the host nation and garrison emergency operations centers can better communicate in a real crisis.

The exercise started days earlier as the garrison began receiving reports of potential threats to U.S. installations throughout Europe. Emergency operations plans were reviewed and key members of the staff were put on stand-by in case something did happen.

On May 12, in the morning, the exercise involved an active shooter attacking one of the base gates and notionally injuring two guards, generating shooter response, medical support procedures, lockdown procedures and EOC activation.

During the firefight the shooter dropped a small backpack with wires protruding from it, prompting request for the Belgian explosive ordnance disposal team to assist.

Incident command was established by the Military Police, then transitioned to the SHAPE Federal Police, and then to the Belgian on scene commander.

This type of joint training between U.S. and host nation forces is essential to prepare for an incident on a U.S. installation or in the community. Hainaut Province Governor Tommy Leclercq has already expressed interest in a larger scale exercise in the coming years.



1. Security guard Gerardo Ianora plays one of the victims.
 2. USAG Benelux MP Sgt. Joseph Quirarte secures the perimeter of the incident site.
 3. Explosive device removal robot from the Belgian explosive ordnance disposal team DOVO is controlled remotely to destroy the suspicious package.
 4. USAG Benelux Military Working Dog Handler, Sgt. Brian Pate and his dog inspect the area near the active shooter, role played by the mannequin laying on the ground. The red backpack on the side had wires protruding from it and was identified as suspicious package. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook unless otherwise mentioned)



USAG Benelux-Schinnen security guard, Arthur Anderson, conducts a 100% inspection of cars entering Schinnen base as part of the USAG Benelux wide exercise on Monday, May 12, 2014.



MEMORIAL DAY



REMEMBER



Memorial Day ceremonies coming up at the U.S. cemeteries

Special to the Gazette

Belgium has twice in the last century suffered the tyranny of a foreign invasion and occupation. Of the 345,000 Americans killed in action during the two World Wars, more than 14,000 are forever buried in Belgium. Memorial Day is an American national holiday to remember their sacrifice.

This year's events are planned for the weekend of May 24 and 25.

Ceremonies take place in the American military cemeteries throughout Europe. Each gravestone marks the resting place of an American who died fighting tyranny and oppression in the name of human dignity and the freedom of mankind. Each gravestone also represents the tragic loss of a beloved husband, brother, father or son.

Memorial Day ceremonies are not only a tribute to fallen heroes. They are a symbol of the shared values of the American and Host Nation peoples. American and foreign veterans, resistance fighters, military officers, diplomats, government officials and other distinguished guests offer testimonials and prayers in honor of the dead. The occasion helps us to recall the self-evident truths enshrined in the American Declaration of Independence, "...that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness".

Former U.S. President John F. Kennedy once said "a nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers." Memorial Day ceremonies ensure that the heroic spirit of many brave men and women will live on in this century, so that we might never forget the expensive lessons learned at the price of human blood.

Everyone is invited to attend the Memorial Day ceremonies. If you have not previously done so, do not miss this year's opportunity to attend.

Memorial Day ceremonies in the Benelux:

- **May 24** at 10 a.m., Ardennes American Cemetery in Neuville-en-Condroz (WWII cemetery)
- **May 24** at 4 p.m., Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Aubel (WWII cemetery)
- **May 24** at 2 p.m., Luxembourg American Cemetery in Luxembourg (WWII cemetery)
- **May 25** at 3 p.m., Flanders Field American Cemetery in Waregem (WWI cemetery)
- **May 25** at 3 p.m., Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten (WWII cemetery)

For directions to the above cemeteries or for a listing of all Memorial Day ceremonies at the U.S. cemeteries, check <http://www.abmc.gov>.

Trenches to Foxholes

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USAG Benelux celebrated Victory in Europe Day



Marie-Lise Baneton

(Picture left) The USAG Benelux Color Guard composed of Spec. Edward Chambers, Sgt. John Webb, Sgt. Joseph Quirarte and Spec. Devlin Trefethen, led by Sgt. Gregory Roberts present arms during the V-E Day ceremony held in Chièvres, May 8, 2014.



Marie-Lise Baneton

(Picture right) Col. Marvin G. Vannatter, Commander USAG Benelux, lays a wreath with Bruno Lefebvre, Mayor of Chièvres during the ceremony.



Marie-Lise Baneton

(Picture left from left to right) Belgian veterans André Trocmée, Robert Keytsman, Yvon Henry and Zénobe Sturbois were part of the 5th Fusiliers Battalion that fought side by side with the American Soldiers in the Battle of the Bulge during WWII. The 5th Fusiliers Battalion organized a V-E Day ceremony in Mons, May 9 at their plaque on the wall of the Military Headquarters of the Province.



Marie-Lise Baneton

(From left to right) Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Carter, USAG Benelux, Marcel D'Haese, Chairman, 5th Fusiliers Battalion and Col. Pierre Bancu, Military Commander Hainaut Province, salute after the wreath laying ceremony at the Military Headquarters of the Province, May 9, 2014.



Cis Spook

(Picture left) Marc Duvivier (front), Mayor of Ath, and Lt. Col. Francisco Rivera (back), Director Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, pay respect after a wreath laying ceremony held at the monument honoring the WWII victims in Ath, May 8, 2014. The ceremony included a parade to four WWII monuments with the participation of the Ath band, patriotic associations and city officials.



Donovan Abrassart

André Desmarlières (left), Mayor of Brugelette and Maj. Cesar Ocasio, Deputy Director Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, pay respect after laying a wreath at the Brugelette monument, May 8.

Trip-planning tool has received a facelift

By Chris Frazier

U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety center

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center released the redesigned Travel Risk Planning System, or TRiPS, May 8. The change is the first significant redesign of the tool since December 2005, when the program was prepared for joint-service use, said Derek Kovacsy, automated risk tools program manager at the USACR/Safety Center.

"Since then, we've collected valuable feedback to be implemented in the upgrade," Kovacsy said. "Many of the enhancements will occur behind the scenes as software modernizations. However, we're hopeful that service members and DOD civilians will benefit from the functional improvements they've requested."

TRiPS was developed in 2004 to help commanders and leaders mitigate risk and reduce accidents involving Soldiers driving private motor vehicles and motorcycles outside their local area. Soldiers are required to complete TRiPS assessments before traveling on leave, pass, permanent change of station or official travel, according to Army Regulation 385-10, The Army Safety Program. In addition, Department

of the Army Civilians are also required to complete an assessment prior to official travel or PCS.

Since its inception, Soldiers have completed more than 10 million TRiPS assessments. During fiscal 2012, only 19 percent of fatal PMV-4 and PMV-2 accidents involving Soldiers driving more than 150 miles from their home installation occurred on TRiPS-assessed travel. That effectiveness improved to 8 percent during fiscal 2013.

"Literally millions upon millions of miles have been driven after TRiPS, with minimal fatalities," said Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Edens, director of Army Safety and commanding general, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center. "But it only works if leaders use it to reach their Soldiers on risk mitigation. Simply completing an assessment won't make a Soldier safer, but using that information to facilitate effective communication between the Soldier and his or her leader will. That's what TRiPS makes possible."

More information on TRiPS and driving safety is available at <https://safety.army.mil>.

'Soldier for Life' website to be new online home for retirees

By C. Todd Lopez

The new Army's "Soldier for Life" website is designed to be a new online home for retired Soldiers. The website will enable retirees to access important information about the Army, and information pertaining to health, retirement, employment and education benefits online at www.soldierforlife.army.mil.

Right now on the website, retirees can also opt-in to receive a newsletter that lets them know what's going on in the Army "with a primary focus on news that retired Soldiers care about," Mark E. Overberg, deputy chief of Army Retirement Services said.

Email changes

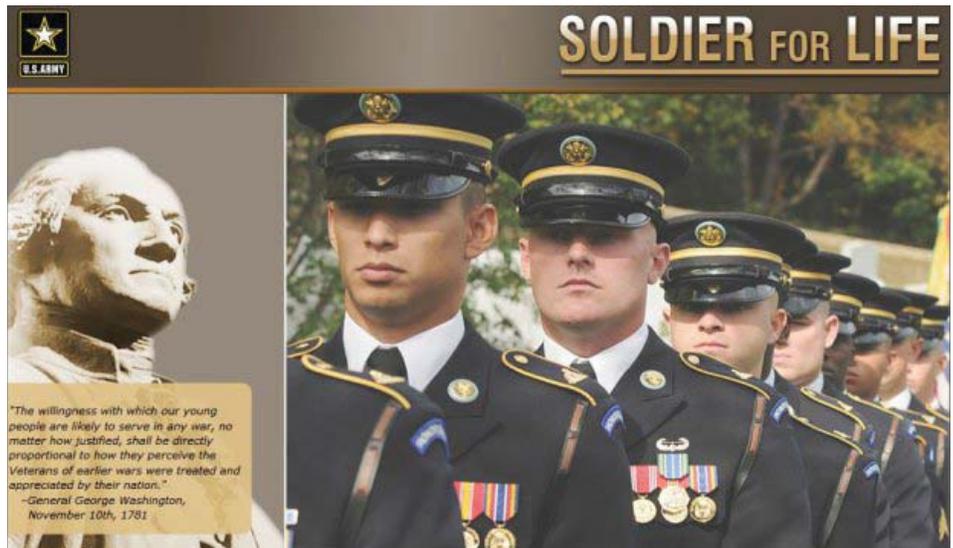
On AKO, retirees and family members had access to web-based email services that gave them a ".mil" email address. Currently retirees and family members are no longer able to send email from their AKO accounts or read emails within the site. What they are still able to do, however, is instruct AKO to forward any emails they might receive there to a commercial account. The AKO website will continue forwarding emails to commercial accounts, until Dec. 31.

Overberg suggests retirees and fam-

ily members set up a free commercial email account to replace what AKO used to provide for them. He said after setting up such an account, they should notify family, friends, and professional contacts about the new e-mail address.

To ensure that DFAS can contact them, Retired Soldiers should visit the "MyPay" site and ensure that a new or non-AKO

email address is listed. Overberg said that today, some 500,000 Army retirees have MyPay accounts. Of those, he said, about 350,000 are still registered there with their AKO-provided email address. By not signing up for a commercial e-mail service and updating business account information, former AKO users risk not receiving important notifications.



Retirees will continue to be able to access important information about the Army, and information pertaining to health, retirement, employment and education benefits online at www.soldierforlife.army.mil.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

Motorcycle safety: not just for May

Special to the Gazette

Army officials are urging leaders across the force to treat rider safety as a year-round imperative in response to rising PMV-2 fatalities.

As of May 4, Soldier motorcycle deaths were up 56 percent from the same date in fiscal 2013, a marked contrast to the decline seen at the end of last year.

Indiscipline remains the single-greatest threat to Army motorcycle riders, according to USACR/Safety Center statistics. Speeding, alcohol, lack of training or personal protective equipment, or a combination thereof have been cited in at least eight of the 15 fatalities reported this fiscal year.

“With the resources the Army provides our motorcycle riders, it’s astounding that we’re still losing Soldiers to indiscipline,” said Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Edens, director of Army Safety and commanding general, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center. “There’s no excuse for it; progressive training, mentorship programs and many other tools are available to help our riders stay safe. This is where leaders need to step in and hold their Soldiers accountable to the standard.”

“Even in accidents where another driver is at fault, we have to ask if there was something the rider could’ve done differently,” Edens said. “That’s a big question in our training programs, because there are always going to be outliers like distracted drivers and wildlife. We want our Soldiers to be as prepared for and responsive to those potentialities as possible.” Several tools, including an updated Motorcycle Mentorship Program guidebook, are available at <https://safety.army.mil>.

Safety Stand Down Day

A Safety Stand Down Day will be held May 22 on Chièvres Air Base. Several activities and displays are scheduled in the Community Recreation Center in the morning: a roll over car by the Belgian Federal Police, drunk driving carts, and a fire extinguisher and fire hose demonstration.

The afternoon will be dedicated to motorcycle safety with a briefing, inspections and exercises at the MSF range on base and a safety motorcycle ride off post, escorted by the Belgian Federal Police. Those interested in participating in the ride can register until May 16. To do so, call the USAG Benelux Safety Office at DSN 361-5561/1470 or civilian 068-275561.

USAG Benelux-Schinnen will have its Safety Stand Down Day May 22 as well and USAG Benelux-Brussels has scheduled it June 5.

Protective equipment rules being strongly enforced

Gate guards on Chièvres Air Base and Caserne Daumerie have begun to turn away riders who are not wearing the proper protective equipment.

Helmets, eye protection, foot protection and protective clothing (protective clothing includes long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material) will be worn while operating motorcycles, off-road vehicles, and all terrain vehicles on Army installations and all Soldiers at anytime on or off Army installations.

Additionally riders on Army installations in Europe will wear a vest, jacket, upper outer garment, or motorcycle clothing that incorporates fluorescent and highly reflective material at all times when operating or riding as a passenger on the vehicles. Soldiers must wear the reflective and fluorescent upper outer garment on and off post, regardless of local civilian requirements. Military uniforms, including Army physical fitness test wear that is designed to be reflective, do not meet this criterion.



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African-American Soldiers to be honored

Special to the Gazette

The 11 African-American Soldiers killed by the German SS during the Battle of the Bulge will be honored May 17 at 11 a.m. in Wereth.

These Soldiers were part of a unit that was reactivated in the regular Army as a 155-mm howitzer battalion a year before their deployment. In their first six months of combat, they were separated from their unit while evading the Germans.

While looking for food and shelter, they approached the Mathias Langer house in Wereth, and the family took them in. About an hour later, a German patrol approached the house. The Americans surrendered, were taken out, and were shot and dumped into a ditch where their bodies remained until mid-February. The official report noted they had been brutalized, with broken legs, bayonet wounds to the head, and fingers cut off.

These Soldiers from Alabama remained unknown to the world until 1994, when Herman Langer, Mathias' son, erected a small cross in the corner of the pasture, where they had been murdered. On the cross were the names of the Soldiers: Curtis Adams, George Davis, Thomas J. Forte, Robert Green, Jim Leatherwood, Maeger Bradley, Nathaniel Moss, George W. Moten, William M. Pritchett, James A. Stewart and Due W. Turner.

In 2001, three Belgians took on the task of creating a more prominent memorial to them as well as to honor all African-American GIs of World War II. The dedication of the new memorial was held in May 2004. Road signs now indicate the location of the memorial, and the Belgian Tourist Bureau lists it in its "Battle of the Bulge" brochures.

Since April 2007, Joseph Small, a philanthropist, created a documentary of the Wereth Massacre, which premiered on February 19, 2011, at the World War II Museum in New Orleans. It was honored with the Founders' Choice Award at the fifth annual GI Film Festival at the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. in May 2012.

Ceremony is held at Hauptstrasse in 4770 Wereth (Amel-Amblève). GPS coordinates are 50°20'55.14"N-6°13'55.37"E. For more information, check <http://www.wereth.org>.

American Legion participates in ceremony



Courtesy Photo

Members of the American Legion Post BE02, along with members of the American Legion Riders and the Sons of the American lead the parade in Beernem, May 10, 2014. The Parade of bands, re-enactors and local Belgian citizens headed to the St. Joris Liberty Tree that was planted in 1919 by local citizens, where the events of the day continued with speeches and a wreath laying ceremony honoring those who had fallen during WWI and WWII. It was the first time that the three elements of the American Legion "Flanders Field" Post BE02 family have participated together in an event.

Did you know that . . .



AER has provided more than 15,000 Wounded Warrior grants? In 2003, AER identified a critical need for our Wounded Warriors. When our Soldiers were medically evacuated from theater, many were transported out of the theater of operations with just the clothes on their back, without cash or credit cards. AER stepped in and developed a system which provided our Wounded Warriors immediate assistance. Today, every Wounded Warrior medically evacuated from a theater of combat for inpatient care is provided a \$500 comfort grant. This grant has no restrictions. It is intended for the purchase of anything that could make a Soldier's recovery more comfortable, while minimizing the concern for immediate cash needs.

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Know before you move to the States this summer

By **Robert Szostek**
USAREUR Customs PAO

People moving to the States this summer should start preparing now by finding new homes for the things that are banned from import. It is also a good idea to apply early for import permits on restricted items, customs officials advise.

“Prohibited items include meat and meat products such as sausage, pâté and salami, as well as plants and destructive devices,” said Mike Dean, director of the U.S. European Command’s Customs and Border Clearance Agency. “If you’re planning on shipping firearms, ensure you have proof that you owned them in the States or have an import permit,” Dean added.

He also explained that other important points to remember are:

- Owners of vehicles not made to U.S. standards have to ship them through commercial importers registered with the



Courtesy Photo

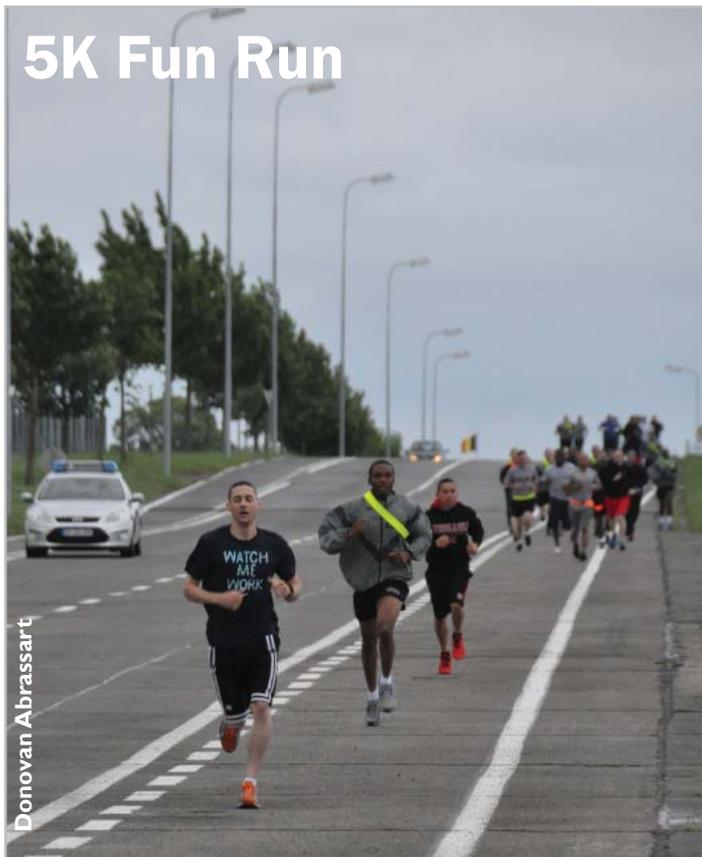
Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agency. However, vehicles more than 25 years old are exempt from this rule.

- Most mopeds and motorcycles must also meet U.S. safety and pollution standards and all vehicles must be free of dirt, insects and vegetation.
- Wine collections can only be shipped with advance approval from the transportation office.
- Endangered species items such as ivory and some furs may only be

shipped if owners can prove they were previously owned in the U.S. or are antiques over 100 years old.

- State attorneys general must approve imports of gambling devices. These devices must be registered with the Justice Department in Washington D.C.

For more information from the military customs office, check <http://www.eur.army.mil/opm/customs/>.



Donovan Abrassart

A 5 Kilometer Fun Run was held on Chièvres Air Base, early morning May 9. First to complete the run was Sgt. Ryan Smith, Headquarters Headquarters Detachment, 39th Signal Battalion, in 20 minutes, 49 seconds. Spec. Edward Chambers, USAG Benelux, came in second in 21 minutes, 39 seconds. Third was Spec. Esai Valenzuela, 128th Signal Company in 21 minutes, 44 seconds.

Voice of Democracy essay contest



Keith Houin

Ernesto Paolucci, VFW Post 605 (Paris) Commander and WW II veteran, presents Cameron Spangler his first place certificate for the VFW Voice of Democracy essay contest May 9, 2014 at the SHAPE Middle/High School library. SHAPE International School students competed against students from Belgium, France and England. Students in grades 9-12 had to write and record a broadcast script title ‘Why I’m optimistic about our nation’s future’ for the competition. SHAPE students, Cameron Ursua Newsome and Jordan Bavlnka received 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Other participants were Dyesha Metansigh, Chellina Daniel, Jacob Hildebrand, Beautiful Lawson, Landry Nix, Jazmine Stokes, Zelliam Medina-Campos, and Doobin Lee.

In another contest for grades 6-8 students wrote an essay entitled ‘What patriotism means to me.’ In that category SHAPE student Maria Ibarreta took 3rd place.

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Increased traffic on Chièvres Air Base

Due to the excavation works of the old underground fuel tanks, the traffic on Chièvres Air Base will be increased by trucks hauling soil from the site to the outside of the base and from the site to the stocking area next to the MSF range. Be vigilant and respect the speed limits.

Vehicle Processing Center

Since May 1, a new Global POV contractor, International Auto Logistics (IAL), is providing POV shipping services. The change in contractors should not affect you when shipping your POV. The contractor's website is [http:// www.PCSmyPOV.com](http://www.PCSmyPOV.com). The new phone numbers are:

Contractor's civilian phone: 068-331980

Contractor's fax: 068-572555

Contracting Officer Representative (COR): civilian 068-645085 or fax 068-658480.

Schinnen Education Center

Central Texas College will offer a face to face class starting June 2. The course, Families, School, and Community, will run for eight weeks on Monday and Wednesday nights at Geilenkirchen AFB Education Center. For more information, call DSN 360-7685 or civilian 046-4437685.

Soccer Tournament

The German National Soccer Team at JFC Brunssum is organizing the 34th International Soccer Tournament to include a delegations, ladies, youngsters and oldiers Cup, August 14-15. If you have a soccer team or if you are interested in participating, call DSN 364-3022/2964 or civilian 045-527-3022/2964.

Summer Theater Camp

Registration is open for Summer Theater Camp at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. This year's camp will be June 23 through July 26 and the production will be Willy Wonka. Cost is \$400 a child. For more information, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-44-3312.

CYSS Schinnen

Summer Basketball Camp - Open for grades 9-12. The camp will begin on June 24 and end Aug. 5. Practice will take place at the Schinnen Fitness Center every Tuesday beginning June 24 at 5 p.m. Both boys and girls will be given the opportunity to practice up on their shooting, passing, rebounds, and free throw skills during the camp. For more information call the Schinnen Fitness Center, at DSN 360-7561, civilian 046-4437561 or email USArmy.Schinnen.IMCOM-Europe.List.Schinnen-FC@mail.mil.

Schinnen Play Morning

The Play Morning event changes locations from the Schinnen Community Activity Center to the CYSS Bldg. at JFC Brunssum effective today. Play Morning is held every Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and is open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders.

Paid internships with CYSS

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

CYSS Summer Camp on SHAPE

Registration is open for the Summer Camp, June 16 through August 22. For more information, call Parent Central Services at DSN 423-6039/6099 or civilian 065-446039/6099.

CYSS Laser Tag and Pizza trip

The trip will be May 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. and is open to all CYSS registered youth in 7th through 12th grade. Cost is \$25 for laser tag and €15 for pizza. For information, call DSN 423-6104 or civilian 054-446104. To register, call Parent Central Services DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.

Brussels Fitness Classes

Yoga - Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m. and Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Power Yoga - Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Shred - Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Indoor Cycling - Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

For more information on those classes, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

Gazette Spotlight

Do you or someone you know have an interesting hobby? Let us know at usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil.

CYSS Brussels

Registration opens May 19 through August 29 for fall soccer, ages 3 to 15 years with season starting September 8. Cost is \$20 for ages 3-5 and \$40 for ages 6-15. For more information, call DSN 368-9539/9651 or civilian 02-7179539/9651.

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

16 May

- **Memorial Day ceremony in Bastogne** - Ceremony starts at the Mardasson monument at 2 p.m. with participation of an international Color Guard (Luxembourg, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Belgium, France and the United States). The Mardasson monument was unveiled in July 1950 and honors the memory of the 76,890 American Soldiers who were wounded or killed during the Battle of the Bulge.



The USAG Benelux Color Guard at the 2013 Memorial Day ceremony in Bastogne.

17 May

- **Open House at the Mons Cyclist House** - At the Maison des Cyclistes on Boulevard Charles Quint, 35 as of 11 a.m., second-hand bicycles will be sold. You can get your bike engraved between 2 and 5 p.m. You can also participate in the bicycle tour around Mons departing at 2 p.m. provided prior registration is made at hainaut@maisondescyclistes.be.
- **Late opening at the Iguanodon Museum in Bernissart** - The late opening is part of the European Night of the Museums from 6 to 11 p.m. on Ruelle des Médecins. Entrance fee is €4.



Secondhand bicycles will be on sale as of 11 a.m.

17-18 May

- **Military March Saint Roch in Thuin** - Folkloric march headed by flutes and drums. In Thuin, festivities start with a torchlight procession on Saturday night. On Sunday more than 2.500 marchers cross the city.
- **Welcome in Chièvres** - The city of Chièvres will open its doors to show all the city has to offer. Among the activities are:
 - visit the Degauquier farm in Huissignies or the "ferme du moulin" in Grosage,
 - visit the "Château du Jardin" in Tongre-Notre-Dame on Saturday and the Château of Tongre-Notre-Dame on Sunday.
 - visit the Rural Life Museum in Huissignies or the bread museum in Grosage,
 - join the bicycle group for a tour on Saturday at 2 p.m. or Sunday at 11 a.m. with a stop at the lock in Ladeuze for explanations,
 - enjoy the musical entertainments and the medieval camp at the Saint Jean Chapel.
 - USAG Benelux is participating in the event with a display on the history of Chièvres Air Base at the Chièvres city hall.



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

15-18 May

- **"Taste of Antwerp"** is a culinary festival and food tasting held at evenementenlocatie Waagnatie. Enjoy the culinary highlights and delicacies from Antwerp top chefs and restaurants while looking at the gorgeous scenery from the banks of the Schelde and Maas rivers. Open May 15-16, 5 to 11 p.m.; May 17, 3 to 11 p.m. and May 18, noon to 8 p.m. Entry is €5.

15-25 May

- **Week of the Dutch Beer through the Netherlands** - Throughout the country, various activities will be offered such as beer tasting, volksmarch related to beer or special menus prepared with beer. To check the activities, go to http://www.weekvanhetnederlandsebieer.nl/167/overzicht_activiteiten.html.



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17 May

- **Japan Day in Düsseldorf (GE)** at Burgplatz. All day everything in the city revolves around Japan. For information, check <http://www.japantag-duesseldorf-nrw.de>.
- **Art & antique market in Haarlem** held at Op de Dreef in the center from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Antique market in Heusden** held in the harbor and on Vismarkt from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

17, 24, 31 May

- **Antique and curiosa market in Roermond** - Held at Kloosterwandplein in the center of town from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

17-18 May

- **Ceramic market in Frechen (GE)** at Rathausplatz in the center of town. Open on May 17, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and May 18, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **"Militracks" in Overloon** - A great event for those interested in the military technology of WWII. Event displays a wide range of motorbikes, transporters, command cars, together with halftracks and tanks. They drive around on the one mile circuit around the war museum and you can drive along. In addition, there is also a memorabilia fair. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €12.
- **International dolls and teddybears fair in Maastricht** - Held at Mecc Forum 100 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Entrance fee is €10, children up to 12 years, €2.

18 May

- **Spring market in Grevenbicht** - On Dr. Duijsenslaan and Beneluxlaan.



18 May

- **Volksmarch in Flobecq for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departure is from the sports center Jacky Leroy on Rue de la Crête 28b from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Steenkerque for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departure is from Salle du Club on Place 9 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Berchem-Ste-Agathe for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departure is from Rue Docteur Charles Leemans 8 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Anderlecht for 7, 14 or 21 km** - Departure is from the school on Rue des Fruits, 73 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Annual 20 Km of Brussels** - The first run started in 1980 with 4,179 participants. Last year, 37,000 registered for the march, including King Philippe and a total of 121 nationalities. Run starts at the Parc du Cinquentaenaire at 10 a.m. For more information and registration, check <http://www.20kmdebruxelles.be>. Fee is €25.
- **Books and cartoons fair in Lens** - From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the city hall, Place de la Trinité 1 in the fest tent.
- **Plant fair in Stambruges** - On Rue Albert 1er from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Open House at the Chapelle Sainte Anne Quarter Horse stables in Blaton** - Various horse riding shows starting at 11 a.m. and going on all day on Rue du Bois 1.



Ongoing

Through 24 May

- **The Kunstenfestivaldesarts in Brussels** is an arts festival presenting a selection of Belgian and international artists and their works. The Kunstenfestivaldesarts also runs a series of encounters and workshops aimed at putting the artistic project at the heart of the city and the people who live there. More information on <http://www.kfda.be/>.

Through 12 June

- **Musical spring in Silly** - Series of concerts at the Château de Morval on Rue de Morval 10. Concerts are Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 to 11 p.m. Price ranges from €5 to €25 or €120 for all concerts. Find more information on <http://www.printempsmusicalsilly.be>.

Through 26 April 2015

- **Expo 14-18: It's our history in Brussels** - At the Royal Army Museum on Parc du Cinquentaenaire 3, daily from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:45 p.m. except Mondays. Entrance fee is €12 and €8 for children 6 to 18 years. Family package is €32 (2 adults + 2 children). See also Belgian rail day trip specials on www.belgianrail.be.



18 May Continued

- **Flea market in Kessel (Peel en Maas)** - Held at Rijksweg 30A from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. entrance fee is €2.
- **Volksmarch in Hoensbroek for 12 km** - Departure is from Café 't Scheulderheukske on Scheulderdorsstraat 66 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Volksmarch in Hunsel for 6, 12, 18 or 30 km** - Departure is from Jacobusstraat 9 from 7 to 11 a.m. for the 30 km route, from 7 a.m. to noon for the 18 km route and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the other routes.

Through 18 May

- **Keukenhof in Lisse** - If you have not visited Keukenhof this year, you still have a couple of days to admire the world famous garden. The Keukenhof is open daily 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ticket office closes at 6 p.m. Entry is €15; children age 4 to 11, €7.50. More information in English at <http://www.keukenhof.nl>.

22-25 May

- **Cultural and culinary festival in Bergen op Zoom** - Held at the squares in the center of town with, besides many regional products, the region's famous asparagus, strawberries and anchovies.

23-25 May

- **Vijverparkfestival in Brunssum** is an open air pop & rock tribute festival held in the city park. No entry fees. The festival opens on May 23 at 4 p.m.; May 24 at 7 p.m. and May 25 at 8 p.m.
- **Italy Event 2014 in Haarzuilens** - Taste & Style is an event with Italy in the center of attention held in the beautiful surroundings of Castle de Haar, Kasteellaan 1. There, you will find Italian fashion, music, food, activities and lots more. Open: May 23 & 25, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and May 24, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and again from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Italian Night. Entry: €15; children 12 and younger - no entrance fee.

Ongoing

Through 22 June

- **World Press Photo Display in Amsterdam** - Discover the best photographs of the year at the Nieuwe Kerk, Dam. Entrance fee is €10 per adult, €5 per child 6-16. Opening hours are daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Through 5 September

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

SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Paris, May 17** - Stroll along the Seine or see for yourself why Paris is the most romantic city in the world. Of course, you can't miss the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame or the Louvre. From culinary delights to cultural sights, Paris will tempt every one of your senses. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m., departs Brussels at 6 a.m.; returns to SHAPE at 11:30 p.m. and returns to Brussels at 00:30 a.m. Price is €57.

Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

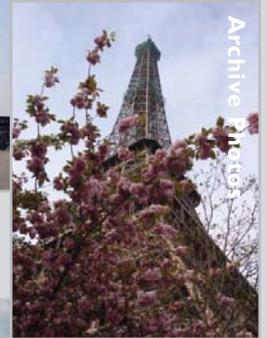
- **Day Trip to Amsterdam, May 24** - Round trip luxury motor coach transportation (non-smoking). Coach departs Schinnen at 7 a.m., approximate arrival in Amsterdam 10 a.m. Coach departs Amsterdam at designated departure point at 8 p.m., approximate arrival back in Schinnen at 9 p.m. Price is \$49.



SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below
call civilian 0486-565371

- **Versailles Palace & Gardens, May 22** - The Palace of Versailles, once the residence of French Royalty, is now a world famous chateau included in UNESCO's World Heritage list. It is one of the most beautiful achievements of French art and architecture. A self-guided tour will begin in the gardens where the visitors make their way past stunning topiary, fountains and mazes. Then visit the chateau to admire its wonderful interior including the famous Hall of Mirrors. For lunch the group can either eat in the picnic areas adjacent to the gardens or dine at the Café d'Orléans which provides ready-made meals and a take-away menu. In the afternoon the group will then enter the private estate and hamlet of King Louis XVI's wife, Queen Marie Antoinette. Cost is €55 for adults and €35 for those under 26 years of age.



Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips & Tours

- **Versailles, May 24**
- **Polish pottery, May 29 - June 1**
- **Normandy Beaches, May 30 - June 1**
- **Dutch Day, June 7**
- **German Castle Day, 14 June**
- **London, June 21**
- **Stonehenge with Salisbury, June 28**
- **7 Night Mediterranean Cruise, July 4-11**
- **Efteling theme park, July 12**
- **Prague, July 18-21**
- **London, August 15-17**
- **Peru, October 24 - November 3**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Disneyland Paris, June 7**
- **Express trip to Berlin, June 28**
- **Express trip to London, July 19**
- **Miami Dolphins VS Oakland Raiders in London, 27-29 September**
- **Cowboys VS Jaguars in London, November 8-10**

SHAPE Travel Group

- **Tongeren & the antiques market, June 1**
- **Fontainebleau Palace, June 5**
- **A day in Paris, June 19**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

16 May

- **Health and Fitness Expo** - From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 298 at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen. Earnie Stewart, Jr. three time World Cup veterans and U.S. national soccer team will be signing autographs. For more information call DSN 458-3358/3322 or civilian +49-2451-99-3358/3322.
- **Armed Forces Entertainment presents 'Zero Dork Nerdy'** - At the Memories Lane Lounge on Schinnen, show time is at 7 p.m. Free entrance. For more information, call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 046-4437561.

17 May

- **Flea market** - Hosted by the Schinnen Outdoor Recreation, market is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Schinnen Activity Center.
- **Fishing Trip** - A relaxing morning of fishing followed by a tasty fried catfish lunch. Cost is \$7.50 catch and release only. Limited rods and reels available. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 046-4437561.

21 May

- **Heinsberg hospital tour** - Meet at 6 p.m. in the lobby of the Heinsberg hospital to tour the maternity. Tour also addresses admitting procedures and your childbirth concerns. For more information, call ACS New Parent Support Program at DSN 360-7335 or civilian 046-4437335.

Register now

25-26 July

- **Run-a-thon Challenge** - The Tri Border gets ready for the run of a life time by hosting a 12 hour Run-a-thon Challenge. The event will be held at the JFC Sports Complex (Slag Heap). The run will begin at midnight on Friday and run until noon on Saturday. Sign your team up today. Individual sign ups are also welcome and will be placed on a team. For more information, call the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7561, civilian 046-4437561 or email: USArmy.Schinnen.IMCOM-Europe.List.Schinnen-FC@mail.mil.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

15 May

- **Preteen/Teen book club meets** - Book club meets at 4:30 p.m. at the SHAPE International Library to discuss *The princess Bride* by William Goldman. Registration is not required and there is no fee for this program. For more information or to reserve a copy of the book, call the library at DSN 423-5631, civilian 065-445631 or email mwr.shape.library.info@us.army.mil.
- **Special Events Food Handler Training Course** - From 3 to 5 p.m. SHAPE Health Care Facility, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Washington DC (Yellow) Wing, Building 401 SHAPE. For more information, call DSN 423-5823 or civilian 065-445823.

17 May

- **Family Fun Night** - At Chièvres Air Base from 5:30 to 9 p.m. with skating, games and bouncy castle.

20 May

- **Lunch and Learn "Parent/Child Communicaiton"** - Bring your lunch and join the discussion group from noon to 1 p.m. in the ACS Training Room, Bldg. 318, SHAPE. For more information or to register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

21 May

- **Page Turners book discussion group** - Meets at 5:30 p.m. at the SHAPE International Library to discuss *Life is Life* by Kate Atkinson. For more information or to reserve a copy of the book, call the library at DSN 423-5631, civilian 065-445631 or email mwr.shape.library.info@us.army.mil.
- **The 5 Love Languages** - Military edition - From noon to 1 p.m., ACS Training room, Bldg. 318, SHAPE. registration is required at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.
- **Personal Finance Workshop "Investing for Retirement"** - From 1 to 2 p.m., Bldg. 318, SHAPE. For more information or to register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

FLEA MARKET

Just in time for the PCS season!

**Saturday
17 May**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Only \$10 per table,
reserve yours' today!

On Schinnen

Community Roundup

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

15 May

- **Asian Pacific Heritage Celebration dinner** - Roast pig served with rice, vegetables and fruit at the 3 Star Lounge. Cost is \$11.95. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.
- **Library Book Club** - Meets from noon to 2 p.m. to discuss *The Expats* by Chris Pavone at the Library, Bldg. 4, 1st floor. For more information, call DSN 368-9791 or civilian 02-7179791.

16 May

- **Texas Hold'Em** - At the 3 Star Lounge. Cost is \$20, bar snacks available.

17 May

- **Duathlon** - 5 kilometer run, 10 kilometer bike or 5 kilometer run starting at 9 a.m. Details will be given upon registration.

18 May

- **Armed Forces Entertainment presents 'Zero Dork Nerdy'** - At the 3 Star Lounge. Dinner and doors open at 5:30 p.m.; show time is 7 p.m. Pick up your free tickets at the 3 Star Lounge, Fitness Center or Library.

22 May

- **Personal Finance Workshops "Investing for Retirement"** - Held from 1 to 2 p.m., Bldg. 4. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

Register now

1 June

- **Breakfast with the American Legion National Commander, Daniel Dellinger** - From 8 to 10 a.m. at the 3 Star Lounge. Seating is limited. RSVP at legionriderspostbeo2@gmail.com.

Community Roundup

Movie schedule at the SHAPE Cinema

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

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| May 16 | 4 p.m. | The Amazing Spider-Man 2 3D | PG-13 | 142 min |
| | 7:15 p.m. | Mom's Night Out | PG-13 | 98 min |
| | 9:15 p.m. | Neighbors | R | 96 min |
| May 17 | 4 p.m. | Transcendence | PG-13 | 119 min |
| | 7 p.m. | Brick Mansions | PG-13 | 90 min |
| | 9 p.m. | The other Women | R | 109 min |
| May 18 | 3 p.m. | Need for Speed | PG-13 | 132 min |
| | 6:15 p.m. | Noah | PG-13 | 138 min |

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). Check the schedule at: <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. Check the schedule at <http://kinopolis.be/fr/cinemas/kinopolis-bruxelles>.

Movie schedule at the JFC HQ Alliance Theater

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

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| May 16 | 7 p.m. | Need for Speed | PG-13 | 124 min |
| May 17 | 4 p.m. | Mom's Night Out | PG | 98 min |
| | 7 p.m. | Neighbors | R | 96 min |

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