

THE GAZETTE

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Benelux news briefs

Law center changes hours

The Netherlands Law Center has new hours of operation. The NLC is now open for scheduled appointments and walk-ins Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the exception of lunch. Fridays follow the same hours but are by appointment only. The NLC closes every day at 11:45 a.m. and reopens at 1 p.m.

To make an appointment, call DSN 360-7688 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437688.

GK clinic has new hours

The U.S. Medical Treatment Facility in Geilenkirchen, Germany, has changed its clinic hours. This month, the hours changed to Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon. In addition, the clinic will close at noon every first Thursday of the month for squadron training.

CIF closes for inventory

The Central Issue Facility in Hangar 3 on Chièvres Air Base will close for annual inventory Sept. 22 to 25. Emergencies will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Call DSN 361-5187/5569 or civilian 068-275187/5569.

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Schoolchildren learn significance of 9/11

Children from the American section of SHAPE International School watch as two cadets from Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps carry a wreath during the 9/11 remembrance in the gymnasium at SHAPE American High School Friday, Sept. 11, 2015. The honor guard belongs to a JROTC unit from SHAPE American High School, which falls under SHAPE International School. (U.S. Army photo by Marie-Lise Baneton)

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Community celebrates NATO officer's remarkable career

Story and photos by Cis Spook

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

The Luns Theater at NATO Headquarters in Brussels was filled with distinguished guests, family members and all who wanted to honor Lt. Gen. David R. Hogg at his retirement ceremony Sept. 15.

Hogg, the U.S. military representative to the NATO Military Committee, will officially retire Dec. 1 after 34 years of military service.



Lt. Gen. David R. Hogg accepts the Defense Distinguished Service Medal.

"At West Point, he carefully weighed his options and ended on a big, loud, heavy machine with a giant gun. Armor was the perfect fit for Dave," Breedlove said. "He excelled there in every assignment the Army has given him for 34 years."

Hogg stood out as a trainer. He trained Army, joint and multinational forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. As a NATO officer assigned to NATO Training Mission Afghanistan, he trained Afghan forces. He also spearheaded Army efforts to conduct the first real training for African forces.

"He has trained people in the Army, Joint Alliance and multinational arena and excelled in each one of them," Breedlove said. "We have better trained men and women for what Dave has done."



Gen. Philip M. Breedlove presides over the ceremony Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015.

"He has been in great units which have done great things but that really doesn't tell you who Dave is," said Air Force Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, and commander of U.S. European Command. "I am happy to tell you, first and foremost, that Dave is an Air Force brat. His dad was a Strategic Air Command pilot in Vietnam, and Dave wanted to join the Air Force to be a pilot himself."

Because of a small problem with his eyes, Hogg thought about an education at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut, and considered the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York. However, when it came right down to it, like any other teenage boy, he ignored his father's advice and decided to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Hogg's first combat experience was as a new brigade commander in Iraq. He led his Soldiers in an extremely tough environment. He commanded in combat even as his own son was serving in the same combat zone.

His second combat tour was in Afghanistan, working to develop Afghan security forces.

"Dave fought for his country where his country asked him to go, and he excelled as a warrior. Dave is a leader, and, in every assignment, he led his people with confidence, and he has taken care of them. He always took the time and the effort to ensure that his people were resourced and prepared for success."

During his speech, Hogg said that commanding troops in combat was the highlight of his career and probably of his life.

As the U.S. Military representative to the NATO Military Committee, Hogg has been a leader within the Alliance and U.S. government and was instrumental in achieving consensus while preserving U.S. military interests.

In recognition of his extraordinary meritorious service, Hogg was awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal.

Hogg and his wife, Martina, will retire to Kansas.

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9/11/2001: The day that changed the world



(Clockwise from top) "As the world was living a normal day, 19 evil men were preparing to turn that day into one of shock and suffering for our country," said Col. Marty Yannatter, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux commander, guest speaker during the 9/11 Remembrance at the American section of SHAPE International School Friday, Sept. 11, 2015. "Even though the world has changed, one thing has not — the resolve of our people. Our service members still live our values every day, just like so many did on 9/11." (U.S. Army photo by Marie-Lise Baneton) • Members of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, or JROTC, unit at SHAPE American High School conduct a commemorative service at the high-school gymnasium Friday, Sept. 11, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Marie-Lise Baneton) • Gregory Vanderstichelen from USAG Benelux Directorate of Public Works was the first to cross the line after a 9.11 km run on Chièvres Air Base Friday, Sept. 11, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Bill Audretsch) • Participants get ready for the 9/11 Run organized by USAG Benelux-Brussels in Tervuren Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by David Coldwell)



Benelux celebrates Retiree Appreciation Days

Communities under USAG Benelux will be holding Retiree Appreciation Day soon.

SHAPE/Chièvres/Brussels

Military retirees are invited to a Retiree Appreciation Day program at the SHAPE Healthcare Facility Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Starting at 8:30 a.m., retirees can come early for coffee and pastries, then take some time to "meet and greet."

"The retirees in this community continue to amaze me with the compassion and camaraderie they show to one another," said Dawn McCarty, who is the retirement services officer for USAG Benelux. "They keep the great traditions of U.S. military service alive, especially in times of crisis or the loss of one of their own. I don't get to see as many retirees as I would like throughout the year, so when we have our annual Retiree Appreciation Day it is an exciting time for me. I look forward to spending the morning with them and thanking them

for their continued service."

The event features an Information exchange and services. The following services will be available to retirees on site during this time: Medical, Dental, VA, Army Community Service, Legal, Army Substance Abuse Program, Andrews Federal Credit Union and American Legion Post BE02 "Flanders Field."

The U.S. Community Services Center, once known as the American Central Processing Facility, or CPF, in Building 253 will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist with renewals or replacements of identification cards as well as updates to the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS.

In addition, the IMCOM-Europe retirement services officer will be available in Building 253 to check retiree records and do updates as necessary.

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service, or AAFES, will make a sheet cake for the event as a thank you for retirees' service.

Brunssum

All U.S. military retirees and their spouses are invited to attend the USAG Benelux-Schinnen U.S. Military Retiree Appreciation Day at the Community Activity Center in Building 38 on Schinnen Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Representatives will be on hand to answer questions and provide information regarding TRICARE; health and wellness; banking services; dental; Department of Veterans Affairs, or VA, benefits; ID cards; and more. New this year will be a representative from Defense Finance and Accounting System, or DFAS, to answer retiree pay questions and audit retiree pay records.

Also new, flu shots will be available as well as pneumonia vaccine for those age 65 and older, and shingles vaccine for those age 60 and older. If you would like to get any or all of the vaccines, phone in your name and age to civilian +31 (0) 45-5263475 so that the proper number of vaccines can be ordered.

HAZMAT offers last chance for GHS briefing

Department of Defense military members, civilians, contractors and family members working on installations in the Schinnen area have one more chance this year to attend the mandatory briefing on the new Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals.

DOD and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, or OSHA, briefing will be held in the classroom in Building 3 on Schinnen Sept. 28 from 9 to 10 a.m.

Established by the United Nations in 2003, GHS standardizes guidelines for clarity so that chemicals can be handled safely worldwide. America's OSHA came on board in 2012 by aligning its Hazard Communication Standard to the system.

GHS changes take effect Dec. 1. (Although Americans had to comply with most provisions of GHS by June 1, distributors are allowed to ship products labeled by manufacturers under the old HCS system until Dec. 1, according to <https://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/HCSFactsheet.html>.)

The biggest changes concern worldwide symbols. For instance, of the 17 symbols in Europe, eight will be eliminated while others will be replaced or modified.

In addition, the Materials Safety Data Sheet, or MSDS, will become the Safety Data Sheet, which will be the same worldwide.

If you didn't attend the two-hour hazardous-materials, or HAZMAT, training this year and you work on a military instal-



The symbol on the left will replace the one on the right Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015.

lation, you need to attend this briefing.

For more information about GHS training, contact the Schinnen HAZMAT Office at DSN 360-7437/7551 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437437/7551.

HS students can compete in speech contest

The American Legion Post BE02 recently announced its third annual Oratorical Scholarship Contest scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016, at the Brussels American High School. The oratorical contest is directed toward high-school students (freshmen through seniors) from the schools within the USAG Benelux region with the theme "A constitutional speech contest."

There are two speeches, with the first being an eight- to 10-minute prepared speech, followed by a three- to five-minute assigned speech. Speaking subjects must be on an aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with some emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to the U.S. government. The Oratorical Contest presents participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of America's laws, the ability to think and

speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

Young orators earn some of the most generous college scholarships available to high-school students. Over \$138,000 in scholarships can be awarded each year. The overall national contest winner gets an \$18,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$16,000, and third gets \$14,000. Competition begins at post level and advances to department, which is normally the state, level. (USAG Benelux is in the Department of France.)

Legion department representatives certify one winner to the national contest, where department winners compete against each other in two speaking rounds. The contest caps off with a final round that decides the three top finishers. A panel of judges will determine the first-, second- and third-place winners.

Representatives from each Legion department certify one winner to represent their department at the national contest. During the national contest, more than 50 department winners compete against one another in two speaking rounds. Although 51 departments (50 states plus the Department of France) participate, 53 contestants compete because the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico also send one contestant each.

The contest caps off with a final round that decides the three top finishers. A panel of judges will determine the first-, second- and third-place winners.

If you would like to obtain further information or registration form, contact the American Legion Post BE02 at flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com.

You can also read about the contest at <http://www.legion.org/oratorical>.



Borlo commemorates WWII liberation

Members of the AFNORTH Battalion Color Guard stand ready for the beginning of the annual ceremony held in Borlo, Belgium, Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015, to commemorate the liberation of the town from the Nazis by the 2nd Armored Division in September 1944. Guest speakers at the ceremony included Lt. Col. Garrett P. Jones, the deputy chief of the Office of Defense Cooperation at the U.S. Embassy in Brussels, and Helen Patton, granddaughter of Gen. George S. Patton, the commander of the Third Army during World War II. Re-enactors from across Belgium, the Netherlands and other European countries come together for this annual event to remember the historical significance of the town's liberation by re-enacting several mock battles during the course of the weekend. However, during the ceremony, both sides come together to honor the fallen. Representatives from the U.S. Embassy, the Patton Alliance, American Legion Post BE02 and others laid wreaths to honor the history of the small Belgian town. (Photo by Gilbert Joosten)



Ready Army teaches how to shelter in place

September is National Preparedness Month.

Many emergencies result in the need to shelter in place, and being prepared for any emergency means being ready to do that, according to officials from Ready Army, the Department of the Army's emergency-preparedness campaign. All Army personnel should also continue to maintain a basic level of preparedness for all potential hazards.

Sheltering in place means to take temporary protection in a structure or vehicle that isn't certified, insured or staffed for emergency conditions. Installation procedures designate which office or party will order personnel to shelter in place and for how long the order is to be in effect.

Only you and your family can prepare your residence for sheltering in place, said John Hopper, the USAG Benelux-Schinnen emergency manager. Having an emergency kit, creating a family emergency plan and being informed about different types of emergencies could possibly save your life and the lives of your family members.

Preparing to shelter in place involves having an emergency kit, being able to turn off heating/ventilation systems quickly and identifying potential interior spaces for sheltering in place.

For guidance on how to make a kit and a printer-friendly emergency-kit checklist, visit http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/ra_get_a_kit.htm.

Notification of an emergency may be through a voice announcing system, commonly known as a public-address, or PA, system; announcements through cellular phones or e-mail; or an Emergency Alert System broadcast over radio or television.

When asked to shelter in place, remember to:

- Turn off heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems;
- Close and secure all doors, windows, vents and other exterior openings; and
- Bring everyone safely inside to an interior room or one with few windows and doors.

Obtain additional information from

- Ready Army [http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/Shelter_in_Place_Fact_Sheet\[2\].pdf](http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/Shelter_in_Place_Fact_Sheet[2].pdf)
- Department of Homeland Security (www.Ready.gov) at <http://www.ready.gov/shelter>.
- Red Cross http://www.redcross.org/images/MEDIA_CustomProductCatalog/m4340182_shelterinplace.pdf.

Get ready to stay where you are with useful tips

Be ready to shelter in place by preparing ahead of time.

Car

Make sure your vehicle is stocked with:

- a shovel
- windshield scraper and small broom
- flashlight with extra batteries
- battery-powered radio
- water
- snack food including energy bars
- raisins and miniature candy bars
- matches and small candles
- extra hats, socks and mittens
- First-aid kit with pocketknife
- Necessary medications
- blankets or sleeping bag
- road salt, sand or cat litter to give your vehicle more traction
- tow chain or rope
- booster cables
- cell-phone adapter to plug into lighter

- emergency flares and reflectors
- fluorescent distress flag and whistle.

Kit tips:

- When storing a flashlight, be sure to reverse batteries in the flashlight to avoid accidental switch-on and burnout.
- Store items in the passenger compartment in case the trunk is jammed or frozen shut.

Emergency-call tips:

- If possible, call 112 (European emergency phone number) on your cell phone. Provide your location, condition of everyone in the vehicle and the problem you're experiencing.
- Follow instructions: You may be told to stay where you are until help arrives.
- Don't hang up until you know who you spoke to and what will happen next.

Survival tips:

- Prepare your vehicle: Keep your gas

tank at least half full.

- Be easy to find: Tell someone where you're going and the route you will take.
- If stuck: Tie a fluorescent flag (from your kit) on your antenna or hang it out the window. At night, keep your dome light on. Rescue crews can see a small glow at a distance. To reduce battery drain, use emergency flashers only if you hear approaching vehicles. If you're with someone else, make sure at least one person is awake and keeping watch for help at all times.

• Stay in your vehicle: Walking in a storm can be very dangerous. You might become lost or exhausted. Your vehicle is good shelter.

In case of a power outage, keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to conserve cold temperatures.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Sept. 17

- **Comedy of Champions** - Stand-up comedians Bengt Washburn, Steve Reynolds and David Crowe will put on an adult show at the 3 Star Recreation Center at 7 p.m.

Sept. 18

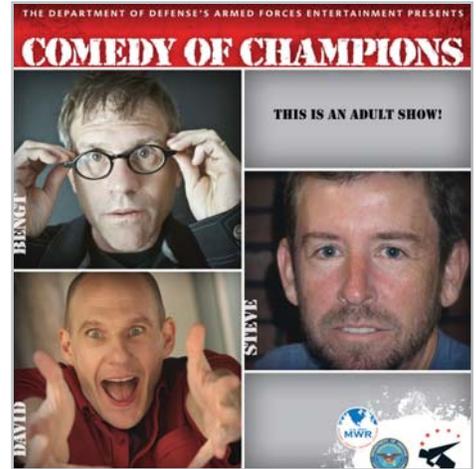
- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community Fridays from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Recreation Night features games, cards, music and movies. Snacks and beverages available for purchase: crispy chicken tenders, daily homemade soup, potato wedges and more. For more information, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.
- **BOSS Movie Night** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts "Terminator Genisys" (PG-13) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the BOSS Movie Area on the third floor of Building 1. All movies are free. However, space is limited so make your reservation soon at reservations3star@yahoo.com. For details, call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

Sept. 24

- **3 Star Dinner** - Enjoy beef stew and rice, cream-cheese chicken, mixed salad and bread from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Alternate children's menu is hotdogs or chicken fingers.) Cost: adults \$10; children, ages 12 and under, \$5. Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

Sept. 25

- **Concert at the 3 Star: Tom Murphy** - This evening's free concert from 7 to 9 p.m. features Tom Murphy performing vintage rock, blues and original compositions. His preference is for blues, rock, and tried and true hits from the 1960s to the 1990s.



This adult comedy show plays at Brussels Sept. 17 and at Schinnen Sept. 18.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Apply now

- **School Meal Program** - CYSS at JFC Brunssum is now taking applications for free/reduced lunch for the 2015-2016 school year. Contact CYSS for the application form. U.S. ID card-holders only. For more information, visit CYSS Parent Central Services in Building H-602, or call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.
- **CYSS Programs** - The USAG Benelux-Schinnen CYSS School Age Center has several programs for children in the community. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card-holders. For more information, visit CYSS Parent Central Services in Building H-602 at JFC Brunssum, or call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.
 - **Before- and After-School Program** - This program is open to children in first through fifth grades.
 - **CYSS half-day preschool** - A part-time preschool program (with morning and afternoon sessions) is available for children, ages 4 to 5. Children entering the program must be at least 4 by Oct. 1.

Sept. 18

- **Back-to-School Party** - Kick off the new school year with some free food, music, games and friends at the Youth Center on JFC Brunssum from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, visit CYSS Parent Central Services in Building H-602 on JFC Brunssum, or call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.
- **Comedy of Champions** - Comedians Bengt Washburn, Steve Reynolds and David Crowe will perform their brand of stand-up comedy in an adults-only show at the Schinnen Memory Lanes Lounge at 8 p.m. For more information, call DSN 360-7370 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437370.

Sept. 19

- **CYSS Flag Football** - Practice starts soon, but you still have time to register. Cost: youths, ages 10 to 15, \$40. For more information, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.

Sept. 23

- **Ten Steps to a Federal Job** - This employment class will be held at Schinnen Army Community Service from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn the steps to apply for a federal job including researching hiring agencies, analyzing job announcements, understanding USAJOBS, writing effective résumés, answering USAJOBS Questionnaires and more. To register, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.

Sept. 30

- **Heinsberg Hospital Tour** - The New Parent Support Program through Army Community Service arranges for these tours. Meet at the front door of the hospital at 6 p.m. for this English-speaking tour. For details, call +49 (0) 2452-188501.

Inside the gate

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY Continued

Mark your calendar

- **2015 International Honor Jazz Festival** - AFNORTH International School on Brunssum will host students from around the world who were selected by audition for a prestigious jazz group under the auspices of the Association for Music in International Schools. Enjoy three days of jazz during this free festival (no tickets needed). Open to ID card-holders and their guests. **Oct. 1:** The NATO Jazz Orchestra will perform in the AFNORTH cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. **Oct. 2:** The Honor Band will give two performances. The Honor Band and Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform in a "teaser" concert for the students at AFNORTH in the school cafeteria at 2:30 p.m., and Honor Band and Vocal Jazz Combo Night – an evening of small-group jazz – will be held at the International Conference Center at 7 p.m. **Oct. 3:** The gala concert (featuring the Honor Band and Vocal Jazz Ensemble) will begin in the school cafeteria at 7 p.m.



SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Register now/Tickets available

- **SHAPE** - The SHAPE Performing Arts Centre in Building 207 has several offerings. To find out more about the programs below, call DSN 423- 3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. **Fall Theater Camp** - Children can join the SHAPE Players at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre through Fall Theater Camp/Performing Arts School, culminating in four performances of "Into the Woods Jr.," a junior version of the musical by Stephen Sondheim. Camp starts **Sept. 21**. **La Ronde** - The SHAPE Players present a play with mature themes, "La Ronde" by Arthur Schnitzler. The curtain goes up Sept. 24, 25 and 26 and Oct. 1, 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. The curtain goes up on Sunday matinees Sept. 27 and Oct. 4 at 3 p.m. Tickets for this adults-only play are €16. **Season tickets** - Subscription season has begun. This season, SHAPE Players present four plays, two of which are musicals. Season tickets include the adult play "La Ronde," the musical "Urine Town," "The Rose Tattoo" and the Disney musical "The Little Mermaid." Season tickets are €48 (full) and €27 (student/child) each.

Sept. 18

- **National POW/MIA Recognition Day** - Members of American Legion Post BE02 will have a display of remembrance for prisoners of war and the missing in action at the Main Exchange on Chièvres Air Base.
- **Movie Time at the Library** - Watch a family-friendly, pirate-themed movie at this free event at the Chièvres Library from 4:30 to 6 p.m. (For the title and other information, call DSN 361-5767 or civilian 068-275767.)
- **Fun For Kids** - This free event will be held at the Chièvres Community Activity Center from 5 to 8 p.m. Open to all who have access to Chièvres Air Base. To find out more, call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.

Sept. 23

- **College Night in K-town** - Talk to representatives of about 85 colleges and universities, and learn about scholarship and financial-support programs. College Night in Kaiserslautern runs from noon to midnight. Open to all CYSS-registered youth in 11th and 12th grades. Register for CYSS and/or for this trip by visiting CYSS Parent Central Services in SHAPE's Building 503 or calling DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097.

Sept. 25

- **Family Game Night** - The SHAPE CYSS Youth Centre hosts this event from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Open to CYSS-registered youth in sixth through 12th grade and their parents. To register, call DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097.

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates – 2D movies: adults €7.50 and children 11 and under €4. 3D movies: adults €9 and children 11 and under €6. Check <http://www.shape2day.com> under "Morale & Welfare (MWB)" for the movie schedule.

Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English:

Only the British or American movies listed as VO (Version Originale or Originale Versie) will be in English.

Plaza Art - Rue de Nimy 12, 7000 Mons (next to the main square). Visit <http://plaza-art.be/index.cgi?p=Grille>.

ImagiBraine - Boulevard de France, 1420 Braine l'Alleud. Check the schedule and purchase your tickets at: <http://kinopolis.be/nl/bioscopen/kinopolis-imagibraine>.

Kinopolis - Boulevard du Centenaire 20, 1020 Bruxelles. Take a look at movie listings at <http://kinopolis.be/fr/cinemas/kinopolis-bruxelles>.

Movie at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Adult admission is €6.5 (ages 12 and older) - Child admission is €3.75 (ages 11 and under). Check the web page at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146> for the movie schedule.

Travel the Benelux

Splash into Spa: It's more than just water

by **Tim Clark**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Follow in the wet footsteps of royals like Czar Peter the Great of Russia, Emperor Joseph II of Austria, King Leopold II of Belgium or writers like Victor Hugo and Alexander Dumas and enjoy the hot springs of Spa, Belgium.

All the health spas in the world were named after the town of Spa. It has become eponymous with any place having a natural water source that is believed to possess special health-giving properties.

Located in the lush forests of the Ardennes, Spa has more to offer than mineral water baths. The Casino of Spa, which was established in 1763 by the prince-bishop of Liège, claims to be the oldest casino in the world. The towering bluestone Church of St. Remacle, a magnificent piece of architecture, was built in 1885 in Renaissance style. Hiking and biking trails wend their way through the woods and hills. Spa even has a connection to the ill-fated ocean liner RMS Titanic.

In nearby Francorchamps, world-class car racing includes the Formula One-Belgian Grand Prix in August and the Total 24 hours of Spa endurance race in July. The Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps is considered to be one of the most challenging racetracks in the world with its unpredictable weather and fast, hilly and curvy layout.

The practice of bathing in hot or cold springs in hopes of effecting a cure of some ailment dates back to pre-historic times. Archaeologists have found Bronze Age weapons and tools near hot springs in France.

If you want to take the water treatment, the Thermes de Spa, located on a cliff overlooking the town, will accommodate you. Although you can drive up, it might be more fun taking the funicular from the center of town.

Whether or not you believe immersing yourself in heated mineral water will cure what ails you, you can have a relaxing and enjoyable time doing it. The Spa facility's indoor and

outdoor pools offer massaging water jets, water-bell fountains and bubble seats. The indoor pools are under a glass dome, affording great views of the surrounding landscape.

After your swim, you can try out the aromatherapy rooms, saunas and infrared-therapy rooms or get a massage. The Spa is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

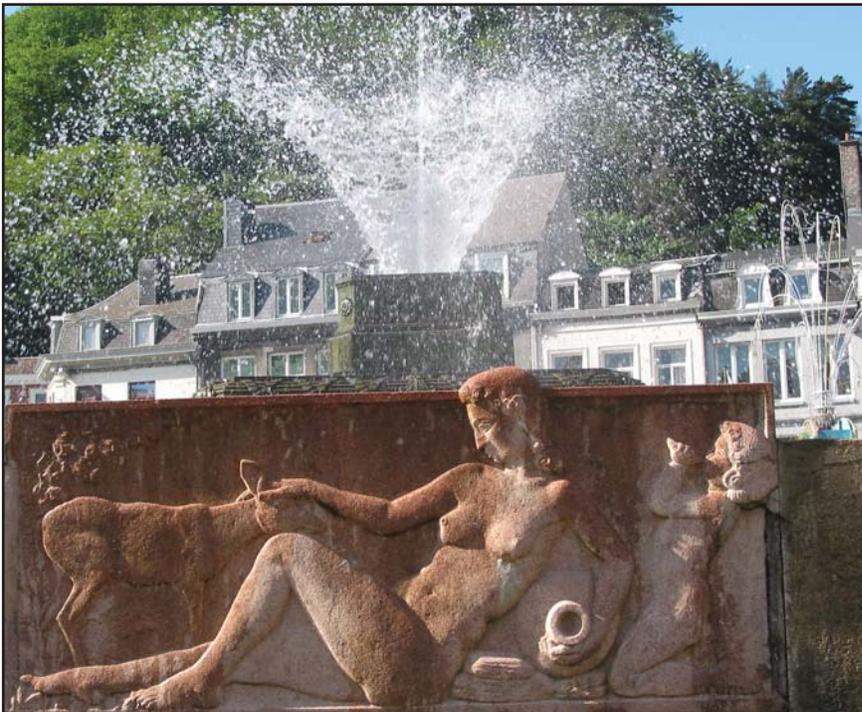
Hydrotherapy started out with drinking the water, not the bathing in it as people do today. In the 16th century, Spa pioneered the export of water to nearby regions with exports to France in 1583.

Today, one of the town's main industries besides tourism is bottled water. People all across Europe drink Spa water. You can take a tour of the factory at Rue Auguste Laporte 34.

A plaque in the downtown area honors George Alexander Krins, the only Belgian musician on the Titanic. Krins was born in Paris, but, soon after his birth, his family moved to Spa. He studied violin at the Academie de Musique de Spa and later at Conservatoire Royal de Musique in Liège.

As the Titanic was sinking after hitting an iceberg, Krins and fellow band members started playing music in an effort to calm the passengers as the lifeboats were boarded. All of the musicians aboard the Titanic perished.

Many restaurants, from the gourmet to sandwich shops, line the downtown streets, offering you a chance to take a break during your wanderings.



For your GPS:
Spa, Belgium
4900
From:
Brussels 138 km
Mons: 173 km
Schinnen: 81 km

Mobility Week brings Car-free Sunday to Brussels

Sept. 16 to 20 is Mobility Week throughout Europe. The week is aimed at raising awareness and encouraging people to use alternative ways of transportation: train, bicycle, bus, foot, skates, ...

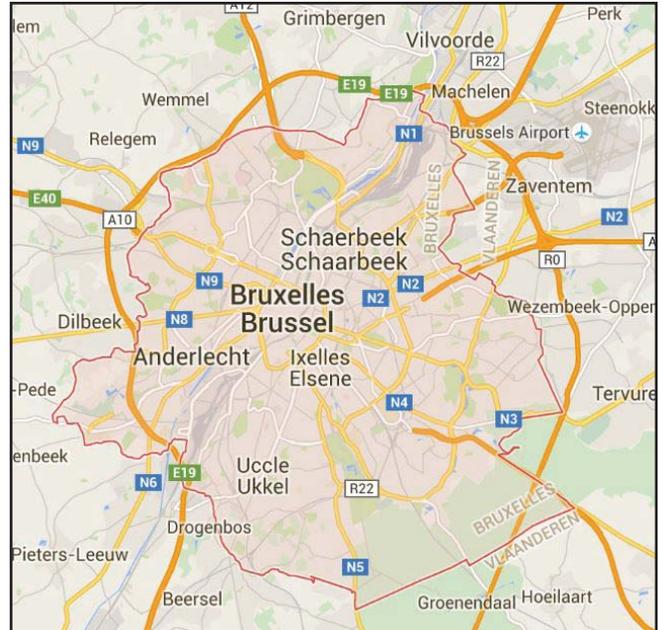
The highlight of the event is the annual Car-free Sunday in Brussels Sept. 20. The 19 municipalities that are part of the Brussels Capital Region (part within the red line on the map at right) will be car-free, and the only way to get around will be by public transportation, bicycle, skates, scooter or other, anything but by car.

Only taxicabs as well as ambulances, squad cars and other emergency vehicles will have the special permit to drive in the region, but they will have to respect a maximum speed of 30 km per hour.

The area involved in Car-free Sunday will be closed to traffic from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. To encourage public transportation, riding on buses run by STIB and De Lijn will be free during that time.

If you are coming from outside Brussels and want to get involved in the many activities that will be going on in the city center for Mobility Week, follow the signs on the outer ring for Parking C. Cost of parking there is €5 for the entire day.

Among the various activities are the Brussels Bike Circus – a bike, skate, BMX and scooter trail where young and old can enjoy themselves on Place de la Monnaie and on Place Peter Benoit in Neder-Over-Heembeek from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Also on Place Peter Benoit, the soccer club BX-Brussels will organize a panna soccer tournament, played two against two on a small field.



Food trucks will be on site.

A festival of folklore "Folklorissimo" will fill the Brussels Grand'Place with musical entertainment and opportunities to taste Brussels specialties. Also, Manneken Pis will be dressed with a special costume.

A flea market will be on Rue Van Artevelde.

Plenty of free activities will be scheduled all day. Car-free Sunday may just be your day to get on a bike and explore Brussels without contending with traffic.

Outside the gate

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

- **London, Oct. 3**
- **NASCAR championships at Circuit Zolder in Belgium, Oct. 4**
- **Alsace Wine Route, Oct. 10 to 11**
- **Amsterdam with optional guided tour of Van Gogh Museum, Oct. 17**
- **Rotterdam, Oct. 24**
- **Harry Potter studio tour, Nov. 4**
- **Flanders Field WWI Tour of Ypres, Belgium, Nov. 7**
- **Carolus Thermen spa in Aachen, Germany, Nov. 14**
- **Paris: Moulin Rouge, Nov. 21**
- **Snow & Ice Sculpture Festival and medieval dinner in Brugge (Bruges), Nov. 28**
- **German Christmas markets overnight, Dec. 5 to 6**
- **Alsace Christmas markets overnight in Triberg im Schwarzwald (Black Forest), Dec. 12 to 13**

- **Aachen and Monschau, Dec. 20**
- **Paris in winter, Dec. 28**
- **London New Year's, Dec. 30 to Jan. 1, 2016 (Register by Nov. 16.)**

SHAPE Travel Group - Call civilian 0470-876369.

- **Belgian Coast by Tram, Sept. 24**
- **Belgian Trappist and Countryside Tour, Oct. 6**
- **A Day in Rotterdam, Oct. 20**
- **Antwerp and Red Star Line Museum, Nov. 19**
- **Cologne Christmas markets, Nov. 24**

Schinnen Trips & Tours - Call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **National Liberation Museum 44-45, Sept. 26**
- **NFL Games, Book tickets now for Oct. 3 to 5 (New York Jets vs. Miami Dolphins), Oct. 24 to 26 (Buffalo Bills vs. Jacksonville Jaguars) and Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 (Detroit Lions vs. Kansas City Chiefs).**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Sept. 18

- **10k Run in Blaton** - Departs from Place de la Résistance at 7:30 p.m. Participation fee is €4.

Sept. 18 to 20

- **Dour Liberty Camp** - Re-enactment of a military camp during the liberation of Belgium. Some 75 World War II vehicles will be available for rides and displays during the entire weekend, starting Friday at 5 p.m. Liberty Beer tasting will also be part of the event. The vintage vehicles will parade through the city Saturday at 4 p.m. Visitors can explore the military camp at the city park on Rue Grande in Dour all three days from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sept. 19

- **Flea market in Blaton (120 booths)** - On Place de la Résistance from noon to 9 p.m.
- **14k or 6k run in Jurbise** - Departs from the sports center at the Police Academy at Route d'Ath 25/35 from 3 to 6 p.m. Participation fee ranges from €4 to €9. The 14k run starts at 3 p.m.; the 6k run starts at 3:15 p.m.
- **Bicycle fair in Mons** - You can buy your secondhand bicycle from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the "Maison des Cyclistes" on Boulevard Charles Quint.
- **Local products market in Maisières** - On the square from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Open House at the "Amis des Aveugles et Malvoyants" (Friends of the blind and visually impaired) in Ghlin** - Various activities to raise awareness for the blind and visually impaired, will be held at Rue de la Barrière 37: at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. presentation by the puppy school, at 3 p.m. workshop on dog first aid, at 4:30 p.m. magic show by a visually impaired artist. Free admission.

Sept. 19 to 20

- **Animal Well-Being Fair in Dour** - Saturday: Dog training and grooming show. Sunday: carriage rides, pony rides, presence of farm animals, activities for children at Dour Sport on Chemin des Fours from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Free admission.
- **Spring flower bulbs sale in Bierghes** - At Alain Nisolle's garden at Rue Duc D'Arenberg 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bulbs are to be planted now to bloom next spring.



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

Sept. 18 to 20

- **Jazz by the Sea in Domburg and environs** is an international old-style jazz festival held at several locations along the coast in the province of Zeeland. For details in English, visit <http://www.vvvzeeland.nl/nl/vakantie/evenementen/405908/jazz-by-the-sea/walcheren/domburg-oostkapelle-westkapelle-zoutelande-vlissingen>.
- **Country fair in Emmen** will be held at the museum farm "De Nabershof" at Noordeind 21 with themes as country life, garden, fashion, beauty and wellness. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €6.50; children, 11 and under, free.
- **Fall fair in Vaassen** will be held at Castle Cannenburg at Maarten van Rossumplein 1. The fair offers regional products, plants, decorations, curiosities, country fashion and more. Open Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €6.50; children 11 and under, free.

Sept. 18 to 21

- **Wine Fest in Remagen, Germany**, will be held on market square in the center of town.

Sept. 19

- **Loosdrecht Jazz Festival in Loosdrecht** will be held at the Botenloods Jachthaven (harbor) "Het Anker" at Oud-Loosdrechtsedijk 117. Opens at 7:30 p.m. Visit <http://www.vvvgoovecht.nl>.

Sept. 19 to 20

- **Year Market in Ahlen, Germany**, will be held in the center of town. Open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Apple fest in Bad Waldliesborn, Germany**, will celebrate the apple in all its varieties in the center of town. This traditional festival has lots of activities and entertainment. Open Sept. 19 from noon to 6 p.m. and Sept. 20 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Matthäusmarkt in Dormagen, Germany**, is a medieval arts-and-crafts market held in the center of town and will include a knights tournament. Open Sept. 19 from noon to 7 p.m. and Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: adults, €5; children €2.50.
- **Classic-car fair in Temse, Belgium**, will display special vehicles from times gone by at Waasland Expo Temse at Kapelanielaan 27. The fair will also have accessories, miniatures, books and more. Open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: adults €10; children, 11 and under, free.

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Sept. 20

- **Flea market in Harmignies (100 booths)** - On Rue Vieille Eglise from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Maisières (300 booths)** - On the square and neighboring streets from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ath (80 booths)** - On Rue de l'Abbaye (Delhaize parking lot) from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Flea market in Jemappes (200 booths)** - On Avenue Maréchal Foch from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Hornu (200 booths)** - On Route de Mons from 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Flea market in Chapelle-à-Oie (100 booths)** - On Rue du Village from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Colfontaine** for 5, 10 or 20 km - Departs from the cultural center on Rue du Pont d'Arcole 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Braine-le-Comte** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km - Departs from the school on Rue des Viviers from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Dogs day in Soignies** - Fair for all items you need to take care of your dog and contest on Rue Hergé from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Picnic at the Château d'Attre** - You can either reserve your picnic by email at piqueniques@gmail.com at €10 per adult and €5 per child or you can bring your own and enjoy it at the park of the château at Avenue du Château 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission for the park alone.
- **Second flavor market in Manage** - Local products market and food trucks will be available at the Centre "Le Scailmont" at Avenue de Scailmont 96 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission.
- **Family bicycle ride in Harchies** - This 11th annual event will start at 2:30 p.m. with a snack offered on the ride, starting from the "Foyer Paroissial d'Harchies" on Trieu Magdelon. No participation fee.
- **Make your own apple juice in Huissignies** - Bring your apples between 2 and 6 p.m., and watch your apples being pressed into juice at the Rural Life Museum at Rue Augustin Melsens 28. If you don't have any apples, go by Caserne Daumerie and pick your own.
- **Orientation trail in Blaton** - Choose between 7- and 12-km routes. Departs from Place de la Résistance from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. No participation fee.
- **Plants, local products and crafts market in Lobbes** - In front of the Collegiate Church on Rue de l'Eglise from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Guided tours of the garden "Folcuin" start at 2, 3:30 and 5 p.m.



Outside the gate



Sept. 19 to 20 continued

- **Knights festival and camp in Valkenburg** will allow you to experience life as a knight with demonstrations, tournament, music, re-enactors and more at Castle Schaloen at Oud Valkenburg 9. Open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.
- **Elfia Fantasy Fair near Arcen** is the place to go for a fantasy weekend filled with lots of magic, rattling of swords, witches and more in the gardens of Castle Arcen. For more information, visit <http://arcen.elffantasyfair.com>.

Sept. 20

- **Smaakfestijn Arnhem in Arnhem** is a leisurely food-tasting festival at Arnheems Buiten at Utrechtseweg 310. Farmers, gardeners, vintners and others will present the best culinary delicacies from the region. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: adults €4.50; children €1.
- **Flea market in Zegelsem, Belgium**, will be held on Teirlinckstraat. This large market offers exhibitions, regional products, barbecue and more.

Sept. 20 to 21

- **Römerfest in Bergkamen-Oberaden, Germany**, on Am Römerberg is a meeting of Roman re-enactors from all over Germany in period costumes. The fest offers games, fights, Roman market, food and drinks and more. Open Saturday from 2 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sept. 23 to 26

- **French Gourmet market in Bochum, Germany**, will be held on Dr. Ruer Platz.

Sept. 24 to 26

- **Saint-Jazz-Ten-Noode in Saint-Josse-Ten-Noode, Belgium**, is a major jazz event with numerous free jazz concerts held at Place Saint-Josse.

Sept. 24 to 27

- **National Tattoo in Rotterdam** will be held at Ahoy at Ahoyweg 10 featuring top-quality Dutch and international military and show bands. Get details at <http://www.nationaletaptoe.nl>.

Sept. 25 to 29

- **Fleoramour in Bilzen, Belgium**, will be held at Castle Alden Biesen at Kasteelstraat 6. "Passion for Flowers" is a large international flower event held annually. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €15.

Sept. 26

- **European Show Band Championships in Kerkrade** will be held in Parkstad Limburg Stadion at Roda JC Ring 1 with top show bands from all over Europe competing. Visit <http://www.ekshow.nl>.

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