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Benelux news briefs

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Services closed tomorrow

Belgian banks, stores and post offices will be closed July 21 for Belgian National Day.

The SHAPE/Chièvres shuttle bus service won't be running that day. Normal service hours will resume July 22.

SHF plans for reduced staffing for holiday

SHAPE Healthcare Facility will operate with reduced staffing for Belgian National Day, July 21.

Acute Care Walk-In Clinic will operate with Medical Officer of the Day, or MOD, coverage only from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. This provider is able to see patients who are 2 and older.

Gazette published early

The Gazette has been published a day earlier than usual because of Belgian National Day, tomorrow, July 21.

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New commander accepts NSHQ flag

Supreme Allied Commander Europe Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti gives the NATO Special Operations Headquarters flag to Vice Adm. Colin Kilrain, the commander NATO Special Operations Headquarters, during the NSHQ change of command at SHAPE Friday, July 15, 2016. (NATO photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Davis/USAF) **See page 2.**

NSHQ gains Navy SEAL as new leader

by **Jordan Slopey**

Director, Commander's Action Group, NATO Special Operations Headquarters

A change-of-command ceremony was held at the NATO Special Operations Headquarters at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe July 15.

Supreme Allied Commander Europe Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti presided over the event, which saw Air Force Lt. Gen. Brad Webb hand over

the helm of the headquarters to newly promoted Vice Adm. Colin J. Kilrain.

Webb will now serve as the commander of the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, Florida.

"The NSHQ has been a true catalyst for change within the

Alliance," Webb said. "My hope is the team continues to be agile and embrace change."

The SACEUR said that Webb was true to his word and "operationalized" the command. One of Webb's first acts as commander was deploying the NSHQ Special Operations Component Command, or SOCC, to Estonia.

"This gave you the opportunity to test NSHQ capabilities and also provided reassurance to our allies and deterrence to potential aggressors," Scaparrotti said to Webb in his speech.

The SACEUR welcomed Kilrain and his family to SHAPE, "You are now joining the biggest and the most successful Alliance in history," Scaparrotti said. "Our collective strength and unity give us great cause for confidence."

Kilrain, who became the



Vice Adm. Colin Kilrain, the commander of NATO Special Operations Headquarters, salutes the colors during the NSHQ change of command at SHAPE, Friday, July 15, 2016. (NATO photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Davis/USAF)



Lt. Gen. Marshall B. "Brad" Webb, the outgoing NATO Special Operations Headquarters commander, and Vice Adm. Colin Kilrain, the incoming NSHQ commander, talk during the NSHQ change of command at SHAPE, Friday, July 15, 2016. (NATO photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Davis/USAF)

fourth commander of the NATO Special Operations Command, is a career U.S. Naval Special Warfare SEAL officer.

"We are excited about coming to SHAPE and are looking forward to the assignment," Kilrain said. "I know the NSHQ is not just necessary for the Alliance, ... its focus on making NATO SOF interoperable is critical for success on and off the battlefield."



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'Hotel Rwanda' manager: Leaders must be resilient

by Garrett Slosson

Summer hire, Allied Forces North Battalion headquarters, SHAPE

"I had a face-to-face confrontation with evil," said the keynote speaker, whose life events are depicted in the movie "Hotel Rwanda," at a SHAPE Club luncheon July 13.

Paul Rusesabagina addressed nearly



During a luncheon, Wednesday, July 13, 2016, Paul Rusesabagina shares his harrowing experiences. (Photo by Stefan Hass/SHAPE Public Affairs Office)

100 members of the Benelux community at the spiritual-fitness luncheon hosted by Allied Forces North, or AFNORTH, Battalion, U.S. Army NATO Brigade.

Author of the autobiography "An Ordinary Man," Paul Rusesabagina spoke about his experiences in the 1994 Rwandan genocide, which claimed the lives of nearly 1 million civilians, rebels and Soldiers in the Hutu-led effort to seize power from the ruling Tutsi minority.

As the manager of Hotel des Mille Collines in Rwanda's capital city, Kigali, Rusesabagina used his charisma and leadership skills to save the lives of 1,268 people during the Rwandan civil war.

On three occasions, Rusesabagina nearly died at the hands of aggressors, but the ability to stay calm and use words of compromise kept him alive, he said. He didn't even own a gun so he

leveraged personal relationships with leaders throughout Rwanda for a cause much greater than his own personal safety. His commitment to the greater good and well-being of those depending upon him earned him the admiration of millions as well as the Presidential Medal of Freedom presented by President George W. Bush in 2005.

During his presentation, "An Ordinary Man Who Did Extraordinary Things," Rusesabagina drew parallels between his situation and the leadership tenets Soldiers seek to live by in the military. Rusesabagina emphasized the value of forging strong relationships, commitment to personal values and resilience in the face of adversity, the last of which was the central theme.

"You should not judge people by how low they fall, but according to how high they bounce," Rusesabagina said.

AAFES Mobile Center opens up at Chièvres food court

Story and photo by Andrea Wales
USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Customers can now buy mobile devices at the new Mobile Center, which held its grand opening in Chièvres July 15.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has become partners with DHI Telecom Group, which represents the three main carriers in Belgium: Proximus, Orange (which was once MobiStar) and Base, said Simon Musa, vice president of sales at DHI Telecom Group, which already serves the American military in 19 stores in the Middle East.

"The Mobile Center has an English-speaking staff that can communicate with customers and explain the services to the end customer," Musa said, adding that, previously, Chièvres customers had to drive to SHAPE during limited hours or go to a store on the Belgian economy in order to get service for cell phones.

He cautioned that this location won't offer maintenance for phones that weren't purchased at the new store.

The partnership was the brainchild of



Richard Huff, Damian Hopkins and Simon Musa, all of DHI Houston, Texas; participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Friday, July 15, 2016, with Christa Rodriguez-Tautges of AAFES in Spangdahlem, Germany; Joe Escobar, Chièvres Exchange manager; and Laurent "Gus" Elius, Benelux services-and-vending supervisor.

Laurent "Gus" Elius, AAFES' services-and-vending supervisor in the Benelux, after the Belgian souvenir shop that occupied the space folded.

"I thought, 'What kind of business can we offer to our customers that's new, exciting and profitable,'" Elius said.

At first, he looked to the businesses themselves — Proximus, Orange and Base — to be the sources.

"It wasn't their philosophy," Elius said. "It was time for a change."

The contract was awarded to DHI Telecom Group, which acts as a middle man.

Host-nation orientation offers newcomers easy intro to Benelux

by **Lindita Celaj**

Relocation Program manager, USAG Benelux Army Community Service

Belgium and the Netherlands are located in the heart of Europe, giving you the opportunity to travel and experience the diverse cultures and history of your host country and its neighboring nations.

Belgium is known for its chocolates, waffles and french fries as well as lace and tapestries. The Netherlands is known for its pancakes, herring and cheese as well as its wooden shoes and windmills.

Moving to a European country can be a big adjustment, but becoming active and making new friends will help you settle into your new home.

All over the world the military is in "permanent change of station," or PCS, season when military families are moving to new duty stations. Army Community Service staffers recommend that you plan to attend the ACS host-nation orientation as soon as you arrive in the country. ACS offers services and programs to assist you during your relocation. A monthly host-nation orientation is offered to newcomers in order to ease the transition.

Service members, Department of Defense civilians and their families can attend these briefings to prepare for life in the Benelux and to acquaint themselves with the services offered in military and host-nation communities.

Host-nation orientations are offered at your local ACS. In the SHAPE/Chièvres and the Schinnen/Brunssum communities, the orientation is a two-day event. In Brussels, it varies from a two-day event to a four-day event, depending on the needs of the community and that of the ACS staff.

You will learn about local customs and culture, and some helpful phrases on the local language. You will also learn to use the public transportation system.

To learn more about the next host-nation orientation in your area, call SHAPE ACS (about the orientation set for Aug. 1 to 2) at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824; or Schinnen ACS (Aug. 18 to 19) at DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500; or Brussels ACS (Aug. 23, 24, 25 and 26) at DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.



Part of the host-nation orientation teaches you how to use public transportation.

What your local community has to offer

Brussels. The host-nation orientation can be either a two-day event or a four-day event. Both the two- and four-day orientations have something in common: the deputy garrison manager's welcome and USAG Benelux-Brussels site brief, which start at 8:45 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.

Other days offer Supermarket Guided Tour, Hospital Guided Tour and Metro Madness (in which newcomers learn to use public transportation). 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.

To register for the next orientation Aug. 23, 24, 25 and 26, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

Schinnen/Brunssum. The host-nation orientation is a two-day event. All newcomers must attend the host-nation orientation on Day 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to learn local customs,

culture, language and an overview of Tri-Border services.

On Day 2, meet at ACS to take the Newcomers Tour from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The group goes beyond the gate to learn and use the public transportation to visit local points of interest.

To register for the next orientation Aug. 18 to 19, call DSN 360-7218/7500 or civilian 046-4437218/7500.

SHAPE/Chièvres. The host-nation orientation is a two-day event that starts at the ACS Conference Room on the second floor of Building 318 at 8:30 a.m. Sessions both days end at 3:30 p.m. On Day 1, you will learn about the SHAPE/Chièvres community and all it has to offer. You will also learn about Belgian customs and basic French.

On Day 2, you will learn how to use public transportation, go on a cultural city tour and tour a Belgian hospital as well as sample Belgian cuisine and learn how to shop on the economy.

To register for the next orientation Aug. 1 to 2, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

FRENGLISH PAGE

Interns help US community with French touch

By Fauve Altman

USAG Benelux Public Affairs intern

Each week, English speakers will be in contact with French language in a friendly way. The interns' page is divided into three sections. The first one (Useful expressions) is dedicated to commonly used expressions translated into English and accompanied by a phonetic transcription. The second part (Word search) is a fun way to learn French words, along with their English translation. The last part (Dialog) is brightened up with a French dialog and its English translation.

Useful expressions

- The post office
- A stamp
- Franking an envelope
- A postal account

- La poste/"Lah post"
- Un timbre/"ahn tom bruh"
- Affranchir une enveloppe/"ah frahn sheer oon ahn vel ohp"
- Un compte postal/"une com deh poh stal"

Word search

Find these French words related to the theme "le centre commercial/the mall" in the grid.

- chaussures/shoes/"shoh shir"
- toilettes/bathroom/"twah let"
- alimentation/grocery/"ahl lim ah(n) ta si ohn"
- vêtements/clothing/"veh tey mohn"
- lunettes/eyeglasses/"loo neht"
- cordonnier/shoe repair/"cohr dohn ee ay"
- caddy/cart/"cah dee"
- pharmacie/pharmacy/"far mah see"
- ameublement/furniture/"ah moob lah moh(n)"
- pantalons/trousers/"pahn tah loh(n)"
- manteau/coat/"mahn toh"
- jupe/skirt/"zhoop"
- robe/dress/"hroh b"
- valise/suitcase/"vah leez"
- costume/suit/"cohs tyoom"

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Dialog: At the post office/Au bureau de poste

B: Hello, I would like to buy a stamp for this letter.
 A: Is the destination in Belgium?
 B: No. This letter is for the United States.
 A: It is less than 50 grams so it will cost you €1.45 .
 B: What other services do you provide?
 A: We mail packages and registered mail.
 We also offer financial services and we sell fishing permits for the Walloon, Brussels-Capital city and Flemish areas.

B: Bonjour, je voudrais acheter un timbre pour cette lettre.
 A: Est-ce que la destination est en Belgique?
 B: Non. Cette lettre est pour les Etats-Unis.
 A: C'est moins de 50gr donc cela vous coûtera €1.45.
 B: Quels sont les autres services que vous fournissez?
 A: Nous effectuons l'envoi de paquets et de courrier recommandé. Nous offrons aussi des services financiers et nous vendons des permis de pêche pour la région Wallonne, Bruxelles-Capitale et Flamande.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camps** - To register for these weeklong camps, which run **through Aug. 12**, call Brussels CYSS at DSN 368-9535 or civilian 02-7179535.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Brussels Army Community Service, SHAPE ACS or Schinnen ACS by video-teleconference. To sign up, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783:
 - **Insurance Plans** - Learn about types of life insurance, when it's optimal to use each and what amount you need to protect your family at this workshop **July 27** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS.

Going on now

- **Summer Reading Program** - Read books and earn prizes in the Summer Reading Program's "Read for the Win." Join the Brussels Library staff for Story Time and crafts Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

July 20, 27

- **Pizza Wednesdays at the 3 Star** - Eat in or take out pizza for lunch Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Traditional and personal pan pizza available. To place an order, call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

July 21, 22

- **Community Movie Night** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, sponsors free movies "Barbershop: The Next Cut" (PG-13) July 21 and "Boss" (R) July 22 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the BOSS Movie Area on the third floor of Building 1. Make your reservation soon at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Call DSN 368-9768/9819 or civilian 02-7179768/9819.

July 22

- **Pizza Fridays at the 3 Star** - Pick up a pizza to take home for dinner or eat in Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m. To place an order, call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.
- **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. For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822, or DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

July 28

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - All-you-can-eat taco bar will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Facility will be open until 10 p.m.) Cost: adults \$10, children, ages 12 and under, \$5. (Alternate children's menu: chicken strips with potato wedges, \$5.) Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camps** - Discover Europe with the School Age Center and Youth Center at JFC Brunssum **through Aug. 12**. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card-holders. Call DSN 606-244-3121 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121.
- **Workshop: The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People** - Based on the book "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen R. Covey, this internationally renowned, principle-centered workshop will be given at Geilenkirchen Chapel Annex **July 26 to 28** from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. To enroll, contact A&FRC at DSN 458-6015 or civilian +49 (0) 2451-633791, or email at 470abs.dpf2@us.af.mil.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Schinnen Army Community Service, SHAPE ACS or Brussels ACS by video-teleconference. To sign up, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500:
 - **Insurance Plans** - Learn about types of life insurance, when it's optimal to use each and what amount you need to protect your family at this workshop **July 27** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS.
- **GK Chapel Vacation Bible School** - Geilenkirchen Chapel will hold its Vacation Bible School **Aug. 1 to 5** from 9 a.m. to noon. Register at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/GKchapel2016>.

Going on now

- **Summer Reading Program** - "Read for the Win with Froggy" at HQ JFC Brunssum Library **through Aug. 14**. This program is open to all U.S. and NATO ID card-holders in the Tri-Border Community. For more information and to register, call DSN 364-2469 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5262469.

July 22

- **Master Resiliency Training: Mental Toughness** - Learn seven skills that will enhance your effectiveness and well-being by building your mental toughness at Schinnen Army Community Service from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Develop your ability to understand the thoughts, emotions and behaviors of yourself and others. For more information, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500.

July 27

- **"Tea Time with Toys"** - Parents with children, ages newborn to 3, are invited to share tea at Schinnen Army Community Service from 1 to 2 p.m. and find support while children play with toys. For more information, call ACS at DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY *continued*

July 27 to 28

- **New Parent Support Home Visitor** - U.S. ID card-holders can schedule appointments for office hours, hospital and home visits by calling Army Community Service at DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500.

July 28

- **Backs & Tummies & Music** - This supportive and educational group for parents with newborns encourages child development and promotes positive parent-child interaction. Come to Schinnen Army Community Service for music, experiential activities, bubbles and laughs from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. To register, call ACS at DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500.

July 30 to 31

- **Healthy Lifestyle Festival** - "Your Healthy Lifestyle Festival" weekend at the Schinnen Commissary will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Food demonstrations will be offered. Greek and grilled-food trucks will also be on the installation. Schinnen Fitness Center will have a bouncy castle for children as well as circuit training from 11 a.m. to noon and again from 2 to 3 p.m. Line dancing will be held in the Community Activities Center, too. Schinnen's Army and Air Force Exchange Service, or AAFES, store will also be participating with games and special sales all weekend as well as roving concessionaires with special deals Saturday. Attendance prizes will be given away. (ID card-holders/authorized shoppers may sign up at the commissary entrance.)

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Tickets on sale now

- **SHAPE Performing Arts Centre** - To find out more about the shows and auditions below, or stop by Building 207, or call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.
 - **"Once Upon a Mattress" with "Disney's 101 Dalmatians"** - SHAPE Performing Arts Centre presents the SHAPE Performing Arts School's production of the classic Broadway musical "Once Upon a Mattress" with the Summer Theatre Camp troupe and "Disney's 101 Dalmatians" with the Fractured Fairy Tales Camp troupe. The curtain goes up **July 28, 29 and 30** at 7:30 p.m. and a matinee **July 31** at 3 p.m.
 - **Season tickets** - The SHAPE Players recently announced the 2016-2017 theatrical season: "All the King's Men" opening in September, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" opening in November, "The Lusty and Comical History of Tom Jones" opening in March and "Peter Pan" opening in May.
 - **Auditions** - The SHAPE Players will conduct tryouts for two plays **Aug. 8 and 9**: the political drama "All the King's Men" from 6 to 8 p.m. and the musical comedy "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" from 8 to 10 p.m.

Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camps** - To register for these camps, which run **through Aug. 12**, call SHAPE CYSS at DSN 366-6839 or civilian 065-326839.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by SHAPE Army Community Service, Schinnen ACS or Brussels ACS by video-teleconference. To sign up, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824:
 - **Insurance Plans** - Learn about types of life insurance, when it's optimal to use each and what amount you need to protect your family at this workshop **July 27** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Given in person at SHAPE ACS.
- **Summer Reading Program** - Chièvres Library and SHAPE International Library will host a range of free activities for children **through Aug. 11**. Activities based on the theme, "Read for the Win!" will be held at Chièvres Library Thursdays from 3 to 4 p.m. Story Time and Craft is geared toward school-aged children, but all children are welcome. For details on SHAPE Library's program Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. civilian 065-445631.

July 27

- **CAB Social** - Enjoy free food at Army Lodging on Chièvres Air Base while you meet with garrison leaders and formulate questions to ask them. Everyone is welcome to this informal group designed for those who are in- and out-processing. Feel free to contribute to this potluck meal, whose theme will be "Your Favorite Dish." Call DSN 423-7141 or civilian 065-447141.

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates — 2D movies: adults, €6.50; children, ages 12 and under, €3.75. 3D movies: adults, €8.50; children, ages 12 and under, €5.75. Visit <http://www.shape2day.com>, and click "Cinema Schedule" icon. Ticket sales begin 30 minutes prior to each showing. Films will start promptly. Thrifty Thursday means half-price popcorn and free movies from the same film series (or related subject matter) as an upcoming film as well as half-price pizza and calzone at the Pizza Bowl.

Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Rates — adults, €6.50; children, ages 11 and under, €3.75. For the movie schedule, visit <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146>.

Travel the Benelux

Largest lake area in Belgium offers lots of activities

by **Cis Spook**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

The largest artificial lake area in Belgium is located 30 km south from Charleroi (a little over one hour driving distance from Chièvres) and is divided into five lakes : La Plate Taille, Féronval lake, Eau d'Heure lake, Ry Jaune lake and Falemprise lake. More commonly, the lake area is referred to as the Eau d'Heure lakes.

The largest of these lakes is La Plate Taille and with a surface of 3,74 sq. kilometers, it is also the largest lake in Belgium. Two lakes, La Plate Taille and l'Eau d'Heure, have an hydroelectric dam that was built in 1970 to regulate the water. The dam of La Plate Taille is the biggest in Belgium

From 1971 to 1978, the site developed into a recreation area. Lots of activities are offered:

Hiking - You have ten hiking trails around the lake to choose from, over a total of 100 km.

Biking - There are also ten biking trails from 2 to 24 km which you can download from <http://www.lacsdeleaudheure.be/leh-nl/menu-central/wat-te-doen/natuur/fietsen/location-velo-village-landal-l-eau-d-heure.html>. If you don't want to transport your bike, you can rent one at Landal, Route du Bois du Four, 7A where you can also get a description of each of the biking trails.

Segway - You can also rent a segway at Route de la Plate Taille, 99 and admire the view from the biking trails.

Fishing - Fishing with a Walloon area fishing permit, is authorized at designated areas. For additional information, check the Aquacenter, Rue du Bois du Four, 1 at Froidchapelle. The center is open every day between 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. or you can visit their website at <http://www.parcquacenter.be/>.

Scuba diving - Follow the signs "Club de plongée" at La Plate Taille lake for the area restricted to scuba diving with clubhouse, dressing rooms, inflation equipment and more at €3 per person, per day.

Sailing/kayaking/windsurfing/stand up paddling - At the Espace Fun, Rue du Bois du Four, you can practice either one of these water sports with or without a qualified instructor.

Water skiing - Beginners and advanced training with instructor and boat are available at "Eau d'Heure Nautique", Rue de Falemprise.

Water teleskiing with wakeboard, wakeskate or kneeboard by means of an electric cable operated by



Courtesy photo

solar energy only, is available at the Spin Cablepark, Lac de Féronval, Rue Crossart 61.

Swimming - Two lake swimming areas are available during the summer (June 15 - Sept. 15) at Falemprise lake or La Plate Taille lake. Lifeguards are on site from 1 to 8 p.m. in July and August and areas are marked with color-coded flags

(green = swimming authorized, orange = swimming authorized but not recommended, red = swimming not authorized).

If the weather is not cooperating, other activities are possible.

There is an inside pool, aquacenter and wellness center, tennis and squash court on Rue du Bois du Four 1. You can also hop on the "Croco Express" shuttle to visit the lake area. Shuttle departs Route de la Plate Taille, 99. There is also a laser game, a Natura Park and treetop adventure, mini golf, aqua golf, all located on Route de la Plate Taille 99.

Several lodging options are available around the lake area as well as many restaurants. For additional information, check <http://www.lacsdeleaudheure.be>.

Outside the gate

Last chance: 'Whole World Dances in Brunssum'

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World Festival Parade Brunssum is a festive week of international dancing, singing, brotherhood and hospitality. Its slogan: "The Whole World Dances in Brunssum."

This city has hosted the event, often called "The Parade," every four years since 1953, and today, July 20, is the last full day of the weeklong event.

Over the years, the initiative grew to become the largest world dance festival in the Netherlands and one of the largest in Europe, reaching its height in 1996 when there were 75 groups from 60 countries taking part.

Activities embody the yearly theme ("Dreaming and dancing" in 2016): spectacular dance performances, workshops, a parade in which the participants danced through the streets in costume displaying aspects of their culture.



This costume is just a sample of the elaborate traditional dress that dancers wear at the World Festival Parade festivities.

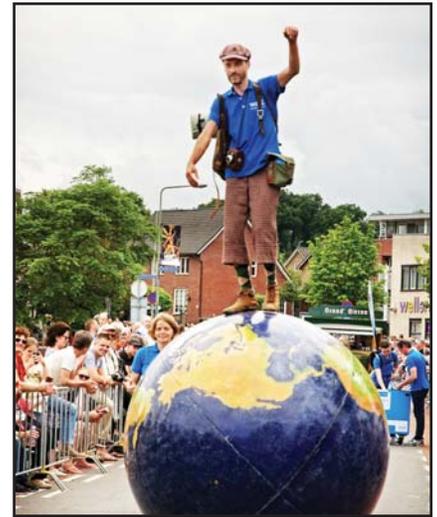
To name just a few of the events that are always crowd pleasers: the Culture Market, the Coal Miners procession and parade, the Fireworks show, the big Parade, and the opening and closing events share international cultures in an explosion of color, movement and sound.

Activities take place in a variety of locations, including Vijverpark (called Bruisend Vijverpark, or "Bubbly Pond Park" in English, during the festivities because something's happening all over the park).

Now through July 21 at 1 a.m.: Cooling down in Vijverpark. Charge your batteries with laid-back activities like yoga so you'll have plenty of energy for the last night's festivities.

7:30 to 10 p.m.: Get tickets for these performances through the World Festival Parade website at <http://www.paradebrunssum.nl/en> or at the Parade Store at Kerkstraat 18A.

- Rain-or-shine performance at Vijverpark's open-air theater. The stage is covered, and, in the event of inclement weather, theater patrons will be offered rain ponchos. Tickets: €15.



A dancer representing World Water maneuvers atop a globe during the World Festival Parade.

- Gala performance at Brikke Oave Cultureel Centrum. Experience international dance and musical ensembles as well as local talent at this event. Tickets: €20.

10 p.m.: Free closing ceremony at Vijverpark. Watch the costumed performers from 20 countries march toward the pavilion where they will bid farewell by way of folding their flags.

For more things to see and do, visit <http://www.paradebrunssum.nl/en>.

Outside the gate

Upcoming organized trips

Chièvres Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental

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

- **Dinant Kayak Trip and Brewery Visit, Aug. 13**

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Paris, July 23**
- **Rhine River Cruise, Cable Car and Fortress, Aug. 6**
- **Rotterdam with Splashtour, Aug. 9**
- **Copenhagen (Denmark), Aug. 12 to 15**
- **Ghent with City Beer Discovery Boat trip, Aug. 20**
- **Notting Hill Carnival, Aug. 27 to 29**
- **Cochem, Germany, with medieval dinner in castle, Sept. 3**
- **Amsterdam with dinner show, Sept. 17**
- **Paris with Secret Food Tour (optional), Sept. 24**
- **Crete, Spa and Middelkerke, all year**

SHAPE Travel Group

Call civilian 0470-876369 for details.

- **Gouda and Kinderdijk, the Netherlands, Aug. 25**
- **Champagne in Epernay, France, Sept. 8**
- **Delft, the Netherlands, Sept. 15**
- **Blegny Mine and Liège, Sept. 29**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- **Dutch Day Trip: Alkmaar, Zaanse Schans, Volendam, July 29**
- **Amsterdam, Aug. 6**
- **Family Day Trout Fishing, Sept. 10**
- **Largest Wine Festival in the World at Bad Durkheim Wurstmarkt, Sept. 17**
- **National Liberation Museum 1944-1945 and Battle of Arnhem ("A Bridge Too Far"), Sept. 24**
- **Washington Redskins vs. Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 29 to 31 (Pickups at Schinnen and SHAPE.)**



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July 21 - Belgian National Day

- **National Day activities in Brussels** - As of 10 a.m., various entertainment at the Brussels park with children's activities and concerts; on Place Royale, a European village will be set up to provide information on Europe; on Place des Palais, there will be a military parade with flyovers starting at 4 p.m. For a more extensive listing of all the activities scheduled, visit <http://www.bruxelles.be>.
- **Fest in Jurbise** - Held at the Parc Communal (city park) and starting at 10 a.m. with a bicycle ride. Throughout the day starting at 11 a.m., there will be various activities, such as bouncy castles, Zumba for children at 3 p.m. followed by Zumba party from 4 to 5:30 p.m., free yoga class from 3 to 5 p.m. and concert in the evening. Event will close with fireworks at midnight.
- **Flea market in Cuesmes (100 booths)** - On Place de Cuesmes from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Horrues (100 booths)** - Held on Rue du Tram from 3 to 10 p.m.
- **Flea market in Uccle (150 booths)** - Held on Place St Job from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Waterloo (125 booths)** - On Chaussée de Bruxelles from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Huissignies (Chièvres) for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from the sports center La Marcotte at Rue de l'eglise 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Wiers for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue du Rivage from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



July 23

- **Flea market in Estinnes-au-Val (150 booths)** - Held on Place Communale (town square) from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Koekelberg (200 booths)** - Held on Parvis de la Basilique from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **The Humphreysband in Mons** - From 4 to 8 p.m., the six musicians who are part of the "Humphreys" pop/rock street band will perform on the main square. Event is free of charge.

July 24

- **Volksmarch in Longueville for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue de la Station 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Mainvault for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Chapelle du Bois Hellin on Chemin de Renovez from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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Through July 20

- **World Festival in Brunssum** allows you to "see the world" through international dance and music. See page 9.

Through July 22

- **Nijmegen March in Nijmegen** takes over Nijmegen with the march and the festivities surrounding the world's largest walking event. Learn more at <http://www.4daagse.nl>.

Through July 24

- **Fest Days of Gent in Gent, Belgium**, is a cultural folkloric festival held in the city center with shows, theater, exhibitions, rides, traditional crafts market, parades and more. For details, visit <http://www.gentsefeesten.be>.

July 21

- **International Painters Market in Neeroeteren, Belgium**, near Maaseik, Belgium, will be held around St. Lambertus Church with demonstrations and entertainment. Open from noon to 6 p.m.

July 21 to 24

- **Zwarte Cross in Lichtenvoorde** is a combination of a music festival and motocross located on Heringsaweg. The festival offers music, a market, theater and motocross and stunts. Learn more about Zwarte Cross at <http://www.zwartecross.nl>.

July 21, 28

- **Nostalgic market in Barneveld** will seem to take you back to Grandma's time. Go to the town center for traditional crafts, costumes and regional food as well as national and international folkloric dance groups. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

July 22 to 24

- **"Bumperkluiven" Food Truck Festival in Breda** at Van Sonsbeeckpark will be a free culinary event with food trucks, theater, entertainment and live music. Open July 22 from 3 to 11 p.m.; July 23 from noon to 11 p.m. and July 24 from noon to 10 p.m.

July 23

- **Rock at Gras in Brunssum will be held in Schutterspark** on Heidestraat. A cruise-in car show is ongoing all day; the bands start at 1 p.m. Admission: €5.
- **Latin Outdoor Reuver in Reuver** will be a multicultural music event held at the market square in the center of town. Starts at 5 p.m. Free admission.

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Ongoing

Through Aug. 15

- **Bouglione Circus in Mons** will be located at the Imagix parking lot. Come and watch a real circus with acrobats, clowns, tricks, animals and more. Admission: €15 to €25. For more information, visit http://www.bouglione.mobi/fr_tarif_mons.php.

Through Sept. 11

- **Harry Potter exhibit in Brussels** - Open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Brussels Expo on Place de Belgique at Palais 2. Since 2009, the exhibit has traveled to Chicago, Boston, Toronto, Seattle, New York, Sydney, Singapore, Tokyo, Paris and Shanghai and drawn more than 3.5 million visitors. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://ticketmaster.be>.

Fridays through Sept. 9

- **Roller Bike Parade in Brussels** invites rollers, bikes, longboards and freelines to participate in this event. Departs from Place Poelaert, going to Hasselt and passing by Leuven. Open from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Free.

Through October

- **Treetop Adventure Trail in Tertre** will be held at Rue de la Hamaide 79. Three trails will be available for children, ages 7 and older, and for adults, too. Two trails will be available for children, ages 3 and older. Open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €9 to €19.

July 21 to Aug. 15

- **Tournai les bains (beach in the city)** - Various activities free of charge for everyone at Quai Donat Casterman.

July 22 to Sept. 4

- **Visit the Royal Palace in Brussels** - Once a year, visitors can wander around the rooms, corridors and monumental staircases of the Royal Palace, which was built by architect Alphonse Balat and completed in 1865. Access is from Place des Palais. Visits are free of charge Tuesday through Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.



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July 23 to 24

- **Art-and-crafts market in Floreffe, Belgium**, will be held at the Abbey on Rue du Seminaire. The market is open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Free admission.
- **Medieval Weekend in Oostende, Belgium**, will be at Provinciedomein Raversijde at Nieuwpoortsesteenweg 636. In and around the reconstructed fishing village Walraversijde, many re-enactors will bring the Middle Ages to life with knight tournaments, traditional crafts, demonstrations and more. Open Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

July 23 and 30

- **Antique-and-curiosa market in Roermond** will be held at Kloosterwandplein in the center of town. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

July 24

- **Birds of Prey Show in Valkenburg** will be held at the castle ruins at Daalhemmerweg 27. The shows are at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Admission (includes admission to the Velvet Cave): €10; children, ages 4 to 12, €7.50.

July 24 and 31

- **Antique-and-curiosa market in Maastricht** will be held at Vismarkt on Boschstraat. Open from noon to 5:30 p.m.

July 26

- **Historic market in Veere** will take place on the historic market square in the town center with re-enactors in costume, traditional crafts, antiques and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

July 28 to 30

- **Mussel Festival in Middelburg** will be held on Vlasmarkt. Visitors will find live music, street artists and plenty of mussels as well as other seafood.

Ongoing

Through Sept. 2

- **Cheese market in Alkmaar** is famous worldwide for its cheese, which has been weighed in Alkmaar since 1593. Cheese carriers carry thousands of kilos of cheese from "Waagplein" square to the weighing house. See them in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon until the first Friday of September.



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