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Benelux news briefs

In memoriam

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Walter Stuckert passed away March 12 in Mons, Belgium, at the age of 83. In accordance with his last wishes to have a memorial service in an American chapel, funeral honors were held at Caserne Daumerie Chapel in Chièvres March 18 at 11 a.m.

Stuckert was a personal chef for several Supreme Allied Commanders Europe when the headquarters were still in Paris, and he later followed SHAPE to its current location in Casteau, Belgium, near Mons.

Read his story in the upcoming Gazette.

CAC Office closes

The USAG Benelux-Brussels Common Access Card, or CAC, Office will be closed March 25 and April 1 for training at SHAPE. During closures, call SHAPE at DSN 366-6292 or civilian 065-446292 to schedule Brussels appointments.

Website may have problems

The USAG Benelux website at <http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil> may be experiencing technical difficulties. The Benelux web team is working with U.S. Army Europe to resolve the issue.

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Soldiers perform CBRN training with 39th Signal

Sgt. 1st Class Steven Steingesser cleans his M-40 protective mask after his unit's Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN) training on Chièvres Air Base Wednesday, March 18, 2015. Steingesser is assigned to 128th Signal Company, 39th Signal Battalion, 2nd Signal Brigade, 5th Signal Command. For more photos, visit <http://dvidshub.net/r/ui949y>. (U.S. Army photo by Pierre Courtejoie/Training Support Center Benelux)

Migration gives new meaning to 'Frogger'

by Valentin Wallers

Natural resources manager, USAG Benelux Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division

Still played by gamers in its various incarnations and on vintage arcade machines, the classic 1981 video game "Frogger" allows players to help virtual frogs cross the road. However, real frogs often need human help "to get to the other side."

At the end of winter, during the first balmy and rainy evenings, millions of batrachians (frogs and toads) and other amphibians like newts begin their spring migrations. Destination: the pools and ponds where they were hatched. Objective: to reproduce.

Their passage generally starts in March, when the night falls. The animals are able to travel several kilometers through woodlands and meadows. However, batrachians encounter many difficulties throughout their journey. Roads, for instance, constitute a deadly trap for these amphibians.

You can take part

Appalled by this slaughter, some citizens choose to act to save frogs, toads and newts during their perilous migration. In order to help them to cross, groups of volunteers wearing reflective vests and carrying flashlights and buckets walk along the roads known to be on the animals' path.

This act of mercy helps ensure biodiversity because batrachians play a vital role in maintaining nature's balance.

If you are interested in volunteering, get in touch with the nearest representative from your location.

- In the Ath area:

- Call 0494-245650 to find out more about volunteer patrols of "Rue du Chemin de Fer" and "Rue du Chemin Vert" in Ath.

- Call 0495-521016 for patrols of "Chemin du Chasteler" in Moulbaix and "Chemin de la Cocampe" in Ostiches.

- In the Brussels area:

- Call 0478-550424 or send an email message to info@cowb.be for patrols of "Etang de Boitsfort" and "Chemin des Silex" in Watermael-Boitsfort.

- Call 026-605223 for patrols of "Rouge-Cloître" in Auderghem.



You can help save migrating amphibian wildlife by driving 20 mph (30 kph) in crossing areas or joining volunteer patrols to transport them in buckets across busy streets.

- For more contact details for the Province of Hainaut, visit <http://www.batraciens.be/index.php?id=215>. For safety tips for volunteers, visit <http://www.batraciens.be/index.php?id=1317>.

- In the Schinnen area:

- Tunnels under the frog-crossing road have made the human "bucket brigade" unnecessary there.

Slow down

Drive slowly in crossing areas. Not only is it dangerous to "slalom" with your car to avoid the crossing animals, it is dangerous to the amphibians. They get "sucked up" by cars traveling more than 20 mph (30 km/h). Even if motorists don't hit them, their cars can create suction that takes the creatures from where they were and crash-lands them elsewhere, which can be seriously injurious or even fatal.

Watch for volunteer "froggers" on the road.

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AKO email to be shut down by month's end

Since the Army has migrated to Department of Defense Enterprise Email Services (@mail.mil), Army Knowledge Online, or AKO, legacy email systems will be shut down March 31.

AKO will continue to forward email messages for Common Access Card, or CAC, holders until June 30. After that, any @us.army.mil email messages will be returned to the sender.



One-handed typing on a computer keyboard.

Army employees, both military and civilian, with DEE (@mail.mil) accounts should immediately stop giving out their AKO email address.

Any AKO email address on your CAC should be updated with your Enterprise Email (@mail.mil) address by using the Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification Card System, or RAPIDS, Self-Service Portal at https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/self_service or through your local CAC issuing office.

In Brussels, visit the ID Card Office. (Call DSN 368-9847 or civilian 02-7179847 to find out its operating hours.) In the Schinnen area, visit the ID and Passport Section on JFC Brunssum. (Call DSN 364-3475 or civilian 31-(0) 45-5263475.) On SHAPE, stop by the U.S. Community Service Center, or USCSC, once known as the American Central Processing Facility in Building 253. (Call DSN 366-6238 or civilian 065-326238.)

AKO will retain the user@us.army.mil identifier in its directory for use by Single Sign-On applications so any web applications using AKO credentials to login will still exist and be applicable (GFEBs, ALMS, etc.).

'Come and get it': Food-handler class offered to club fund-raisers

SHAPE Healthcare Facility's Department of Preventive Medicine recently released a list of dates it will hold its 2015 Special Events Basic Food Handler Training Course.

The course is designed for all family readiness groups, Group 2 activities and volunteer groups that intend to participate in selling food at SHAPE Morale and Welfare Branch/Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or MWB/MWR, events and functions during 2015 at SHAPE and USAG Benelux facilities. (Group 2 activities are SHAPE

clubs and group activities — such as the Fishing Club, Cycle Club and Sub Aqua Club — that are registered with SHAPE MWB to participate in club fund-raising activities on SHAPE like the Flea Market.)

A certificate (valid for one year) will be presented at the end of the course. (The certificate doesn't authorize the holder to prepare, sell or operate a food-service business in a professional capacity for commercial gain.)

The course is scheduled in the second-floor conference room of SHAPE

Healthcare Facility's Washington, D.C., wing (yellow wing) in Building 401 as follows:

- April 16 at 3 p.m.;
- May 21 at 3 p.m.;
- June 25 at 3 p.m.;
- July 16 at 3 p.m.;
- Aug. 27 at 2 p.m.;
- Sept. 17 at 3 p.m.;
- Oct. 15 at 3 p.m.; and
- Nov. 19 at 3 p.m.

To register for a course, call DSN 423-5043/5952 or civilian 065-445043/5952.

Andrews Federal Credit Union scholarship program now open for members or dependents to apply

Andrews Federal Credit Union's national headquarters in Suitland, Maryland, recently announced the opening of its 2015 Scholarship Program. Eight \$1,500 non-renewable college scholarships are available to students who are Andrews Federal members or dependents of members in good standing as of Feb. 1.

In order to be eligible, applicants must be accepted to or enrolled in an accredited college or university. In addition to the application, applicants must write an essay on either the necessity of gaining and maintaining financial security or on their plans to reach their short-, medium- and long-term goals.

The application deadline is April 23.

"Andrews Federal offers these scholarships every year to help our members with the cost of higher education," said Jim Hayes, Andrews Federal President and CEO. "We also include a financial-literacy component in the essay portion because our members' financial health is just as important to us."

Scholarship applications and instructions on how to complete the application are available in Andrews Federal branches or can be downloaded at <https://www.andrewsfcu.org/scholarship2015>.

To learn more about Andrews Federal Credit Union and its community involvement, or to become a member, visit <https://www.andrewsfcu.org>.

Benelux Soldiers named best in IMCOM-E

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

After four grueling days, two USAG Benelux-Schinnen military policemen proved themselves as the region's most-skilled Soldiers in the Best Warrior Competition at Installation Management Command-Europe level in Grafenwoehr, Germany, last week.

In a March 12 ceremony at USAG Bavaria, which hosted the competition, Staff Sgt. Jacob Kasarda was named IMCOM-E's Best Warrior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and Spc. Shane Sital was named IMCOM-E's Best Warrior Soldier of the Year.

The events consisted of:

Day 1: Army Physical Fitness Test, M-16 qualification range, a board consisting of the senior Sergeants Major for IMCOM-E, a written test and essay.

Day 2: 20-kilometer road march in full combat gear and 35-pound pack, warrior-task and battle-drill evaluations, and a 15-event obstacle course.

Day 3: Day and night land navigation courses, and an M-240B familiarization course.

Day 4: Modern Army Combatives Program (MACP) competition. "The competition was an opportunity to represent the Benelux and Tri-Border areas, to push myself both mentally and physically, and to network amongst my peers across Europe," Kasarda said.

Sital's motivation for competing in BWC changed over time.

"At first I competed to try to gain knowledge and experience at the Benelux-level Best Warrior Competition, but after winning that competition I saw IMCOM-E as a way to better myself as both a Soldier and a person," Sital said. "I wanted to see how I stacked up against my fellow Soldiers throughout Europe and to push myself past my normal comfort zone."

Already good Soldiers, these men had to do extra training to hone their skills to a fine edge.

"I prepared for the competition for about a month, which included various types of exercises that helped me not only with the physical-fitness test but also improved my strength and endurance," Sital said. "I also trained on most Skill Level 1 warrior tasks and battle drills with my sponsor, Staff Sgt. (David) Ontiveros, and fellow competitor Staff Sgt. Kasarda. We spent some time learning all that we could from technical manuals and field manuals, and then applying it in mock lanes that we created."

Kasarda, on the other hand, said he thought it was just "more of the same," so to speak.

"Preparing for the competition was not that different from normal training, just pushing myself (and Specialist Sital) harder and further," Kasarda said. "Weekly, we trained with road marches, land navigation, Soldier tasks, and tested our knowledge for the board."

Just because these Soldiers are the best doesn't mean they didn't have a rough go of it. Both agreed that the most difficult event was the 12-mile road march.

"Although I had trained for it, I found the course was a little challenging because a lot of it was on uneven terrain and

much of the paved surfaces were uphill," Sital said.

Even though the competition was tough -- after all they were competing against 10 of Europe's best -- it did have its moments.

"The obstacle course was the most entertaining event for me," Kasarda said. "After the long day, finding the energy and motivation to succeed and complete the entire series was great."

The other Schinnen MP couldn't narrow down his choice of favorites.

"Personally I can't pick a favorite part of the competition. I enjoyed all of it. Any opportunity that you can get to go out and push yourself motivates me," Sital said. "The competition aspect of it made it even more enjoyable for me. Just knowing that I had a good group of Soldiers I was competing against kept me on my toes."



Andreas Kreuzer

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux-Schinnen's Spc. Shane Sital navigates the obstacle-course portion of the Installation Management Command-Europe Best Warrior Competition in Grafenwoehr, Germany.



Markus Rauchenberger

Staff Sgt. Jacob Kasarda, assigned to U.S. Army Garrison Benelux-Schinnen, practices his sight picture on an M-240 machine gun during Installation Management Command-Europe Best Warrior Competition at the Grafenwoehr Training Area in Germany Monday, March 9, 2015.

Don't mail Kinder Surprise eggs

by **Robert Szostek**

U.S. European Command Customs Public Affairs Office

People who are thinking of sending Kinder Surprise chocolate eggs stateside this Easter should be aware of the U.S. Customs regulation banning these eggs from import to the United States.

“U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents will remove Kinder Surprise chocolate eggs from your baggage or any package mailed stateside,” said Mike Dean of the U.S. European Command Customs Executive Agency.

Those who ship these eggs or similar products can be fined. Dean also added that shippers have an obligation to declare the items that they are mailing on

the customs forms to avoid penalties.

The hollow chocolate eggs come in a colorful foil wrapper and contain an oval plastic capsule with a small toy inside.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission, or CPSC, determined that they present a choking hazard for young children. In addition, the Food and Drug Administration issued an import alert for Kinder Surprise eggs because they are a confectionery product with an imbedded non-nutritive object.

However, other Kinder brand candy products that don't contain the small toy can be mailed without restriction.

Services in Benelux announced for Holy Week, Passover, Easter

March 29

8:30 a.m.: Catholic Palm Sunday Mass at SHAPE International Chapel Centre's East Chapel

10:15 a.m. Anglican Palm Sunday service at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel

11:30 a.m.: Catholic Palm Sunday Holy Mass at JFC Brunssum International Chapel

March 30, 31 and April 1

12:05 p.m.: Ecumenical (non-denominational) Holy Week meditation/light lunch at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel

April 2

Noon: Protestant Maundy Thursday Service at JFC Brunssum International Chapel (second-floor Interfaith Room)

12:05 p.m.: Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday ecumenical (non-denominational) meditation/light lunch at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel

6 p.m.: Catholic Holy Thursday Mass at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel, followed by Adoration

7 p.m.: Catholic Holy Thursday Mass at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base Chapel

April 3

Noon: Protestant Good Friday service at JFC Chapel (2nd Floor Interfaith Room)

12:05 p.m.: Ecumenical (non-denominational) Good Friday meditation/light lunch at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel

3 p.m.: Catholic Good Friday service at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base Chapel

6 p.m.: Catholic Good Friday Mass at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel

6:30 p.m.: Jewish “First Night” Passover Seder hosted by the International Jewish Center of Belgium, led by its new American rabbi. For more information, contact info@ijc.be.

April 4

6:30 p.m. (approximately): Jewish “Second Night” Passover Seder hosted privately by a SHAPE family in Mons. For more information, call the SHAPE/Chièvres Jewish community liaison at DSN 423-4938 or civilian 065-444938.

7 p.m.: Catholic Easter Vigil Mass at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel

7 p.m.: Catholic Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at Geilenkirchen Chapel

April 5

7 a.m.: Protestant Sunrise Easter service in the Schinnen/Brunssum area [For the location, call DSN 364-2940 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5262940.]

9 a.m.: Catholic Easter Sunday Mass at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel

10:15 a.m. Anglican Easter Sunday service at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel

10:30 a.m.: Protestant Easter service at Brussels American Chapel

11:30 a.m.: Catholic Easter Sunday Mass at JFC Brunssum Chapel

11:45 a.m.: SHAPE Contemporary Protestant Easter Sunday service at SHAPE International Chapel Centre.

Easter events held in Benelux

Brussels

Spring Fling - Join the Brussels Community as it celebrates Easter at the Brussels 3 Star March 28 from 9 a.m. to noon.

- 9 to 10 a.m.: Breakfast Buffet at the 3 Star [Cost: Adults \$7, children 12 and under, \$3.50. Make (required) reservations for breakfast at reservations3star@yahoo.com.]

- 10 to 10:30 a.m.: Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 a.m. to noon: Games and activities

Schinnen/Brunssum

Kinderfest and egg hunt - The 2015 Kinderfest and Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 28 at the CYSS Building on JFC Brunssum. The event gets underway at 10 a.m. with the following egg-hunt times:

- 10:15 a.m. for children under three;

- 10:30 a.m. for 3- to 5-year-olds;

- 10:45 a.m. for 6- to 9-year-olds;

- 11 a.m. for the scavenger hunt for children ages 10 and over. Hunts begin promptly so be on time and don't forget to bring your basket. The event includes children's activities, games and a barbecue. For more information, call DSN 360-7331 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437370. This event is open to U.S. and NATO ID card holders.

For information, call DSN 368-9680 or civilian 02-7179680.

SHAPE/Chièvres

Easter Eggstravaganza - Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will put on an Easter event for children, ages newborn to 12, at the Community Activity Center on Chièvres Air Base March 28, starting at 10 a.m. Children's games begin at 10 a.m. The egg hunt begins at noon.

For more information, call the Chièvres Fitness Center inside the CAC at DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.

For volunteer opportunities, visit the Chièvres FMWR page at <http://chievres.armymwr.com/europe/chievres>. Once there, click on the Eggstravaganza link.

Learn about legal process of divorce before you decide to end your marriage

by **Capt. Joshua Goetting**

Northern Law Center

Final installment of a two-part series. This article isn't a substitute for consulting an attorney and doesn't constitute legal advice.

No matter how straightforward legal separation or divorce may be, once you decide to go forward with either of them, your lives will never be the same again.

Divorce is the legal process that terminates a marriage and allows the parties to remarry while legal separation allows a married couple to begin to live separate lives. The following information, while not legal advice, can help to clarify how divorce and separation work in the military.

Divorce process

Military attorneys cannot represent you in a civilian court. If you wish to have an attorney present at divorce proceedings, you will have to pay for the attorney's services at your own expense. If your divorce is filed as uncontested, your state may have a pro se option. In this situation, you can fill out and file all paperwork with the court. Both parties must agree to the division of all property and assets. If you choose to file uncontested, appearing pro se doesn't require an attorney, only that you pay filing fees. If one party contests the divorce or the division of assets, the divorce isn't considered uncontested any longer. Contested divorces typically take longer, cost more money and almost always require the services of a private attorney or mediator.

The amount of time a divorce takes varies from state to state and even from court to court within a state. The first

'Legal-assistance attorneys are available to advise you but may not represent you in court.'

step in a divorce proceeding is to meet the filing requirements, which usually include a residency period and specific grounds for divorce. Residency requirements can be as short as six weeks, but are often six months to a year. If children are involved, you will generally have to file for divorce in the state where the child has been living for the six months immediately before the divorce filing.

In a no-fault or uncontested divorce, it usually won't matter who files for the divorce. Some jurisdictions, however, don't charge filing fees for military defendants so it may be cheaper for the spouse who isn't a service member to assume the role of plaintiff and file.

In some states, filing fees are waived in whole or in part if the party filing falls below a certain level of income. If the divorce is being filed as fault-based (for instance, because of adultery or for cruelty), the party alleging fault is usually the party who files for the divorce. Depending on the grounds you are alleging and the state you are filing in, you may be required to undergo a

waiting period before your divorce can be granted.

Once the petition for divorce has been filed, a copy is served on the other party, also known as the respondent. The respondent is given a specified period to submit a response to the court. Once the response is filed, a trial date will be set. At trial, both spouses can testify and present evidence. Once each spouse has presented his or her case, the judge will decide whether to grant the divorce, how to split up the property and debts, what child custody or visitation will be awarded, and other issues involved in the case. In some states, there is a waiting period after entry of judgment before the divorce becomes final. The divorce decree itself will state its effective date.

Northern Law Center provides confidential legal counseling regarding separation and divorce. Legal-assistance attorneys are available to advise you on where you can file for divorce, what the possible consequences of a divorce are, how divorce will affect child custody, and to answer other questions you may have. Attorneys at Northern Law Center can also prepare a separation agreement for you, with legal assistance for your spouse from a different legal office in the Netherlands or in Germany. A legal-assistance attorney may not, however, represent you in court during any proceedings.

Remember, every case is different. If you have any questions, call DSN 423-4868 or civilian 065-444868 to make an appointment.

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Trenches to Foxholes

Houmont is getting ready to welcome U.S. WWII veterans

by Cis Spook

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

Houmont, a small village west of Bastogne, is about to welcome five American WWII veterans who fought in the area during the winter of 1944-1945. The U.S. veterans visiting this year were all part of the 17th Airborne Division that, with its attached units, launched the counteroffensive in the southern part of the Bulge, a ridge about 12 miles west from Bastogne. The ridge would later be dubbed "Dead Man's Ridge." since so many Soldiers, both German and American, lost their lives trying to take it.

After the war, Cpl. Walter E. Wrzeszczynski of the 1st Battalion, 194th Glider Infantry Regiment, 17th Airborne Division, recalled his experience.

"The group of men I was assigned to were told to establish a line of foxholes in an exposed area outside of a small village," he said. "The ground was frozen, and the men didn't dig deep enough. The German artillery men observing the activity started to lob shells into our position."

Wrzeszczynski took care of the wounded and evacuated them to the village of Houmont where the forward aid station was located.

"The next night, when I went out on patrol, it was pitch black as we started to enter the forest," he said. "Suddenly, the moon came out and lit up an eerie scene in the draw below. Six G.I.'s were frozen in death where they had sat down to rest, their rifles between their knees, snow gathering on their uniforms and helmets. This scene looked like a sculpture, and it is so embedded in my mind that to this day I wonder if they were really dead or booby-trapped."

Members of the 17th Airborne Division are honored every year by the local residents of Houmont and the 101st Airborne Belgian Friendly. This year, in presence of five U.S. WWII veterans accompanied by 50 of their family members, two plaques will be unveiled and the village square will officially be named "194th Glider Infantry Regiment square" during a ceremony Saturday, March 21 at 4 p.m.

On Sunday, the 101st Airborne Belgian Friendly organizes its annual "Dead's Man Ridge Walk," which also honors the 17th Airborne Division that lost more than 3,000 men in the area. The walk of a distance of either 7.5 or 15 km, will depart from Houmont after a short ceremony at 9 a.m. Just like previous years, the proceeds from the walk will be used to finance a trip back to Belgium for one of the 17th Airborne Division veterans.

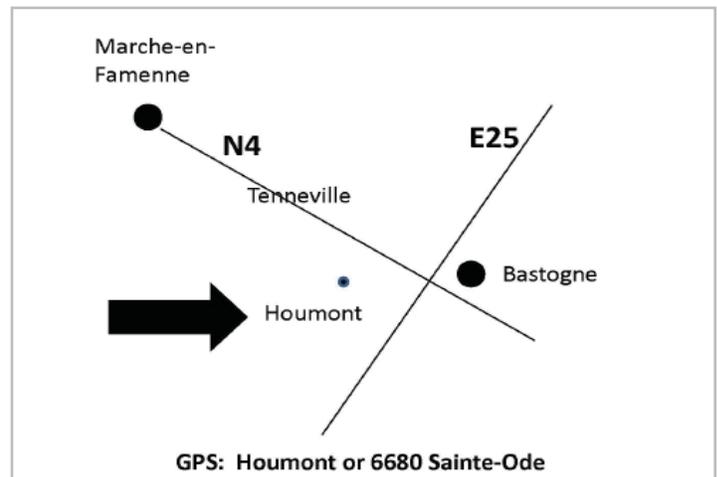
This year, the association was able to finance the trip of Lynn Aas, a 193rd Glider Infantry Regiment veteran who will be accompanied by four other veterans — John Schumacher of the 194th GIR, Daniel Chipeco of the 466th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, Austin Steen of the 513th Parachute Infantry Regiment and John Kormann of the 517th Signal Company with some of their family members.



John Schumacher, veteran of the 194th Glider Infantry Regiment, 17th Airborne Division signs as "first honorary citizen of Sainte Ode" during his visit to Houmont in 2012. Schumacher will be visiting again this year.



Left: The 17th Airborne Division insignia. • Above: The 194th Glider Infantry Regiment insignia.



Ceremony in Houmont

Date: Saturday, March 21

Time: 4 p.m.

Event: 70th Anniversary commemoration with the unveiling of two plaques and official renaming of the square, in the presence of five U.S. WWII veterans who were part of the 17th Airborne Division accompanied by some of their family members. The USAG Benelux Color Guard will participate in the ceremony.

Dead's Man Ridge Walk

Although prior registration ended March 9, the 101st Airborne Belgian Friendly won't turn down anyone interested in participating in the walk. Payment (€5) can be made on site.

Date: Sunday, March 22

Time: Walk starts after the 9 a.m. ceremony in Houmont

Distance: 7.5 or 15 km

Lynn Aas, a 193rd Glider Infantry Regiment veteran, will be present at the walk.

Info: <http://101ab.be>.

Trenches to Foxholes

Next week in World War history (March 22 to 28)

World War I

1915

March 22 - The Russians capture 120,000 Austrians at Przemyśl (now in Poland) in Galicia. This marks the culmination of a series of winter battles between the Austrians and Russians to secure the strategic Carpathian Mountain passes and opens the way for a Russian invasion of Hungary. Realizing this, the Germans and Austrians make plans to combine their troops and launch a major spring offensive.

1916

March 24 - The French passenger ship *Sussex* is torpedoed with 380 people aboard; 50 are killed.

1917

March 26 - The first of three battles fought in the Allied attempt to defeat Turkish forces in and around the Palestinian city of Gaza takes place as Sir Charles Dobell and his men advance on the ridges under the cover of dense fog; they are able to successfully cut off the east and south-east of Gaza and deploy troops to prevent the Turks from sending reinforcements or supplies to the city. The 53rd Infantry Division, at the center of the advance, receives considerable assistance from a cavalry force commanded by Sir Philip Chetwode. However, near the end of the day, with a victory in Gaza in sight, Dobell and Chetwode decide to call off the attack. The decision, attributed to the failing light and mounting casualties among the infantry troops, is nonetheless controversial—other officers believe the Turks were on the verge of capitulating.

1918

March 23 - At 7:20 a.m. an explosion in the Place de la République in Paris announces the first attack of a new German gun.

The Pariskrone, or Paris gun, as it came to be known, was 210 mm, with a 118-foot barrel, which could fire a shell the impressive distance of some 130,000 feet, or 25 miles, into the air. Three of them fired on Paris that day from a gun site at Crépy-en-Laonnais, 74 miles away.

The gun sent Paris, a city that had withstood all earlier attempts at its destruction, including scattered bombings, reeling. At first, the Paris Defense Service assumed the city was being bombed, but soon they determined that it was actually being hit by artillery fire, a heretofore unimagined situation. By the end of the day, the shelling had killed 16 people and wounded 29 more.

Almost all information about the Pariskrone, one of the most sophisticated weapons to emerge out of World War I, disappeared after the war ended. Later, the Germans tried without success to reproduce the gun from the few pictures and diagrams that remained. Copies were deployed in 1940 against Britain across the English Channel, but failed to cause any significant damage.

March 25 - Less than three weeks after the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk formally brought an end to Russia's participation in the First World War, the former Russian province of Belarus declares itself an independent, democratic republic.

World War II

1940

March 26 - German submarine U-38 stops Norwegian merchant ship *Cometa* 65 miles northwest of Noup Head, Orkney Islands, Scotland, and give *Cometa's* crew one hour to abandon ship. At 2:20 a.m. U-38 hits the abandoned *Cometa* with one torpedo. The crew of 31 — six Swedish passengers, and five British sailors — are later rescued by HMS *Northern Sky*.

1941

March 25 - Despite an early declaration of neutrality, Yugoslavia signs the Tripartite Pact, forming an alliance with Axis powers Germany, Italy and Japan.

March 28 - Andrew Browne Cunningham, Admiral of the British Fleet, commands the British Royal Navy's destruction of three major Italian cruisers and two destroyers in the Battle of Cape Matapan in the Mediterranean. Following on the attack on the Italian Fleet at Taranto by the British in November 1940, the destruction effectively puts an end to any threat the Italian navy poses to the British.

1942

March 22 - Sir Stanford Cripps, British statesman, arrives in India for talks with Mohandas "Mahatma" Gandhi on Indian independence, in what will become known as the Cripps Mission.

March 24 - Adm. Chester Nimitz is appointed the commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Theater.

- British mine-sweeping whaler HMS *Sulla* is lost to heavy seas in the Norwegian Sea.

1943

March 22 - German SS soldiers massacre civilians in the Byelorussian village of Khatyn, killing its population of 149 — 75 of whom are children. Khatyn is then burned to the ground.

1944

March 23 - Heinrich Himmler's statistician reports to him that, thus far, 633,300 Russian Jews had been "resettled," a word believed to be a euphemism for "exterminated."

March 24 - Maj. Gen. Orde Wingate, leader of the 77th Indian Brigade, also called the Chindits, dies in a transport plane crash. He was 41. Wingate, a graduate of the Royal Military Academy, was a famous eccentric who both quoted the Bible and advocated irregular warfare tactics. His career as a guerrilla fighter began as he organized Jewish underground patrols to beat back Arab raids in British-controlled Palestine in the 1930s. In 1941, Wingate led a mixed Ethiopian-and-Sudanese force in retaking Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, from the Italians, who invaded in 1935.

1945

March 27 - In a last-ditch effort to deploy their remaining V-2 missiles against the Allies, the Germans launch their long-range rockets from their only remaining launch site, in the Netherlands. Almost 200 civilians in England and Belgium are added to the V-2 casualty toll.

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

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Solar eclipse darkens skies tomorrow

A total eclipse of the sun will occur tomorrow, March 20, according to <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse.html>.

The semi-circular path of the total solar eclipse travels from south of Greenland to the North Pole with the greatest eclipse being visible between Iceland and southern Norway, according to the NASA website. Areas outside this path will experience partial eclipse. In the Benelux and nearby areas of Germany, the sun will be obscured about 77 to 80 percent.

In Belgium, the partial eclipse will commence at about 9:26 a.m. local time and end at 11:45 a.m. with maximum eclipse at 10:33 a.m. In the Schinnen area, the partial eclipse will commence at about 9:28 a.m. and end at 11:47 a.m. with maximum eclipse at 10:36 a.m. In nearby areas in Germany, the partial eclipse will commence at about 9:29 a.m. and end at 11:47 a.m. with maximum eclipse at 10:36 a.m.

The times that were previously released in the Gazette were based on Universal Time, or UT, not local time.

View an animation of where and when (UT) partial eclipse in Europe will be visible at <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEgoogle/SEgoogle2001/SE2015Mar20Tgoogle.html>.

Viewing a partial eclipse with the naked eye can damage your vision and even blind you. Be sure to wear eye protection or construct a pin-hole eclipse viewer. Many optometrist offices and some pharmacies carry the approved eye protection with reference number CE89-686 at a cost of €2 to €5. Don't use glasses from the last eclipse because they might not be as effective due to scratches, etc. Learn more at <http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEhelp/safety.html>.

Apply for Boys State/Girls State

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 in Boys State/Girls State will be flown to Maryland to participate in a weeklong program during the third week of June. All expenses will be paid by American Legion Post BE02. As an overseas American Legion Post, BE02 partners with the American Legion in Maryland.

High-school juniors (or the equivalent of 11th-grade accredited home-schooled students) who have at least one more semester remaining are typically considered for Boys State/Girls State programs. Because a scholarship associated with American Legion Boys State/Girls State requires it, any applicant must also be a direct descendant (such as a child, grandchild, great-grandchild or a legally adopted child) of a U.S. veteran who served on active duty during one or more of the following periods of war:

- World War I – April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918;
- World War II – Dec. 7, 1941, to Dec. 31, 1946;
- Korean War – June 25, 1950, to Jan. 31, 1955;
- Vietnam War – Feb. 28, 1961, to May 7, 1975;
- Lebanon/Grenada – Aug. 24, 1982, to July 31, 1984;
- Panama – Dec. 20, 1989, to Jan. 31, 1990;
- Persian Gulf War – Aug. 2, 1990, until the present day

(all combat operations anywhere in the world).

For details, contact flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com.

Jobs open at AFCU

Andrews Federal Credit Union is looking for a full-time (40 hours) teller for its Chièvres Branch. A part-time position at its Brussels Branch is also open. For more information and to apply, visit the AFCU website at <https://www.andrewsfcu.org>.

CYSS offers Easter Break trips

Registration is now open for SHAPE Youth Centre's two Easter Break trips, Durbuy April 8 and Dinant April 15.

Open to all CYSS-registered youth in eighth through 12th grades. (CYSS registration is free.) Space is limited.

Get details at DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104.

Register by calling DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.

Play soccer with CYSS Youth Sports

Registration for SHAPE CYSS Smart Start soccer for boys and girls, ages 4 to 5 (must be of age by June 15), runs through March 31 for the April to June season. Cost: \$20.

CYSS free annual registration and health assessment (must remain valid all season) are required prior to enrollment.

Call DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097.

Brunssum holds training for CYSS baseball/softball support

• A Baseball/Softball Coaches Clinic will be held on JFC Brunssum in Building H602 (CYSS) March 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. It is designed for those interested in volunteering or become a coach for CYSS baseball or softball. NAYS Coaches Training is a mandatory requirement to coach CYSS Sports & Fitness Programs.

Call the CYSS Sports & Fitness Office at DSN 364-4191/4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264191/4195.

• JFC Brunssum CYSS hosts this free Baseball/Softball Officials and Scorekeepers Certification Class March 21 in Building H-602 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is designed for anyone who wants to learn more about baseball/softball and those pursuing a paid contracting or volunteer position as a CYSS official or scorekeeper. Reserve your spot today by contacting the CYSS Sports & Fitness office at DSN 364-4191 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264191.

CYSS offers baseball

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

Volunteer coaches are needed.

Call DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097.

• SHAPE CYSS baseball registration will be open through 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 runs through March 31 for the May to June season. Open to boys and girls who are 4 and 5. Cost: \$20.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

March 20 to 28

- **Millenium International Film Festival in Brussels** - The festival offers the best in documentary filmmaking, a selection that shows the diversity of the contemporary film-creation forms. It puts the particular views of 70 filmmakers from all around the world at your disposal. This festival is a real talent scout; it has revealed many directors to the world scene. For more information, visit <http://www.festivalmillenium.org/en>.

March 20 to 29

- **EURANTICA "Brussels Fine Art & Antique Fair" in Brussels** in Hall 5 of the Brussels Exhibition Center on Place de Belgique is the largest of its kind in Belgium. More than 150 antique dealers and art galleries of international renown, selected by a committee of experts, will enhance the fair with the quality of their objects and displays. Open weekdays from 2 to 7 p.m.; weekends from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €15. For more information, visit <http://www.eurantica.be>.

March 21

- **Evening flea market in Soignies** will be held in the train station parking lot at Chaussée de Mons 1. (100 booths) Open from 2 to 9 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Buissenal** for 4, 7, 15, 20 and 25 km. Departs from Place 8 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

March 21 to 22

- **Chocolate festival in Mons** - Experience all kinds of activities centered around the theme of chocolate all day long in the city center. On the program: a chocolate gourmet walk, the Chocolate Show, Chocoland, the Choco'Bar, a fair-trade chocolate festival, the Chocolate competition and more.

March 21 to 23 and 27 to 29

- **Spring Fair in Charleroi** will be held at the Charleroi Expo at Avenue de l'Europe 21b. Open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €7. For discount tickets and more details, visit <http://www.salonprintemps.be>.

March 22

- **Indoor flea market in Jemappes** will be held at Avenue Maréchal Foch 873. (200 booths) Open from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Open house at cheese-making farm Le Bailli in Soignies** on Chemin des Théodosiens 126. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For details, visit <http://www.lebailli.be/accueil.html>.
- **Volksmarch in Ath** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs from Rue de l'Agriculture from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Wiers** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departs from Rue de Gourgues from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Soignies** for 4, 6, 12, 18, 25 and 30 km. Departs from Rue Félix Eloy 6 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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

Through March 22

- **Art & Antique Fair "TEFAF" in Maastricht** will be held at MECC. TEFAF is the world's largest and most exclusive fair of its kind. Open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; March 21 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €55 (includes catalogue); children, ages 12 to 18, €20. For more details, visit <http://www.tefaf.com>.
- **Sfeer in Gent, Belgium**, will be held at Flanders Expo on Maaltekouter 1. This fair focuses on home, garden and swimming pool. Open March 15 to 16 and 21 to 22 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; March 14 and 20 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Admission: €10; children 11 and under, free.

March 19

- **St. Joep/St. Joseph Year Market in Sittard** will be located throughout the center of town. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

March 20 to 22

- **Spring Market in Brühl, Germany**, in the town center offers art, flowers, plants, decorations, culinary delicacies, music and more.
- **Easter Market in Solingen, Germany**, will be held at Castle Burg at Schlossplatz 2. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €4.

March 21

- **Southern Blues Night in Heerlen** at Parkstad-theater is one of the Netherlands' best-known indoor blues festivals. For more information, visit <http://www.southernbluesnight.nl>.
- **LifeStyle Event in Swalmen** will be held in Community Center "de Robijn" at Robijnstraat 3. Visitors will find many booths with wine, food, fashion, jewelry, beauty products, interior-design merchandise, accessories and more. Open from 4 to 9 p.m. Admission: €2.50.

March 21 to 22

- **Alpaca Show in Hapert** near Bladel will have more than 300 alpacas and their breeders from the Netherlands and Belgium. This international show will be held at Sportpark de Lemelvelden on Burgemeester Van Woenseldreef street. Alpacas have good temperaments that make them easy to keep as pets or as a hobby. Free admission. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Car Show in Geilenkirchen, Germany**, will be the site of this annual event, which kicks off the open-air season in the area. The center of town will be blocked to traffic to make room for the many cars, vendors and attractions. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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March 22 continued

- **Discovery walk in Soignies and Horrues** - The walk will start from the Place Verte in Soignies at 2 p.m. and will take about three hours. Reservation is mandatory by Friday by telephone at 067347376 or by email at tourisme@soignies.be. Participation fee: €3.50.
- **Mountain bike ride in Aywaille** for 8, 15, 25, 35 and 45 km. Departs from Halle des Chantoirs in Deigné.



March 22

- **Dead Man's Ridge Walk in Houmont (Ste Ode)** - Honoring the 17th Airborne Division, the event starts at 9 a.m. with a ceremony in the presence of 17th AD veterans of World War II. Immediately following the ceremony is the walk for 4 or 10 miles. Participants can register by paying €5 per person, 13 and older. For additional information about registration, contact 17thairbornewalk@gmail.com.



Through May 22

- **Offscreen Festival in Brussels** - Offscreen is an annual, non-competitive festival for lovers of offbeat



cinema. It showcases independent, cult, previously unseen and unconventional films in a wide array of genres and at a variety of venues. The festival takes place at different locations. Find more information at <http://www.offscreen.be/en>.

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.

Through the end of the year

- **Mons is 2015 European Capital of Culture** - Many events will take place though the year in Mons and its partner cities. For the program and more information, visit its website at <http://www.mons2015.eu/en>.



March 21 to 22 continued

- **Collectors and Flea Market in Nieuwegein** is a large, indoor market that will host more than 500 vendors at Home Boxx at Symfonielaan 1. Open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: €5.
- **Flea Market in Wieze, Belgium**, is the largest flea market in Flanders and will be located in Oktoberhallen at Schroverstraat 8. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €2.50.

March 22

- **Easter Market in Bergkamen, Germany**, will be held at the Stadtmuseum at Jahnstrasse 31. Visitors will find modern as well as traditional decorations from Bohemia, Thüringen and Westfalia. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Easter Market in Borken, Germany**, will be held in the center of town. Opens at 11 a.m. Visitors may meet the Easter Bunny as well.
- **Flea Market in Den Bosch** at Brabanthallen is a large, indoor market. Open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: €5; children 11 and under, free.



March 20 to May 17

- **Keukenhof Gardens near the town of Lisse** opens its gates again to show an unprecedented wealth of spectacular floral displays planted in endless varieties among beautiful works of art. This year, the Netherlands' world-famous gardens' international flower exhibition has chosen "Vincent van Gogh" as its central theme. Open daily 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ticket office closes at 6 p.m. Admission: €16; children, ages 4 to 11, €8. Visit <http://www.keukenhof.nl/en>.

Through April 4

- **Easter Market in Essen, Germany**, will be held in the city center and on Kettwiger Strasse. This large market will have art, decorations, traditional Easter pastries and more Easter delicacies. Open Monday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sundays from noon to 6 p.m.



April 4

- **Kennedy Mars in Sittard** is a 50-mile/80-km annual volksmarch sparked by President John F. Kennedy's 1963 speech, which postulated that, as a result of modern affluent society, "nobody can walk 50 miles within 20 hours anymore." Visit <http://www.kennedymars.org>. Register now.

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SHAPE Trips & Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE

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

Château de Versailles, March 28 - Spend an early spring day on a tour of the famous Palace of Versailles where Louis XIV (France's famed "Sun King"), Louis XV and Louis XVI walked the halls. The group will begin its day with a tour of the palace and royal apartments. You will then be free to explore the many fanciful gardens, original fountains and other magnificent buildings on this grand estate. (Admission fee for the musical gardens, Trianon Palaces and Marie Antoinette estate not included in tour price.) Have your lunch in one of the many cafés on the grounds or even do some shopping in the town beyond. Cost: adults €70, children, newborn to 17, €57.



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Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

Family Day: Trout Fishing, April 11 - Take the family to experience trout fishing. All caught trout will be collected and evenly divided. Space is limited. Included in tour price: transportation to and from fishing location, gutting and cleaning of the fish. Rods and reels aren't included. Cost: \$35 per person.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below, call civilian 0470-876369.

Trier City and Mosel Winery, April 15 - Travel to Trier, one of Germany's oldest cities (more than 2,000 years old). Visit this nearby German historical treasure and top off your trip with a visit to a local winery. Celtic and Roman influences have left their marks on Trier monuments that are today UNESCO World Heritage sites. The famous Porta Nigra, Imperial Baths, Roman Bridge and Amphitheater are among them. The group will start the day with a guided, English-language tour of the city. After the tour, explore the sites further, shop and/or eat a German lunch. Following lunch, it's only a short bus ride to the hills of Oewig just outside town, and you'll see the vineyards en route as the bus heads to Weingut Deutschherrenhof for a tour of the cellars and a wine-tasting. You will hear about the four Mosel-region wines that can be sampled and purchased. Cost: €45.

Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

- **Movie Park Germany, April 4**
- **Croatia with Venice and Slovenia, April 6 to 15 (10 days' round-trip)**
- **Giverny, France: Impressionist painter Claude 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**



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Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Keukenhof Gardens, April 25**



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- **Day Trip to Delft, May 9**
- **D-Day landing beaches, memorials and battle monuments in Normandy, France, July 17 to 20 (Register by May 15.)**

SHAPE Travel Group

- **Polish Pottery and Giethoorn, April 24**
- **Giverny, France (Impressionist 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**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

March 19

- **Family Dinner at 3 Star** - Family Dinner is normally offered Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy bratwurst with sauerkraut or hamburger. Make your (required) reservation at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Cost: Adults \$8, children 12 and under, \$4.

March 20

- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community Fridays from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Recreation Night features games, cards, music and movies. Snacks and beverages available for purchase: crispy chicken tenders, garlic bread with marinara sauce, daily homemade soup, potato wedges and more. For more information, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

March 24 to 27

- **Welcome, newcomers** - Brussels Army Community Service invites all service members, civilians and their families to participate in free newcomers events next week. March 24: Supermarket Guided Tour is conducted from 8:30 to 11 a.m. March 25: The deputy garrison manager's welcome and USAG Benelux-Brussels site brief start at 9 a.m. and are followed by a cultural acclimatization (information on local customs as well as basic French and Flemish), which ends at 12:30 p.m. March 26: Hospital Guided Tour is conducted from 9:30 a.m. to noon. March 27: Metro Madness (in which newcomers learn to use public transportation) runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meet in the ACS conference room in Building 4 half an hour before start time to get settled, get a snack or get ready to leave as a group for a tour, if applicable. Register by calling DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

March 26

- **Credit Scores and Ratings** - This Financial Readiness Program seminar will be held at Brussels Army Community Service from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Credit scores affect your loan rates, security clearance, and more. Learn how they work, how you get them for free, and how you can improve yours. Register by calling DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.
- **Family Dinner at 3 Star** - Family Dinner is normally offered Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy steak or half-chicken platter. Make your (required) reservation at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Cost: Adults \$12, children 12 and under, \$6.

March 28

- **Spring Fling** - For Easter- and Passover-related events, see page 5.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Sign up now

- **Women's History Month at GK** - Celebrate Women's History Month at Geilenkirchen Airman & Family Readiness Center March 26 from noon to 1:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. by March 20 at DSN 458-6015 or civilian +49 (0) 2451-633791.
- **Flea-market booths** - Schinnen Outdoor Recreation hosts a flea market May 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Schinnen Activity Center. Setup at 9 a.m. Cost per table is \$10. For registration or more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560. The Schinnen Outdoor Recreation/Trips & Tours office has relocated to Building 46.

March 19

- **Slant (Rock) AFE Show and St. Patrick's Day Party** - This Russian-Bengali L.A.-based band rocks the house with its melodic, yet edgy, sound at a free rock concert with kilt contest at the Schinnen Community Activities Center March 19 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Opening for Slant will be STROCIAL. Concert-goers are encouraged to wear green. Some appetizers will be free while others will be available for purchase. Post-party, move to Memories Lane Lounge for karaoke. Contact DSN 360-7370 or civilian +31 (0) 464-437370.

March 19 and 21

- **Auditions** - The Alliance Player Theater Group is holding auditions for "The Glass Menagerie" at the JFC theater in Brunssum March 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. and March 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults and older teens may try out for this show.

March 20

- **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, at AFNORTH International School from 2 to 3 p.m. To find out more, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.
- **Charity Night: '20s America** - The International Conference Center in Brunssum will be the site of '20s America. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are €20 and include international food and entertainment. Tickets holders must be 18 or older. Dress code is '20s America.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY continued

March 24

- **Women and Money Management** - The Financial Readiness Program offers this seminar in the Schinnen Army Community Service Conference Room from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For many people, money is an emotionally charged issue. It may represent power, love or control, especially in relationships. If you aren't where you should be financially, examine what drives you emotionally when it comes to money and try to figure out the psychological stumbling blocks that keep you from becoming financially independent. To find out more and to register, call DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437450/7500.

March 25

- **Toddler 411 and Positive Parenting** - This class is designed for parents with children ages 18 months to 3 years. It meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Child Development Center in Building H-602 at JFC Brunssum. For information and registration, call DSN 360-7335 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437335.

March 28

- **Kinderfest and egg hunt** - For Easter- and Passover-related events, see page 5.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Now playing

- **Tickets on sale for Scenes from American Life** - The SHAPE Players present this A.R. Gurney production at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. It runs tonight, March 20 and 21 at 7:30 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.

March 20

- **Women's History Month** - Celebrate Women's History Month at USAG Benelux auditorium in Building 30 on Caserne Daumerie in Chièvres from noon to 1:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Cynthia S. Breedlove, wife of Air Force Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, the Supreme Allied Commander Europe.
- **Blood drive** - The Belgian Red Cross (Croix Rouge de Belgique) will host a blood drive at Chièvres Air Base's Hangar No. 4 from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m.
- **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. 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 staff and watch a movie. (Contact the librarian at DSN 361-5767 or civilian 068-275767 for the title.) Popcorn and juice will be served. Children ages 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

March 21

- **Half-marathon** - Start your Saturday with fitness. Meet at the SHAPE main gym at 10:30 a.m. Registration is open now. For more information, call DSN 423-5325 or civilian 065-445325.

March 23 and 24

- **Host-Nation Orientation** - Army Community Service invites all service members, civilian employees and their family members to learn about the SHAPE/Chièvres community and all it has to offer. During the two-day orientation, you will learn about Belgian customs and basic French. You will also go on a cultural city tour and tour a Belgian hospital as well as sample traditional Belgian cuisine and learn how to shop on the economy.

March 28

- **Easter Eggstravaganza** - For Easter- and Passover-related events, see page 5.
- **American Legion meeting** - The American Legion will hold a general meeting at SHAPE Pizza Bowl at 11 a.m. After the meeting, members, friends and family may stay for bowling. (Before 5 p.m., prices for bowling are €1.20 per game and €1.20 for shoes.)

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.