

# THE GAZETTE

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

## Benelux news briefs

### B-ball court closes

Due to military training, the basketball court in the Schinnen Fitness Center will be closed Feb. 23 to 27.

### PXtra ops moving

As announced Jan. 8, the Department of Defense is implementing several base closures and other efficiencies in its operations in Europe under the European Infrastructure Consolidation. In conjunction with the EIC moves, USAG Benelux was given the go-ahead to start a long-planned return of Caserne Daumerie to the host nation.

The Chièvres/SHAPE community will begin to see physical changes in February.

Tents will be going up in the PX parking lot on Chièvres Air Base next week to facilitate the temporary move of PXtra merchandise so that the PXtra building can be renovated into office space. PXtra operations will be conducted from the tents until the new PXtra annex is completed later this year.

The USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office will continue to publish updates on the transformation in the Gazette.

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### Spartans face Ramstein Royals

Austin Stephens gets off a shot in front of two Ramstein defenders at the SHAPE gym Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015, in the Spartans' final home game of the season. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark) **See page 8.**

# TRI-SIGNED LETTER

## Leaders contemplate African-American/Black History Month

Each February, the Army honors the remarkable contributions of African-American men and women in the building of our great nation. This year, as we recognize "A Century of Black Life, History and Culture," we celebrate the profound resilience and perseverance of past generations and the realization of dreams shared by many Americans today.

African-Americans from all walks of life have long served as champions of social and political change and it is the privilege of our nation to pay tribute to that rich legacy.

The United States Army has long been a model for embracing the strengths of cultural diversity. For countless generations, outstanding African-Americans -- both Soldiers and

civilians -- have given unselfishly of their time and talent to ensure the success and vibrancy of the nation.

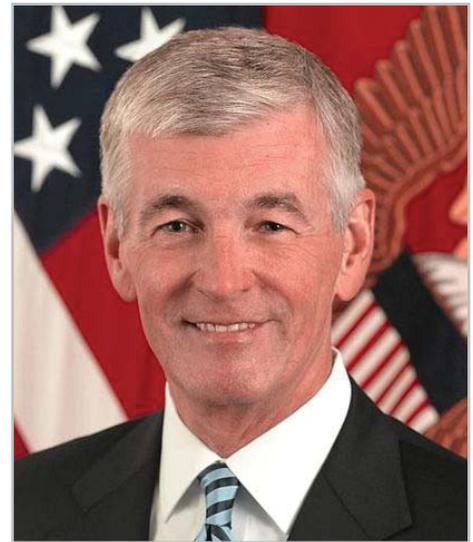
During African-American History Month, we ask the entire Army family to publicly commemorate the significant contributions that help make our Army what it is today -- the premiere fighting force in the world. Army Strong!



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey



Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno



Secretary of the Army John McHugh

## Wereth massacre explained during Black History Month event

The 424th Air Base Squadron and USAG Benelux will host the African-American/Black History Month observance in the USAG Benelux auditorium in Caserne Daumerie's Building 30 in Chièvres Feb. 27 from noon to 2 p.m.

Sgt. Vincent "Charles" Pedican will talk about "The Wereth 11, a Little-Known Massacre During the Battle of the Bulge," the

massacre of 11 members of the segregated 333rd U.S. Field Artillery Battalion. Pedican is the news director at American Forces Network Benelux. The Ardennes Offensive is often called the Battle of the Bulge because of the salient (bulge) that the Germans made in the American lines.

A food sampling will be available at the end of the observance.

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# See inside new school at open house

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Members of the SHAPE/Chièvres community can satisfy their curiosity at an open house of the recently completed SHAPE American High School Feb. 24 from 2 to 4 p.m.

"State-of-the-art" is used quite a bit by Principal Chuck Fannin to describe its technology, both in the classroom and in the security measures, but it's clear to see that Fannin is most pleased with how bright the facility is.

"It's a really positive, wonderful feeling to be in a brand-new facility. It's got a lot of natural light," Fannin said.

White-board technology, wi-fi for school laptops and pristine science facilities are just the beginning. A culinary-arts suite with restaurant-style kitchen is available for later use.

"It's a source of frustration for us because we've got it, but we won't be able to use it fully, at least this year and perhaps next year," said Fannin, explaining that it's a staffing issue.

Another feature is a "green" roof, which is literally a green, growing roof covered in dwarf grass, said Anthony "Mac" MacKenzie, the resource manager of the SHAPE American School Complex. Rain runoff fills three cisterns, and the water is used to flush the toilets as a cost-saving measure.



SHAPE American High School's media center, next to the new school's entrance, is the focal point of the U-shaped complex and allows lots of natural light inside. Community members are invited to an open house Feb. 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. (U.S. Army photo by Jonathan Carr)

## Cub Scouts 'space out' at Space Derby/'Lock-in' Fun includes racing rockets, rock climbing

**Story and photo by Jay Woolston**

Cub Scout Pack 100 committee chair

What do rock climbing, table tennis, foosball, basketball shooting arcade and a Space Derby have in common?

They were events that 28 Cub Scouts



Webelos Cub Scout Kirby Kendrick practices climbing skills during Rock Climbing at the Schinnen Community Activity Center Friday, Jan. 23, 2015, during the Space Derby/'Lock-in.'

and their families from Pack 100 completed during their first combined "Lock-in" and Space Derby at the Schinnen Benelux Community Activity Center Jan. 23 and 24.

Pack 100 is an active Cub Scout Pack that uses Schinnen, JFC Brunssum and AFNORTH facilities/resources.

The night sizzled with activity with Cub Scouts taking advantage of the Schinnen climbing wall while others were busy playing table tennis, foosball, and shooting hoops at a basketball arcade.

Rounding out the activities was a series of challenging Scout puzzles that reinforced the Scout Oath and Scout Law. After spending the night in the Community Activity Center for the "Lock-in phase," the Scouts had a relaxed breakfast at the Memories Lane Lounge to prepare them for the final event: Pack 100's Space Derby.

They were provided official Cub Scout Space Derby kits. The Cub Scouts had to assemble a working "Space Derby" vehicle out of two pieces of balsa

wood, a propeller and several rubber bands that powered the rockets down a monofilament race lane.

Cubmaster Brian Kendrick had located an old Space Derby track, and, with some resourcefulness and effort, he put together a spectacular four-lane Space Derby track to showcase the rockets.

After a morning of frenzied cheering for their rockets and for their fellow scouts' rockets, three Cub Scouts emerged as the top finishers: first-place finisher Jay Lee, second-place Aiden Smith and third-place Noah Franklin.

The top finishers for each den were

- Wolf Den: David Carlson in sixth place;

- Webelos 1: Andrew Farnsworth in eighth place; and

- Webelos 2: Adin Hansen in fourth place.

"I was a bit apprehensive, but the combined event was a tremendous success with all Scouts having a wonderful experience," Kendrick said.

# Military Saves Week offers activities

by Heather Blair

470th Air Base Squadron, Airman & Family Readiness Center

The 470th Air Base Squadron on Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base is spreading the saving message and urging the community to participate in Military Saves Week Feb. 23 to 28 and take the Military Saves pledge.

"Military Saves Week is a great opportunity to help service members and their families in our community follow this year's campaign theme: 'Set a Goal, Make a Plan, and Save Automatically,' " said Mustak Keval, the director of the Airman & Family Readiness Center.

To help people save more successfully and encourage more people to save, the 470th ABS A&FRC is offering military families and Department of Defense civilian employees a week of financial seminars, workshops, and one-on-one appointments with a visiting certified personal-finance consultant.

To schedule an appointment, contact the A&FRC at DSN 458-6015 or civilian

+49 (0) 2451-633791, or send an email message to 470abs.dpf2@us.af.mil.

The 470th ABS A&FRC is offering a number of free events as part of Military Saves Week to help people build wealth, not debt. (All financial classes will be held at the A&FRC classroom in Building 78.):

**Feb. 23 to 28**

- Individual one-hour appointments with visiting certified personal-finance consultant Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Free FICO score and credit report through A&FRC Monday through Friday this week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Stop by A&FRC this week, and enter for a chance to win prizes. You also have an opportunity to take the Saver's Pledge online there.

**Feb. 23**

- 8 to 10 a.m.: Kick-off breakfast/proclamation signing. Enjoy a free breakfast, and learn about the Saver's Pledge.

- 10 to 11 a.m.: "Saving and Investing" seminar given by a certified personal-finance consultant.

- 1 to 2 p.m.: "Tax Preparation" seminar given by a certified personal-finance consultant.

- 2 to 3 p.m.: "Emergency Savings" workshop given by a Community Bank representative.

**Feb. 24**

- 9 to 10 a.m.: "Budget Travel Resources" given by an A&FRC volunteer.

- 10 to 11 a.m.: "TSP overview" seminar given by a certified personal-finance consultant.

- 11 a.m. to noon: "Air Force Aid Society (The Official Charity of the Air Force)" given by the A&FRC staff.

- 1 to 2 p.m.: "Basic Budget How To" given by an A&FRC volunteer.

- 2 to 3 p.m.: "Financial Jeopardy: Interactive Credit and Debt Management" given by a certified personal-finance consultant.

**Feb. 25**

- 10 to 11 a.m.: "Trending Ways to Save" workshop given by the A&FRC staff.

- 11 a.m. to noon: "7 Steps to Financial Success" given by the A&FRC staff.

- 1 to 2 p.m.: "Money Talks" given by an Andrews Federal Credit Union representative.

**Feb. 26**

- 10 to 11 a.m.: "Strategies for Home Buying" seminar given by a certified personal-finance consultant.

- 11 a.m. to noon: "Know and Grow Your Credit Score" given by the A&FRC staff.

- 2 to 3 p.m.: "Savings in Europe" given by a Community Bank representative.

**Feb. 27**

- 11 a.m. to noon: "Matri-Money: Marriage and Money" given by the military family-life consultant, or MFLC.

**Feb. 28**

- Social-media campaign ends with final posts on GK's blogspot at <http://www.hereatgk.com> and at <http://www.facebook.com/GKAFCR>.

# Benelux ACS gives command briefings during MSW

The manager of Army Community Service's Personal Financial-Readiness Program wanted to get the word out about Military Saves Week so, to boost numbers, she offered her services to commands all over the Benelux. Almost every command has taken her up on her offer.

"I am taking Military Saves to them," said Kathryn Seymour, the manager of Army Community Service's Personal Financial-Readiness Program in the Benelux. "I believe this is a better approach to the week" than scheduling lots of useful classes at ACS and hoping to get a good turnout.

The following command briefings listed are only open to active-duty military, Department of Defense civilians and family members within those commands.

**Brussels:**

**Feb. 25**

- 10 to 11 a.m.: U.S. Delegation to the NATO Military Committee, Briefing Room

- 1 to 2 p.m.: Brussels Finance Office, ACS Conference Room

**March 12**

- 9 to 10 a.m.: Brussels Health Clinic

**Schinnen/JFC Brunssum:**

**Feb. 26**

- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Pin Point Café/Bowling Center outreach table

- 3 to 4 p.m.: USAF Element, Brunssum

**Feb. 27**

- 9 to 10 a.m.: 39th Signal Battalion, USAG Benelux-Schinnen

- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Schinnen Commissary, outreach table

- 2 to 3 p.m.: Hearts Apart Program, AFNORTH International School

**SHAPE/Chièvres:**

**Feb. 23**

- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Personal Financial Planning for Transition, Digital Facility, Chièvres Air Base

**Feb. 24**

- 9 to 10 a.m.: Navy Element, Building 100 Auditorium

- 11 a.m. to noon: USAF Element, ACS Conference Room

- 1 to 2 p.m.: USAF Element, ACS Conference Room

- 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.: SACEUR Security Detachment, ACS Conference Room

**Feb. 26**

- 8 to 8:30 a.m.: SHAPE Dental Clinic, SHAPE Healthcare Facility

**March 5**

- 2 to 3 p.m.: SHAPE Survey, PAO Conference Room, SHAPE Main Building

**Trenches to Foxholes****Next week in World War history (Feb. 22 to 28)****World War I****1915**

**Feb. 24** - The first British Territorial division leaves England for France.

**Feb. 26** - Liquid fire (flame throwers) is used for the first time by the Germans on the Western front.

**1916**

**Feb. 22** - Lt. Gen. Sir George Henry Fowke is appointed Adjutant-General, British Expeditionary Force, France. He holds this post until the end of the war.

**Feb. 25** - German troops seize Fort Douaumont, the most formidable of the forts guarding the walled city of Verdun, France, four days after launching their initial attack. The Battle of Verdun will become the longest and bloodiest conflict of World War I, lasting 10 months and resulting in more than 700,000 casualties.

**Feb. 27** - After completing their conquest of Serbia and Montenegro, the Austro-Hungarian army turns its attention toward Albania, occupying the coastal city of Durazzo on the Adriatic Sea.

**Feb. 28** - Allied forces complete their conquest of the Cameroons, a German protectorate on the coast of western Africa.

**1917**

**Feb. 22** - Sgt. Benito Mussolini is wounded by the accidental explosion of a mortar bomb on the Isonzo section of the Italian Front in World War I. Born in Predappio, Italy, in 1883, Mussolini, the son of a blacksmith and a teacher, was well-read, largely self-educated and had worked as a schoolteacher and a socialist journalist. He was arrested and jailed for leading demonstrations in the Forlì province against the Italian war in Libya in 1911-12.

**Feb. 23** - German troops begin a well-planned withdrawal — ordered several weeks previously by Kaiser Wilhelm — to strong positions on the Hindenburg Line, solidifying their defense and digging in for a continued struggle on the Western Front in World War I.

**Feb. 24** - The Allied war against Turkish forces gains momentum (and ground) in Mesopotamia as British and Indian troops move along the Tigris River in early 1917, recapturing the city of Kut-al-Amara and taking 1,730 Turkish prisoners. Ten months after nearly 12,000 British and Indian troops had been captured there — considered by many the most humiliating surrender in the history of the British army — Kut fell into the hands of a British corps commanded by Sir Frederick Maude.

**Feb. 26** - In a crucial step toward U.S. entry into World War I, President Woodrow Wilson learns of the so-called Zimmermann Telegram, a message from German Foreign Secretary Arthur Zimmermann to the German ambassador to Mexico proposing a Mexican-German alliance in the event of a war between the United States and Germany

**1918**

**Feb. 26** - British hospital ship "Glenart Castle" is sunk by submarine in the Bristol Channel.

**World War II****1940**

**Feb. 27** - No. 110 Army Co-operation (Auxiliary) Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force arrives in Britain.

**1941**

**Feb. 25** - In occupied Amsterdam, a general strike begins in response to increasing anti-Jewish measures instituted by the Nazi occupation administration.

**1942**

**Feb. 22** - President Franklin D. Roosevelt orders Gen. Douglas MacArthur out of the Philippines, as the American defense of the islands collapses.

**1943**

**Feb. 22** - Air Marshall Sir Arthur Harris is appointed chief of RAF Bomber Command with a new remit: attempting to hit specific military and industrial targets is to be abandoned in favor of the most densely built-up areas of German cities. The area bombing directive essentially says that if the RAF cannot destroy the factories it should destroy the homes and the morale of the work force.

**Feb. 23** - U.S. carrier aircraft attack Japanese installations in the Mariana Islands

**Feb. 28** - The U.S. Army announces a plan to form a special Nisei combat team from Americans of Japanese parentage. Within days, they receive more than 10,000 volunteers for only 2,500 places.

**1944**

**Feb. 24** - Maj. Gen. Frank Merrill's guerrilla force, nicknamed "Merrill's Marauders," begin a campaign in northern Burma. In August 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill agreed to create an American ground unit whose sole purpose would be to engage in a "long-range penetration mission" in Japanese-occupied Burma. This would consist of cutting Japanese communications and supply lines, and otherwise throwing the enemy's positions into chaos. It was hoped that this commando force could thus prepare the way for Gen. Joseph Stillwell's Chinese American Force to reopen the Burma Road, which was closed in April 1942 by the Japanese invaders, and once again allow supplies and war material into China through this route.

**1945**

**Feb. 23** - During the battle for Iwo Jima, U.S. Marines raise the American flag atop Mount Suribachi, the highest point on the island and a key strategic point. Later, Marine commanders decide to raise a second, larger flag, an event that an Associated Press photographer captured on film. The resulting photograph became a defining image of the war and was later the basis for the colossal U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

**Feb. 26** - An ammunition dump on the Philippine island of Corregidor is blown up by a remnant of the Japanese garrison, causing more American casualties on the eve of U.S. victory there.

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

# Schinnen joins in Carnaval fun



(Clockwise from bottom right) The organizers of the Dutch Canteen (Memories Lane Lounge) Carnaval party, Monique Zweiphenning and Danny Janssen, relax and enjoy their hard work Friday, Feb. 13, 2015. The pair took over from Ben Dols, who was the driving force behind the celebration for 17 years. • Maj. John Hubbs, John Hopper and Marty Notenboom are three members of USAG Benelux-Schinnen Council of Eleven who are always near the prince and princess to help and protect. • Schinnen Mayor Barry Link and Alderman Jan Hermans contribute to the festivities by singing their Carnaval song. • Traditionally the key to the city or town is presented to the Prince Carnaval, symbolically giving him authority over the city for the duration of Carnaval. Maj. Matt Wagner of the Directorate of Emergency Services and deputy garrison manager Kimberly Wayland hand over the key to USAG Benelux-Schinnen to Prince Brett Sprenger and Princess Simone Beaujean for the duration of the party Friday, Feb. 13, 2015. (U.S. Army photos by Rita Hoefnagels)



## Benelux news

### Get volunteers recognized

Nominate an outstanding volunteer to be recognized at the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony hosted by Schinnen Army Community Service April 14.

Nomination packets can be picked up at ACS, and must be submitted by Feb. 20. Volunteers must be registered in the Volunteer Management Information System, or VMIS, and have volunteered during the 2014 calendar year. Nomination packets are available at ACS.

For more information, call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437512/7500.

### Eagle Scouts can compete for scholarship

The American Legion offers a national scholarship to be awarded to the Eagle Scout who is selected "The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year."

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Three second-place scholarship awards will be given in the amount of \$2,500 each.

The scholarship may be used to attend a school selected by the student providing it is state-accredited, above the high-school level, and within the continental limits of the United States, except in the case where the student may be from a possession of the United States, in which case he can select a school in that possession or in the continental United States.

Deadline date to American Legion Post BE02 is Feb. 27. For an application or for more information, contact Post BE02 at [flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com](mailto:flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com).

### Apply for Boys State/Girls State

The American Legion Post BE02 and the American Legion Auxiliary will accept applications for their Boys State and Girls State program through March 31.

The participants (who are eligible high-school juniors or the equivalent of 11th-grade accredited home-schooled students) will be flown to Maryland to participate in a week-long program in June.

Contact Post BE02 at [flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com](mailto:flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com).

# Crossage takes over streets of Chièvres

by Andrea Wales

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

About 120 members of the SHAPE/Chièvres community joined hundreds of local residents to play the traditional Ash Wednesday game of crossage in downtown Chièvres and its surrounding communities Feb. 18.

Teams tried to hit the decorated kegs with the wooden, oblong "ball" (chôlette) in as few hits with the wooden mallet (rabot) as possible. About 30 kegs dotted the course.

Because of all the hard surfaces at

various angles downtown -- such as cobblestones, gutters and potholes -- and the oblong shape of the ball, the chôlette can move in unpredictable ways. It's not unusual for a chôlette to careen into a street sign, for example.

When you hear someone shout, "Chôlette!" just before the rabot hits the ball, it behooves you to look for "incoming." However, because of the ambient noise, you might not hear the "Chôlette!" "that has your name on it."

Chôlettes in play can come from several directions because teams start all along the serpentine course so various teams can be playing toward a keg from different ends of the street. You might find yourself scrambling out of the way just in time or taking shelter in a doorway.

"You have to be ready to move in this game," said John Sterling of the NATO Communications and Information Agency, or NCIA, on SHAPE. "One of those hoppers can bean you. That ball is heavy as heck."



(Clockwise from below) Marc Reed plays crossage in Chièvres Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015. • Christina Bhatti smacks the chôlette (ball) at the keg while playing crossage on the streets of Chièvres. • Tim Graham tapes up the handle of his rabot (mallet) before the big game. • Robert "Bob" Copieters, the president of the Chièvres Crossage Committee, dresses in the traditional crosseur uniform.



# Spartans take on Ramstein Royals



Tim Clark



Tim Clark



Tim Clark

(Clockwise from above left) Spartan Leilynn Arrington puts up a shot for the SHAPE girls basketball team. Ramstein defeated SHAPE 54-11 at the SHAPE gym Saturday, Feb.14, 2015. • A Ramstein defender closely guards Spartan Brendon Paine at the SHAPE gym Saturday, Feb.14, 2015. • Noah Parker goes to the basket for SHAPE in their last home game of the season. Ramstein defeated SHAPE 51-26. • Isaac Yunevich shoots for two of his six points. • MariaJesus "Usa" Zarco Lens tries to evade a Ramstein defender. • Spartan Megan Vanheuckelom (32) heads to the basket for SHAPE. • Angel Mitchell looks to pass in the Spartans game against Ramstein.



Tim Clark



Tim Clark



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Tim Clark

# community briefs - community briefs - community briefs

## **CYSS offers 'Ultimate Teen Program'**

SHAPE CYSS hosts the 2015 Benelux Keystone Conference at the SHAPE Youth Centre in Building 503 March 6 to 7. The fun starts Friday at 6 p.m. and ends Saturday at 4 p.m.

Cost: \$10. Open to all CYSS-registered youth in ninth through 12th grades. (Becoming CYSS-registered is free.)

Get more details at the SHAPE CYSS Youth Program, Building 503, or call DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104.

Register at CYSS Parent Central Services in Building 503, or call DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.

For Brussels, call DSN 368-9535 or civilian 02-7179535.

For Schinnen, call DSN 364-3259 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263259.

## **'Ready, Set, Run' open at CYSS**

CYSS Youth Sports offers "Ready, Set, Run" on the Brussels American School track during the season March 16 to June 6. Registration runs through Feb. 27.

This sport is offered to youths who are ages 8 to 13 (on June 15). Practice will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

A valid sports physical is required before a youth may participate. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders. Cost: \$40.

To register, call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651.

## **Play soccer with CYSS Youth Sports**

CYSS in the Benelux has several soccer programs.

CYSS free annual registration and health assessment (must remain valid throughout the session) are required prior to enrollment.

- Brussels: Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders. To register, call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651.

- Soccer for children ages 3 to 5 (on June 15) will be held on the Brussels American School football field during the season, which runs April 16 to June 4. Registration runs through Feb. 27. Practice takes place Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Cost: \$20

- Soccer for children ages 6 to 12 (on June 15) will be held at the Brussels American School football field during the season, which runs April 13 to June 6. Registration runs through Feb. 27. Practice takes place Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$40

- SHAPE: For more information and to register, call DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097 or visit Parent Central Services in SHAPE's Building 503.

- Registration for CYSS Youth Sports soccer runs Feb. 16 to March 13 for the April to June season.

Ages (must be of age by June 15):

- + Peewee League co-ed, 6 to 7;
- + Minor League co-ed, 8 to 9;
- + Bantam League co-ed, 10 to 12; and
- + Junior team co-ed, 13 to 14.

Cost: \$40.

- Registration for CYSS Smart Start soccer for boys and girls. ages 4 to 5 (must be of age by June 15), runs Feb. 16 to March 31 for the April to June season.

Cost: \$20.

## **CYSS offers baseball**

CYSS baseball registration is now open. Volunteer coaches are needed.

- Brussels CYSS holds open enrollment through Feb. 27 for youth tee-ball (for ages 3 to 5 and 6 to 7) for the season, which runs April 13 to June 3.

Practice takes place on the Brussels American School football field (Wednesdays for ages 3 to 5; Mondays and Wednesdays for ages 6 to 7) from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Cost: Ages 3 to 5, \$20; ages 6 to 7, \$40.

- Schinnen CYSS at JFC Brunssum holds open enrollment for youth baseball (for ages 3 to 15) through Feb. 27.

Practice for the April 14 to June 6 season begins on or about April 14 at Slagheap Fields.

Open to all U.S./NATO ID Card Holders (Spaces are limited.) Must be registered with CYSS (it's free) and have a valid health assessment at time of enrollment.

Cost: youths, ages 3 to 5, \$20; youths, ages 6 to 15, \$45.

Enroll in baseball and register for CYSS at CYSS Parent Central Services Office on JFC Brunssum in Building H-602.

For more information, call the Child, Youth and School Services' Sports and Fitness Office for details at DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31-(0) 45-5264195. You can also call CYSS Parent Central Services at DSN 364-3121 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121.

- SHAPE offers two baseball programs. CYSS free annual registration and health assessment (must remain valid throughout the session) are required prior to enrollment.

For more information and to register, call DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097 or visit Parent Central Services in SHAPE's Building 503.

- SHAPE CYSS baseball registration will be open Feb. 16 to March 20 for the April to June season.

Ages (must be of age by June 15):

- + Tee-ball League co-ed, 6 to 7;
- + Minor League co-ed, 8 to 9;
- + Major League co-ed, 10 to 12; and
- + Junior team co-ed, 13 to 15.

Cost: \$45.

- Registration for SHAPE CYSS developmental baseball will be open Feb. 16 to March 31 for the for the May to June season. Open to boys and girls who are 4 and 5. Cost: \$20.

## **Enrollment open for CYSS softball**

Girls, ages 10 to 15, in the Schinnen area are invited to join softball during the open-enrollment period through Feb. 27 for the April 14 to June 6 season.

Practice begins at Slagheap Fields on or about April 14.

Open to all U.S./NATO ID card holders. Players must be registered with CYSS and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Cost: \$45. Although there is a cost associated with softball, CYSS registration is free.

To enroll in softball and register for CYSS, contact CYSS Parent Central Services Office at JFC Brunssum in Building H-602, or, to obtain information about registration, call DSN 364-3121 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

**Through Feb. 21**

- **Kids Carnaval in Soignies** - Children ages 1 to 14 will enjoy indoor games and entertainment at the Sports Center at Rue de Cognebeau 32. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €6 and free for accompanying adults.

**Feb. 20 to 27**

- **Mons International Love Film Festival** - At the Ciné-Village of Lotto Mons Expo on Avenue Thomas Edison 2. For more information and to make a reservation, visit <http://www.fifa-mons.be/en>.

**Feb. 21**

- **Volksmarch in Nalinnes** for 6, 12, 20, 25, 42 and 50 km. Departs from Rue des Haies 8 from 6:30 to 9 a.m.

**Through Feb. 22**

- **Brussels Animation Film Festival** - With more than 200 screenings of all genres, the festival has become a reference in the world of animation. Experience a week of exceptional atmosphere and quality films. For more information, visit <http://www.animafestival.be>.



**Feb. 22**

- **Volksmarch in Horruus** for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km. Departs from Place du Jeu de Balle 1 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.



- **Mountain bike ride in Malonne** for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 km. Departs from the Hall St. Berthuin on Route de la Navinne from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Registration fee: €5.
- **Volksmarch in Papignies** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs from Place Curé Borremans 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Feb. 26 to 28**

- **Book fair in Brussels** - This annual book fair, featuring more than a thousand publishers, continues to attract tens of thousands of book-lovers. It features encounters, readings, talks, awards, signing sessions, films and other activities. Get more information at <http://flb.be/en>.



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

**Feb. 20 to 21**

- **Blues Festival in Delft** is the destination of the best blues artists from all over the world. They will perform at 25 bars and inns in the inner city. Opens Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. and Feb. 21 at 3 p.m. Admission: free.

**Feb. 20 to 22**

- **Belgian Boat Show in Gent, Belgium**, will be held at Flanders Expo at Maaltekouter 1 for those who enjoy water sports and recreation. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; special hours Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission: €12. Learn more at <http://www.belgianboatshow.be>.
- **Garden Fair in Ulfst** will be held in SSP Hall on Drulaaan with all kind of decorations, gardens, machines and more. Open Feb. 20 from 1 to 9 p.m. and Feb. 21 to 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €5.

**Feb. 21 to 22**

- **Pure Exclusive Lifestyle Event in Arnhem** will be held in Eusebiuskerk at Kerkplein 1. Visitors will find all kinds of exclusive items, such as watches, diamonds, art, design, cars, fashion and more of the latest must-haves and trends. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €12.50.

**Feb. 21 to March 1**

- **Home Fair in Amsterdam** will be held at the RAI. At this annual event, visitors will find a variety of exhibitors, artists, workshops and new products. Open Feb. 21 to 25 and Feb. 28 to March 1 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Feb. 26 to 27 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission: €19.50; children €5.50. Learn more at <http://www.rai.nl/nl/agenda/Pages/Huishoudbeurs-2015.aspx>.

**Feb. 21 to 22, Feb. 28 to March 1**

- **Historic Year Market in Bochum, Germany**, will be held at Jahrhunderthalle. It's Europe's largest indoor annual market and is open Saturdays and Sundays only. It is a trip back in time with all kinds of nostalgic rides, attractions, food and more. Open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: €12.50 (includes rides and attractions all day); children €9.50; children smaller than 80 cm, free.

**Feb. 22**

- **Gent Military Fair in Gent, Belgium**, will be held in Hall 1 of the Flanders Expo on Maaltekouter. Browse through all kinds of military goods, such as uniforms, medals and helmets as well as military antiques to buy, exchange or sell. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: €5.



Ongoing

Through May 17

- **Van Gogh exhibition in Mons** - While in the Walloon coal-mining area of Mons from December 1878 through October 1880, Vincent Van Gogh abandoned his career as an evangelist and decided to become an artist. This exhibition takes you through this crucial period, during which the artistic ideas Van Gogh developed largely set the course of his work. At the Beaux-Arts Mons at Rue Neuve 8 Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €15; children under 12, €3. (A family rate is also available.) For details, visit <http://www.bam.mons.be>.

Through May 25

- **Modern dance classes in Chièvres** - At the cultural center on Rue de l'Eglise in Huissignies. Classes are Mondays from 5 to 6 p.m., Fridays from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. Classes are open to children ages 2 to 12. Cost: €45 per quarter.

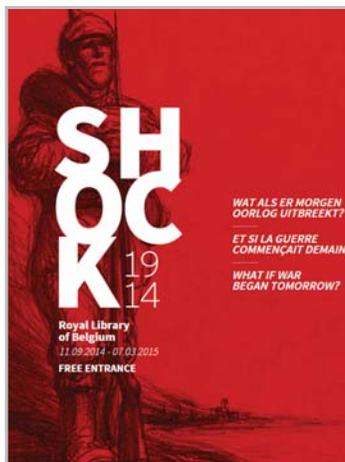
Trenches to Foxholes

Feb. 21

- **In the footsteps of the 82nd Airborne Division** - This march, which starts at 9 a.m. in La Gleize, follows the trails of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division to the villages of Brume, Rahier, Cheneux, La Vaux Renard and back to La Gleize. The walk is 23 km long. Registration fee of €6 is to be paid upon arrival and covers hot soup for lunch, a certificate, mulled wine and insurance. Several veterans of the 82nd Airborne Division who witnessed the battle will participate or will be present at the memorials where walkers will pay their respects.

Through March 7

- **SHOCK! 1914... What if the war starts tomorrow? in Brussels** - The Royal Archives, the CEGESOMA historical-research society and the Royal Library present a day-by-day reconstruction of the chaotic weeks of the summer and autumn of 1914. Visitors will be able to learn about those traumatic times from official records, press accounts and personal testimonies. For details on this exhibit, visit <http://www.shock1914.be/en/profile>.



Feb. 26 to March 1

- **Tuinidee in Den Bosch** is a large garden fair held in the Brabanthallen at Diezekade 2. Participants offer the newest trends for home interior and garden. Open Feb. 26, 28 and March 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission: €16; children 12 and under, free.

Feb. 27 to March 1

- **Flanders Horse Expo in Gent, Belgium**, will be held at Flanders Expo at Maaltekouter 1. It is the largest and most diverse event focused on horses in the Benelux. There are exhibitions, demonstrations, competition, shows and more. Open Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €18; children (6 to 12), €10. Visit <http://www.flanders-horse-expo.be/welcome>.

Feb. 27 to March 3

- **Antiques and Art Fair in Hasselt, Belgium**, will be held in Grenslanndhallen at Gouverneur Verwilghensingel 70. It attracts more than 12,000 visitors every year. Visit <http://www.hasselt-artanticfair.com>.

Ongoing

Through May 10

- **Frick Collection in The Hague** can be experienced in Mauritshuis at Korte Vijverberg 8. The works in the collection at Mauritshuis are normally on display in a museum adjoining Central Park in New York, which was originally built as steel magnate Henry Clay Frick's residence. The exhibition "A Country House in New York: Highlights from the Frick Collection" includes works from Jan Van Eyck, Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres, Cimabue and Jean-Etienne Liotard. Very few Dutch museums exhibit works by these artists. You will also be able to admire drawings, sculptures and applied art from the Frick Collection. Visit <http://www.mauritshuis.nl>.

Mark your calendar

April 4

- **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>. Register now.

## SHAPE Trips & Tours

### Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE

For information on the trip below,

call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

**Thermae 2000 in Valkenburg, The Netherlands, Feb. 28 (Schedule extra appointments in advance.)** - Join SHAPE Trips and Tours for a day of pampering at the spa. Enjoy a relaxing day as the SHAPE Trips and Tours group visits Thermae 2000. Transportation, admission to the spa, sauna and pools are included. Cost: €70. [Additional treatments are extra, and appointments must be scheduled in advance by calling +31 (0) 43-6092000.]

## Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trip below,

call DSN 360-7561 or civilian

0031-(0)46-4437561.

### Day trip to Paris, March 14, 2015

- Whether you know it by "the City of Lovers" or "the City of Light," you will have hours of free time to explore Paris, whether it's seeing the view from the Eiffel Tower, strolling along the Seine or sitting at a sidewalk café. Included in tour price: round-trip coach transportation. Assigned seating on a "first come and pay" basis. Register with full payment at the Trips and Tours office in Schinnen. Cost: \$79 per person.



## SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below,

call civilian 0470-876369.

**Netherlands: Volendam/Edam/Marken, March 5** - SHAPE Travel Group will explore Marken, which was separated from the mainland after a storm in the 13th century. A long period of isolation followed for the community, which earned its living with fishing. Marken is known for its characteristic houses and traditional costumes. Volendam's day-to-day life is centered around its harbor. Since fresh water gradually mixed in with the seawater of what was once the "Zuiderzee," Volendam's trade today is mainly smoked eel and tourism. Next stop: Edam, which is, or course, associated with the cheese of the same name. Here, you will discover Edam's authentic 17th-century architecture. The group will also visit a cheese farm and a clog maker. Cost: €45.

**Rhine in Flames (Bonn), May 2 - Sign up by Feb. 25.** Enjoy five fireworks displays in Remagen, Unkel, Bad Honnef, Königswinter and the grand finale in the Bonner Rheinaue. Spectacular pyrotechnics and curtains of fire bathe the riverbanks and landmarks.

## Upcoming trips

### SHAPE Trips and Tours

- **Belgian Beer Tour, March 7**
- **Dover Castle and Canterbury by Ferry, March 14**
- **Maastricht, Dutch Fruit Pie-Baking Workshop (optional), March 21**
- **Château de Versailles, March 28**
- **Movie Park Germany, April 4**
- **Croatia with Venice and Slovenia, April 6 to 15 (10 days' round-trip)**
- **Giverny, France: Monet's Home and Gardens, April 25**
- **Polish Pottery and Czech Crystal Shopping Trip, May 1 to 4**
- **Berlin City Tour, May 14 to 17**
- **Somme Battlefield and Peronne Museum, June 20**
- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, Belgium, Aug. 8**
- **Medieval Dinner in Bruges, Aug. 22**

### Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Bruges Day Trip, March 21**
- **Spring-break getaway: Malgrat de Mar, Spain, April 3 to 12 (Pay before Feb. 28.)**
- **Family Day "Trout Fishing," April 11**
- **Keukenhof Gardens, April 25**

### SHAPE Travel Group

- **Reims, France, and Champagne Tasting, March 19**
- **Trier with Winery Tour, April 15**
- **Polish Pottery and Giethoorn, April 24**
- **Rhine in Flames (Bonn), May 2 (Sign up by Feb. 25.)**
- **Giverny, France (Painter Claude Monet's home and gardens), May 7**
- **London and Chelsea Flower Show, May 21**
- **Amiens and Les Hortillonages (Floating Gardens), June 2**
- **Provins Medieval Festival, June 13**
- **Paris, June 18**
- **Hampton Court Palace and Gardens, June 30**



Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

**Feb. 19**

- **Family Dinner at 3 Star** - Enjoy Fajita Night (buffet) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Make your (required) reservation at [reservations3star@yahoo.com](mailto:reservations3star@yahoo.com). Cost: Adults \$8, children 12 and under, \$4. (The 3 Star will be closed next Thursday.)

**Feb. 23 to 28**

- **Military Saves Week** - For events, see page 4.

**Feb. 25; March 4, 11, 18 and 25**

- **Children's Story Time** - The Brussels Library in Building 4 welcomes all preschoolers and their parents to join the library staff for stories and crafts Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Enjoy the following books: Feb. 25: "Love is a Good Thing to Feel." In March, the library will be celebrating the birthday of children's author Theodor Geisel, otherwise known as Dr. Seuss. March 4: "The Cat in the Hat." March 11: "Green Eggs and Ham." March 18: "Fox in Socks." March 25: "Horton Hears a Who." For more information, call DSN 368-9791 or civilian 02-7179791.

**March 2**

- **Four Day Weekend AFE Show** - The 3 Star hosts this critically acclaimed comedy group from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Show time is at 6:30 p.m. Four Day Weekend is an 18-and-older event. Four Day Weekend's entire show is based on audience suggestions and participation, creating an improvised brand of humor. Voted Best Comedy multiple times, Four Day Weekend is a Fort Worth, Texas, institution. They've been called "Fort Worth's Greatest Ambassadors," recently won "Best Small Business Of The Year," have been awarded the Key to the City, performed for two U.S. presidents and delivered a keynote address to the U.S. Congress. Cost: \$7 per person, includes a buffet of heavy hors d'oeuvres. (Make your reservations at [reservations3star@yahoo.com](mailto:reservations3star@yahoo.com).) For details, call DSN 368-9680 or civilian 02-7179680.



## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

**Mark your calendar**

- **Slant (Rock) AFE Show and St. Patrick's Day Party** - Don't miss this free rock concert at the Schinnen Community Activities Center, also known as the Schinnen Andre Bruls Fitness Center, March 19 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to wear green. A unique Russian-Bengali L.A.-based quartet, Slant knows how to rock the house: Its melodic, yet edgy, sound has earned them an instant following. Call DSN 360-7370 or civilian +31 (0) 464-437370.



**Register now**

- **Rock Climbing** - Register youths ages 10 to 18 for this climbing event during open enrollment, which runs through Feb. 20, at CYSS Parent Central Services in Brunssum. The \$130 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 on the following Wednesdays: Feb. 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 15 and 22. For details, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195. Youths must be registered with CYS Services and have a valid health/sports assessment at the time of enrollment.

**Feb. 23 to 27**

- **Hand-to-hand combat** - Learn basic fighting skills at a military hand-to-hand combat course in the USAG Benelux-Schinnen Gym Feb. 23 to 27. U.S./NATO ID card-holders are invited to enroll in U.S. Army Combatives Level 1 (Basic Combatives) Course. To register, contact [jujitsuamericas@gmail.com](mailto:jujitsuamericas@gmail.com), 065-236-8426 or <https://facebook.com/jujitsuamericas>.



**Feb. 23 to 28**

- **Military Saves Week** - For events, see page 4.

**Feb. 24**

- **Job Search and Résumé Writing** - Learn effective job-search methods, then discover tips to market your knowledge, skills and abilities to get your résumé noticed at Schinnen Army Community Service from 10 to 11:30 a.m..To register, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.

**SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY continued****Feb. 27**

- **Hearts Apart** - Schinnen Army Community Service offers a support group for youth separated from a loved one, whether through a deployment or a family situation. Attend the next meeting at AFNORTH International School from 2 to 3 p.m. For details, call the ACS Deployment Readiness office at DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.

**SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY****Happening now**

- **Tickets on sale for Scenes from American Life** - The SHAPE Players present this A.R. Gurney production at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. This play, set in Buffalo, New York (the author's hometown), uses Gurney's patented vignette effect in which the scene moves backward and forward in time, contrasting attitudes and social norms in the community's time continuum. It runs March 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee performance March 15 at 3 p.m. Admission: adult €16, student €9, child €7. Call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. For details, visit <http://www.shapeplayers.net>.
- **Tickets for Shrek Jr., The Musical** - The SHAPE Players present the Performing Arts School's 2015 Winter/Spring Theatre Camp in a musical based on the Dreamworks animation movie at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. It runs March 26 to 28 at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee performance March 28 at 3 p.m. This play is sold out; however, tickets will be sold on performance days if some ticket-holders haven't arrived by show time. Admission: \$10.

**Feb. 23 to 28**

- **Military Saves Week** - For events, see page 4.

**Feb. 24**

- **Lunch and Learn** - Offered by Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program, Lunch and Learn meets Tuesdays in the SHAPE ACS Training Room in Building 318 from noon to 1 p.m. The military family-life consultant presents "From Couplehood to Parenthood." Brown-bag it, and join the discussion group. To register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

**Feb. 27**

- **Fun for Kids** - Take your bikes, trikes, scooters or skates and join other children at the Chièvres Community Activity Center from 5 to 8 p.m. Get together a game of pickup basketball or play on bouncy castles. This free event is open to those who have access to Chièvres Air Base. To find out more about the Fun for Kids event, call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.
- **Kids Movie Night** - Chièvres Library hosts this free event at its facility in the Community Activity Center from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Join the library staff and watch an animated children's movie about time travel. (Contact the librarian at DSN 361-5767 or civilian 068-275767 for the title of the film.) Popcorn and juice will be served. Children age 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

**March 5**

- **EFMP PCS Transition Workshop** - Making a permanent change of station can be difficult with all the things to plan for and remember. If there is a family member with a disability or chronic illness, there are more things to consider so moving can be even more of a challenge if you have someone in the Exceptional Family Member Program. Attend this class at SHAPE Army Community Service from 10 to 11 a.m. to get resources and checklists that will help to prepare you for the transition to your next duty station. To register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

**Movies at SHAPE Cinema**

Rates — 2D movies: adults €7 and children 11 and under €4. 3D movies: adults €9 and children 11 and under €6. Check <http://www.shape2day.com/cinema.aspx> 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>.

**Movie at JFC HQ Alliance Theater**

Adult admission is €5 (ages 12 and older) - Child admission is €3 (ages 11 and under). Check the new web page at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146> for the movie schedule.