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Benelux news briefs

Chièvres' newcomers

In an effort to integrate all new residents, the city of Chièvres is hosting a welcome reception June 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the town hall. All U.S. and SHAPE community members who recently moved to Chièvres recently received a personal invitation from the mayor and are highly encouraged to participate as attendees will have a unique opportunity to take a walk-through of city services, get useful information and meet city officials. On that day, an annual sale organized by the local vendors and craftsmen will take place on the main square. Free concerts will also be on the program with the participation of local brass bands and the SHAPE Band.

Basic Rider Course

The USAG Benelux Installation Safety Office is hosting a special Basic Rider Course for DOD Civilians on July 1-2 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Bldg. 134, Chièvres Air Base. Participants must possess a valid drivers license. To register, call DSN 361-6114 or civilian 068-276114.

Celebrating the Army Birthday



Cis Spook

Pfc. Anna Poole, the youngest military among attendees, cuts the Army Birthday cake, Friday, June 13, 2014 while Command Sgt. Maj. Robert D. Carter looks on. U.S. Army Garrison Benelux celebrated the 239th Army Birthday during several events among which, the NCO induction ceremony, a BOSS recognition ceremony and a Healthy Lifestyle Festival that kicked off with a 5K run/walk. **See pages 2-5**

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Community members commit to healthy lifestyle



U.S. Army Garrison Benelux organized a 5K run/walk on Chièvres Air Base, Friday, June 13, 2014. The run celebrated the 239th Army Birthday and kicked off the Healthy Lifestyle Festival. Booths were set up at the departure of the run to promote a healthier way of life. The winner of the 5K run was Gregory Vanderstichelen (inset photo) from the Directorate of Public Works. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook)

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Army Birthday

Service members get together for training



USAG Benelux service members gathered for a special day of training on Chièvres Air Base, Thursday, June 12, 2014.

(Photo above) Sgt. Allen Slade, USAG Benelux Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Brussels platoon, finishes third of the 12 miles (20 Kms) ruck march, a march with a 35-plus pound backpack on Chièvres Air Base.

(Photo left) Sgt. Allen Slade and Sgt. Bryan Teneyck, USAG Benelux, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Brussels platoon, celebrate their time of 1 minute and 8 seconds for the disassembling and reassembling of a M9 pistol and M16 A2 rifle in a round of weapons competition. (U.S. Army photos by Pierre Etienne Courtejoie)

Army Birthday

Youngest, oldest service member join for celebration



(From left to right) Sgt. Zachary D. Harvey, USAG Benelux-Schinnen DES and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jerzy Rzasowski, the youngest and the oldest military member cut the cake to celebrate the 239th Army's Birthday on Wednesday, June 9, 2014 at USAG Benelux-Schinnen. (U.S. Army photos by Rita Hoefnagels)



BOSS members get recognized for their contribution



Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers or BOSS held a ceremony in Chièvres, Friday, June 13, 2014, to recognize all the members for their support in the various events held throughout the community. Command Sgt. Maj. Robert D. Carter presented a BOSS coin to each BOSS member and Tech Sgt. Christina Chislom, outgoing president, presented certificates of achievement to those who participated in two or more BOSS pillars and have dedicated their time and service throughout 2013 to the many BOSS activities. Certificates of achievement were also presented to those who attended the Wounded Warrior trip to Ramstein Air Base and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany. The ceremony was also marked by the change of president as Sgt. Sadia Quint is taking over as the BOSS president from Tech Sgt. Christina Chislom. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook)

In The Spotlight



Music, hockey, snooker, paragliding, writing, painting, sports reporting... And you, what is your hobby?
Do you want to be in the spotlight?
Do you or someone you know have an interesting hobby?
Let us know at usarmy.benlux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil.

Welcome to the Non-Commissioned Officer Corps



(Picture above) The following Soldiers joined the non-commissioned officer or NCO Corps after taking part in the longstanding military tradition known as the NCO induction ceremony held in Chièvres, June 12, 2014: Sgt. Bryan Teneyck, Sgt. Allen Slade, Sgt. Frank Guios, Sgt. Brenna Polk, Sgt. Zachary Harvey, Sgt. Cody Johnson, Sgt. Robert McNulty, Sgt. Matthew Schroeder, Sgt. Alejandro Rivera, Sgt. Grant Auch, Sgt. Omar Cabrera, Sgt. Ivan Diaz-Roman, Sgt. Sadia Quint, Sgt. Cera Thomas and Sgt. George Dixon. The NCO induction ceremony is a celebration of the newly promoted joining the ranks of a professional NCO corps and emphasizes and builds on the pride shared among members of the corps.

(Picture right) Sgt. Frank Guios walks through the arch showing the Charge of the Newly Promoted NCO. Each inductee moved through the NCO arch which represents the crossing over from a junior enlisted Soldier to an NCO, a milestone in their career.



(Picture far right) Sgt. Sadia Quint recites the oath of induction to the newly promoted NCO. While doing so, the newest NCOs will affirm their commitment to the professionalism of the corps and become a part of the "Backbone" of the Army.

(Picture bottom right) The ceremony included the traditional red, white and blue candle lighting ritual. The red candle, lit by First Sgt. Alejandro Romar, represents the past and the blood, which was shed. The white candle, lit by Master Sgt. Ryan Fritz, represents the present and purity, while the blue candle, lit by Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy King, represents the future and loyalty to our country.

(Picture bottom left) Sgt. Allen Slade signs the NCO charge after which he will be issued the charge by Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Carter. By signing the charge, the newly promoted NCO accepts responsibility for the Soldiers of lesser rank who are required to obey his or her orders. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook)



Trenches to Foxholes

Local community thanks WWII pilot for his actions

By Cis Spook

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Public Affairs



(Photo above) Lt. Floyd Addy, pilot of the "Won Long Hop" as shown on the memorial in Wodecq, Belgium.

(Photo right) Lt. Col. Christopher Kuester speaks to the attendees during the commemorative ceremony in Wodecq, June 14, 2014.



Eric Daniel

Lt. Col. Christopher Kuester, Commander, 424th Air Base Squadron, joined the local community, June 14, in honoring Lt. Floyd Addy, who died 70 years ago while maneuvering the aircraft to avoid crashing in the center of Wodecq, a small village 30 kilometers north from Chièvres Air Base.

On June 14, 1944, Addy's crew of 10, boarded the B-24 "Won Long Hop," part of the 861st Squadron, 493rd Bomb Group, with the mission to bomb the air base near Laon, France in order to relieve the Allied forces. The mission was to be the last one for "Won Long Hop" as it was intended for scrap upon its return. It had never succeeded one single mission and its last mission was not going to be the exception.

After the "Won Long Hop" missed its target, the commander of the formation ordered Addy to assess the damage caused by their bombings. While doing so, the B-24 was no longer part of the formation and had to head back to England by itself. The plane was hit numerous times by anti-aircraft fire but flying over Chièvres Air Base, then occupied by the Nazis, enemy fire blew out the four

engines and it was clear that it wouldn't reach England anymore.

Addy ordered his crew to bail out while he decided to maneuver his plane to an unpopulated area where he would attempt a crash landing. His last words to his crew were: "Good luck to you; I stay in the plane. There are friends among the people on the ground and I don't want that one of our planes falls upon them." These words are mentioned in the book "A Wartime Journey: Bail-out over Belgium - World War II" written long after the war by William Cupp, one of Addy's crew members.

As he flew over Wodecq, Addy managed to avoid the steeple of the church.

"At that time on June 14, 1944, the church of Wodecq was filled with children preparing their procession of faith that was to be held on Whit Sunday," mentioned Marcel Leroy, who is one of the planners of the ceremony as well as a witness of the events. "I was a four year old boy at the time and recall the plane flying over the village as I was about to go to school," Leroy added.

After avoiding the center of the vil-

lage, Addy headed south, probably in an attempt to make a crash landing in the fields. As he realized he wouldn't be able to succeed, he bailed out. Unfortunately, the plane had lost too much altitude so his parachute wouldn't open and Addy crashed in a field.

"His actions can be retold in countless stories across the ages," Kuester mentioned in his speech. "People risk their lives to save people they did not even know. Young Floyd would not see his wife Barbara again. He would not meet his daughter Ann, born after this crash. But Floyd sacrificed himself so someone in this town could see their family again."

Addy is buried in the Netherlands American cemetery in Margraten but the people in Wodecq are preserving his memory at the monument honoring his actions.

The other nine crew members of the "Won Long Hop" made it safely to the ground. While some were taken prisoners, others managed to get back to England with the help of the local resistance. All of the nine crew members made it eventually back to the States at the end of the war.

Trenches to Foxholes

This week in World War history (June 15 to 21)

World War I

June 15, 1918 - Austrian troops begin an offensive along the Piave River in Italy, at the urging of the Germans. Although suffering from a lack of food, horses and supplies, they cross the river and establish a 12-mile front, but then realize they can not hold it against the now-revitalized Italian Army and withdraw after suffering 150,000 casualties. Following this, Austrian soldiers in Italy begin deserting.



Austro-Hungarian anti-aircraft unit on banks of Piave River.

June 16, 1915 - The French 10th Army launches its second attempt to seize Vimy Ridge from the Germans in the Artois. This time the troops encounter an intensive artillery bombardment from the improved defenses of the German 6th Army. The French achieve their initial objective, but then succumb to a German counter-attack, just as they did in the first attempt at Vimy. The French call off the Vimy offensive with 100,000 casualties. The Germans suffer 60,000.

June 17, 1917 - On the battlefields of Flanders, Belgium, the Corpo Expedicionário Português, or Portuguese Expeditionary Corps, goes into action for the first time during World War I.

- Two Zeppelins raid Kent and the eastern counties; three killed, 16 injured.

- German airship L48 felled by British aeroplane over Suffolk.

June 18, 1915 - After several weeks of heavy fighting, including savage hand-to-hand combat, with little success, French troops halt their attacks on the German trenches in the Artois region of France.

June 18, 1917 - Johann Hesselink takes command of Jagdstaffel (Jasta) 33. Jasta 33 will be assigned to Chièvres Air Field late in 1918.

June 18, 1918 - Germans advance down River Ourcq, taking Chouy and Neuilly St. Front.

- French lose and retake Fort de la Pompelle (dominating Reims-Chalons Railway, south-east of Reims).

- French retreat between Oise and Aisne to line Carlepont Wood (south of Noyon) - Fontenoy (north of Soissons).

June 20, 1918 - German WWI ace Emil Thuy gets his 22nd victory against a Sopwith Camel west of Cerisy, France at 6:50 p.m. Four months later, Thuy will fly from Chièvres Air Field where he will score his final victories of the war.

World War II

June 15, 1941 - Operation BATTLEAXE begins with a frontal attack through the Halfaya Pass toward Sollum, Egypt by the British. The German 88 mm anti-aircraft guns stopped the British armor, and the Germans then counterattacked. The British lost 91 tanks, and Operation BATTLEAXE was over by 17 June.

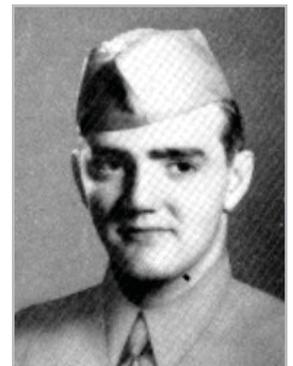
June 15, 1942 - Allied convoy KN-109 sails into a minefield five miles off Virginia Beach, Virginia, United States, which was laid by U-701 four days prior; British anti-submarine trawler HMT Kingston Ceylonite and US tanker Robert C. Tuttle are sunk, U.S. tanker Esso Augusta and destroyer USS Bainbridge are damaged.

June 15 through 17, 1942 - During the North African Campaign, German ace Hans-Joachim Marseille, flying a Messerschmitt Bf 109, shoots down 14 allied aircraft increasing his score to 101 kills. Marseille is known for the speed of his attacks and kills. He is credited with four kills in five minutes on June 15, four kills in 11 minutes on June 16, and six kills in 10 minutes on June 17.

June 17, 1940 - France asks Germany for terms of surrender in World War II.

June 18, 1942 - German 132nd Infantry Division attacks Soviet Coastal Battery No. 12 near Sevastopol, Russia (now Ukraine) at 11:00 a.m., capturing it by 7 p.m. Nearby, German 24th Infantry Division overruns Soviet defenses at Bartenyevka. At the docks, Italian torpedo boats perform a raid, damaging landing craft.

June 19, 1944 - Pvt. Thomas A. Baker advances ahead of his unit with a bazooka and destroys a Japanese emplacement which is firing on his company during action on Saipan in the Marianas Islands. Several days later, he single-handedly attacked and killed two groups of Japanese Soldiers. On July 7, 1944 Baker's position came under attack by a large Japanese force. Although seriously wounded early in the attack, he refused to be evacuated and continued to fight in the close-range battle until running out of ammunition. When a comrade was wounded while trying to carry him to safety, Baker insisted that he be left behind. At his request, his comrades left him propped against a tree and gave him a pistol, which had eight bullets remaining. When American forces retook the position, they found the pistol, now empty, and eight dead Japanese Soldiers around Baker's body. Baker was posthumously promoted to sergeant and, on May 9, 1945, awarded the Medal of Honor.



Pvt. Thomas A. Baker

June 20, 1942 - Polish prisoners of Auschwitz Concentration camp break into a SS store room, steal uniforms and weapons then make their escape from the concentration camp in disguise. *This week in World War history is compiled from various sources by Keith Houin, USAG Benelux public affairs.*

Audit letter from the IRS, what to expect next?

Special to the Gazette



The feeling of dread when opening your mailbox and seeing an unsolicited letter from the IRS always strikes a chord of impending doom for U.S. citizens. The prospect of being audited, especially when living out of the country, can definitely be a scary and overwhelming experience for any taxpayer. However, there are several ways that you can inform yourself so that you are prepared, just in case the IRS decides to inquire into your tax return.

In most scenarios, it will likely take anywhere from a year to 18 months after the filing deadline in April for the IRS to send an official audit or inquiry letters to taxpayers. If you receive a letter, it will possibly ask for clarification concerning an area on your tax return (i.e. perhaps a dependant's information or information on a W-2), or it might detail a specific area where a miscalculation or omission on your tax return has now changed either the amount that you received as a return or an amount that you now owe to the IRS. Additionally, there might also be an accrued amount of interest, and or penalty amount, that is included with an amount due listed in the letter.

In the event that you should receive a letter from the IRS, while the first response is usually to fear the worst, most situations can be cleared up with a phone call to the IRS. In the event the letter is an inquiry for additional information regarding your tax return, a phone call to the IRS providing the called-for information will suffice. However, if the letter is informing you of a change in the return amount that you received or informing that you now owe the IRS, the SHAPE Northern Law Center is available to provide assistance. The Law Center is able to help you navigate the IRS system and offer advice in most tax situations, helping to remove the dread of finding an IRS letter waiting in your mailbox.

Banned foodstuffs, keep it out of USA

By Robert Szostek

U.S. Army Europe Customs PAO

Personnel shipping household goods to the USA this summer should be careful when packing the contents of their kitchen, agriculture officials advise. The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection issues fines of \$100 to \$1,000 to first-time offenders who ignore the strict rules that apply to sending food products stateside.

"Red meats, sausages, pâtés and salami can harbor animal viruses, even if canned, and are therefore barred from import," said Scott Sanner, U.S. Department of Agriculture advisor to the U.S. European Command. Even pasta or soup mixes that contain dried meat are not allowed, he added. Foot-and-mouth disease and bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease) are examples of animal diseases that need to be kept out of the USA this way.

Fresh fruits and vegetables may also not be sent to the U.S. because they can contain the eggs or larvae of voracious pests. The Mediterranean fruit fly is a good example of a bug that can hide in citrus and other fruits to beat our defenses.

However, you can ship processed fruit and vegetable products such as canned fruit, olive oil, mustard and canned or processed sauces. There are no restrictions on fish or mushrooms either, Sanner added. Commercially produced dried herbs and spices, tea, roasted coffee, cured cheeses, cakes, candies, cookies and roasted nuts are also okay.

To find out more about importing food, plant and animal products into the United States, visit the CBP website at <http://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/know-before-you-go>.



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Did you know that . . .



Living beyond your means is a prescription for disaster?

Does more than 25% of your take-home pay go to paying bills? Are you making only minimum payments on bills due? Are you taking out new loans to pay off old ones? Are you missing payments? Are you stalling one creditor to pay another? Are you having frequent family arguments over money? Do you really need that new TV, fancy watch or extra cup of fancy coffee? Financial counseling is available through your local ACS office.

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SHAPE International Library

Belgian Corner - If you are looking for something to do with the family this weekend, want to explore Belgian cuisine or wonder about the origins of Belgian festivals then stop by the library's new Belgian Corner, where you can find information on local festivals, attractions and museums as well as Belgian food and traditions. Located between the French and German section, stop by to familiarize yourself with your temporary home. For more information, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631, e-mail at mwr.shape.library.info@us.army.mil or stop by during regular hours.

Summer reading program "Paws to Read"

SHAPE/Chièvres - The program will start on July 1. Registration is open and will continue throughout the summer. For more information call the SHAPE International Library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631 or the Chièvres Library at DSN 361-5767 or civilian 068-275767. You can also check out the libraries' website at <http://chievres.armymwr.com/europe/chievres/>.

Schinnen - The program will run from June 24 through August 17. It is open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders between the ages of 3 and 18 years old. For more information call DSN 364-2669 or civilian 045-5262669.

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

Soccer Tournament at JFC Brunssum

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

Schinnen Summer Basketball Camp

This summer basketball camp for high-school students, grades 9 through 12, meets at the Schinnen Fitness Center for practice Tuesdays from June 24 to Aug. 5 at 5 p.m. Both boys and girls will have the opportunity to practice their shooting, passing, rebounding and free-throw skills during the camp. For more information, contact the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7561, civilian 046-4437561 or send an email message to usarmy.Schinnen.imcom-europe.list.schinnen-fc@mail.mil.

Brussels' services operating hours

CDC hourly care - The USAG Benelux-Brussels CDC hourly care will be closed June 25-26 for minor facility upgrades. This will not affect the Youth Center Summer Camp programs located at Sterrebeek Annex, Brussels American School.

All summer camp programs will take place as scheduled. All Parent Central Services functions, registration and fee payment will be available at the Youth Center on Sterrebeek Annex June 25-26.

Auto Skills Center - The USAG Benelux- Brussels Auto Skills Center will be closed today. They will also be closed on June 20 from noon to 1:15 p.m. for employee training.

CAC Card Office - The CAC Card office in Bldg. 4, room 311, will be closed on Wednesdays and on the following Fridays of June 20 and 27. You can call the ID card section at SHAPE; Bldg. 253 to schedule an appointment. For more information call DSN 366-6292 or civilian 065-446293. The USAG Benelux-Brussels IACS office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SHAPE Summer Theater Camp

Registration is open for Summer Theater Camp at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. This year's camp runs June 23 through July 26, and the production will be Willy Wonka. Cost is \$400 per child. For details, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312.

SHAPE hosts Army Ball

The U.S. Army Ball will be held June 28 to commemorate the 239th Army Birthday. Tickets are limited. For more information, contact your unit representative:

- 39th Signal Battalion: DSN 366-6283 or civilian 065-326283.
- 650th MI Brigade: DSN 423-4559 or civilian 065-444559.
- Finance Office: DSN 423-8369 or civilian 065-448369.
- AFN Benelux: DSN 423-3675 or civilian 065-448369.
- AFNORTH Battalion: DSN 423-4875/3656 or civilian 065-444875/3656.
- USAG Benelux: DSN 361-5587 or civilian 068-275587.
- Northern Law Center: DSN 423-5447 or civilian 065-448369.

SHAPE/Chièvres CYSS

Summer Camp - Registration is open for the Summer Camp June 16 through Aug. 22. For more information, call SHAPE Parent Central Services at DSN 423-6039/6099 or civilian 065-446039/6099.

Paid internship - If you are a U.S. citizen between 15 and 18, currently attending high school, if you possess and maintain a C grade-point average or better and are subject to the satisfactory completion of local police background checks, you are eligible to apply for a paid internship with CYSS Sports & Fitness. CYSS will offer a paid internship for 12 continuous work weeks once all goals are met with 15 to 18 hours of work during school weeks and a maximum of 40 hours during non-school weeks. CPR training, first aid and child abuse prevention classes will be offered. If interested, call CYSS at DSN 423-5611 or civilian 065-445611.

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Sign up for Europe Army Ten-Miler

USAG Bavaria will host the 2014 U.S. Forces Europe Army Ten Miler Qualification Race June 28. This race will select the best-qualified candidates to represent USAREUR in the 2014 U.S. Army Ten Miler. For information and to register, go to <http://grafenwoehr.armymwr.com/europe/grafenwoehr/grafenwoehr-events/us-forces-europe-10-miler-qualification-race/?eID=26210>.

CYSS Brussels

Summer camp - CYSS Brussels offers summer camps June 16 to Aug. 22 for youth completing grades kindergarten through 11. Register soon because space is limited. Contact CYSS Brussels Parent Central at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651.

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

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

Flag football - Registration is open through Aug. 29 for ages 10 to 15 years with season starting Sept. 8. Cost is \$40.

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

Schinnen Run-a-thon at Brunssum

The Tri Border gets ready for the run of a lifetime. The USAG Benelux-Schinnen Fitness Center will host a 12-hour Run-a-thon Challenge July 25 to 26. This event will be held at the JFC Sports Complex (Slag Heap).

The run will begin at midnight on July 25 and end at noon on July 26. Sign your team up today. Individual signups are also welcome; individuals will be placed on a team. For more information, contact the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7561, civilian 046-4437561 or send an email message to USArmy.Schinnen.IMCOM-Europe.List.Schinnen-FC@mail.mil.

CIF, PBO and Hazmat

The 405th AFSB LRC Benelux Supply Support Activity on Chièvres Air Base Hanger 3 including the CIF, PBO, and Hazmat will be closed at noon on June 20. Normal operational hours will be resumed on June 23.

Schinnen/Brunssum CYSS

Summer camp - The USAG Benelux-Schinnen School Age Center and Youth Center offer Summer Camp trips June 23 through Aug. 15. Space is limited. Call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian 045-5263121/2023 for full Summer Camp

details.

Flag football - Open enrollment for children ages 10 to 15 runs through July 4 at the CYSS Parent Central Services Office, Building H-602 at JFC Brunssum. Cost is \$40. You must be registered with CYSS and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. For details, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian 045-5264195.

Soccer - Open enrollment for children ages 3 to 15 runs through July 4 at the CYSS Parent Central Services Office, Building H-602 at JFC Brunssum. Cost: children 3 to 5 \$20; children 6 to 15 \$40. You must be registered with CYSS and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. For details, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian 045-5264195.

Independence Day celebrations

Brussels - Come and celebrate Independence Day at the Brussels American Community Independence Day Celebration July 5 from 3 to 11:30 p.m. at the Sterrebeek Annex. For more information, call DFMWR at DSN 368-9680 or civilian 02-7179680.

Schinnen/Brunssum - Come out to the Brunssum Sports Field to celebrate Independence Day July 5 from 2 p.m. to 12 a.m. For more information, call DSN 361-6223 or civilian 068-27-6223.

SHAPE/Chièvres - The Benelux/Chièvres community invites you to come celebrate Independence Day at the SHAPE Shopping Area, July 4 from noon to 11 p.m. Open to all SHAPE ID cardholders. For more information, call DSN 361-6223 or civilian 068-276223.

Job opportunities in Brussels

Do you have a spouse or adult family member who would like a paid position working in the garrison? The 3-Star Lounge and CYSS in Brussels are looking for help. Ask your spouse or adult family member to apply if interested.

The 3-Star Lounge Needs Staff:

- Recreation Assistant: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/371312900>.
- Recreation Assistant (Facilities Operator): <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/371320000>.

The Brussels CYSS is Hiring Staff:

- Administrative Assistant (CYS): <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/371312600>.
- Child and Youth Program Assistant: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/370966600>.

Benelux Education Center

Summer social - The Benelux Education Center will be hosting a social July 2 from noon to 2 p.m. in Bldg. 212 (same as Army Finance) on SHAPE to highlight partner schools and the programs they offer.



KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

The Official Website of the American Forces Network Benelux

Brussels: 101.7 FM – Chièvres 107.9 FM – SHAPE 106.5 FM and 104.2 FM
benelux.afneurope.net



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

June 20-22

- **Music Days in Wallonia and Brussels** - Free concerts will take place all over Wallonia and Brussels for the annual "Fête de la musique". For a complete program and a list of the participating cities sorted province by province, visit <http://www.fetedelamusique.be/1-toutes-les-regions/events>.



June 22

- **Volksmarch in Amougies** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs on the square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Hoves** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs on the square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Leernes** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs on Rue Berteaux 45 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Jodoigne** for 15, 25 and 35 km. Departs on Chaussée de Tirlemont as of 7:30 a.m. Participation fee is €5.
- **Giant screen in Brugelette** - Viewing of the match between Belgium and Russia as of 5 p.m. at the School Sainte-Gertrude on Chemin de Wisbecq. Entrance is free.
- **Giant screen in Chièvres** - Viewing of the match between Belgium to Russia as of 5 p.m. on the Grand'Place. Entrance is free.



June 24-27

- **European March of Memory and Friendship in Bastogne** - The march used to be a military exercise to retrace the itinerary of the battles on the "Chasseurs Ardennais" defense line in May 1940, but is now open to everyone. Today, the number of stage cities varies due to the itinerary. The monuments and locations have increased in number too. There are now more civilian marchers than military participants. More information at <http://www.marchemesa.com/welcome.html>.



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

Through June 22

- **Roncallis Historic Year Market in Aachen-Kornelimünster (GE)** is an annual event with many antique and art dealers, attractions, rides, entertainers and more. Open Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 10 p.m., Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

June 20

- **Volksmarch in Horn** for 4 and 10 km. Departs on Napoleonsweg 6 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

June 20 to 22

- **Farm and Country Fair in Aalten** at Dinxperlo-sestraatweg combines entertainment and fun with many aspects of country life and farming. More than 375 exhibitors offer many regional products, colorful garden stands, professional artists, agriculture, shows and more. It is full of exciting activities for children of every age, like the large sand mountains, toy tractors, carousels, rabbits and guinea pigs. For older children, there are workshops, such as cooking or flower arranging, children can also ride a horse. Many activities are free of charge. Visit <http://www.countryfair.eu/> Open June 20 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., June 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adults €15, children, ages 4 to 14, €5.



June 21

- **Arts and Antique Market in Haarlem**, held at Op de Dreef from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Night volksmarch in Heerlen** for 4.5 and 8 km. Departs on Schaapskooiweg 99 at 10:30 p.m. for the 4.5 km route and at 10:45 p.m. for the 8 km route.
- **Night volksmarch in Maastricht** for 5 km. Departs on Lage Kanaaldijk 80 at 10:30 p.m.

June 21-22

- **Art of Living Fair in Remagen (GE)**, is a unique combination of Art: a market like the ones in the Provence in France with Mediterranean gastronomy and lots of music and dance.

June 27

- **Bear Rock Festival in Andenne** - Outdoor music festival, bands from Belgium and abroad, cocktails bar, giant screens for animated movies, street artists, etc. More information at <http://www.bear-rock.org/>.

June 27-29

- **Couleur Café Festival** - Exotic, throbbing music from the Caribbean, Africa and Latin America. In between concerts visitors can buy ornaments and handicraft products from all over the world and sample delicious cocktails and international dishes. More information at http://2013.couleurcafe.be/en/couleur_cafe/home-270.html.



Ongoing

Through June 22

- **Bouglione circus in Soignies** - From 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on the Parking the l'Epinois. Prices range from €17 to €27.

Through June 29

- **Exhibition "Mons during WWI & WWII"** on Rue de la Coupe 33-35. Display includes posters, paintings, magazines, flags etc. Open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance is free.

Through June 29

- **Dinner in the Sky in Brussels** provides a unique opportunity to discover Brussels' high cuisine in the most extraordinary manner possible: 22 guests and one 'starred' chef will share an unforgettable gastronomic experience in the skies over the capital, enjoying an unparalleled view of Brussels and its surroundings while enjoying in rare dishes and fine wines. For more information, visit <http://www.dinnerinthesky.be/>.

Through December 24

- **Exhibition "Regards croisés sur la Guerre 14-18" (crossed perspectives on WWI) in Ath** on Rue de Pintamont 18 Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on the weekend from 2 to 6 p.m.

Mark your calendar

June 28-29

- **Beer festival in Jurbise** - Enjoy more than eighty different beers and free concerts. Open from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. on Saturday and from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Sunday.



June 21-22 continued

- **Scottish Festival in Xanten (GE)** with Highland games, pipbags, bands, live music and lots more at Wiesen am Ostwall. Entry is €6. Find more information on <http://www.scotfest.de>.



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- **Strawberry festival in Zundert** with lots of activities, market and more, all around the strawberry.

June 21 and 28

- **Antique and Curiosa Market in Roermond**, held at Kloosterwandplein from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 22

- **Antique and Curiosa Market in Bemelen**, held in the old center and surrounding farm courtyards from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €2.
- **Volksmarch in Sittard** for 17 km. Departs on Hasseltsebaan 100 at 9:30 a.m.

June 26-28

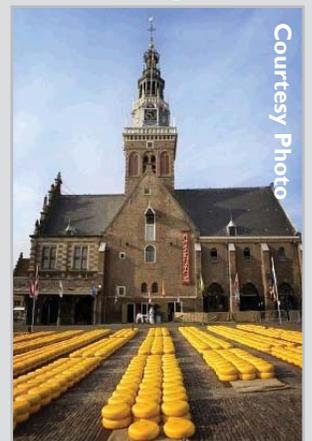
- **Dutch TT in Assen** - International motor races at TT Circuit. For more information visit www.tt-assen.com.

June 27-28

- **Witch Festival in Oudewater** - the city is swamped with witches and other magical figures. There's music, dance, theater, fairy tales and magic acts all around the "Heksenwaag" (Witches Weighhouse). Open from 6 p.m. to midnight on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Through Sept. 5

- **Cheese market in Alkmaar** is famous worldwide for its cheese, which has been weighed in the town of Alkmaar since 1593. Cheese carriers carry thousands of kilos of cheese from 'Waagplein' square to the weighing house. What used to be serious business has turned into a popular attraction for thousands of tourists. See cheese carriers in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon until the first Friday of September. You'll be surprised at how important cheese used to be and still is for the city of Alkmaar.



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SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

London, June 21 - Enjoy a day of free time to discover Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, Museums and the West End theatre district. This trip fills up quickly so reserve your spot soon. Departs from Brussels at 3:30 a.m. Departs from SHAPE at 4:30 a.m. Arrives at SHAPE Sunday at 1:30 a.m. Arrives at Brussels Sunday at 2:30 a.m. Price: €75.



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0031-(0)46-4437561

Berlin Express, June 28 - You will have a minimum of 10 hours of free time to explore one of the capitals of the world -- home of the world-famous Pergamon Museum filled with colossal antiquities. Coach departs from Schinnen June 27 at 10 p.m. Arrival in Berlin June 28 at approximately 8 a.m. Coach departs from Berlin June 28 at 9 p.m. Arrives back in Schinnen June 29 at approximately 7 a.m. Price: \$89 per person. Included in tour price: round-trip coach transportation.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below
call civilian 0486-565371

Atlantic Wall Museum and Flanders Field, Aug. 19 - August marks the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I. In order to commemorate the centenary of the war, the SHAPE Travel Group will take you on a remembrance trip to Oostende and Ypres. First stop will be at the Atlantic Wall Museum in Oostende where we will have time to walk around and learn the importance of the modern fortifications from World War I and II. After Oostende, the tour group will travel to Ypres. In Ypres, they will visit the 'In Flanders Field' Museum, have time to have a nice dinner and end the trip with the Last Post at Menin Gate. Tour Price: €40.



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Upcoming trips



SHAPE Trips & Tours

- **Stonehenge with Salisbury, June 28**
- **Efteling theme park, July 12**
- **Prague, July 18-21: Sign up before June 17**
- **Amsterdam, July 26**
- **Paris, Aug. 2**
- **Disneyland Paris, Aug. 8**
- **London, Aug. 15 to 17**
- **Medieval Dinner in Brugge (Bruges), Aug. 23**
- **Belgian Beer/Gin Tour, Sept. 13**
- **London, Oct. 11**
- **Peru, Oct. 24 - Nov. 3**
- **London, Dec. 6 to 7**
- **Buy discounted tickets to: AquaGolf, Aqualibi, Bastogne War Museum, Bois De Luc, Castle of Seneffe, Chateau Chimay, Crocodile Rouge, 14-18 Expo, Lasergames, Le Bois du Cazier, Lobbe-Thuin Tram Museum, Natura Park, Plugster, Pottery House, Site du Grand-Hornu, Thuin L'Abbaye d' Aulne, Thuin-Le Beffroi and Walibi.**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Express trip to London, July 19**
- **Dutch Day Trip to Alkmaar, Volendam and Zaanse Schans, Aug. 1**
- **Miami Dolphins vs. Oakland Raiders in London, Sept. 27 to 29**
- **Cowboys vs. Jaguars in London, Nov. 8 to 10**

SHAPE Travel Group

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

June 19

- **Jiu jitsu seminar at Brunssum** - Martial-arts legend Royce Gracie brings the Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Seminar to JFC Brunssum Gym. The children's session runs 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and the uniform is the gi. The adult session runs 7 to 9 p.m., and the uniform is the gi or if no gi is available a fatigue uniform (any camouflage uniform) is preferable. Gracie practices the art of Brazilian jiu-jitsu, a version of the Japanese martial art that made it to South America 100 years ago. Royce was instrumental in the formation of the Ultimate Fighting Championship, and he won UFC 1, 2 and 4. Read more about Gracie at <http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/mma/news/20130606/royce-gracie-metamoris-ufc/>. For more information on how to register, email jujitsuamericas@gmail.com.
- **Lunch and Learn: Anger - How to manage what makes you mad** - through the Family Advocacy/Victim Advocate from noon to 1 p.m. at the JFC Library in Brunssum. For more information, call ACS at DSN 360-7367/7500 or civilian 046-4437367/4437500.

June 19 to 20

- **Newcomers Tour/Host Nation Orientation** - at Schinnen ACS from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All newcomers must attend this to learn local customs, culture and some basics of the language. In the morning, listen to briefings at ACS and then go beyond the gate with the group to learn how to use the public transportation to visit points of interest in the community. For information, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian 046-4437500.

June 20, 23, 25 and 27

- **Women's Self-Defense Class** Introduction to Basic Techniques is given on June 20, 23, 25 and 27 from 7 to 8 a.m. at the JFC Brunssum Gym. Cost is €5 per session.

June 23

- **The Veteran's Administration** will have a staff member at Schinnen ACS from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to meet with anyone who would like a one-on-one appointment. If you have a question about your veteran's benefits, now or in the future, this is the person to speak with. To schedule an appointment call DSN 360-7269 or civilian 046-4437269, or email usarmy.schinnen.imcom-europe.list.acs@mail.mil.

June 24 to 26

- **Department of Labor Employment Workshop** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Schinnen ACS. This workshop is designed to give retiring/separating service members and their family members the skills needed to make transition to civilian life successful. Course will include effective job search, resume writing, interviewing techniques and much more. To register or for more information, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian 046-4437269/7500, or DSN 364-3475 /civilian 045-5263475 or email: usarmy.Schinnen.Imcom-Europe.list.ACS@mail.mil.

June 27

- **Personal Financial Planning for Transition** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Schinnen ACS Conference Room. When you know you'll be leaving the military it's time to start planning your return to civilian life. This is a significant event for you and your family, so you'll want to approach it armed with good information, the right skills, and a well-developed plan. The Personal Financial Planning for Transition presentation will equip you and your family with financial management resources. The briefing covers topics including but not limited to: budget creation, retirement, cost of living and relocation analysis as well as tax and legal considerations during and directly after transition. For more information or to register, contact ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian 046-4437450/7500, or DSN 364-3475 /civilian 045-5263475.
- **Texas Hold'Em** - Held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. in Bldg. 40. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders and their bona fide guests aged 18 and above. Buy-in is \$25. For more information, call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 046-4437561.

Register now

July 5 (registration needed by June 24)

- **Ameri-Fest Sports** as of 2 p.m. at the JFC Brunssum Sports Complex. Open to all NATO ID cardholders and U.S. personnel. On the program: flag football (seven players per team), volleyball (four players per team) and kickball (nine players per team). To register send an e-mail to Mpindexter@e3a.nato.int.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

June 19

- **Preteen/teen book club** - The next meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. in the library's reference room. The group will discuss *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. Registration is not required and there is no fee for this program. For more information or to reserve a copy of the book, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631, e-mail at mwr.shape.library.info@us.army.mil or stop by during regular hours.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY continued

June 20

- **Blood drive** - Held at Hangar #4 on Chièvres Air Base from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. For more information, call DSN 361-5458 or civilian 068-275458.

June 22

- **World War I Centenary Concert** by the Bruocsella Symphony Orchestra and guests from the SHAPE Band and the SHAPE Choir at 7:30 p.m. in the SHAPE Cinema. Entrance is free.

June 29

- **SHAPE Flea market** - Open to SHAPE cardholders from 6 to 8 a.m. and to all from 8 a.m. to noon. Vendor permits will be on sale at the Event Center, Bldg. 303 the Wednesday prior from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call DSN at 423-4269/8340 or civilian 065-444269/448340.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

June 19

- **Taco Night** at the 3 Star Lounge - As of 5:30 p.m., enjoy a buffet where you can eat all tacos you want for \$8.50.
- **Dress for success** - Held at the ACS conference room, Bldg. 4 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration is required at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.
- **Interviewing tips and techniques** - Held at the ACS conference room, Bldg. 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration is required at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

June 25

- **Food handlers training course** - Held at 12:30 p.m. at the 3 Star Lounge. The course will take approximately one hour. It is a good training opportunity if you wish to volunteer at the 3 Star Lounge and community wide events, including the upcoming Independence Day Celebration. For more information, call DSN 368-9680 or civilian 02-7179680.

June 25 (next classes on July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

- **Six-part series Scream-free parenting** - From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ACS conference room, Bldg. 4-320. For more information, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

Movie schedule at the SHAPE Cinema

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

June 20	4 p.m.	How to Train your Dragon 2 3D	PG	105 min
	6 p.m.	22 Jump Street	R	109 min
	8:30 p.m.	A Million Ways to Die in the West	R	100 min
June 21	No movie will be shown to prepare for the World War I Centenary Concert.			

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). Check the schedule at: <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. Check the schedule at <http://kinopolis.be/fr/cinemas/kinopolis-bruxelles>.

Movie schedule at the JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Adult admission is €5 (ages 12 and older) - Child admission is €3 (ages 11 and under). Check <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/Movies-Brunssum.htm>.

June 20	7 p.m.	X-Men Days of Future Past	PG-13	130 min
June 21	4 p.m.	How to Train your Dragon 2	PG	105 min
	7 p.m.	22 Jump Street	R	109 min

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