

THE GAZETTE

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Benelux news briefs

New gate-guard contract starts June 1

Seris Security will replace Securitas as the contractor providing security guards in Brussels and in Chièvres at the beginning of next month. Most of the current guards will don the Seris uniform June 1.

AAFES has job opening

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's Brussels retail store is looking for a shift supervisor. The position has a regular, part-time work schedule. Call DSN 361-5337 or civilian 068-275337.

Sax players wanted

JFC Brass Band recently opened its membership to saxophone players. If you are interested in joining, contact triborderbrass@jfcbs.nato.int.

CAC closes for training

The USAG Benelux-Brussels Common Access Card, or CAC, Office in Building 4's Room 311 will be closed May 28 due to mandatory training.

During the closure, you may schedule an appointment at Brussels by calling SHAPE's ID card section in Building 253 at DSN 366-6292/6291 or civilian 065-446293/6291.

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Fireworks supply slam-bang finish at festival

Fireworks explode over the historic St. Jean Chapel Sunday, May 17, 2015, bringing the first Chièvres American Festival to a close. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark) **See page 4.**

IMCOM COMMAND TEAM

Leaders reflect on Memorial Day

by Lt. Gen. David Halverson and Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless
Installation Management Command

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service to America. Memorial Day was born from the War between the States and a desire to honor the nation's dead.

On the first Decoration Day, Gen. James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and participants decorated the graves of the Union and Confederate Soldiers buried there.

We remember those who died in service to America. Many of you will use this time to be with friends and family.

Travel is on the agenda for many of you. Take steps to reduce the chances of burglary while you are gone. Secure windows, including those upstairs. Remove objects like ladders or trash cans that make it easier to enter a window or scale a fence. Don't leave social-media posts making it obvious you will be out of town. Turn telephone ringers down, so no one outside can hear repeated rings. Review your answering machine's outgoing message to make sure it doesn't imply that you are away. Consider using timers to operate lights.

Many people traveling this weekend so make sure to be well-rested and alert, use seat belts, observe speed limits and follow the rules of the road. Avoid distractions, such as cell phones, and absolutely don't text. Leave ample

room when following other vehicles. Use caution in work zones. Make frequent rest stops when traveling long distances.

The onset of grilling season often results in injuries and fires because of careless cooking practices. Never grill indoors. Always supervise a grill when in use, and make sure everyone, including pets, stays away from the grill. Keep the grill out in the open, away from the house, deck, tree branches or anything else that

could catch fire. Use long-handled tools made for cooking on the grill. Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already ignited.

Whether you travel or stay home, reserve some of your time to recall the reason this day was established. The "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed in December 2000. It asks all Americans to pause at 3 p.m. local time, "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence."

Whether you simply pause, or attend a parade, visit a memorial, toast the fallen, or comfort a survivor, give a thought to those who, with their sacrifices, passed the torch of freedom to those of us who stand in defense of the nation today.

Once a Soldier, always a Soldier. Soldier for Life!

'We remember those who died in service to America.'



A modern chapel stands in the background at Luxembourg American Cemetery. (Photo courtesy ABMC)

Ceremonies honor sacrifice

Memorial Day ceremonies will be held in the coming days. Attendance is free and open to the public.

- Saturday, May 23, at 10 a.m., Ardennes American Cemetery in Neuville-en-Condroz, Belgium.
- Saturday, May 23, at 4 p.m., Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Hombourg, Belgium.
- Saturday, May 23, at 2 p.m., Luxembourg American Cemetery in Luxembourg.
- Sunday, May 24, at 3 p.m., Flanders Field American Cemetery in Waregem, Belgium.
- Sunday, May 24, at 3 p.m., the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, the Netherlands.
- Friday, May 29, at 2:30 p.m., Memorial Day ceremony in Bastogne, Belgium, at the Mardasson Memorial.

For a comprehensive list, visit the American Battle Monuments Commission website at <http://www.abmc.gov>.

See page 6 for Memorial Day weekend operating hours and closures in Benelux communities.

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Company commander passes unit guidon

by Andrea Wales

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

With a temperature in the mid-50s and a soft breeze, USAG Benelux conducted an outdoor change-of-command ceremony for its Headquarters and Headquarters Company May 15.

Incoming HHC commander Capt. Jeffrey Paul comes to HHC from 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, where he held the staff positions of air-operations officer and future-operations officer.

Outgoing HHC commander Capt. Nathaniel “Scott” Beckett goes to the Directorate of Planning, Training, Mobilization and Security, or DPTMS, where he will work as a staff planner.

“Scott’s primary focus has been taking care of Soldiers and ensuring they were always prepared to succeed at any mission,” said garrison commander

Col. Marty Vannatter, adding that Beckett’s task wasn’t easy, particularly after USAG Schinnen and USAG Brussels cased their colors as part of the garrison’s transformation.

Beckett has ensured that readiness was high, and training and equipment were always available to his Soldiers so they could excel in their duties, Vannatter said. Beckett’s tenure has been full of success stories.

The garrison commander credited Beckett’s leadership for many of the successes the garrison has experienced during Beckett’s command of HHC — including 13 area service members being involved in the presidential visit and ceremony held at Flanders Field, six Soldiers being inducted into the Sgt. Morales Club and two earning the title “IMCOM Best Warrior”

this month.

Vannatter also said Beckett’s “out front” leadership has inspired and motivated Benelux Soldiers to be outstanding ambassadors of the Army and of the nation throughout the Benelux as they participated in so many high-profile commemorations of both world wars at the large U.S. military cemeteries, at Bastogne and at the small villages of Belgium and the Netherlands.

The garrison commander summed up the HHC commander’s job for Paul and issued a challenge.

Vannatter explained that the mission at hand is for Paul to continue to take care of Soldiers and their families, to treat the families as if they were his own.

“Every waking day, ask yourself, ‘Has my unit supported

the Soldiers and families in every way possible?’” he said, encouraging Paul to think outside the box and to sacrifice to help the Soldiers he is charged to support.

When Beckett stepped up to the podium, he kept his sense of humor, saying that standing up there made him want to call out “Chôlette!” which, in the traditional Belgian game of crossage, is equivalent to the golfers warning “Fore!”

Beckett shared three “lessons learned”:

1. Welcome the truth tellers. He encouraged leaders to embrace the insights of those who are fearless in sharing their expertise and opinions on how things should be done because they challenge you to become a more efficient and organized administrator.

2. Military police work is a difficult and thankless job, and Benelux MPs make it look easy.

3. Individual wins are the result of shared sacrifice and hard work.

He shared the credit for his success with the Soldiers under his command, members of the family readiness group and the first sergeants with whom he’s served here, retired 1st Sgt. Dave Hobbs and 1st Sgt. Alejandro “Alex” Romar.

Paul acknowledged that USAG Benelux has a different mission than most.

“It’s a mission that’s atypical from what most of us may be accustomed during the war years, but nonetheless just as an important,” Paul said. “We are *part of* — and here to support — the U.S. community, working side by side with our partner nations within NATO.”



Outgoing Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander Capt. Nathaniel “Scott” Beckett, garrison commander Col. Marty Vannatter and incoming HHC commander Capt. Jeffrey Paul stand at the position of “at ease” during the HHC change of command in front of the USAG Benelux headquarters building Friday, May 15, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

Chièvres American Festival brings people together

Photos by Tim Clark

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office



(Clockwise from top left) A Belgian line-dance group demonstrates square dancing during the Chièvres American Festival put on by the city of Chièvres Saturday, May 9, 2015, to Sunday, May 17, 2015. • After some coaching, members of the audience try their hands at line dancing. • A member of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, volunteers to take a local senior citizen to the Sunday market where she takes a look at the flowers. • Vocalists in the Voices of Victory choir enter the St. Jean Chapel singing "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." The choir put on a gospel music show for a standing room only crowd. • A display on American presidents at the Chièvres City Hall draws interest from both Belgian and American visitors.

Chièvres American Festival I continued



(Clockwise from top left) Shoppers check out the booths on the square. • Belgian catch wrestling is one of the sports demonstrations at the festival. • Fireworks light up St. Jean Chapel. • Jake Marlin sings a country song. • A biker's jacket is decorated with pins. • Girls look over the bikes at the Harley-Davidson gathering.



Make friends in local community at Belgian-American social

Belgian American Contact will hold its Premier Community Social for Belgians and Americans to meet and socialize at Café Au Faubourg at Grand' Rue 24 in Chièvres June 5 at 5 p.m.

Belgian American Contact is an informal initiative to bring Belgian and American families or individuals together to promote greater interaction, understanding and friendship.

Interested people should register so that organizers will know how many people to expect at the social gathering.

Belgians and Americans who make contact at the gathering will decide on any future events, such as sharing a meal, to help establish a friendship.

Each month, a group social gathering will be held in a local business establishment where new contacts will be made.

To obtain more information and to register, contact usbecontact@gmail.com or Chièvres Tourist Office at civilian 068-645961.

Celebrate contributions during heritage month

AFNORTH and the USAG Benelux Community will hold an observance of Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month at the SHAPE International Chapel Centre May 27 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Lt. Col. Robert M. Kam will be the speaker. Once an infantry officer, Kam transferred to military intelligence. He now works as a civil-military analyst at the SHAPE Comprehensive Crisis Operations Management Center.

This year's theme is "Many Cultures, One Voice: Promote Equality and Inclusion."

The event is open to all service members, family members and civilians.

The observance will end with a food sampling.



Lt. Col. Robert Kam (U.S. Army photo)

AL national commander comes to USAG Benelux

The American Legion national commander and the American Legion Auxiliary president will be visiting U.S. military bases in Belgium June 4.

Community members can ask Michael Helm and Janet Jefford questions — including how the American Legion is helping service members, their families and the American communities abroad — at three events that day.

The members of Flanders Field Post BE02 would like to invite the community to those events:

11:30 a.m.: Lunch at the SHAPE Club (R.S.V.P. to flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com by May 28.)

3:30 p.m.: American Legion town-hall meeting, open to all USAG Benelux employees, at the USAG Benelux auditorium in Building 30 on Caserne Daumerie in Chièvres

6 p.m.: Dinner/Meet-and-Greet at the 3 Star Lounge at USAG Benelux-Brussels. Reservations are required for Thursday Family Dinner. Reserve your spot by close of business June 2 at reservations3star@yahoo.com.



Michael Helm (Courtesy photo)

Take special note of Memorial Day closures, changes in hours

Benelux community members should take note of the following closures and reduced operating hours in observance of Memorial Day and Whit Monday, or Pentecost Monday, which are both fall on the same day, May 25, this year.

Multiple locations

- Andrews Federal Credit Union will be closed only May 25 at its three locations in Brussels, Schinnen and Chièvres, even though they are normally closed Mondays.
- Both the Chièvres Commissary and the Schinnen Commissary will be closed May 25 and 26.
- Common Access Card, or CAC, Office will be closed May 25 throughout the Benelux.
- Finance windows in the Benelux will be closed May 25.
- Installation Access Control System, or IACS, Offices in the Benelux will be closed May 25.
- Military Post Offices in the Benelux will be closed May 25. Normal operating hours will resume Tuesday, May 26.

Brussels

- Brussels Healthcare Facility will be closed May 22 and 25.
- Army and Air Force Exchange Service Shoppette will be open May 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Library will be closed May 25.

Schinnen/Brunssum

- The Army and Air Force Exchange Service/Shoppette will be closed May 25.
- Bowling/Pin Point Café will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- CYSS will be closed May 25.
- Directorate of Public Works/Housing will be closed May 25. [For emergencies, call +31 (0) 46-4437555.]
- The Fitness Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. only.
- The Hazardous Materials Issue Center, commonly known as the Hazardous Materials Control Center, or HMCC, will be closed May 25.
- Library Brunssum will be closed May 23 to 25.

SHAPE/Chièvres

- The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's Main Exchange on Chièvres Air Base will be open May 25 during its new Monday hours from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Anthony's Pizza will also be open May 25 during its new Monday hours from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The PXtra, however, is now closed Mondays.
- SHAPE Healthcare Facility will have reduced services May 25. The Acute Care Clinic will be open from 8 to 10 a.m. All other services will be unavailable.
- SHAPE International Library will be closed May 25.

SHAPE clinic now offers secure email

Special to the Gazette

SHAPE Healthcare Facility

SHAPE Healthcare Facility recently announced its intention to provide secure e-mail communication about nonurgent concerns between patients and their health-care team via "Relay Health" Secure Messaging System.

All acute and emergent concerns must be routed through Central Appointments.

The new e-mail system allows you to:

- Request prescription renewals;
- Receive test and laboratory results;
- Get guidance from your medical team by e-mail;
- Avoid unnecessary office visits and telephone calls;
- Gain access to valuable health information online; and
- Consult with your medical team regarding nonurgent

health-matters.

To sign up for this free, convenient service, provide your e-mail address during a face-to-face visit (for security reasons). You should be sent an e-mail invitation to sign up for Relay Health within 48 hours. If you don't receive the e-mail invitation, return to the clinic at your convenience to ensure your correct e-mail address was provided. E-mail addresses may not be provided over the phone.

Once you sign up, be sure to monitor your email's SPAM filter/folder because sometimes invite messages are put in that folder by your email provider's features.

To learn more about this new way to contact your health-care provider, visit the website at <https://app.relayhealth.com>.

Summer staff shortages cause temporary changes in patient priority at SHAPE clinic

Special to the Gazette

SHAPE Healthcare Facility

SHAPE Healthcare Facility anticipates an unavoidable shortage of providers this summer. As a result, following Department of Defense mandate, only TRICARE Prime beneficiaries and international military members and their family members will be considered priority population supported by the clinic.

These groups won't feel an impact to their availability of care. In contrast, space-available patients will need to seek health care outside of the SHAPE Healthcare Facility during this time.

Effective June 1, TRICARE PLUS (retir-

ees empaneled to the clinic as primary care), TRICARE STANDARD patients and other third-party insurance patients, such as DOD civilian employees, must wait until 10 a.m. daily to call for same-day appointments or to schedule an appointment for another day. (Appointments made by May 31 aren't affected.)

In order to ensure long-term continuity for care of chronic illness, consider a local provider.

If there aren't any appointments open for space-available patients, the SHF appointment-line staff at DSN 423-5886

or civilian 065-445886 will provide alternate clinic options.

The staff of the SHAPE Healthcare Facility will work diligently with all of its patients and host-nation partners to ensure the transition of health-care services is as seamless as possible. The clinic's host-nation patient liaisons will work one-on-one with patients to help them choose the right treatment facility, book the appointment and offer interpreter services as needed.

Questions can be directed to DSN 423-5923 or civilian 0499-773002.

Safety Stand-downs planned in Benelux

The USAG Benelux Installation Safety Office will organize Safety Stand-Down Day in the Community Activity Center on Chièvres Air Base May 28 from 9 a.m. to noon to promote safety awareness in the community.

This event will be the place of duty for all garrison employees, both military and civilian. Brussels employees will be bused to Chièvres. (The Schinnen Safety Stand-Down Day will be held June 10.)

Access to this event is free for everyone (garrison and community personnel). Tenant units and activities are encouraged to attend.

The program for this event includes the opening remarks

by the garrison commander; visit of various booths from different agencies, a safety briefing by the SHAPE Federal Police, followed by a safety briefing on motorcycle protective equipment, a safety "Jeopardy"-style game.

Outside the CAC, various vehicles will be on display, including the crash-test simulator from the Federal Police; a demonstration on hazardous products from Protection Civile, or Civil Protection, authorities; a fire-extinguisher demo; an Air Force fire truck; and the Hainaut Province fire truck with hose demo.

Questions can be directed to the USAG Benelux Safety Office at DSN 361-1470 or civilian 068-271470.

Historic Doudou festival in Mons kicks off May 28

by Tim Clark

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

A battle between a dragon and a saint, a religious procession started in the Middle Ages because of the plague, and an international festival of military music are just some of the highlights of the Mons Ducasse, or Doudou festival.

Recognized as one of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO, the popular festival is set to run from May 28 to June 7 in Mons.

The Doudou had its start in 1349, because of the Black Death plague, which was rampant in Europe. The cities of Mons and Soignies organized a procession with the shrines of their patron saints – St. Waltrude from Mons and St. Vincent Madelgarus (Waltrude's husband) from Soignies – to ask to be delivered from the evils of the plague. The two shrines were brought to Casteau (a small city near present-day SHAPE) after a tribute of eight days, the plague decreased and then disappeared from the local area.

Eventually each city kept the procession in their respective cities no longer meeting in Casteau. The procession has continued each year except during the two world wars.

Sometime after 1380, the battle between St. George and the dragon became part of the festivities. In 1820 the combat actors were separated from the procession due to its less religious origin. Participants from the battle returned as a passive part of the procession in 1980.

The procession will start Saturday night with the descent of the shrine of the relics of St. Waltrude (St. Waudru in French), the patron saint of Mons who founded the city. During the solemn ceremony at St. Waudru Collegiate Church, religious authorities entrust the sacred remains to the mayor. The mayor will provide protection outside the church, during the Sunday morning procession through the streets of Mons. At the end of the ceremony, in a centuries-old rite, thousands will touch the shrine on their way out of the church.

On Sunday morning, the shrine will be placed on the ceremonial cart, the Car d'Or. Made of gilded wood with carvings of cherubs, the wagon was made in the 17th century by Ghienne and Midavaine. Approximately 1,500 participants, including minstrels and horsemen, proceed along the route followed by the shrine on its golden cart pulled by six draft horses. The procession is the largest religious procession in Wallonia. Thousands of people line the route to view the parade.

The highlight of the procession will come at the end when the Car d'Or must climb a steep cobblestone ramp to return to the church. Legend has it that the Car d'Or must reach the top without stopping or it will bring bad luck. Hundreds of people mass behind the golden cart to help it to the top by pushing. There are many shouts of joy and singing by the masses of people gathered to watch as the cart reaches the top. The city of Mons will have good luck for another year.

Now comes the time everyone has been waiting for, the battle between St. George and the dragon. The battle called



The dragon marches down Rue de Clercs to meet his destiny. In an epic battle with St. George on the Mons town square, he will be defeated. (Photo by Jean-Pol Grandmont)

Lumeçon, takes place at the Grand Place, or central square, of Mons. St. George, accompanied by his helpers, leads the march from the church to the square, known as the descent down Clercs road. The dragon follows him. Thousands will be waiting for a chance to snatch some hair from the dragon's tail, reputed to bring good luck. During this battle between good and evil, the dragon circles counterclockwise while St. George moves clockwise around the battlefield. The movement of the dragon's tail is his weapon. Thirty minutes of intense battle begins. St. George uses first a spear, then a sword and finally a gun to dispatch the dragon.

The 55-year-old International Festival of Military Music will take place during the Ducasse de Mons festival. Military bands from Albania, Denmark, Poland, Norway, Greece, Belgium and the Netherlands will give daily concerts and marches in parades. The highlight will be the concert featuring all the bands at Tondreau Stadium Sunday afternoon.

A festival schedule will be in next week's Gazette.

Trenches to Foxholes**Next week in World War history (May 24 to 30)****World War I****1915**

May 24 - Entente governments (Great Britain, France, Russia and Serbia) declare that they will hold Turkish ministers personally responsible for the Armenian massacres that began April 8.

May 25 - Mehmed Talat, the Ottoman minister of the interior, announces that all Armenians living near the battlefield zones in eastern Anatolia (under Ottoman rule) will be deported to Syria and Mosul. Large-scale deportations begin five days later, after the decision is sanctioned by the Ottoman council of ministers.

May 29 - Teófilo Braga succeeds Manoel de Arriaga, as Portuguese president, after Arriaga resigns.

1916

May 25 - The era of the all-volunteer British army ends as universal conscription takes effect requiring all eligible British men between the ages of 19 and 40 to report, excluding men working in agriculture, mining or the railroads.

May 26 - Bulgarian and German forces occupy Fort Rupel on the Greek frontier of Macedonia.

1917

May 24 - Driven by the spectacular success of the German U-boat submarines and their attacks on Allied and neutral ships at sea, the British Royal Navy introduces a newly created convoy system, whereby all merchant ships crossing the Atlantic Ocean would travel in groups under the protection of the British navy.

For more than three years of World War I, Britain's Royal Admiralty steadfastly resisted the creation of a convoy system, believing they couldn't afford to spare ships and other resources from its mighty fleet where they might be needed in battle. The effect of the German U-boat submarines, however, and their attacks on merchant ships — both belligerent and neutral — proved devastating. With the entrance of the United States into the war in April 1917, there was an even greater need for protection of Allied interests at sea, as large numbers of soldiers and arms would need to be transported from the Atlantic coast to Europe. In early May 1917, it was announced that the previous month had seen the highest shipping losses of the war so far for Allied and neutral countries: 373 ships, or a total weight of 873,754 tons.

May 30 - Gen. Jacob van Deventer succeeds Gen. Reginald Hoskins as commander of British forces in East Africa.

1918

May 24 - British Maj. Gen. Sir Frederick Cuthbert Poole lands at Murmansk to organize the North Russia Expeditionary Force.

May 27 - The German army begins the Third Battle of the Aisne with an attack on Allied positions at the Chemin des Dames ridge, in the Aisne River region of France.

May 28 - In the first sustained American offensive of World War I, an Allied force including a full brigade of nearly 4,000 American Soldiers captures the village of Cantigny, on the Somme River in France, from their German enemy.

World War II**1940**

May 26 - American President Franklin D. Roosevelt makes known the dire straits of Belgian and French civilians suffering the fallout of the British-German battle to reach the northern coast of France, and appeals for support from the Red Cross "Tonight, over the once peaceful roads of Belgium and France, millions are now moving, running from their homes to escape bombs and shells and machine gunning, without shelter, and almost wholly without food," FDR broadcasts.

May 27 - Units from Germany's SS Death's Head division battle British troops just 50 miles from the port at Dunkirk, in northern France, as Britain's Expeditionary Force continues to fight to evacuate France.

After holding off an SS company until their ammo is spent, 99 Royal Norfolk Regiment soldiers retreat to a farmhouse in the village of Paradis. Agreeing to surrender, the trapped regiment starts to file out of the farmhouse, waving a white flag tied to a bayonet. They are met by German machine-gun fire.

May 28 - After 18 days of German bombardment, Leopold III, the king of the Belgians, having asked for an armistice, is given only unconditional surrender as an option. He takes it.

1941

May 24 - Germany's largest battleship, the Bismarck, sinks the pride of the British fleet, HMS Hood.

The two meet in the North Atlantic, northeast of Iceland, where two British cruisers had tracked down the Bismarck. Commanded by Adm. Gunther Lütjens, commander in chief of the German Fleet, the Bismarck sinks the Hood, resulting in the death of 1,500 of its crew; only three Brits survived.

1942

May 29 - Adolf Hitler orders all Jews in occupied Paris to wear an identifying yellow star on the left side of their coats.

1943

May 24 - Dr. Josef Mengele arrives at the extermination camp in Auschwitz, Poland. Mengele will earn the nickname "the Angel of Death." Upon arriving at Auschwitz and eager to advance his medical career by publishing "ground-breaking" work, he begins experimenting on live Jewish prisoners. In the guise of medical "treatment," he injects, or orders others to inject, thousands of inmates with everything from gasoline to chloroform. He also has a penchant for studying twins, whom he dissects.

1944

May 25 - Germany launches Operation Knight's Move, in an attempt to seize Yugoslav communist partisan leader Josip Broz Tito.

1945

May 30 - The submarine USS Bergall attacks a group of small Japanese vessels in the Gulf of Thailand with her deck gun, sinking seven.

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

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Today

- **200,000 Pound Squat Challenge** - Competitors have until 7:30 p.m. to complete their lifting of a total of 200,000 pounds. For more information, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

May 28

- **Home-buying seminar** - This seminar, offered by the Brussels Army Community Service, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. will teach you how to weed through the stateside home-buying jungle and gather the knowledge and strategies every home buyer should know before house-hunting. To find out more or to register, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.
- **3 Star Dinner Special** - This week's Family Dinner of slow-cooked chicken with mushrooms, spaghetti bolognese and salad will be served at the 3 Star Lounge from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Alternate children's menu: hotdogs or chicken fingers.) Cost: adults \$12; children, ages 12 and under, \$6. Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

May 29

- **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, daily homemade soup, potato wedges and more. Call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Today

- **AFNORTH Grade 7/8 Media Studies presents: Make The World Better Film Festival/Silent Auction** at the Alliance Theatre. Doors open at 6 p.m. for silent auctions and food sales. Films and entertainment will run from 7 to 8:37 p.m. Admission: adults: €5, students, €3, ages 5 and under, free.

May 23

- **Flea market** - Schinnen Outdoor Recreation hosts a flea market at the Schinnen Activity Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

May 25 and 26

- **New Parent Support Program** -The New Parent Support Home Visitor, based at SHAPE, Belgium will be in Schinnen & Brunssum. If you are interested in classes, materials, home visits, support or education regarding topics on pregnancy, newborns or toddlers please contact ACS at DSN: 360-7500; civilian +31 (0)46-4437500 . The New Parent Support Program is currently transitioning its classes and program to better meet the needs of the community.

May 27

- **Toddler 411 & Positive Parenting** – This learning group will discuss topics related to toddlerhood (ages 18 months to 3 years).at the Child Development Center's Room Y006 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The topics include: managing challenging behavior, understanding your toddler's needs and style of communication, and positive parenting. To register or for more information, call DSN 360-7335/7500 or civilian + 31 (0)46-4437335/7500.
- **Jogging cross 3.5 km or 7.0 km** – Start is 11:30 a.m. at the new gym. Register by contacting the sports department by calling civilian +31 (0)45-526 4946, or via email at ofc-bpws@e3a.nato.int.
- **Overseas VA Military Service Coordinators at GK** - Department of Veterans Affairs coordinators will be at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base Wednesday. To schedule an appointment at the GK location, call the A&FRC at DSN 458-6015 or civilian +49 (0)2451-633791 to reserve your time.

May 28

- **Overseas VA Military Service Coordinators at ACS** - Meet with the experts at Schinnen Army Community Service in Building 39 on Schinnen. They will be available to you one-on-one to answer questions regarding your Veterans Affairs disability benefits, medical-records reviews, appeal questions or questions in regard to a pending claim and more. These coordinators specialize in disability benefits but can also provide information on other VA benefits such as GI Bill or home loans. They will address any VA-related question. If you are interested in scheduling a meeting at the Schinnen location, contact germany.va.rep@gmail.com.
- **Kickoff for Open Indoor Wall Climbing** - Enjoy Open Indoor Wall Climbing at the Schinnen Activity Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person (payable at Outdoor Recreation across the street in Building 46). The climbing wall offers great routes for beginners and experienced climbers alike. Climbing equipment and instruction are available. (After the kickoff, Open Indoor Wall Climbing will be held Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m.) For details, contact the Schinnen Outdoor Recreation at DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560, or via email at usarmy.schinnen.imcom-europe.list.dfmwr-crd@mail.mil.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY continued

May 29

- **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. Call the ACS Deployment Readiness Office at DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437269/7500.

May 31

- **Nine-Pin No-Tap Tournament** - Knock down nine pins on your first ball, and it counts as a strike. Bowl three games. Check-in at the Bowling Center starts at noon. Tournament begins at 1 p.m. Entry fee: \$20. For more information, contact the Schinnen Bowling Center at DSN 360-7270 or civilian +31 (0) 46-44372700, or via email at usarmy.schinnen.imcom-europe.list.dfmwr-crd@mail.mil.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Tickets for sale now

- **Encore presentation of SHAPE Players "Detachments"**- This mature-themed play will be performed at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre June 11 to 13 at 7:30 p.m. The play is rated PG-13 for language. Admission: adults €16, students €9, children €7. To find out more, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.
- **U.S. Army Ball** - Get your tickets now for the U.S. Army Ball to be held June 27 from 6 p.m. until midnight at the SHAPE Club Ballroom. The guest speaker is Lt. Gen. John Nicholson, the commander of Allied Land Command. Tickets are €55 per person and include a meal and an event memento. Contact your unit ticket-sales representative. For USAG Benelux, call DSN 361-5587 or civilian 068-275587.

Register now

- **Register your team for the Make-A-Wish 24-Hour Fun-Run Relay** that will begin **May 22** at 4 p.m. at the SHAPE track. To register, stop by the SHAPE Fitness Centre or call DSN 423-5325 or civilian 065-445325.
- **Registration open for Summer Theater Camp** - Children in third through ninth grades will bring the musical "HONK Jr." to the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre during Summer Theater Camp. HONK! is a musical adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen story "The Ugly Duckling." The book and lyrics are by Anthony Drewe, and music is by George Stiles. The theater camp session begins **June 29** and runs through Aug. 1. To find out more, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Rescheduled

- **Movie Night and Fun for Kids**, originally scheduled for **May 22**, has been canceled. The next Movie Night and Fun for Kids will take place **June 19** at the Community Activities Center on Chièvres Air Base.

Through May 24

- **"Little Shop of Horrors"** - The SHAPE Players present featuring the SHAPE International Band, at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with matinee performances Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Admission: adults €16, students €9, children €7. For tickets or additional information, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.

May 27

- **Celebrate contributions of Asian-Americans, Pacific Islanders** - Read about the Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance on page 6.

May 29

- **New Trips Launch Party and Open House** - SHAPE Travel Group hosts a social gathering to introduce its new trips to the SHAPE/Chièvres community at its lounge in the Rendezvous on SHAPE from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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.

Travel the Benelux

Unique Borgloon church offers visual delights

by **Tim Clark**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Belgium is filled with amazing cathedrals and basilicas that contain centuries-old paintings and beautiful stained-glass windows. Belgium is also home to a church that isn't old, has no paintings or stained glass but is awe-inspiring in its own way.

Located in a scenic valley near the Flemish town of Borgloon, Reading Between the Lines church is a public art project by two Belgian architects. Going by the name Gijs Van Vaerenbergh, Pieterjan Gijs and Arnout Van Vaerenbergh, created an unexpected visual experience.

Depending on the angle and time of day that you view the church, it appears as a solid building or like a line drawing that you can see through. Go inside and abstract lines reshape the view of the surrounding countryside.

Inspired by the traditional churches in the area, its pointed spire imitates the shape of the spires that top churches in the region. Reading Between the Lines is built of 100 layers of stacked steel plates between short columns to create the effect of being both solid and see-through at the same time.



For your GPS:
Grootloonstraat 2
Borgloon 3840
From:
Mons: 140 km
Brussels: 90 km
Schinnen: 53 km



Outside the gate

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Normandy Beaches, May 29 to 31**
- **London, June 6**
- **Stonehenge with Salisbury & Oxford, June 13 to 14**
- **Somme Battlefield and Peronne Museum, June 20**
- **Phantasia Land, Bruehl, Germany, June 27**
- **Pamplona Running of the Bulls, July 6 to 9**
- **Disney Paris, July 15**
- **Dolfinarium in Harderwijk, the Netherlands, July 23**
- **Prague with Heidelberg & Nuremberg, July 26 to 29 (Register by June 26.)**
- **Bluewater Mall, July 31**
- **Rhine River Cruise, Aug. 4**
- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, Belgium, Aug. 8**
- **London, Aug. 15 to 17**
- **Medieval Dinner in Bruges, Aug. 22**
- **Wurstmarkt in Bad Durkheim, Sept. 19**
- **Thailand, Dec. 20 to Jan. 2, 2016 (Register by June 20)**

SHAPE Travel Group

For more information, call civilian 0470-876369.

- **Amiens, France, & Les Hortillonages (Floating Gardens), June 2**
- **Provins, France: Medieval Festival, June 13**
- **Paris, June 18**
- **Hampton Court Palace and Gardens, June 30**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- **Luxembourg & American Cemetery, May 30**
- **Disney Paris, June 6**
- **Berlin Express, June 13**
- **Canoeing and Biking, June 27**
- **Dutch Day, July 31**
- **Bernkastel-Kues, Germany: Wine Festival, Sept. 5**
- **National Liberation Museum 44-45, Sept. 26**
- **NFL Games, Book your tickets now for Oct. 3 to 5 (New York Jets vs. Miami Dolphins), Oct. 24 to 26 (Buffalo Bills vs. Jacksonville Jaguars) and Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 (Detroit Lions vs. Kansas City Chiefs).**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

May 22

- **Evening mountain bike ride in Stambruges for 15, 25 or 35 km** - Departs from Rue de l'Hippodrome at 7:30 p.m. for registration, ride starts at 8 p.m. Light and helmet are recommended. Participation fee is €2 for the 15-km, €3 for the 25-km and €4 for the 35-km route. Parking and showers are available. For more information about the bike ride, visit <http://www.randobcj.be>.

May 23

- **Memorial Day ceremony in Neuville-en-Condroz** - At Ardennes American Cemetery at 10 a.m.
- **Memorial Day ceremony in Luxembourg** - At Luxembourg American Cemetery at 2 p.m.
- **Memorial Day ceremony in Hombourg** - At Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery at 4 p.m.
- **Spring market in Quevaucamps** - Market on Place du Pâturage will have cheese and other local products. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Art Jazz Band. Bouncy castle for the children. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Free concert in Soignies** - Starting at 8 p.m. on the square next to Rue Chanoine Scarmure.
- **Flea market in Morlanwelz (120 booths)** - At Place Albert I from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Flea market in Jette (200 booths)** - On Rue Van Bortonne from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

May 23 to 24

- **Arts and crafts market in Marche-lez-Ecaussines** - At Salle Notre Maison at Rue de l'Avedelle 173 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free admission.
- **Whitmonday Fest in Herchies** - Karaoke night Saturday; Kids' rally, motorcycle gathering and ball Sunday.
- **Flea market in Bougnies (100 booths)** - On Rue Louis Piérard from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May 23 to 25

- **Flea market in Ganshoren (300 booths)** - On Rue de l'Eglise Saint-Martin from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

May 24

- **Memorial Day ceremony in Waregem** - At Flanders Field American cemetery at 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Genappe for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Maison Galilgée at Rue de Bruxelles 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Braine le Comte for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Domaine Mon Plaisir at Allée de la Dinzelle 100 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Houdeng-Aimeries for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue du Quinconce 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Tournai for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue Despars 94 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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

Through May 24

- **Libelle Zomerweek in Almere** is an annual summer fair held at the beach on IJmeerdijk. This year's theme is Andalusia, Spain. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €19.50; children €8.50.

May 22 to 23

- **Pentecost Fair in Altforst** will be held in the center of town on Kerkstraat. The fair will have traditional crafts, exhibitions, art market, live music and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission: €3.50; children, ages 3 to 12, €1.50.

May 22 to 24

- **Gourmet Market in Ahlen, Germany**, will take place at Werseufer along the river and behind the Rathaus (city hall). The market will have a large choice of wines, culinary delicacies, pastries and more. Open May 22 from 6 to 11 p.m.; May 23 from 2 to 11 p.m. and May 24 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

May 22 to 25

- **Castle Festival in Brüggen, Germany**, will be held in the center of town. The festival will include a flea market/arts-and-crafts market and will have rides, attractions and music.
- **Jazz in Duketown in Den Bosch** means free concerts on several stages in the city center.
- **Summer Fair in Ommen** will take place at Landgoed (estate) 't Laer at Voorburg 1. Fair-goers will find a selection of art, antiques, decorations, glass, china, clothes, accessories, wines and culinary delicacies. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €10; children, ages 6 to 11, €6.

May 23, 30

- **Antique and Curiosa Market in Roermond** will be held on Kloosterwandplein in the city center. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 23 to 25

- **Appelparade in Lisserbroek** will be held on Landgoed (estate) de Olmenhorst. This three-day outdoor festival will have crafts, regional products, theater and music. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €6; children €3.50.
- **Medieval Festival in Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany**, will take place at Schloss (Castle) Broich. Experience the living-history encampment, archery, pilgrimage, traditional crafts, knights and other attractions. Open May 23 from 1 to 11 p.m.; May 24 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and May 25 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €12; children, ages 13 and under, €6.

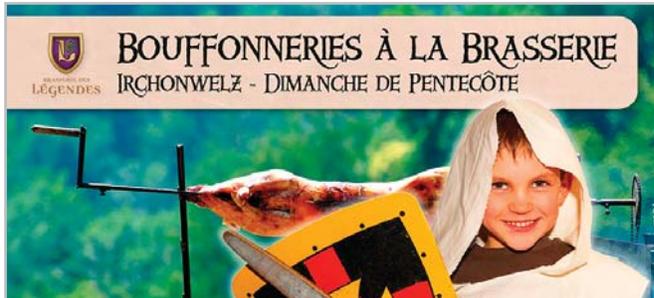
Outside the gate

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May 24 continued

- **Volksmarch in Anderlecht for 7, 14 or 21 km** - Departs from the school at Rue des Fruits 73 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Small participation fee.
- **Volksmarch in Leval Trahegnies for 4, 6, 12, 18 or 25 km** - Departs from the Grand Place (Rue S. Allende) from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Small participation fee.
- **Mountain bike ride in Ittre for 15, 25, 35, 45 or 60 km** - Departs from the soccer field at Rue de Tubize 7 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Participation fee ranges from €2 to €4. Bike wash and showers are available.
- **Old-time vehicle display in Havré** - At the Château on Rue du Château from 9 to 10 a.m. and again from 5 until 6 p.m.
- **Visit of the Château de la Folie in Ecaussines** - The château at Haute Rue 27 will open its doors for guided tours at 10:30, 2 and 3 p.m. Tour is €8 per person. Registration is required at 067-794706.
- **Flea market and local products in Gibecq** - From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the square.
- **Medieval fest in Irchonwelz (Ath)** - Medieval camp, games and activities for young and old from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the brewery at Rue du Castel 19.



- **Flea market in Cuesmes (90 booths)** - On Rue Etang d'Herbaix from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Hornu (200 booths)** - On Route de Mons from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Flea market in Estinnes-au-Mont (120 booths)** - On Chemin de Maubeuge from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Evere (200 booths)** - On Place de la Paix from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Woluwe-Saint-Lambert (120 booths)** - On Avenue des Pinsons from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May 25

- **St. Vincent festivities in Soignies** - Tour Saint Vincent starts at 6 a.m. at the Collegiate Church. At 11 a.m. you can watch the historical processions starting from the Chaussée d'Enghien.
- **Flea market in Ghlin (150 booths)** - On Rue de Tournai from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Lasne for 15, 30, 45 or 60 km** - Departs from the sports center at Route d'Ohain 9a from 8 a.m. to noon. Participation fee ranges from €3 to €5.



May 23 to 25 continued

- **Flachsmarkt in Krefeld, Germany**, will take place around Castle Linn and in the town center. Flachsmarkt is Germany's largest historical arts-and-crafts market. Open May 23 to 24 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and May 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

May 24

- **Memorial Day ceremony in Margraten** - At the Netherlands American Cemetery at 3 p.m.
- **Thai Festival in Aarschot, Belgium**, will be held in Stadsfeestzaal at Demervallei 14. The festival is an indoor Thai fest with all kinds of workshops, shows, food and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Admission: €10.
- **"Living" Statues in Thorn** will be held in the historic town center. Open from 12.30 to 5 p.m. Admission: €2.50.
- **Utrecht Jazz Festival in Utrecht** is an outdoor jazz festival at Janskerkhof in the historic city center. Open from 1 to 10 p.m. Free admission.
- **Ibiza-Market in Willemstad** will take place at the marina (Jachthaven) at Benedenkade 2. This lifestyle market has a theme of "Ibiza, Spain." Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €2.50.

May 24 to 25

- **Art Market in Herten, Germany**, will be held around Castle Herten. Open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Pure Pentecost Fair in Vaassen** is a nature, garden and culture fair held in the beautiful surroundings of Castle Cannenburg at Maarten van Rossumplein 4. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €7.50 (including coffee or tea, and pastry); children, ages 11 and under, free.

May 24, 31

- **Antique, Art and Curiosa Market in Maastricht** will be held on Boschstraat. Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

May 25

- **"Boter & Kaasfeesten" in Diksmuide, Belgium**, is an annual cultural and folklore festival at Grote Markt in the center of town. Open from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Free admission.
- **"Zoetemarkt" (sweet market) in Kemmel, Belgium**, will be held at Dries 28 in the town center. Visitors can taste and buy all kinds of sweet things like cake, pastry, candy, ice cream and more regional sweet specialties. Open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free admission.

May 27 to 30

- **French Gourmet Market in Bochum, Germany**, will fill Dr.-Ruer-Platz. Open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Outside the gate

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