

# THE GAZETTE

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

## Vehicle sticker removal

All black SHAPE vehicle access stickers should be removed from the windshield by Feb. 1. The system for registering your vehicle will not change with the exception of the black stickers, which will no longer be issued.

## Winter tires in Germany

Until Apr. 15, all vehicles on German roads must have approved tires for winter driving.

## Winter sales

Winter sales are going on in Belgium until January 31, in France until February 11. In the Netherlands, sales are generally going on until the end of January.

## Sales at Arts & Crafts

Arts & Crafts in Bldg 307 on SHAPE offers 20% on all clothing during the month of January.

## Burger King

The Burger King will be closed January 21 and 22 for an image upgrade. Anthony's Pizza and Salihas will be open regular hours.

## New ID section numbers

The new telephone numbers for the USAG Benelux-Schinnen DHR/ID Card Section are DSN 364-3475/3478/3847 or civilian 045-526-3475/ 3478/3847.

## Brussels Health Clinic

The new phone number for appointments is DSN 566-1515 or civilian 02-686-1515.

## Community remembers Martin Luther King



Donovan Abrasart

Chief Warrant Officer Yolondria S. Dixon-Carter starts off her remarks at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. remembrance, Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at Caserne Daumerie Chapel. "We observe the life, the legacy and the dream of a distinguished man. A distinguished man who was committed to lean efforts in doing what many thought was impossible," said Dixon-Carter, guest speaker at the celebration. **See also page 2**

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Sgt. Chad Booth

USAG Benelux-Brussels held a Prayer Breakfast Jan. 15 in honor of Martin Luther King following the national theme of “Unfulfilled Dreams.” Michael Bartelle (bottom picture), Andrews Federal Credit Union Vice President of Overseas Operations, was the keynote speaker. Bartelle, a retired Command Sergeant Major with over 30 years of military service, spoke to the Brussels community about the need to see Dr. King’s dream fulfilled. He challenged everyone to continue Dr. King’s legacy, follow the dreams in our own lives and dare to believe in a brighter future.



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Patrick Rothbauer, USAG Benelux- Brussels Deputy Garrison Manager, welcomed everyone to the event and reminded the audience of the work that still needs to be done for equality and that “to whom much is given, much is required.” Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Albert Ghergich led everyone in litany of prayers centered on the life and work of Dr. King. Staff Sgt. Jessica Schramm, Brussels PMO Operations NCO, and Sgt. Chad Booth, Brussels Chaplain Assistant, offered a compilation of readings highlighting Dr. King’s dream and vision.

The breakfast was supported by the 3 Star Lounge staff. Over 70 people attended the prayer breakfast. In his benediction, Chaplain Ghergich prayed that the dream for equality and acceptance would be reborn in all of our lives and that we would see all the people of the world, not through political or religious eyes—but through God’s eyes of love and acceptance.

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## Beware of fraudulent text messages

Belgian police warn people about fraudulent text messages. Belgian cellular phones are currently overwhelmed with undesirable text messages like "Appelle-moi vite 006745599086" (Call me back ASAP) or messages stating you have to call back a number for urgent matters or to offer you money. Many Belgian users received those text messages with the above and other similar numbers asking them to call back on a foreign phone number which is actually chargeable. The scammers send text messages asking you to call back on a phone number that is charged about 2 euros a minute. Those messages apparently come from Niger (+227), Latvia (+371), Madagascar (+261) and Nauru (+674). Though they are structured like domestic numbers, they are chargeable lines. The messages are massively sent through Internet using services and software provided by two companies located in Sweden. The police advise not to answer those messages. If you get such a message, you can inform your provider which will take the appropriate measures to block the number. You can also report any fraudulent number on the government Web site at <http://economie.fgov.be/en/disputes/>.



## Help updating the COLA

The Cost-of-Living Allowance is paid to service members stationed in high cost overseas locations. The COLA system compares the cost differences between goods and services (excluding housing) purchased in an OCONUS area to the price of goods and services purchased in CONUS. Price comparisons determine the COLA amount needed to equalize purchasing power between an OCONUS-based member and CONUS-based counterparts.

The COLA is evaluated on a regular basis. In order to determine where and at what percentage service members purchase goods and services on the local economy, service members are invited to fill out the COLA survey.

The survey is available to all U.S. uniformed service members that have been assigned to the Benelux for at least three months. In addition, the survey is not for service members assigned to barracks/dormitory/ship. The survey can be filled out by the service member, his or her dependent and is specifically for the following locations:

- SHAPE/Chièvres
- Schinnen/Brunssum
- Kleine Brogel

The results of this survey will directly affect the amount of money service members will receive in regards to COLA. Participation in this survey is voluntary. Failure to respond will not result in penalty. However, maximum response is encouraged so that data will be representative of the country of assignment. The responses will be treated as confidential. Only group statistics will be reported.

To prepare for the survey, determine where you purchase groceries, clothing, household furnishings, entertainment, communications and transportation. The estimated time to complete the survey is 40 to 50 minutes.

To fill out the survey, go to <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/lps-belgium.cfm>. The survey will be available until early February.



### Did you know that . . .

You are entitled to a free copy of your credit report? Credit reports contain information about your payment history on loans, charge accounts, and credit cards. Request a copy of your credit report by contacting the three major credit reporting companies Equifax, Experian and TransUnion, or by going to <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>. This is the *only* authorized online source for you to get a free credit report under federal law. You can get a free report from each of the three national credit reporting companies every 12 months. Some other sites claim to offer "free" credit reports, but may charge you for another product if you accept a "free" report. If you feel the information in your credit history is inaccurate, it's up to you to correct it.

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## Intermediate driver's class

Class for Soldiers under 26 years of age will be held Jan. 29 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in Bldg. 220, room 113 on SHAPE. Deadline for registration is Jan. 22. Registration can be done by calling DSN 366-6603 or 361-6114 or civilian 065-32-6603 or 068-27-6114.

## Postage increase

Effective Jan. 26, USPS will increase its first class postage price from .46 cents to .49 cents. Forever stamps automatically change to the new price if you bought them before Jan. 26. Other prices have also increased. For more information check USPS.com

## Employment opportunities

The USAG Benelux Education Office on SHAPE is looking for:

a. A part time. Functional Academic Skills Training Instructor. The salary is \$16.50 per hour. Requirements include, but are not limited to: Bachelor's degree from a college or university that is accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the U. S. Department of Education, at least five years of teaching experience and/or a teaching certificate from a regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The closing date is Jan. 21. For more information call DSN 423-5501 or civilian 065-44-5501.

b. An on-call/substitute Receptionist and Administrative Support Services professional. The salary is \$8.25 an hour. Requirements include, but are not limited to: Extensive knowledge in U.S. post-secondary and Soldier development, at least three years experience and/or training in military education programs and Soldier development courses, and a strong comprehension and ability to navigate military Web-based systems/programs and Microsoft Office programs. For more information call DSN 423-5501 or CIV 065-44-5501.

## Winter vehicle checks

The USAG Benelux-Brussels auto skills shop is offering winter vehicle checks through April 1 for \$35. Check includes topping of fluids (excluding windshield washer fluid) wipers, tires, windshield, shocks, struts, brakes and lights. For more information or an appointment call DSN 368-9743 or civilian 02-717-9743.

## CYSS Schinnen

**Rock Climbing Clinics (limited spaces)** - Enrollment is open through Feb. 14 for age group 10-18. The classes will be held on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 8 p.m. from Feb. 26 through April 30 at the Rocca Indoor Facility. Participation fee is \$130. Enrollment is at CYSS Parent Central Services, JFC Brunssum, Bldg. H 602. For more information call CYSS at DSN 364-4195 or civilian 045-526-4195.

## SACEUR's trophy

The first SACEUR's trophy event is volleyball, scheduled for Jan. 23. Practice is every Tues and Thur from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

- Swimming: Contact SHAPE Seal's Swim Coach at tenniscas@yahoo.com, she will be coaching the U.S. Swim Team and will be starting practices soon.

## Army Emergency Relief

Army Emergency Relief announced that effective Jan. 1 all officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers are authorized to submit requests for Army Emergency Relief financial assistance directly through the installation AER office. Soldiers (E-1 thru E-4) are still required to complete the AER application and submit it to the unit Company Commander/1st Sgt. for their recommendation. In addition to providing no-interest loans and grants for emergency travel, initial rent deposits and vehicle repairs, AER continues to be the organization of choice for Soldiers' unique financial needs to include household and appliance repair, dependent dental care and initial home furnishings. Army Emergency Relief is a private non-profit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to Soldiers, active and retired, and their families. Since its incorporation in 1942, AER has provided more than \$1.5 billion to more than 3.5 million Soldiers, families and retirees.

## Arts & Crafts classes

The Arts & Craft center, Bldg. 307 on SHAPE is offering the following classes:

**Basic Ceramics** - €40/4 lessons, Tue and Thu from 9 a.m. to noon.

**Introduction to Pottery** - €60/6 lessons, Tue and Thu from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m.

**Swarovski Jewelry making** - €10/lesson, Tue, Wed and Thu from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

**Floral Arrangements** - €10/lesson, €5/demonstration, Mon from 10 a.m. to noon.

**Quilting, Patchwork** - €12/lesson, Tue, Wed, Fri see <http://romipatch.com>.

**Sewing** - €12/lesson, see <http://www.romipatch.com>.

**Bobbin lace** - €12/lesson, Mon from 10 a.m. to noon.

**Watercolor painting** - €25/lesson, Thu from 10 a.m. to noon or 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Watercolor painting beginners** - €75/5 lessons, Wed from 10 to 11:30 a.m. or from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

**Framing** - €50, Mon-Fri, first Sat. of the month (three to four hours).

**Birthday party activities** - €30/reservation, Sat. for 2 hrs.

For additional information, call DSN 423-6049/4309 or civilian 065-44-6049/4309 or email [artsandcraftsshape@gmail.com](mailto:artsandcraftsshape@gmail.com).

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*Benelux News is a compilation of translated news stories from regional media sources*

## **Afghan asylum seekers**

Around 200 Afghan asylum seekers marched from Brussels to Gent last weekend to get support from the Flemish people. While people tend to think that Flemish people are less tolerant of refugees and immigrants, the Afghans received many expressions of support while they marched in Flanders. Many Flemish people said they understand and agree that Afghanistan is a dangerous country.

## **U.S. listening station in the Netherlands**

Dutch ministers want to be briefed on the secret U.S. listening activities near the Frisian town of Burum. The village is home to a large satellite station, known locally as the Big Ear, which is partly run by the defense ministry's communications service NSO. However, it is believed that the U.S. defense has placed its own equipment on a commercial part of the base which is only accessible to U.S. citizens with special passes. Commercial company NSO carries out monitoring on behalf of the two Dutch security services AIVD and MIVD. The rest of the site is operated by international satellite group Inmarsat.

## **Belgian smart traffic cameras**

The Belgian Police have unveiled plans to link up smart traffic cameras across the country. Several police districts are already equipped with smart traffic cameras that use ANPR, Automatic Number Plate Recognition. All vehicles that drive by are scanned and the computer then checks that they do not feature on the wanted list. In this way stolen and uninsured cars can be tracked down. The cameras are also used to check average speed over a stretch of road. In addition, they can be used to reduce crime. This only becomes possible when the smart cameras are linked up. Today wanted vehicles are scanned in certain police zones, but because the databanks are not linked up police officers are unaware that the car is on the wanted list. A pilot project is now being set up in Antwerp. Practically all police districts are investing in smart traffic cameras which is very costly.

## **"Uber" Taxi Service**

The alternative taxi service Uber wants to launch its operations in Belgium this year. Uber uses a smart phone app to link drivers and clients. The app is also used for payments. A ride with an Uber taxi would be slightly more expensive than a traditional taxi, but would provide more comfort. For example, the client would be able to see the taxi drive towards him in real time on his smart phone. At this time, the service is available in 68 cities. In some countries, for example France, Uber has run into trouble with local taxi services. Brussels taxi drivers have already indicated that they do not approve of Uber coming to their town.

## **Most popular Dutch first names**

Tess and Sem have overtaken Emma and Daan as the most popular names for babies born in the Netherlands. The list is compiled every year by the social insurance which pays the child benefits every family is entitled to. Sem (740 babies) has been in the top three for years but Tess (774 babies) is

a surprise new leader which was only in the 10th place in 2012. Sophie and Julia are second and third in the girl's list. Levi and Bram follow Sem in the list of most popular boys names. Some 168,000 children were born in the Netherlands last year. Among the more imaginative names in 2013 were Ridley-Scott, Alpacino, Lexus, Provider and Blessing for boys and Tiger-Lily, Queen-Chanelly and Pepper-Seven for girls.

## **Belgian 3D printing specialist**

The Belgian 3D printing specialist Melotte, based in Zonhove, is working with the U.S. space agency NASA on a project to create the blackest black through carbon nano-tubes. This technology can be applied in various ways. For example, a blacker than black layer in a telescope can remove all light reflection, which allows one to see celestial bodies more sharply. It can also be used for stealth technology or night vision.

## **Dutch prisoners to pay €16 a day**

The cabinet is planning to make convicted criminals pay toward the cost of the investigation into their crimes as well as a fee for each day they spend in jail. The justice ministry said it is to introduce a charge of €16 a day for prisoners, people in psychiatric prison and the parents of juveniles in detention. Prisoners and parents would be liable to pay the charge for a maximum of two years, costing them up to €11,680. At the same time the ministry is planning to make convicted criminals pay toward the cost of the investigation into their crime and the court costs. In doing so, the Netherlands is following a large number of other European countries with similar systems. The goal from both measures is to raise €65m a year.

## **European allround speed skating**

Dutch speed skaters have won gold and silver in both the men's and the women's European all-round speed skating event in the Norwegian city of Hamar. Jan Blokhuijsen and Koen Verweij came first and second in the men's event while Ireen Wüst and Yvonne Nauta took the women's gold and silver titles. The men's competition involves races of 500m, 1,500m, 5km and 10km; the women's 500m, 1,500m, 3km and 5km. Blokhuijsen is the 15th Dutch men's title holder. Six times champion Sven Kramer did not take part in the Hamar competition. After the event Wüst said she has never skated better.

## **Belgium is third on European divorce cases**

Statistics for the European Union put Belgium in the third place where divorce is concerned. Only Latvia and Lithuania have more cases. The explanation can be found in Belgium, but also abroad. The most common reason to split up, is "we've grown apart." Belgium has 2.9 cases of divorce for every 1,000 inhabitants. This is well behind Latvia (4.0) and Lithuania (3.4) but still before most European countries. In Flanders, the number of people getting a divorce boomed in the 80s and 90s. Catholic faith prevented this trend for a long time, but the industrialisation and the fact that Catholic faith and values started losing ground, caused a steady rise in the number ever since.



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

**16-26 January**

- **European Motor Show in Brussels** at Brussels Expo, on Belgiëplein 1. Visitors will see about all the makes of cars and motorbikes available in Belgium. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry is €7. More information on <http://autosalon.be/en/salon/visiteur/dates-et-heures/>.



**18 January**

- **Volksmarch in Flobecq** for 6, 12, 20 km. Departure is on Rue Abbé Pollart 4 from noon to 5 p.m.
- **Endives market and WWI exhibition in Saint-Symphorien** - The event starts at 1 p.m. at the Salle Calva on Chaussée Roi Baudouin 34. WWI conference at 2 p.m. and guided visit of the military cemetery at 3:30 p.m.

**19 January**

- **Volksmarch in Gerpennes** for 5,10, 20 km. Departure is on Rue du Bois d'Hymiee from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Neufmaison** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on Place de Neufmaison 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Saint-Symphorien** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is on Place de Saint-Symphorien 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Labliau** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km and orientation march for 8 km. Departure is on Rue de Labliau from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Through 2 February**

- **Wow is Wow exhibition in Brussels** - Wow is Wow is an exhibition that looks back on the World Fair organized in Brussels in 1958. Heiress of a certain vision of the future focused on science and modernity. the Atomium being the best representation of this futuristic vision today in Brussels. More information on <http://www.atomium.be/ExpoCurrent.aspx>.

**Through 9 February**

- **Brussels Ice Magic in Brussels** - Following a successful stop in Paris, the International Festival of Ice Sculptures 'Ice Magic' will be visiting Brussels for the first time, in the Place des Palais. Open every day from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and until 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For more information and to book tickets online, go to [http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE\\_en/minisite\\_brusselsicemagic/content/21811/brussels-ice-magic.do](http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/minisite_brusselsicemagic/content/21811/brussels-ice-magic.do).



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

**Through 19 January**

- **Vacation fair in Utrecht** at Jaarbeurs in the center of town. In one day you can stroll along the many different booths and get all the information you need to plan your next holiday. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Jan. 17 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Entry is €18.

**17-19 January**

- **Interclassics & TopMobiel in Maastricht** is a highlight for genuine car enthusiasts. Each year, more than 15,000 avid motor show spectators visit the greatest classic car event in the Benelux



region held at MECC. Entry is €17.50. Open Jan. 17 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Jan. 18-19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**18-19 January**

- **Outlet fair in Heesch** at Cultureel Centrum de Pas has children's clothes, ladies fashion, men's fashion, accessories and lots more. Opens at 10 a.m. Entry is €2.50.
- **Indoor antique fair "Limantica" in Tongeren (BE)** at Syntra Limburg Campus on Overhaemlaan. Open Jan. 18 from 1 to 6 p.m. and Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €3.
- **GoGreen Fair in Gorinchem** Fair held at Evenementenhal on Franklinweg 2 is a new fair with natural and environment friendly products for home, garden, recreation, fashion, food and transportation. Open on Jan. 18 from noon to 5 p.m. and Jan. 19 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Entry is €7 and children under 11 get free entrance.





**Through 9 February continued**

- **Brussels Skyliner** - A 85 meter high steel tower will be

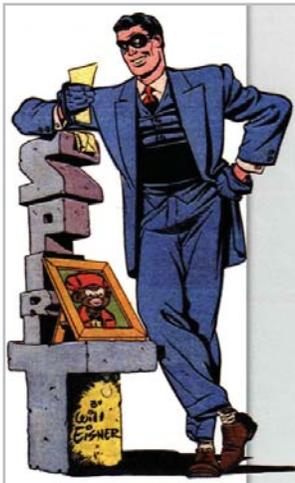


installed in Brussels. It will give you a full panorama of Brussels, stretching as far as 12 km in every direction with a trip lasting five, seven or nine minutes. The price is €8 for adults, 5€ for children and €24 for a family pack (two adults and two children). More information on [http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE\\_en/culture/67510/brussels-skyliner.do](http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/culture/67510/brussels-skyliner.do)

**Through 2 March**

- **Will Eisner, from the spirit to the graphic novel** -

Retrospective of American artist Will Eisner (1917-2005), the creator of "The Spirit" (1940). His fame rests also on his invention of the term "graphic novel" that defines very well the last works of his life about interhuman relations. More information on <http://www.comicscenter.net/en/exhibitions/the-great-temporary-exhibitions/will-eisner-from-the-spirit-to-the-graphic-novel>.



**Through 9 March**

- **The Gille going topsyturvy in Binche** at the international Carnival and Mask Museum on Rue du Saint Moustier 10. The exhibition presents the history of the Gille and some exceptions which have brought about certain rules which today have become binding; it shows the Gille today, in Binche but also elsewhere; it deals with communication linked to carnival and advertising campaigns using and abusing the image of the Gille and, finally, the exhibition presents objects of art which give the Gille the status of an icon. More information on <http://www.museedumasque.be/en/page.php?pageId=577>.

**Through 21 April**

- **The Art of the Brick - the playful universe of Nathan Sawaya in Brussels** - The first exhibition focusing exclusively on bricks as an art medium in Brussels. It's a European premiere after touring in North America, Asia and Australia. There is all of work of Nathan Sawaya and a build area for children so that big and small can have great fun. More information on <http://www.expo-artofthebrick.be>.



**18-19 January continued**

- **Adventure fair in Hilversum** held at Dudok Arena, Arena 303 - Visitors will meet with organizers of wine-tours, cooking courses, art retreats, and outdoor activities as well as owners of B&Bs and other idyllic accommodations. Stands with typical regional products such as wine, cheese, ceramics, and more are also present. The fair is open both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and entry is €12.50. More information on <http://www.adventure-fair.com>.



**19 January**

- **Indoor flea market in Bruges (BE)** with more than 200 booths from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Beurshalle on Hauwerstraat. Entry is €2.
- **Reptile Fair in Gorinchem** at Evenementenhal has many interesting reptiles and other cold blooded animals like snakes, spiders, insects and more. Entry is €5.
- **Volksmarch in Stevensweert** for 7, 13, 20 km. Departure is in de Wieën from 8 a.m. to noon, for the 20 km route, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 13 km route and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the 7 km route.
- **Volksmarch in Berg en Terblijt** for 15 km. Departure is on Geulhemmerweg 49 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Flea market in De Schakel** on Broeklaan 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. entrance is €2.50.

**20-26 January**

- **Jazz Week in Leiden** held in several places, bars and cafés. More information on <http://www.jazzstadleiden.nl>.



**Through 2 February**

- **Winter Efteling in Tilburg** at Efteling Amusement & Fairy Tale Park in Kaatsheuvel on Europalaan near Tilburg offers good old-fashion winter fun. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Entry is €35.

## SHAPE Trips & Tours

For information on the trips below,  
call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-44-3884

- **Amsterdam, January 18** - Take a ride through the winding canal lined streets on a guided bicycle tour, walk the town, visit the Van Gogh Museum, or the Anne Frank House, Amsterdam is famous for its beautiful canals and outrageous cafes. So whether you're an art lover, music lover or a culture lover, Amsterdam has a lot to offer. Price is €55 per adult, €48 for children (0-12). Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m., departs Brussels at 7:30 a.m. Returns to Brussels at 11 p.m. and returns to SHAPE at midnight.

## Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

- **Ski and Snowboard Trip, February 1** - depart Schinnen at 6 a.m. and will return at 9 p.m. Cost is \$49. Lift pass & equipment is not included.

## SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trips below  
call civilian 0486/56.53.71

- **Harry Potter Studios, January 25** - Warner Bros. Studio Tour London is a behind-the-scenes walking tour which immerses guests into the world of film-making featuring authentic costumes, sets and props from the Harry Potter film series. Price is €90 per adult and €80 for children under 15.



Courtesy Photo

The SHAPE Travel Group is celebrating its 35th Anniversary, January 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. see Community Round Up section for more details.



Archive Photos

## Upcoming trips

### SHAPE Trips & Tours

- **Netherlands Largest Bazaar, January 25**
- **Brugge Medieval Dinner, February 1**
- **Paris, February 15**
- **Belgian Beer Tour - February 22**
- **Vietnam, February 28 to March 9**
- **London, March 1**
- **Ski Week, Kaprun Austria, March 1-8**
- **Benidorm, Spain, April 5-15**
- **Hans caves and safari park, April 19**
- **Paris, May 17**
- **Polish pottery, May 29 - June 1**
- **Stonehenge with Salisbury, June 28**
- **7 Night Mediterranean Cruise, July 4-11**

### Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Paris, March 15**
- **Trout fishing, March 29**
- **Trip to Malgrat De Mar, Spain, April 18-27**

### SHAPE Travel Group

- **Villeroy-Boch & Sparkling Wine, January 30**
- **TROCing in Hainaut & Namur, February 6**
- **London & Phantom of the Opera, February 13**
- **Breendonk Memorial, February 20**
- **Creativa Craft Fair, Brussels, March 14**
- **Polish Pottery Outlet & Utrecht, March 21**
- **Champagne in Epernay, April 24**
- **Keukenhof & The Hague, April 29**
- **Strasbourg, May 8**
- **Versailles Palace & Gardens, May 22**
- **Tongeren & the antiques market, June 1**
- **A day in Paris, June 19**

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

## 17 January

- **Newcomer's Tour** - From 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We go beyond the gate on this day to learn and utilize the public transportation to visit points of interest in the community. ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian 046-443-7450/7500.

## 21 January

- **Scream Free Marriage** - From 1 to 4 p.m. in the ACS Conference Room. This two-part workshop offers the opportunity to challenge your notions about what marriage should be. It provides good advice on calming down, growing up, and getting closer and will allow couples to enjoy an honest, intimate relationship that turns common conflicts into a deeper, lifelong connection. For information or to register, call DSN 360-7453/7500 or civilian 046-443-7453/7500.

## 22 January

- **Veteran Administration (VA) Briefing** - From 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the ACS Conference room. Learn the latest on VA policies and benefits. Briefing is followed by information on the Disabled Transition Assistance Program (DTAP) from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information or to register, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian 046-443-7269/7500. Briefing is mandatory for retiring or separating service members.

## 23 January

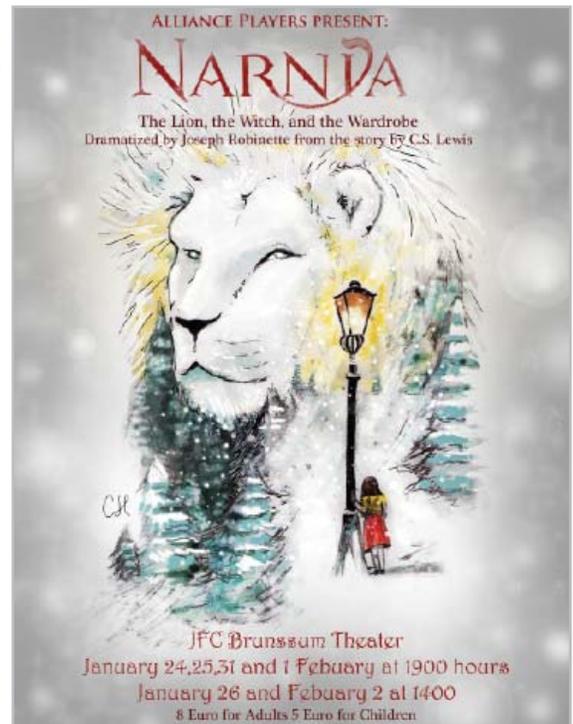
- **Veteran Administration (VA) One-on-One** - From 8:30 a.m. to noon at ACS. The VA Rep will be available to meet one-on-one to answer any personal questions and review your benefits. Call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian 046-443-7269/7500 to schedule a 30 minute appointment.

## 24 January

- **CYSS Parents' Night Out** - Enjoy a night out while CYSS takes care of your children from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. A light dinner will be served. Care is \$20 per child with each additional sibling at \$18. AFC benefits can be used. Care is located at JFC Brunssum. To sign-up contact PCS at least two days prior at 045-526-3121 or stop by JFC Bldg. H-602 to make your reservation. Fees are non-refundable.

## 24, 25, 26, 31 January and 1, 2 February

- **Narnia** - The Alliance Players presents Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, dramatized by Joseph Robinette from the story by C.S. Lewis at 7 p.m. (Jan. 24, 25, 31 and Feb. 1) and at 4 p.m. (Jan. 26 and Feb. 2) at the JFC Brunssum Theater. Entrance fee is €8 per adult, €5 for children.



# SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

## 16 January

- **Preteen/teen book club** - Meets at 4:30 p.m. at the SHAPE International Library to discuss *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card. 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 or commercial 065-44-5631.

## 18 January

- **Family Fun Night** - from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Community Recreation Center on Chièvres Air Base. Cost is \$3 for admission and \$5 skate rental is available. Open to SHAPE green ID card holders.

## 21 January

- **Interviewing Tips and Techniques Workshop** - From 9 a.m. to noon at the Digital Training Facility, Bldg. 20104, Chièvres Air Base. Registration is required at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-32-6824.

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY Continued

22 January

- **Personal Finance Workshop "Debt Elimination"** - From 1 to 2 p.m. in Bldg. 318, SHAPE. For more information or to register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-32-6824.
- **Master Resilience Training Module Three Building Character Strengths** - Training helps service members, civilians, retirees and family members to navigate the simple and complex roads of military life. From 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Benelux Auditorium, Bldg. 30, Caserne Daumerie. For additional information and registration, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-32-6824.

24 January

- **35th Anniversary of the SHAPE Travel Group** - The anniversary will be celebrated from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the foyer of the library with AFN live broadcasting, refreshments and raffle prizes.

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

16 January

- **Scream-Free Parenting** - held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the ACS Conference Room, Bldg. 4-320.

17 January

- **Metro Madness** - Learn how to use public transportation and take a trip to explore Brussels from 9:30 am. to 2:30 p.m. For more information or to register call ACS at DSN 368-9783/9729 or civilian 02-717-9783/9729

21 January

- **American Club of Brussels Dine-Out (register by 17 January)**- Join the American Club of Brussels for an evening at L'Huître on Quai aux Briques 20, one of Brussels' most famous fish restaurants for a three course menu at \$30 per person for ACB members and \$35 for non members. For additional information or to register, email info@americanclubbrussels.org .
- **Spin Class** starts today at the USAG Benelux-Brussels Fitness Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday.

22 January

- **Scream-Free Parenting** - held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the ACS Conference Room, Bldg. 4-320.

23 January

- **Scream-Free Parenting** - held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the ACS Conference Room, Bldg. 4-320.

25 January

- **American Legion Post BE02 conducts High School Oratorical Scholarship contest** - At the Brussels American High School starting at 11 a.m. with contestants first giving a short prepared speech on the U.S. constitution. This portion of the contest is followed by an assigned speech of three to five minutes. The members of Post BE02 invite the public to attend the contest to support the students. Further information can be obtained via email to Flanders.Field.Post.BE02@gmail.com.

28 January (register by 24 January)

- **Networking event at the Hard Rock Café** sponsored by the American Club of Brussels starting at 6:30 p.m. and until 8 p.m. at the Hard Rock Café on the Grand'Place 12a. Cost is €25 for ACB members and €30 for non-members with two drinks included. Register by noon on Jan. 24 via email at info@americanclubbrussels.org.

USAG Benelux-Brussels

# Spin Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
11:30 – 12:30

Start date: January 21

What is Spinning? An indoor stationary cycling class that combines basic cycling movements with motivational coaching, breathing awareness, and heart rate training. This non-impact, individually paced, cardio class will definitely move you!







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