

# THE GAZETTE

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

## Benelux news briefs

### New concessions open

Kostas Greek Food will open Army and Air Force Exchange Service, or AAFES, concessions in Brussels and Schinnen soon.

Starting Feb. 22, Kostas will operate on Brussels' upper parking lot near the Shoppette Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Starting Feb. 25, Kostas will operate next to the Schinnen PX Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Troop Store changes hours of operation

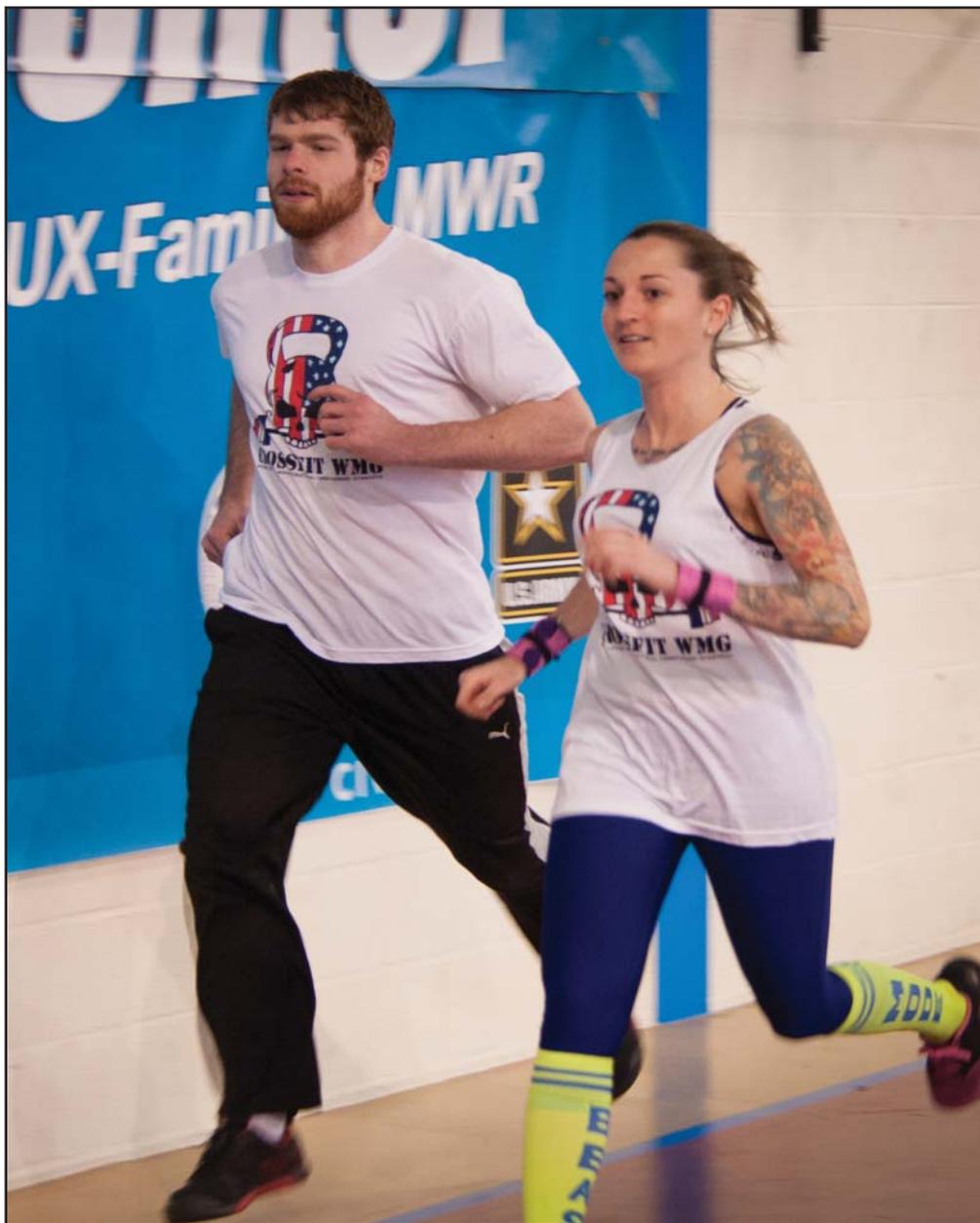
The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, or AAFES, Troop Store at Schinnen will change its operating hours Feb. 29. It will be open Mondays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Express only); Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Thursdays.

### Vendors wanted

The second annual Chièvres American Festival will be held June 3 and 4. If you want to sell your wares at the market there, call the USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office at DSN 361-5694 or civilian 068-275694.

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### Cupid's Couple Challenge promotes fitness, togetherness

Jonathan Hopkins and friend Yvonne Simons sprint around the gym during one of the events at the Valentine's Day-themed Cupid's Couple Challenge inside the Chièvres Community Activity Center Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016. The aim of the competition was to inspire team fitness and couples' togetherness by accomplishing all the challenges in the shortest time possible. Events included wheelbarrow race, big-rig tire flip, situps, agility and rope climb. Couples, friends and family groups participated. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Bernardo Fuller/AFN Benelux)



**Spouses live Soldier's life for a day**

At left, Varato, a German shepherd military working dog, grabs the bite suit worn by Danielle Graves during 128th Signal Company's Jane Wayne Day in the old Commissary on Chièvres Air Base Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016. Nearby, Pfc. Eli Beal of the 100th MWD Detachment demonstrates dog-handling. Graves is the wife of Spc. Alexander Graves. • Above, American Soldiers with 128th Signal Company, 39th Signal Battalion, are seen in the reflection of this traffic control point search mirror as spouses experience Jane Wayne Day on Chièvres Air Base Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016. (U.S. Army photos by Pierre-Etienne Courtejoie/Training Support Center Benelux)

# SHAPE clinic puts on Healthy Heart Event Ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opens renovations

The staff of SHAPE Healthcare Facility will sponsor a Healthy Heart Event in the clinic's main lobby Feb. 25 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Stop by at 8:45 a.m. for a ribbon-cutting that officially welcomes the community to SHAPE Healthcare Facility's

newly remodeled areas.

During HHE, an on-air personality from American Forces Network Belgium will broadcast live while you learn more about keeping your heart healthy.

Be sure to stop by the various stations for the following

services and assessments:

- Complete a baseline heart-health assessment.
- Get your blood pressure checked.
- Evaluate the "age" of your lungs. (People naturally lose lung function as they age, but loss of function can be ac-

celerated by some lifestyle choices.)

- Get a quick body-fat test.
- Have the arch of your foot evaluated for the correct shoe fit.
- Have a taste of some healthy snacks and food, and get the recipe.

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Military Saves Week

# Prepare for future at MSW 2016

Part of the America Saves campaign, Military Saves Week lets military members, Department of Defense employees and their families learn more about how to build a bright financial future.

**SHAPE**

Talk to the program manager of the Financial Readiness Program at SHAPE Army Community Service. Make an appointment by calling ACS

at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

**Geilenkirchen**

The Airman & Family Readiness Center on Geilenkirchen Air Base celebrates Military Saves Week in a big way. See the following schedule for events.

**Feb. 22**

**10 a.m.:** Military Saves Kickoff with brunch and proclamation signing. Join

the Community Readiness staff for free food.

**3 p.m.:** Your Finances

**Feb. 23**

**9 a.m.:** Thrift Savings Plan Basics

**Noon:** Getting Out of Debt

**3 p.m.:** Investing 101

**Feb. 24**

**9 a.m.:** Home Buying

**Noon:** TSP Basics

**3 p.m.:** Getting Out of Debt

**Feb. 25**

**9 a.m.:** College Saving

**Noon:** Investing 101

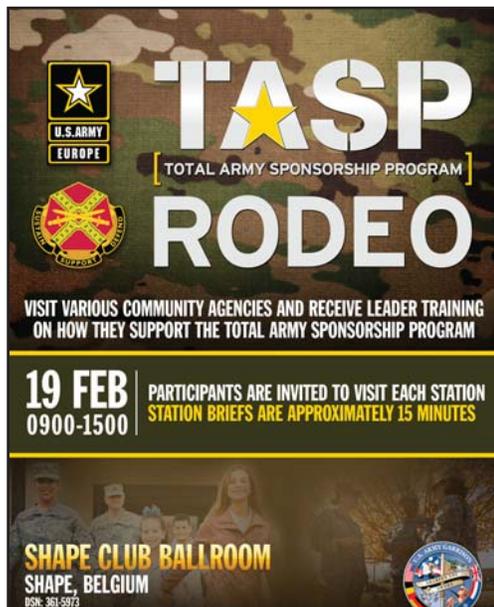
**3 p.m.:** TSP Basics

**Feb. 26**

**9 a.m.:** Getting Out of Debt

**Noon:** Your Finances

A financial counselor will also be at the A&FRC Feb. 22 through March 4 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To make an appointment, call DSN 458-6015 or civilian +49 (0) 2451-633791.



## TASP Rodeo helps sponsors ease newcomer transition

The Total Army Sponsorship Program Rodeo will provide leaders from specialist through colonel and newcomers round-robin training in the SHAPE Club Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

USAG Benelux will sponsor this event, which is designed to explain the systems in place throughout the sponsorship process, and is expanding its coverage to all U.S. newcomers, including elements from the Navy and Air Force. Service representatives will be on hand to provide information on their sponsorship programs and the

services they provide as well as the unique requirements associated with integration into the Benelux work force.

Subject-matter experts will have booths with television monitors to show information about the assets available within the Benelux in an engaging way.

They will provide information about the unique challenges that face employees when they arrive or depart the Benelux. The SMEs will be available for questions and have literature to distribute.

### CYSS offers internships

The CYSS Youth Centre on SHAPE is offering eight-week internships to help youths in ninth through 12th grades get “job-ready” knowledge through its HIRED! program. Sessions will be offered on the following dates:

- March 7 to April 29 and
- May 2 to June 10.

Interns will learn résumé-writing, interviewing techniques, Microsoft Office, customer-service skills and money management. They will also gain on-the-job experience that can be included on their résumés.

Only a limited number of jobs are available. Pick up applications at the SHAPE Youth Centre. For details, call the CYSS teen-program director at DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104.

## Wrestlers 'take a shot' at qualifying for Olympic trials

Armed Forces Sports will broadcast the 2016 Armed Forces Wrestling Championship, an Olympic-trials qualifying event, from Naval Base Kitsap, Washington, as a live-streaming event Feb. 20 and 21.

Fans of Greco-Roman wrestling and Freestyle wrestling will be able to get the live web stream at the Armed Forces Sports site at <http://armedforcessports.defense.gov/Sports/Wrestling/2016ArmedForcesWrestlingSpecialCoverage.aspx>.

The Armed Forces Greco-Roman Wrestling Championships will take place Feb. 20 starting at 10 a.m. PST, possibly preceded by an opening ceremony at 9 a.m. PST.

The Armed Forces Freestyle Wrestling Championships will take place Feb. 21 starting at 9 a.m. PST.

Black History Month

# Celebrate African-American culture at February events

Black History Month programs continue throughout the month to commemorate the accomplishments of African-Americans in the areas of history, literature, mathematics, science and other endeavors.

**Feb. 19** Open Mic offers an invitation to step up to the microphone in the SHAPE Club's Mons Bar at 8 p.m.

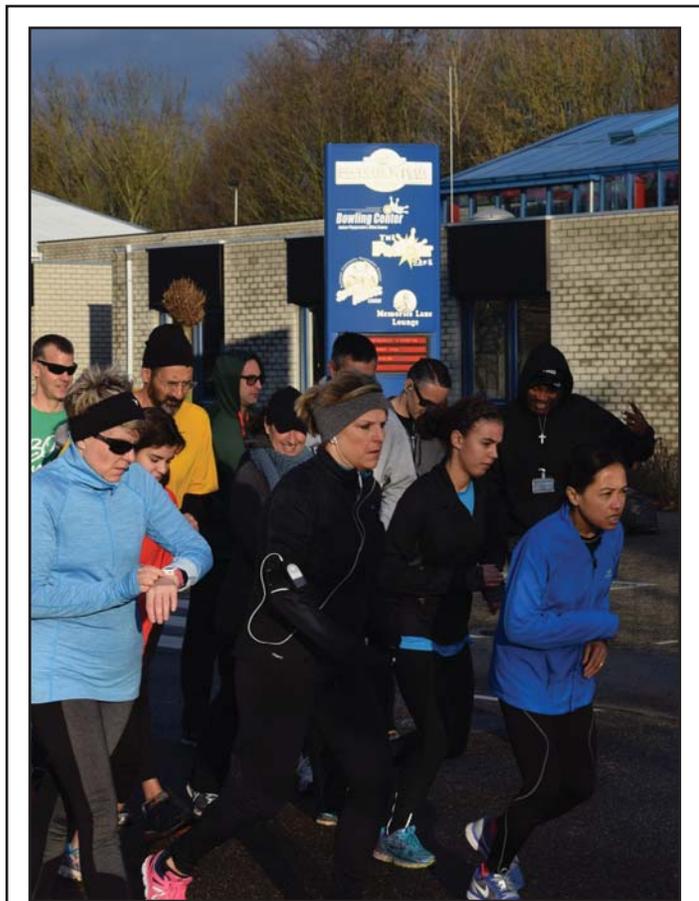
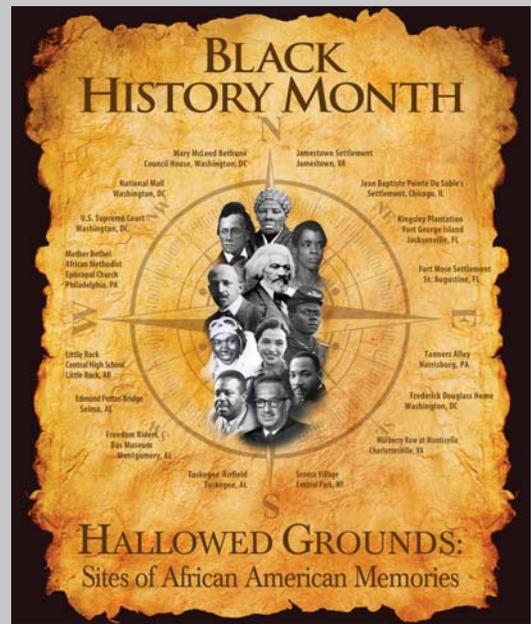
**Feb. 25** Enjoy a Black History Month Movie Marathon in the Al-

liance Auditorium (SHAPE Cinema) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Feb. 26** Experience Gospel Explosion by Word Of Truth International Christian Ministries at 7 p.m.

**Feb. 27** Stop by the African Market in the Events Centre from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information on these Black History Month events, call the USAG Benelux Equal Opportunity adviser at DSN 361-5235 or civilian 068-275235.



## Schinnen 'sweethearts' get fit

About 32 members of the U.S. Army and the U.S. Coast Guard as well as their families participate in the 2016 Sweetheart 5K Fun Run/Walk at Schinnen Friday, Feb. 12, 2016. The event was organized by the Schinnen Fitness Center as part of its "Another Fitness Initiative ... Get Fit ... Don't Quit!" Program. (U.S. Army photo by Rita Hoefnagels)

## HAZMAT training offered in Benelux

405th Army Field Support Brigade Europe and Africa will offer hazardous materials, or HAZMAT, training in Benelux communities in the coming months.

Brussels and Schinnen classes, given in English, will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 1 to 3 p.m. Classes for the SHAPE/Chièvres community will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (English) or 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (French):

**Brussels**

**Feb. 25:** Army Community Service Conference Room in Building 4's Room 320.

**Schinnen**

**Feb. 25:** Building 3's Classroom A or B.

**March 17:** Building 3's Classroom A or B.

**SHAPE/Chièvres**

**Feb. 23:** Building 105 on Chièvres Air Base.

To register for these classes or for information on additional classes in May and October, call DSN 361-6079 or civilian 068-276079.

## Boy Scout asks for book donations

A Boy Scout in SHAPE's Troop 325 is running a book drive through Feb. 21 for his Eagle Scout project.

Jared Goss wants to collect books in readable condition and donate them to an international school in Lille, France, to help the school replenish its book supply.

"You can help by donating books at your local box," said Goss, whose project will help him earn the rank of Eagle Scout, which is the highest rank in Boy Scouts.

Drop boxes have been set up at SHAPE International Chapel and at the Commissary on Chièvres Air Base.

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

### Make reservations now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - You can now take classes that are offered by Schinnen Army Community Service or SHAPE ACS by video-teleconference at Brussels ACS. For more information or to sign up, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783. Now being offered are:

**5 Love Languages** - **Feb. 24** from 9 to 11 a.m.

**Job Search and Résumé-writing** - **Feb. 25** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

**The 3 R's of Volunteering: Recruiting, Re-warding and Retaining** - **Feb. 29** from 10 a.m. to noon.

- **Comedy Force Five** - This adult comedy show is brought to the Brussels community by Armed Forces Entertainment. Doors open **March 1** at 5:30 p.m. Show time is 7 p.m. Free admission at the 3 Star is free. A \$5 party-snack buffet will be available for purchase from 5:30 to 7 p.m. RSVP for show and food via email at reservations3star@yahoo.com by Feb. 26. Child care is available at CYSS from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost (non-refundable): \$12 per child. Reservations/payment must be made by Feb. 29. Call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651.

### Feb. 25

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy the all-you-can-eat taco bar from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Adults \$10; children, ages 12 and under, \$5. (Alternate children's menu: hotdogs or chicken fingers.) Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before by contacting reservations3star@yahoo.com.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

### Sign up now

- **Mandatory transition classes** - Several classes offered through the Soldier for Life/Transition Assistance Program, which are open for registration, are mandatory for separating and retiring service members. To register or for more information about SFL/TAP, call DSN 364-3475 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263475.

**Department Of Labor Employment Workshop (DOLEW)** - In this three-day workshop at the JFC Brunssum Library **March 7 to 9** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., learn the skills needed to make your transition to civilian life successful, including effective job search, résumé-writing and interviewing techniques.

**Veterans Affairs (VA) and Disabled Transition Assistance Program (DTAP) Briefings** - Find out the latest on VA policies, benefits and eligibility from the people who know at the JFC Brunssum Library **March 10**. VA Briefing is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and DTAP Briefing is from 2 to 4 p.m.

**Personal Financial Planning for Transition** - Help ensure a strong financial future by gaining financial-management tools at the Schinnen Army Community Service Conference Room **March 11** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - You can now take classes that are offered by Brussels Army Community Service or SHAPE ACS by video-teleconference at Schinnen ACS. For more information or to sign up, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500. Now being offered are:

**5 Love Languages** - **Feb. 24** from 9 to 11 a.m.

**Job Search and Résumé-writing** - **Feb. 25** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

**The 3 R's of Volunteering: Recruiting, Re-warding and Retaining** - **Feb. 29** from 10 a.m. to noon.

- **Rock climbing** - Register youths ages 10 to 18 for this climbing event during open enrollment, which runs through Feb. 19, at CYSS Parent Central Services in Brunssum. The \$140 fee includes seven two-hour sessions, transportation to and from Rocca Indoor Facility, two hours of professional instruction and a snack with a competition during the last session. Rocca sessions will be held the following Wednesdays: **Feb. 24; March 2, 9, 16; April 6, 13 and 20**. For details, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195. Youths must be registered with CYSS (free) and have a valid health/sports assessment at the time of enrollment.

- **Volleyball team/league** - The Fitness Center is interested in having a volleyball team/league within the Tri-border communities. Players from the Brunssum, Geilenkirchen and Schinnen communities (who are U.S. and NATO ID card-holders) are welcome to participate. The season begins on or about March 7, with a coaches meeting at the Schinnen Fitness Center March 1. The deadline for entry is **Feb. 27**. If you love volleyball and friendly competition, sign up in an effort to establish teams/league. For more information, stop by the Schinnen Fitness Center or call DSN 360-7561 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437561.

- **CYSS sports programs** - Open enrollment runs through **Feb. 26** for two sports programs offered by Child, Youth and School Services. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card-holders, but spaces are limited. These programs are offered starting about April 12 with play running through June 4. Youths must be registered with CYSS (free) and have a valid health assessment (that will remain valid throughout the season) at the time of enrollment. Youths must meet age requirements by March 15. For details about these sports programs, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195. To register, stop by Parent Central Services in JFC Brunssum's Building H-602, or call DSN 364-3121 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121.

**Baseball** - Cost: boys, ages 3 to 5, \$20; boys, ages 6 to 15, \$45.

**Softball** - Cost: girls, ages 10 to 15, \$45.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY continued

Feb. 24

- **Newborns, Parental Support and Music** - Offered through the New Parent Support and Home Visitation Program, this class is suggested for parents with children, ages newborn to 12 months. Meet other parents, discuss the transition to parenthood, and bond with your baby through sharing and music at the Brunssum CDC in Building H-602's Room Y006 from 10 to 11 a.m. Call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500.

Feb. 24 to 25

- **New Parent Support Home Visitor** - The New Parent Support Home Visitor will be available for office hours, hospital and home visits to all U.S. ID card-holders. To schedule an appointment, call Schinnen Army Community Service at DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500.

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Sign up now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - You can now take classes that are offered by Brussels, Schinnen or SHAPE Army Community Service by video-teleconference at SHAPE ACS. For more information or to sign up, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824. The following classes are VTC-projected to all Benelux communities:  
**5 Love Languages** - Feb. 24 from 9 to 11 a.m.  
**Job Search and Résumé-writing** - Feb. 25 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.  
**The 3 R's of Volunteering: Recruiting, Re-warding and Retaining** - Feb. 29 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Feb. 19

- **Fun For Kids** - Bring your bikes, trikes, scooters, or skates and join other children at the Chièvres Community Activity Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m. You can get together a game of pickup basketball or play on bouncy castles, too. Make new friends at this free event.
- **TASP Rodeo** - The Total Army Sponsorship Program Rodeo will take place at the SHAPE Club from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This round-robin training will inform leaders from specialist through colonel of the systems in place throughout the sponsorship process. All U.S. newcomers, including elements from the Navy and Air Force, welcome.
- **CYSS Masquerade Ball** - Join CYSS for an evening of Carnival-themed fun at the Youth Centre from 8 p.m. to midnight. Arrive in costume, and celebrate the season with mask-making, a costume contest, dancing and a dessert bar. Open to all CYSS-registered youth in sixth through 12th grades. For details, stop by SHAPE's Building 503 or call DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097.

Feb. 22 to 23

- **Host-Nation Orientation** - Army Community Service invites all service members, civilian employees and their family members to learn about the SHAPE/Chièvres community and all it has to offer. During the two-day orientation, you will learn about Belgian customs and basic French. You will also go on a cultural city tour and tour a Belgian hospital as well as sample traditional Belgian cuisine, learn how to shop on the economy. Learn how to use public transportation and visit the Ste. Waudru Collegiale in Mons. Meet at the ACS conference room 15 minutes earlier than the start time of 8:30 a.m. Call ACS at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Feb. 25

- **Healthy Heart Event** - Enjoy some upbeat music – broadcast live by AFN Belgium – while you learn more about the beat of your heart and other health indicators in SHAPE Healthcare Facility's main lobby from 9 to 11 a.m. At 8:45 a.m., a ribbon-cutting ceremony will properly recognize the newly remodeled areas of the clinic.

Inside the gate

### 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 Originele Versie) will be in English.

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

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

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

### Movies 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

## Take VIP tour of world-famous Dutch brewery

by **Marève Baudart**

Intern, USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

The Dutch people are proud of their Heineken internationally renowned brewery.

The Dutch brewing company was founded by Gerard Adriaan Heineken in 1864. Heineken is known as one of the three largest beer producers worldwide, and its popularity keeps rising every year.

After more than 100 years of production, the initial brewery closed in 1988, unable to meet the high production demand and moved to the outskirts of the city.

The old brewery now houses the Amsterdammer Heineken Experience Museum, which welcomes visitors from all over the world.



The outside of the old brewery in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.



Inside the Heineken Experience.

In this museum, you will not only discover Heineken's history, but you can also taste refreshing beers and find several amusement park attractions. A very valued visit is the VIP Tour & Beer Tasting.

The visit is divided into two parts: The first one, "The VIP tour," consists of a 90-minute self-guided tour – audio tour available in nine different languages – during which you will learn about Heineken's history and brand, its partnership with UEFA Champions League and the Rugby World Cup. It also gives you insight into the ingredients used in its beers and the brewing process. The second part of the tour is beer tasting. It consists of five premium beers (VIP tour) served with Dutch cheese and one of the Netherlands' favorite snacks, "bitterballen" (a kind of meatballs).

Visitors under the age of 18 will be admitted only if they are accompanied by an adult. Moreover, alcoholic beverages won't be served to those under the age of 18, according to the Dutch law. The VIP tour should be considered for adults only.

**Address:**

Stadhouderskade 78  
1072 AE Amsterdam  
The Netherlands

**Opening hours:**

Monday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m to 5:30 p.m.  
Friday through Sunday from 10:30 a.m to 7 p.m.  
*Special hours in July and August:*  
Daily from 10:30 a.m to 9 p.m.  
VIP tour: unavailable Saturdays.

**Tickets:**

- Adults: €18
- VIP tour: €49
- Children 12-17: €12.50
- Children under 12: Free
- Online: €16

For more information, visit <http://www.heineken.com/Heineken-Experience/Heineken-Experience>.

Outside the gate

Courtesy photo

# Time to treat your taste buds to Mattentaart

Story and photo by **Roxane Rasneur**  
Intern, USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

The “mattentaart,” also called “tarte au maton,” is the gastronomic delight of Geraardsbergen (East Flanders).

The origin of this tasteful tart goes back to the Middle Ages. In ancient dialects spoken in Germany, France and Flanders, the words “matte” and “maton” mean “curdled milk.” Curdled milk is actually the main ingredient of this dessert to which eggs, sugar and almonds are added. Baking a mattentaart isn't difficult, but it takes time because you have to make curdled milk, filter it and let it rest overnight. This special ingredient gives the mattentaart a taste like none other.

Protected by the UNESCO, the “Geraardsbergse Mattentaart” is recognized by the European Union as a regional product and received the European PGI (Protected Geographical Indication) quality label in 2007. Therefore, to be called “Geraardsbergse Mattentaart,” the tart has to be produced in the area between the municipalities of Geraardsbergen and Lierde. Mattentaart is baked year-round in Belgium. However, Mattentaart Day is celebrated each year in Geraardsbergen on the first Sunday in August.



## Traditional Mattentaart recipe for large pie pan

- 2.3 L (9 3/4 cups) whole milk
- 1.2 L (5 cups) buttermilk
- 4 eggs plus 1 extra egg for the glazing
- 235 g (8 1/3 ounces) sugar
- 1 teaspoon almond extract or 80 g (2 4/5 ounces) ground almonds
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 puff-pastry sheets

Bring the fresh milk to a boil in a pan. When it boils, immediately add buttermilk. Stir for about 15 minutes until the milk curdles. Take the pan off the heat, and drain the milk in a cheesecloth (or linen dishtowel) during the night to get the maton.

The next day, separate the egg whites from the yolks, and whisk the whites until they form peaks. Drain the curds from the cheesecloth, and put them in a bowl. Add yolks, sugar and almond extract (or ground almonds), and beat everything together using a whisk. Add the whipped egg whites to the mixture, and mix carefully until they are completely incorporated.

Preheat the oven to 225 C (435 F). Grease a pie pan with a little butter. Roll out one sheet of pastry dough, and line the pie pan with pastry. Add the filling, then cover with the other puff-pastry dough. Trim excess dough with a knife, and brush the top of the tart with egg yolk. Take a pair of scissors, and make an incision in the middle of the top layer. Bake for 30 minutes. Leave to cool, then eat the same day.

Outside the gate

## Upcoming organized trips

### Chièvres Equipment Rental

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 361-6268 or civilian 068-276268.

- **Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany, March 26 to April 2 (All NATO welcome.)**

### SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **London with "Wicked" musical, Feb. 20**
- **Reims and the Champagne Region, March 5**
- **Cooking class in Lille, March 12**
- **Oostende with Soul Legends, March 19**
- **Paris, March 26**
- **Croatia with Venice and Slovenia, March 28 to April 6**
- **Medieval Dinner in Brugge (Bruges), April 2**
- **Versailles, April 9**
- **Paris with Moulin Rouge, April 16**
- **Berlin, April 29 to May 2**
- **Keukenhof gardens and Gouda, April 23**
- **Amsterdam, April 30**
- **Poland: Polish pottery, Auschwitz, Krakow and Wroclaw, May 5 to 10**

- **Monet's House and Gardens, May 21**
- **Paris, June 11**
- **Amsterdam, June 18**
- **Scotland (Edinburgh, Aviemore, Loch Ness, Glasgow), June 18 to 26**
- **Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, July 5 to 9**

### SHAPE Travel Group

Call civilian 0470-876369 for details.

- **Lace, masks and spirits, March 2**
- **Trier, March 10**
- **Beer, Cheese and Chocolate, March 22**
- **Highclere Castle, April 4**
- **Veuve Clicquot Champagne, April 14**
- **Paris in the Spring, April 27**
- **Keukenhof and Scheveningen, May 3**
- **Versailles, May 19**
- **Honfleur & Calvados, May 26**
- **Arnhem, June 7**
- **Canterbury, June 23**

### Schinnen Trips & Tours

Call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **Express Trip to Paris, March 19**
- **Keukenhof gardens, April 23**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

**Feb. 18 to 22**

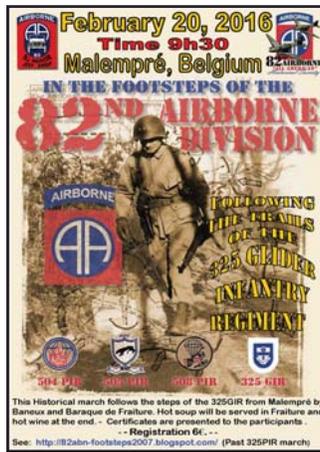
- **Brussels book fair (200 booths)** - Several authors will be present to sign their books at the fair held at Tours & Taxis at Avenue du Port 86c. Open Monday from 10 am. to 6 p.m.; Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7p.m. For more information, visit <http://flb.be>.

**Feb 19 to 26**

- **Mons International Love Film Festival** - The festival will be held in three locations in Mons: Theater, Plaza Art and Imagix. Movies will be shown in their original version. The United States is competing with the movie "Dixieland" directed by Hank Bedford. To check the schedule, visit <http://www.fifa-mons.be>.

**Feb. 20**

- **"In the footsteps of the 82nd Airborne Division" historic walk in Malempré (Manhay)** - Departs from Rue derrière la Tour 12 at 9:30 a.m. and follows the trails of the 325th GIR through the villages of Baneux, Fraiture, Baraque de Fraiture and back to Malempré (17 km). Hot soup will be served at lunch. Registration is on site. Fee is €6 and covers hot soup, gluehwein at the end of the walk, insurance and souvenir certificate.
- **Folk music and dancing in Huissignies** - Held at "La Marcotte" at Rue de l'Eglise 12 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. to learn folk dancing, which will be followed by a ball at 9 p.m. Admission: €8.
- **Nordic walking in Mons** - Walk will be in one group starting from Rue des Phosphates at 9 a.m. Walking sticks will be available on site. Approximate time of return is 11 a.m.
- **Children's Carnaval in Leuze** - This year's theme is the "Far West." Gathering in costume is at 3 p.m. on the main square. At 3:20 p.m., parade travels through town and back to the square at 4:30 p.m.



This Historical march follows the steps of the 325GIR from Malempré by Baneux and Baraque de Fraiture. Hot soup will be served in Fraiture and hot wine at the end. - Certificates are presented to the participants. - Registration 6€ - - See: <http://82abn-footsteps2017.blogspot.com/> (Past 325PIR march)



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

**Feb. 18 to 21**

- **Garden Fair in Groningen** is being held at Martiniplaza at Leonard Springerlaan 2. This Large, indoor fair has the newest trends for your garden and home, culinary tastings and more. Open Feb. 18 to 19 from 2 to 9:30 p.m. and Feb. 20 to 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €8.50; children, ages 16 and under, free.

**Feb. 19 to 21**

- **Garden Fair in Ulfst** will be held in SSP Hall on Drulaan. Take a look at all kinds of decorations, gardens, machines and more. Open Feb. 19 from 1 to 9 p.m.; Feb. 20 to 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €5.

**Feb. 20**

- **Rembrandt Art Market in Amsterdam** will take place in de Hallen on Bellamyplein. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



**Feb. 20 to 21**

- **Cycling and Walking Fair in Utrecht** will be held at Jaarbeurs. This large fair presents a wide variety of information, cycling routes, outdoor material, accessories and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €15; youth €7.50 and children, ages 11 and under, free admission.

**Feb. 20 to 28**

- **Home Fair in Amsterdam** will be held at the RAI with a variety of exhibitors, artists, workshops, new products and sales. Open Feb. 20 to 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Feb. 25 to 26 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission: €19.50; children €5.50.

**Feb. 21**

- **Indoor flea market in Horst** takes place at De Riet at Weltersweide 22. Open from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission: €1.
- **Indoor flea market in Venlo** will be held at Witte Kerk at Agneds Huijnstraat 3. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: €2, children under 12, free.
- **Volksmarch in Tegelen** for 5, 10, 15, 25 or 35 km departs from "Kantine TSC 04" at Bakenbosweg 6. The 5- and 10-km routes depart from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 15-km route from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 25-km route from 8 to 11:30 a.m.; 35-km route from 8 to 10 a.m.
- **Volksmarch in Schin op Geul** for 7, 14 or 21 km departs from Sportscomplex Struchter Boys at Maritiussingel 9. The 7-km route departs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 14-km route from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 21-km route from 8 a.m. to noon.



**Feb. 21**

- **Flea market in Francorchamps (235 booths)** - Held on Route du Fagnou from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Hornu (250 booths)** - Held at the Cora on Route de Mons from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ollignies (130 booths)** - Held at Rue Grand Marais 1 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ramillies (70 booths)** - Held on Rue des Déportés from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Tilly (80 booths)** - Held at Salle du CRCS on Rue Général Mellier from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Indoor flea market in Landen (100 booths)** - Held at Domein 't Park at Hannuitsesteenweg 80 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Indoor flea market in Roselies (125 booths)** - Held at Rue Président J.F. Kennedy 150 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Secondhand clothing and toy fair in Mons** - At the Lotto-Expo at Avenue Thomas Edison 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €2.
- **Record and book fair in Ath** - Held at Rue de Pintamont 28 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Children's secondhand toy and clothing fair in Woluwe-Saint-Lambert** - At "Centre Civique de Kapelleveld" at Avenue Albert Dumont 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Horrues for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Place du Jeu de Balle 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Papignies for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Place Curé Borremans 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Quevaucamps for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from "L'Orée du Bois" at Rue de la l'Ecole Moyenne 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Tournai for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from Chaussée de Lille 198 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Through Feb. 28**

- **Glory and Gratitude to the United States display in Liège** - The display tells the story of the relief for Belgium that started in October 1914. Tons of food were dispatched to Belgium, saving the lives of a million people. This free display is being held at "Grand Curtius" at Feronstrée 136. Open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Display of letters and drawings of gratitude from Belgian children to Americans in Liège** - The letters were written in 1915 by Liège children between 9 and 10 years old to thank the United States for the food relief during World War I. Display is held at the Library at Feronstrée 118. Open weekdays from 2 to 5 p.m. Display is free of charge. The English translation of all the letters can be purchased at €2.



**Feb. 21, 27 to 28; March 3 to 5**

- **Historic year market in Bochum, Germany**, will be held at Jahrhunderthalle. Europe's largest indoor year market offers what seems to be a trip back in time with all kinds of nostalgic rides, attractions, food and more. Open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: €12.50 (includes rides and attractions all day); children who are 80 cm and up, €9.50; children smaller than 80 cm, free admission.

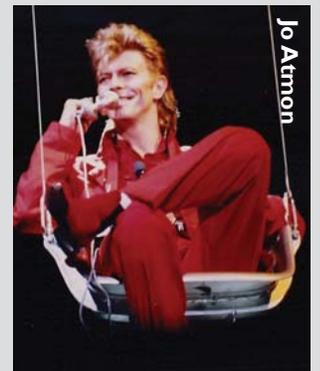
**Feb. 25 to 28**

- **"Tuinidee" in Den Bosch** will take place in Brabanthallen at Diezekade 2. Vendors at this large "Garden Idea" fair offer the newest trends for home interior and garden. Open Feb. 25, 27 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission: €16.50; children 12 and under, free.

**Ongoing**

**Through March 13**

- **David Bowie display in Groningen** has an extended run at the Groningen Museum at Museumeiland 1. The display showcases more than 300 items from David Bowie, a musical performer who changed the face of modern music. These items include handwritten songs, costumes, photos and albums. Open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., plus late-night Fridays from 6:15 to 10 p.m. Admission: €23; students, ages 17 to 18, €15; children, ages 6 to 16, €3.



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**March 26**

- **Kennedy Mars in Sittard** started as a way to prove that the townspeople still had what it takes. In a 1963 speech, President John F. Kennedy said that, as a result of modern affluent society, "nobody can walk 50 miles within 20 hours anymore." After this statement, many people all over the world walked 50 miles/80 km to prove him wrong. In Sittard, this volksmarch has become an annual event named the Kennedy Mars, which starts and finishes in Sittard. Visit <http://www.kennedymars.org>.

Outside the gate

**Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.**