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Benelux news briefs

Gate closure

In response to temporary manning needs, Chièvres Air Base closed the main gate, Gate 1, July 14 and opened the back gate at Chièvres, Gate 14, which will remain open through Aug. 1. Using the back gate ensures that both delivery trucks and automobiles can access Chièvres Air Base effectively. Gate 14 is the only access point to Chièvres Air Base through Aug. 1.

Corrigendum

On page 3 of the July 10 edition of the Gazette, the location of one of the Independence Day festivals was incorrectly identified.

Although the fest was attended by Tri-Border Community Soldiers, civilians and family members (from USAG Benelux-Schinnen; Headquarters, Joint Forces Command Brunssum and NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen), it took place on the HQ JFC Brunssum Sports Fields, not on Geilenkirchen AB.

Call for bloggers

USAG Benelux is looking for bloggers for a historical program. For details, email usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil with 'interested in blogging' in the subject line.



39th Signal Battalion passes the guidon

Col. Suzanne M. Self, commander of the 2nd Signal Brigade, passes the guidon to Lt. Col. Eric J. Van Den Bosch as a symbol of his assumption of duties as 39th Signal Battalion commander. (U.S. Army photo by Donovan Abrassart)

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39th Signal Battalion welcomes new commander

39th Signal Battalion welcomed a new commander during a change-of-command ceremony Thursday, July 10, 2014, on Chièvres Air Base. Lt. Col. Eric J. Van Den Bosch replaces Lt. Col. Joyce M. LuGrain. Van Den Bosch comes to 39th Signal from Headquarters, Department of the Army, where he was the division chief of the LandWarNet Architecture Integration Division under Chief Information Officer Staff.



(Clockwise from center photo) Col. Suzanne M. Self, commander of the 2nd Signal Brigade, accepts the guidon from the outgoing commander of the 39th Signal Battalion, Lt. Col. Joyce M. LuGrain, as LuGrain relinquishes command. • 39th Signal Battalion Soldiers salute during the playing of the national anthems. • Van Den Bosch, Self and LuGrain salute the flags during the playing of the national anthems • 39th Signal Battalion Crest (U.S.Army photos by Donovan Abrassart)

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Trenches to Foxholes

Next week in World War history (July 20 to 26)

World War I

1914

July 25 - Austria-Hungary, with the backing of Germany, delivers an ultimatum to Serbia. The Serbs propose arbitration as a way to resolve dispute, but also begin mobilization of their troops.

1915

July 21 - President Woodrow Wilson sends notes to Secretary of War Lindley M. Garrison and Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels directing them to draft a defense program.

1916

July 20 - The British launch an attack on High Wood during the Somme offensive. The Germans hold onto High Wood until Sept. 15. The area was never fully cleared, and it is believed that the remains of thousands of British and German soldiers still lie in High Wood.

1917

July 21 - The armed merchant cruiser HMS OTWAY is torpedoed and sunk by German submarine UC49. Ten people are killed.

July 22 - Russians penetrate two miles into German defenses east of Vilna, Lithuania, taking 1,000 prisoners.

1918

July 21 - Pvt. Mato Raikovich, U.S. Army, earns the Distinguished Service Cross for action south of Soissons, France. Raikovich assists in carrying a machine gun forward through intense enemy machine-gun and artillery fire. Placing his machine gun in action, he delivers an effective fire that causes the enemy to abandon the counterattack.

July 22 - 1st Lt. John Rachek, U.S. Army, earns the Distinguished Service Cross for action at Trugny, France. Although he has been twice wounded, Rachek refuses to be evacuated and continues on duty with his company during the attack and capture of Trugny under heavy fire until he is incapacitated by a third wound.

- Canadian ace Raymond Collishaw gets his 51st victory shooting down a German Albatros D.V at Scarpe River, France.



Raymond Collishaw smiles from the cockpit c. 1917.

July 24 - German Ace Emil Schäpe scores his fifth victory shooting down a Bréguet XIV northeast of Sept-Saulx, France. In three months Schäpe will be stationed at Chièvres Air Field where he will get the last eight of his 18 victories.

July 25 - Allies take Villetontoire (6 miles south of Soissons), Oulchy-le-Chateau (north of River Ourcq) and the southern half of Forest of Fere.

World War II

1940

July 22 - British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Lord Halifax (Edward Frederick Lindley Wood), rejects Hitler's proposal for peace of July 19, 1940. "No one here wants the war to go on for a day longer than is necessary. But we shall not stop fighting until freedom, for ourselves and others, is secure." This is a departure from his previous stance, urging British Prime Minister Winston Churchill to negotiate a peace with Germany.

1941

July 21 - One hundred and twenty-seven German Luftwaffe bombers take off from an airfield near Smolensk, Russia, to attack Moscow in multiple waves during the night; the resulting air alarms are the first to be sounded in the city.

- Franklin D. Roosevelt asks the U.S. Congress to modify the Selective Service Act, increasing the period of service from one year of active service to also include 30 months in the reserve.

July 22 - Adolf Hitler sends an armored train equipped with anti-aircraft weapons to Benito Mussolini as a birthday gift.

July 23 - A British Hampden bomber, returning to Waddington, Lincolnshire, England, after a minelaying sortie, crashes into the staff residence of Lincoln Girls High School on Lindum Hill in the nearby city of Lincoln. The crew of four are all killed as is the senior French mistress who died trying to escape from the burning building.

1942

July 23 - The U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), fearful that the completion of the Japanese airfield on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands might signal a renewed enemy advance in the South Pacific that could threaten U.S. aid to New Zealand and Australia, agree to deploy Marines to secure the lines of communication.

1943

July 20 - Italian troops surrender en masse to U.S. troops in Sicily, Italy, as U.S. 82nd Airborne Division captures Sciacca and Menfi, U.S. 9th Infantry Division captures Santo Stefano Quisquina and the heights north of Mussomeli, U.S. 2nd Armored Division with British troops in support captures Enna, Canadian 1st Division reaches Leonforte, and British 51st Division attacks the Sferro airfield.

- Approximately 150 aircraft of Allied Northwest African Strategic Air Force and more than 100 aircraft of U.S. 9th Air Force attack Rome for a second day in a row, targeting rail marshalling yards and the Ciampino Airfield. On the return trip, 9th Air Force planes drop their remaining bombs on targets at Anzio and Sicily.

1944

July 26 - German Lt. Alfred Schreiber, flying an Me 262A jet fighter, damages a British Mosquito aircraft crewed by Flight Lt. Albert Wall and navigator Albert Lobban. This is the first air-to-air combat involving a jet aircraft.

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

Online tool helps newcomers submit HHG claims

by Reggy Krijgsman
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The Defense Personal Property System, or DPS, is a great tool that allows you to take care of your household-goods move because of a permanent change of station, or PCS, from the comfort of your home, saving you time and energy.

What you need to do to get started: You must establish a DPS account to manage your claim. If the Transportation Office at origin hasn't already assisted you with obtaining a user ID and password, you can easily arrange for it yourself. Go to <http://www.move.mil>; on the left side of the web page, you'll see "New to Move.mil." Click on "First-time users click here" right below it, or use the "DPS Login/Registration Process" tab at the top of the page in the gray bar.

What you need to do to next: All loss/damage must be declared and filed within 75 days of delivery. Neither the transportation service provider nor the government will pay for items that aren't identified on the loss/damage report within 75 days.

You will still get the hard-copy DD Form 1840 and DD Form 1840R (usually a pink, two-sided document) or DD Form 1850 and DD Form 1851 or equivalent DPS notification form from the delivering agent on the day that you receive your goods. and you will still complete



Courtesy photo

the front, the DD Form 1840 (or DPS equivalent), jointly with the agent. The back of the form, the DD Form 1840R (or DPS equivalent), however, no longer has to be completed manually and taken to the Claims Office (but you may still do so within 70 days of delivery, if you prefer). An automated version of this form can be found on DPS, and you can conveniently complete it online.

Remember, submitting notice of loss

and damage doesn't constitute filing a claim. Don't confuse this with the actual claim-filing process. They are two different steps. You have nine months from the date of delivery to file your claim on DPS by selecting the "Claims" tab.

Whether or not your shipment was booked through the Defense Personal Property System, you can always stop by the Claims Office for help.

Get assistance from Benelux claims offices

Service members and other qualified U.S. ID Card holders may receive assistance filing their claims in the Defense Personal Property System, or DPS, at the local Military Claims Office.

Brussels: Northern Law Center

Call DSN 423-4868 or civilian 065 444868 to make an appointment for the Northern Law Center at Brussels, which is open for appointments only Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Schinnen: Netherlands Law Center

Call DSN 314-360-7683 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437683.

SHAPE: Northern Law Center

DSN 423-4195/3502. Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 5 p.m. Open Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

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

Submit your claim soon to get money's worth

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The Full Replacement Value Act (US Code Title 10 §2636a) of 2003 allows the Secretary of Defense to include a clause for full replacement value in rates filed and contracts with transportation service providers.

The Defense Reauthorization Act for fiscal year 2007 required the government to contract for FRV protection with all transportation service providers by March 1, 2008. This authorization also allows the government to deduct the value of outstanding claims of a TSP based on FRV from the amount due to a provider if the provider fails to settle that outstanding claim.

FRV Liability

If the customer files a claim with the TSP via the Defense Personal Property System (DPS) – via the official DPS portal at <http://www.move.mil/> – within nine months of delivery, the TSP is liable for the repair or FRV cost of the damaged item, whichever is less, and for the FRV cost of lost or destroyed items, unless one or more of the exclusions listed in Section 1.3 of “The Defense Personal Property Program Claims and Liability Business Rules” applies.

If the customer files a claim directly with the TSP or Military Claims Office more than nine months but within two years after delivery, the provider is liable for the depreciated value of lost or destroyed items, not the full replacement value.

For items that are damaged but not destroyed, the TSP will, at its option, either repair the items to the extent necessary to restore them to the condition when received by the TSP, or pay the customer for the cost of such repairs.

For most items that are destroyed (i.e., the repair cost exceeds replacement cost) or lost, the TSP will, at its option, either replace the lost or destroyed item with a new item, or pay the fair market replacement cost of a new item. New items should, to the greatest extent possible, be from the same manufacturer and should be the same make and model as the item that was lost or destroyed. If the TSP cannot find a new item that is the same as the item that was lost or destroyed, the provider may replace the item with one of comparable quality and features.

However, for lost or destroyed items that are part of sets, such as a silver service, crystal glasses or china, the TSP may replace the lost item with a like item that matches the rest of the set. Likewise, some items – such as collectible figures (e.g., Hummel and Lladro), collectible plates, collectible dolls, baseball cards, antiques, comic books, coin and stamp collections, and objects of art – cannot be properly replaced with new items because their value is based, in part, on the fact that they are no longer made and are no longer available for purchase as new items. For this type of item, the

TSP may replace the lost or destroyed item with the same or comparable item or pay the replacement cost of the item.

Replacement cost, whether depreciated or undepreciated, is based on the replacement cost at destination and includes shipping charges and sales tax. However, the TSP isn't required to pay shipping charges and/or sales tax in excess of \$10 on a claim until it receives proof that the charges and taxes were actually paid.

'If the customer files a claim more than nine months after delivery – but within two years after delivery – the provider is liable for the depreciated value of lost or destroyed items, not the full replacement value.'

Learn from hints on how to move successfully

People undergoing a permanent change of station should be extra careful during PCS season when many others are going through the same process. Here are some tips to help you:

- Photograph or videotape items in your home prior to the move.
- Be prepared for the movers, organize your belongings, and know the value and condition of your items.
- Review each item on your inventory and verify that the condition is listed accurately.
- Ensure that all electronic items are listed with the make, model and serial

number on the inventory.

- Hand-carry jewelry and other small but highly-valuable items along with receipts, pictures and other documents that substantiate the ownership and value of your belongings.
- Keep everything the carrier gives you.
- Don't sign anything until you have read, understood and agreed with it. The carrier must provide you a legible copy of everything you sign. Never sign a blank, incomplete or illegible form, or a form you don't understand.
- Don't argue with the carrier's rep-

resentative. If you have a problem, call your nearest transportation office.

After your move

- Don't get rid of your DD 1840 or any other forms the carrier gives you.
- Do have the carrier unpack all professionally packed boxes and remove the resulting packing materials.
- If you have any missing/destroyed items, go to your nearest Claims Office or visit www.jagcnet4.army.mil/pclaims to file your notice of loss/damage or your claim online. For more information, contact the Northern Law Center at DSN 423-4868 or civilian 065-444868.

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Brussels ACS offers job-search help

Dress for Success - This workshop, designed to help you choose appropriate attire for interviews, will be held at the Brussels Army Community Service In Building 4's ACS conference room Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Reservation is required; call civilian 065-326824.

Interviewing Tips and Techniques - Brussels Army Community Service offers this workshop in the ACS conference room in Building 4 Aug. 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Attend this workshop to learn the best ways to answer the "tough" questions you often face in an interview. Registration is required; call civilian 065-326824.

Employment/education fair at Schinnen

Bring your résumé to the Schinnen Tri-Border Community's Employment, Education and College Fair at the JFC Conference Center Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to U.S. ID card holders. For more information, call DSN 360-7500/7269 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500/7269, or DSN 458-6015 or civilian +31 (0) 49 (0) 2451-633791.

BOSS holds 25th annual games

In honor of its 25th anniversary, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, will host the 2014 BOSS Games in Livorno, Italy, Aug. 7 to 10.

Soldiers can test their skills in an exciting competition.

- Competitors will be on eight-member teams (four male/four female).

- BOSS Games include physical and leisurely competition.

- Government transportation will be provided for attendees.

Contact your local BOSS representative to register.

Cost: \$50 for Soldiers

Contact DSN 485-1700 or civilian +49 (0) 678-36-1700, or +49 (0) 678-39993300.

Schinnen ACS offers financial counseling

One-on-One Counseling - Receive specialized help and support on subjects ranging from local utility bills to personal finances. Call Schinnen's financial-readiness counselor at Army Community Service for an appointment at civilian +31 (0) 46-4437450.

Meditate at Schinnen ACS

Meditation Mondays - Join others Mondays from noon to 1 p.m. in the Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program, or FAP, Lounge in Building 39 on Schinnen and begin the week by slowing down, getting centered and quieting your mind.

For information and registration, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500.

Summer travel

Summer break and the moving season are just beginning. As a result, many people will be traveling across Europe and around the globe. Any travel comes with potential danger, including travel in foreign countries.

The USAREUR Antiterrorism Division reminds members of the U.S. forces community that those risks include terrorist

attacks. USAREUR Antiterrorism Division officials remind people to be vigilant and use sound risk-based decision-making when traveling or participating in public events.

You can reduce the likelihood of becoming a terror victim by maintaining situational awareness in large crowds. The USAREUR Antiterrorism Division asks you to immediately report suspicious activity to appropriate authorities. Fortunately, with a bit of forethought and planning, you can securely navigate your summer.

In order to help, USAREUR's Antiterrorism experts have designed an information trifold brochure now available at http://www.eur.army.mil/vigilance/Travel_Guidance_trifold_June2014.pdf.

USAG Benelux Safety Office

The USAG Benelux Installation Safety Office is hosting a special Basic Rider Course for DOD civilians at Building 134 on Chièvres Air Base (DES Classroom) and Motorcycle Range July 30 to 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A valid driver license is needed to participate.

The basic rider course is a two-day classroom and hands-on training course designed to teach riders proper personal protective gear selection; use and familiarity with controls; riding maneuvers, such as clutch, throttle control, straight-line riding, stopping and emergency maneuvers.

To register, call the Safety Office at DSN 361-6114 or civilian 068-276114.

Brussels services hours

CAC Office - The Brussels Common Access Card Office in Building 4, Room 311, will be closed Wednesdays. You can call the ID card section at SHAPE in Building 253, to schedule an appointment. For a SHAPE appointment, call DSN 366-6191 or civilian 065-446191.

IACS - The USAG Benelux-Brussels Installation Access Control System office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SHAPE International Library

Belgian Corner - If you are looking for something to do with the family this weekend, want to explore Belgian cuisine or wonder about the origins of Belgian festivals, visit SHAPE International Library's new Belgian Corner. You can find information on local festivals, attractions and museums as well as Belgian food and traditions.

Located between the French and German sections, the Belgian Corner helps you to familiarize yourself with your temporary home.

For more information, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631, email mwr.shape.library.info@us.army.mil or stop by during regular hours.

Book clubs - The Kids Book Club and the Preteen/Teen Book Club are taking a break for the summer.

The Kids Book Club resumes Sept. 11 at 4:30 p.m.

The Preteen/Teen Book Club resumes Sept. 18 at 4:30 p.m. Both clubs will meet monthly during the school year.

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SATO starts summer hours

Summer operating hours for the CWT SatoTravel Office at Chièvres Air Base will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Sept. 5. Normal operating hours will resume Sept. 8.

Summer reading program 'Paws to Read'

Brussels - The program runs through July 23. For more information, call DSN 368-9791 or civilian 02-7179791.

Schinnen - The program runs through Aug. 17. It is open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders between the ages of 3 and 18 years old. For more information call DSN 364-2669 or civilian 045-5262669.

SHAPE/Chièvres - Registration is open and will continue throughout the summer.

For more information, call the SHAPE International Library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631 or the Chièvres Library at DSN 361-5767 or civilian 068-275767. You can also visit the libraries' website at <http://chievres.armymwr.com/europe/chievres/>.

Brunssum Gym offers self-defense

Women's Self-Defense Classes - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 to 8 a.m. at the JFC Brunssum Gym. Cost is €5 per session. Call civilian +31 (0) 6-52368426.

Brunssum Gym changes hours

The JFC Brunssum Fitness Center has new hours: Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Fitness Center is available for use outside of normal working hours, or ONWH, providing the user has attended an ONWH Fitness Center safety and registration brief. These briefings are conducted at the JFC Fitness Center Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

The following are eligible to use the fitness center: active-duty military, NATO civilians, military retirees and dependents, age 18 and older.

Contact DSN 364-3170 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263170.

Soccer Tournament at JFC Brunssum

The German National Soccer Team at JFC Brunssum is organizing the 34th International Soccer Tournament to include a delegation, ladies, youngsters and oldies Cup Aug. 14 to 15. If you have a soccer team or if you are interested in participating, call DSN 364-3022/2964 or civilian 045-5273022/2964.

CYSS at Brussels

Summer camp - Brussels CYSS offers summer camps through Aug. 22 for youth who have completed grades kindergarten through 11. Register soon because space is limited. Contact Brussels CYSS Parent Central at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651.

Fall soccer - Registration is open through Aug. 29 for fall soccer, ages 3 to 15 years, with season starting Sept. 8. Cost for children ages 3 to 5 is \$20 and for children ages 6 to 15 is \$40.

Fall cheerleading - Registration is open through Aug. 29 for ages 8 to 12 years with season starting Sept. 8. Cost is \$40.

Flag football - Registration is open through Aug. 29 for ages 10 to 15. Season starts Sept. 8. Cost is \$40.

For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9539/9651 or civilian 02-7179539/9651.

CYSS at Schinnen/Brunssum

Home Alone workshop - I'm Home Alone - Attend this informational workshop July 30 at the Youth Center on JFC Brunssum to determine the answers to these questions:

Is your child ready to be home alone? Are YOU ready for your child to be home alone?

The parent workshop will be held from noon to 1 p.m. The youth workshop (for sixth-graders and above) will be held from 1 to 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Parent Central Services at DSN 364-3121/2023 and civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.

Teen baby-sitting course - Learn basic child-care skills and get Red Cross certified in first aid and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, at the Schinnen Youth Center Aug. 11 to 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. The course offers lots of information, including tips on entertaining children, business practices and child development as well as safety and nutrition. You must be 12 years old (seventh grade) or older and registered with Schinnen CYSS to participate in the course. Space is limited. For more information or to reserve your space, call CYSS Parent Central Services at DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45 526-3121/2023. Cost: \$15 per person.

Summer camp - The USAG Benelux-Schinnen School Age Center and Youth Center offer summer-camp trips through Aug. 15. Space is limited. Call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian 045-5263121/2023 for full summer-camp details.

CYSS at SHAPE

Summer Sensations newcomers event - The SHAPE Teen Center staff invites youths and families who are new to the SHAPE/Chièvres community to become acquainted with CYSS programs July 31 from 3 to 6 p.m. in Building 503 on SHAPE next to the Pizza Bowl. Join the fun at Summer Sensations: games, crafts, pool/billiards, movies and more. Find out what CYSS has to offer middle-school and high-school teens.

Summer Camp - Registration is open for the Summer Camp through Aug. 22. Call SHAPE Parent Central Services at DSN 423-6039/6099 or civilian 065-446039/6099.

Paid internship - If you are a U.S. citizen between 15 and 18, 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 offers a paid internship for 12 continuous work weeks once all goals are met with 15 to 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.

Call CYSS at DSN 423-5611 or civilian 065-445611.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

July 18 to 20

- **Antiques Fair in Ciney** - More than 300 booths will be set up in the Ciney Expo, Rue du Marché Couvert 3, to sell antiques from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on all three days. Admission Friday is €10 and Saturday or Sunday €8.

July 19

- **Volksmarch in Binche** for 4, 6, 12 or 25 km. Departs Avenue Wanderpepen 30 from 6 to 11 a.m. for the 25 km route and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the other routes.
- **Evening flea market in Jemappes** - In the center of town starting at 4 p.m. until 11 p.m. (200 booths).
- **Evening flea market in Horrués** - On Rue du Tram from 3 to 10 p.m. (100 booths).
- **Flea market in Marcq** - On Rue de Labliau, near the church, from 1 to 8 p.m. (250 booths).



Cris Spook

July 19 to 20

- **Agricultural fair in Brugelette** - Display of farming equipment, vintage tractors and animals in the city park from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days. Free admission.

July 19 to Aug. 17

- **"Foire du Midi" (funfair) in Brussels** - The Brussels funfair on Boulevard du Midi holds more than 120 different rides, every day from 3 p.m. to midnight.

July 20

- **Volksmarch in Thorembais-les-Béguines** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km. Departs Rue de Mellemont from 9 a.m. through 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Robechies** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km. Departs Place de Robechies from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Wodecq** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km. Departs the soccer field at Quesnoit 23 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Jurbise** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km. Departs Rue du Moustier 8 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Boat trip from Brussels to Drogenbos** - Starting at Quai Béco at 10 a.m. on Avenue du Port 6, the boat trip takes you on the Brussels canal to Anderlecht, passing two locks. Arrival is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Cost ranges from €6 to €8. Prior registration is needed; visit <http://www.brusselsbywater.be>.

- **Mountain bike ride in Hen-nuyères** for 25, 35, 45, or 60 km. Departs Rue du Planois 83 as of 8 a.m. Fee is €4 to €5. Showers and bike wash are available.



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

July 17 to 19

- **Fishery Days Festival in Bruinisse** has a fair, naval parade, music, shows, choirs (including the shanty-choir festival), delicacies and lots more in the harbor and town center.

July 18 to 20

- **Rotterdam Unlimited in Rotterdam** is a six-day cultural festival with music, dance, theater and carnival parades in the city center.

July 18 to 21

- **Belgian Rhythm 'n' Blues Festival in Peer**, Belgium, is Europe's largest and is legendary for its mix of blues, soul, gospel and roots music. Get details at <http://www.brbbf.be>.

July 18 to 27

- **Fest Days of Gent in Gent**, Belgium, is a cultural folkloric festival held in the city center with shows, theater, exhibition, rides, an old craft market, parades and more. Find out more at <http://www.gentsefeesten.be>.
- **Bloem & Tuin 2014 in Nuenen** is the most versatile and blooming garden event in the Benelux and is held at Het Klooster, Park 1. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: adults €12; children, age 11 and younger, free. Get details at <http://www.bloem-entuin.nl/>.

July 19

- **Art and Antique Market in Haarlem** is held at Op de Dreef in the city center from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Lempkesmarkt in Ubachsberg** near Voerendaal is a traditional evening market held from 5 to 11 p.m. in the town center. Enjoy the illuminated booths.

July 19 and 26

- **Antique and Curiosa Market in Roermond**, held at Kloosterwandlein in the center of town from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., is small but attractive. It might just be the place for an unexpected find.

July 19 to 20

- **Atsusacon in Antwerp**, Belgium, celebrates Japanese culture and is the center of attention at Antwerp Expo on Jan van Rijswijklaan 191. Admission: €10. Open July 19 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and July 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Delft Ceramica in Delft** is an international ceramics event held in the city center on the Market Square. Many artists and craftsmen participate and display Delftware, ceramics and china. Admission: free. Open July 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and July 20 from 1 to 5 p.m.



July 20 Continued

- **Flea market in Tertre** - On Place de Tertre from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (100 booths).
- **Flea market in Bois-de-Lessines** - On the square from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (100 booths).
- **Flea market in Anderlecht** - On Place Martin Luther King from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (120 booths).
- **Flea market in Jemappes** - On Rue de l'Industrie, Rue Florimond Lemoine and Rue Dr. Wolkas from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (190 booths).

July 21 - Belgian National Day

- **National Day festivities in Brussels** - Starting at 10 a.m. at the Brussels Parc Royal with various activities: death ride, concerts, information booths throughout the day and until 11:30 p.m. Also in the park, is an area dedicated to the commemoration of the beginning of WWI and one to the 70th Anniversary of the Normandy landing. An international parade of giants will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. on Rue de la Régence. Admission to the park is free of charge. Fireworks will close the festivities of the day. For additional information, check <http://www.sibp.be>.
- **Open-air special National Day dinner in Brussels** - On the Place du Jeu de Balle, mussels and fries will be served from 6 through 10 p.m. while customers enjoy live music. Dinner is €21. For more information, visit <http://restonational.be>.
- **Volksmarch in Peronnes-lez-Antoing** for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 km. Departs Rue du Centre 57 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Annual sales in Frameries** - In the center of town from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Soignies** - At the Parc Pater from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. (100 booths)
- **Flea market in Cuesmes** - On the square from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (150 booths).



Summer music festivals - Mark your calendar

July 16 to 21

- **Music festival "Francofolies de Spa" in Spa** - Get more information at <http://www.francofolies.be/>.

July 17 to 20

- **Dour festival in Dour** - Find out more at <http://www.dourfestival.be/en/info/>.

July 19-24

- **The Leffe Jazz Festival in Dinant** - International musicians and bands perform at the most important Jazz festival in Belgium. There is also a Young Talent Contest. You'll find more information at <http://dinantjazznights.org>.

July 31 to Aug. 3

- **Esperanzah in Floreffe** - Read more about it at <http://www.esperanzah.be>.



July 19 to Aug. 1

- **Championships Skûtsjesilen in Friesland** is a sailing race. Skûtsjes are typical Dutch Frisian ships traditionally used by farmers as cargo ships. In this race, captains of these historic ships compete to become champion in this annual competition in the Dutch province. Read more about it at <http://www.vvzuidwestfriesland.nl>.

July 20

- **American Day in Baarlo**, held in the town center, has many American cars on display with a parade at 10:30 a.m. It's an American party with live music, starting at 1:30 p.m. No admission fee.
- **English Fair in Kerkrade** offers all kinds of English products and delicacies. The fair is held in the Botanische Tuin (Botanical Garden) on St. Hubertuslaan 74. Admission: €4. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Bantopa Party in Weert** is a multicultural festival with dance, music and a multicultural market held on Nieuwe Markt.

July 21

- **Malmedy Celebrates in Malmedy**, Belgium, is an annual festival organized in honor of the National Day in the city center with a flea market, an old craft market, attractions, fireworks and more.
- **International Painters Market in Neeroeteren**, Belgium, near Maaseik, Belgium, offers demonstrations and entertainment around St. Lambertus Church from noon to 6 p.m.

July 24 to 26

- **Bourgondische Krabbenfoor in Bergen op Zoom** is a festival full of history, culture and amusement in the town center. Open all three days from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Mussel Fest in Middelburg** on Vlasmarkt is the place to find live music, street artists and mussels as well as other seafood.

Ongoing

Through Sept. 5

- **Cheese market in Alkmaar** is famous worldwide for its cheese, which has been weighed in Alkmaar since 1593. See cheese carriers in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon until the first Friday of September. Find out just how important cheese used to be and still is here.



SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

Amsterdam, July 26 - Take a ride through winding canal-lined streets on a guided bicycle tour, walk the town or sip coffee at one of the outrageous cafes for which Amsterdam is world-renown, perhaps after a visit to the Van Gogh Museum or the Anne Frank House. Or enjoy a day of leisure in this beautiful city. Whether you're an art



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lover, a music lover or a culture lover, Amsterdam has so much to offer. Come spend a day in this unique city. Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m. and Brussels at 7:30 a.m. Arrives in Brussels at 11 p.m. and at SHAPE at midnight. Cost: €62.

Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

Dutch Day Trip to Alkmaar, Volendam, Zaanse Schans Aug. 1 - Experience a day full of sights in the picturesque area north of Amsterdam. First, the tour group visits the famous cheese market in Alkmaar, followed by a visit to Volendam, a quaint fishing village displaying the real beauty of Holland. Then it's on to the popular tourist attraction of Zaanse Schans with its collection of well-preserved windmills and houses. Departs Schinnen at 6:30 a.m. Returns at 9 p.m. Cost: \$55.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below
call civilian 0486-565371

Atlantic Wall Museum and Flanders Field Museum, Aug. 19

- To commemorate the centenary of World War I ("The War to End All Wars" broke out in August 1914), the SHAPE Travel Group will take you on a remembrance trip to Oostende and Ypres. First stop will be at the Atlantic Wall Museum in Oostende where we will have time to walk around and learn the importance of the modern fortifications from World War I and II. After Oostende, the tour group will travel to Ypres. In Ypres, they will visit the 'In Flanders Field' Museum, have time to have a nice dinner and end the trip with the Last Post at Menin Gate. Tour price: €40.



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SHAPE Trips & Tours

- Paris, Aug. 2
- Disneyland Paris, Aug. 8
- London, Aug. 15 to 17
- Medieval Dinner in Brugge (Bruges), Aug. 23
- Belgian Beer/Gin Tour, Sept. 13
- London, Oct. 11
- Peru, Oct. 24 to Nov. 3
- London, Dec. 6 to 7



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- Buy discounted tickets to: AquaGolf, Aqualibi, Bastogne War Museum, Bois De Luc, Castle of Seneffe, Chateau Chimay, Crocodile Rouge, 14-18 Expo, Lasergames, Le Bois du Cazier, Lobbe-Thuin Tram Museum, Natura Park, Plugster, Pottery House, Site du Grand-Hornu, Thuin L'Abbaye d' Aulne, Thuin-Le Belfroi and Walibi.

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- Miami Dolphins vs. Oakland Raiders in London, Sept. 27 to 29
- Cowboys vs. Jaguars in London, Nov. 8 to 10

SHAPE Travel Group

- Alkmaar Cheese Market and Haarlem, Aug. 29
- Newbury and the Highclere Castle, Sept. 9
- Luxembourg Castles, Sept. 26
- Wine Tour by the Mosel River, Sept. 30
- A Day in Rotterdam, Oct. 7
- Best of Belgium, Oct. 14
- Amsterdam, Oct. 21
- Canterbury, Nov. 12
- Bastogne, Nov. 17
- Cologne Christmas Market, Nov. 25
- Leeds Castle and Dickens Christmas Festival, Dec. 6
- Paris Lights and Moulin Rouge, Dec. 9
- Strasbourg Christmas Market, Dec. 16

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Happening now

- **Register now for Brussels VBS** - USAG Benelux-Brussels American Chapel is offering online registration now for its Vacation Bible School, which runs July 28 to Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The VBS theme is "Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind." Children, ages 5 to 12, are welcome to participate. Older friends are invited to help lead. To register, visit <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/USAGBrussels>. Registration deadline is July 25. Direct your questions to chapel staff at DSN 368-9747 or civilian 02-7179747.

July 23

- **Scream-Free Parenting** - Learn to refocus on yourself, take control and reconnect with the ones you love at Army Community Service on the second floor of the USAG Benelux-Brussels Complex, Building 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register by calling DSN 368-9783 or civilian +32 (0) 2717-9783.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Happening now

- **Find out about Schinnen VBS** - JFC Brunssum International Chapel hosts Vacation Bible School Aug. 4 to 8 from 9 a.m. to noon. Children, ages 5 to 12, are invited to experience "Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind." To register, visit <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/2014triborder>. To find out more, call the chapel staff at DSN 364-2940 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5262940.

July 25

- **Career Trivia and Résumé Writing for Teens** - Have fun exploring career options and preparing a résumé for scholarships, college applications or future employment at CYSS on JFC Brunssum from 1 to 2 p.m. For information or to register, call Army Community Service at DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500 or CYSS at DSN 364-3033 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263033.

July 25 to 26

- **12-hour Run-a-thon** - Schinnen Fitness Center hosts a 12-hour Run-a-thon Challenge at the JFC Sports Complex (Slag Heap). It begins July 25 at midnight and ends July 26 at noon. Sign up your team today. Individual signups are also welcome; individuals will be placed on a team. To get more information on this event, contact DSN 360-7561, civilian +31 (0) 46-4437561 or send an email message to USArmy.Schinnen.IMCOM-Europe.List.Schinnen-FC@mail.mil.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Happening now

- **VBS at SHAPE** - Children, ages 5 to 12, are invited to experience "Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind" at SHAPE International Chapel's Vacation Bible School Aug. 4 to 8 from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed. To register, visit <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/SHAPE>. Register by Aug. 4. To find out more, contact the chapel staff at shapechapelvbs@gmail.com.

Happening now

- **Tickets on sale for Willy Wonka Jr.** - Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka Jr. at the SHAPE Players Theater runs July 24, 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee performance July 26 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$8. Credit cards are accepted, but don't wait. Call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 to purchase tickets.

Happening now

- **Flag football** - The Air Force will host a flag-football tournament for six-member teams on Chièvres football field July 28 at 9 a.m. The tourney is open to all service members, U.S. government and host-nation civilian employees, and family members. If you have an ID card, you can participate. Sign up now at the Chièvres Gym. Before and during the tournament, the 424th Air Base Squadron Chièvres Family Organization will sell food at a "Hungry Monday" fund-raiser on site.

July 18

- **CSM's PT Run** - A 5-kilometer PT run on Chièvres Air Base will begin at 7 a.m. Participants run from the parking lot of the Community Recreation Center, which houses the gym, to Hangar 3 and back. T-shirts will commemorate the run for the top 10 finishers, and USAG Benelux Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Carter will present coins to the first three finishers. Top finisher's photo will hang on the gym's Wall of Fame for the month.

July 19

- **Purple Belt Self Defense** - This workshop at the SHAPE Main Gym from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. teaches participants to protect themselves using kicks, strikes and take-down moves. Each participant will be awarded a "purple belt," which isn't an official level of achievement in any martial art, but is awarded for completion of the Family Advocacy Program self-defense class. For information or to register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Movie schedule at SHAPE Cinema

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

July 17	Noon	The Amazing Spider-Man 2	PG-13	142 min
	3 p.m.	Dawn of the Planet of the Apes	PG-13	130 min
July 18	4 p.m.	Planes: Fire and Rescue 3D	PG	None stated
	6 p.m.	22 Jump Street	R	109 min
July 19	4 p.m.	Dawn of the Planet of the Apes 3D	PG-13	130 min
	7 p.m.	The Purge: Anarchy	R	104 min
July 20	3 p.m.	Planes: Fire and Rescue	PG	None stated
	5:30 p.m.	Transformers: Age of Extinction	PG-13	166 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). 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 the movie listings at <http://kinopolis.be/fr/cinemas/kinopolis-bruxelles>.



Movie schedule at 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>.

July 18	7 p.m.	The Purge: Anarchy	R	104 min
July 19	4 p.m.	Planes: Fire and Rescue	PG	None stated
	7 p.m.	Edge of Tomorrow	PG-13	113 min
July 25	7 p.m.	Transformers: Age of Extinction	PG-13	166 min
July 26	4 p.m.	Hercules	PG-13	None stated
	7 p.m.	Lucy	R	None stated

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