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Benelux news briefs

Main gate on Chièvres Air Base changes

Gate No. 1 on Chièvres Air Base was closed Jan. 19 at 11:59 p.m., and Gate No. 14 will be the main gate (open 24/7) until further notice.

PXtra closes for one day

The PXtra on Chièvres Air Base will be closed to conduct its annual inventory Jan. 26.

Gym open during reno

The new completion date for the renovation of Brussels Fitness Center's locker rooms has been extended. The locker rooms and the front entranceway will be closed through March 13. Customers will have to use the back entranceway to the fitness center.

Locker rooms won't be available for patrons to shower or change during this time.

SHAPE Library Children's Room gets makeover

SHAPE International Library recently announced that its Children's Room will be closed for renovation Jan. 26 through Feb. 21. Some children's books will be in the art-gallery area during this time. Both Story Times will continue.

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USAFE vice commander visits Chièvres Air Base

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Christopher Kuester, commander of the 424th Air Base Squadron, briefs Lt. Gen. Tom Jones about the on-base Air Force Fire Department during Jones' first visit to Chièvres Air Base Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015. The general is vice commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe/Air Forces Africa. (U.S. Army photo by Pierre-Etienne Courtejoie/Training Support Center Benelux)

Clumsy movers? Call Quality Control, note damage to quarters on paperwork

Deductions from security deposit not reimbursed

by **Reggy Krijgsman**
Netherlands Law Center

When you arrive in the Netherlands and rent a privately leased house, it is customary to pay a security deposit (usually an amount similar to the first month's rent) in addition to your first month's rent.

When it's time for you to vacate the premises, your landlord will use this security deposit to cover any costs involving damages caused during the time the occupant was responsible for the house.

This means that when the movers deliver or pack your household goods or unaccompanied baggage or temporary loan furniture and/or appliances, any damages to the house caused by the contractors falls within the responsibility of the occupant. The occupant needs to make sure that whoever damages the house repairs it. It's your responsibility

to note this on the carrier's paperwork.

Occupants of government-leased quarters have the same responsibility as occupants of privately leased quarters. The only difference is that they don't have to pay a security deposit. Occupants of government-leased quarters will be held responsible by the U.S. government to pay for the costs of repair for damages caused by movers if they fail to note damages on the carrier's paperwork.

Occupants of both privately leased houses and government-leased quarters need to notify Quality Control at USAG Benelux-Schinnen, The Netherlands [DSN 364-3622/3611 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263622/3611] as soon as possible if they notice damage to the house caused by the movers upon delivery of their household goods or unaccompanied baggage. Since the

damage to the quarters isn't damage to your personal property, you won't be able to file a claim with the government in order to get compensated for what was deducted from your security deposit.

As for items ordered through the Furniture Management Office, Housing Division [DSN 360-7419 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437419], you are required to mention any discrepancies that occur during delivery/pickup in the comments/remarks section of presented documents and to notify that office. Failure to do so could result in a request for the occupant to pay for the damages to the quarters.

If you have further questions, contact your military claims office at The Netherlands Law Center in Building 37 at USAG Benelux-Schinnen, or call DSN 360-7683 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437683.



Crossage: Be part of Chièvres culture

Registration is now open for Crossage.

The golf-like sport of Crossage takes place Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, starting at noon in the streets of Chièvres and surrounding villages. The city of Chièvres will be closed to all traffic, and no parking will be allowed.

Teams compete against one another as they try to hit the kegs with the wooden, oblong "ball" (chôlette) in as few hits with the wooden mallet (rabet) as possible. The entire course covers about 30 kegs.

Cost is €32 for a rabot and a chôlette, and €4 for insurance. Total: €36. The payment and registration deadline is Feb. 15.

To register, send an email message to the USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office at usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil.

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Brief history of MLK

Atlanta is the birthplace of Dr. Martin Luther King, who was born Jan. 15, 1929. He first encountered inequality when he attended segregated public school there. In 1944 at age 15, King became a student at the historically black university Morehouse College in Atlanta.

From there, he graduated from Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania.

In 1954, while still working on his dissertation for a doctorate in theology from Boston University, King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church of Montgomery, Alabama.

Since King was new to the area and a respectable clergyman, he hadn't made any enemies in Montgomery so the leaders of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People,



or NAACP, called on him to lead the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which was sparked by the arrest of Rosa Parks, 42, who refused to give up her seat to a white man, according to <http://www.biography.com/people/martin-luther-king-jr-9365086>. As a member of the executive committee of the NAACP Montgomery Branch, King accepted the boycott's leadership role.

The boycott lasted more than a year and resulted in the city of Montgomery backing down after being defeated in several lower court rulings by the African-American community, which based its case on the Supreme Court's 1954 decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* that "Separate is never equal," the Biography website said. In 1956, the Supreme Court declared that segregation on buses is unconstitutional.

In 1955, King earned his doctorate in systematic theology at the age of only 25.

In 1959, King resigned as pastor at Dexter to become the president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta, a coalition of Southern churches that supported nonviolent means to guaranteeing civil rights.

From 1960 until his death in 1968, he also served as co-pastor with his father at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

During his 13 years as the face of the American Civil Rights Movement, King was arrested 30 times and wrote "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" to refute allegations by a group of Southern clergymen that King was an "outside agitator" who used violence to attain his goals.

King was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

In 1964, at the age of 35, he became the youngest man to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

On April 4, 1968, King was in Memphis, Tennessee, where he'd gone to help lead sanitation workers in a protest to improve wages and working conditions. On the balcony of his room at the Lorraine Motel, King was shot and killed by an assassin's bullet. The killing ignited riots and demonstrations in more than 100 cities across the nation.

After a two-month, international manhunt, ex-convict James Earl Ray was apprehended and eventually given a sentence of 99 years in prison, which he served until his death April 23, 1998.



The keynote speaker at the Martin Luther King Day breakfast at the SHAPE Club Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015, Gavin E. Wainwright, reminds the crowd that many of the people who have benefited from King's vision and action weren't even alive when King led America's Civil Rights Movement.

Community lauds world-changing work

by Andrea Wales

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." — Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington Aug. 28, 1963.

Martin Luther King's dream continues today because of the social activist's work promoting civil disobedience in America. More than 45 years after his death, King's non-violent approach to social change is still making his dream come true across America and throughout the world.

During the Jan. 14 Martin Luther King breakfast at the SHAPE Club, keynote speaker Gavin E. Wainwright brought up the idea that so many people who have benefited from King's social activism weren't even alive during King's lifetime. Wainwright is a budget analyst on SHAPE.

King's nonviolent message reinforced the message of equality that other, more militant groups, such as the Black Panthers, championed.

"I remember the black berets and black sunglasses. I remember the cool leather jackets and the big afros," Wainwright said of the Black Panthers.

As a child, Wainwright had been lured into their "clubhouse" with its wall full of weapons by the promise of a candy bar. After being cautioned by his mother and grandmother never to go back there, Wainwright accepted another candy bar and entered the Black Panthers' world again.

He eventually came to understand that his mother and grandmother didn't buy into the Panthers' methods for equality.

"Violence wasn't the way," Wainwright said. "Violence isn't the way."

Wainwright said that America has come a long way since 1963. However, although opportunities are greater, apprehensions still exist because of the color, name or nationality of a person.

Wainwright has a plan of action for fulfilling King's dream.

"Before the dream can be fulfilled, we have to acknowledge the challenges, discuss them and work to overcome them," he said.

Mons becomes European Capital of Culture

The grand opening of Mons 2015, European Capital of Culture, is scheduled for Jan. 24 and will be highlighted by illuminations. Get one of the 18,000 silver ponchos that will be distributed for free and become a living mirror.

Among the various free activities scheduled from 6 p.m. to midnight, unless otherwise specified, are (each number refers to the location on the map):



1. **Mons 2015 Photos** - Photo display by the Mons Photography Club representing the nine worlds of Mons.
2. **Installation of Fire** - Thousands of candles will be lit on Place du Parc.
3. **Keyframes** - A hundred robots hanging from the buildings on Marché aux Herbes will get you dancing.
4. **Surround** - Square Franklin Roosevelt. Get into one of the tents and listen to one musician, get out and listen to the entire band.
5. **The Cloche-Marie Montoise** poetic and light show by M. Zo.
6. **Once upon a time** - A giant dragon sleeps in the Belfry garden watched over by hundreds of illuminated elves.
7. **Finnish Hot pots** on Rue de Nimy, 106 - Six Finnish jacuzzis are available at the home of the Mons 2015 Foundation.
8. **Cloé Mapping 360°** - Mapping video projected on the four buildings at the Carré des Arts.
9. **Song Lines** - Rue de la Poterie, honoring the various Mons singers among whom is Salvatore Adamo.
10. **Danse with Electrabel** on Place Nervienne.
11. **Crazy House** at maison Folie (inside).

12. **The sound of Darkness** at the conservatory (inside) - Show with strange noises, images and performances
13. **From Woodstock with Love** at the Théâtre Le Manège (inside) - Music from the 1960s and '70s.
14. **Discoclassix** at the Alhambra from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. - Various musical styles by the Royal Chamber Orchestra of Wallonia.
15. **The Best is yet to come** at the Collegiate Church (inside) from 8 p.m. to midnight - Make your way into the 15-meter long tunnel and a golden forest will close in on you.
16. **Polyphonic Installation No. 2** at the Collegiate Church (inside) from 8 a.m. to midnight - Contemporary approach via video of the music by Roland de Lassus, a Mons citizen in the Renaissance.
17. **Concerto de Public** at Sainte Elizabeth Church at 8, 9:30 and 11 p.m. - Improvised show with the participation of the public.
18. **Envolée chromatique** on the main square from 9:15 to 10:15 p.m. Huge urban opera with balloons changing color for a sound-and-visual show.

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Mons access to E42 in direction of France to close for a week

The construction of a bridge over the E42 autoroute/highway that will link the Grands Prés mall to the new industrial area Géothermia between Mons and Jemappes will impact traffic in both directions between Jan. 26 and Feb. 10.

Between Jan. 26 and Feb. 2: Traffic coming from France to Mons will be reduced to two lanes instead of three, as of the Jemappes/R5 exit.

From Feb. 2 to 10: Access from Mons onto the autoroute to Saint-Ghislain and Tournai will be closed. Access from Mons to the autoroute to Brussels will be open.

How to get to Saint-Ghislain/Tournai from Mons

There are two options:

- Take the autoroute in the direction of Brussels, then exit at Nimy and take the access to the autoroute in the direction of Saint-Ghislain/Tournai;
- On the Mons ring, go to Jemappes and take the R5 near Avenue Wilson in order to get onto the E42 to Saint-Ghislain/Tournai. You may experience some increased traffic into Jemappes if you take this option.

Coming from Brussels on the E42, drivers will be able to take the Mons/Ghlin exit. Drivers coming from France will also be able to exit E42 at Mons/Ghlin.



The mound of earth behind the directional sign on the right is where the bridge will be built. (Photo courtesy C.M.)

Mons 2015 I continued

19. **Electronight** on the main square from 10:15 p.m. to 2 a.m. - Dance to the music.

20. **Fireworks** at Place Nervienne from 10:30 to 11 p.m.

21. **Studio Photo** at the Théâtre Royal from 6 to 9 p.m. - Get your picture taken with a poem and participate in the contest.

22/23. **Expo Mons Superstar!** At the Anciens Abatoirs (former slaughterhouse) from 2 to 6 p.m. Get to know all the famous Mons citizens (inventors, researchers, and more)

24. **Cubulum Musicae Lassus** - At the Cour des Anciens Abattoirs (courtyard at the former slaughterhouse) from 2 to 6 p.m.

25. **Dedans/Dehors** - Only for the Mons prisoners

26. **Home on Tour** from 6 to 10 p.m. - On Rue d'Havré, get to know the 18 cultural cities and 22 cultural sites, partners of Mons 2015.

27. **Electrosuper** (permanent) - At the temporary train station, see the suspended LED ceiling by artist Fred Sapey-Triomphe.

28. **Illumination of the Mons Belfry** (permanent) - The only Belgian baroque belltower (part of the UNESCO World Heritage) will be illuminated.

In related news, Mons 2015 is also the venue for "Van Gogh in the Mons area" that will open Jan. 25 at the Mons Beaux-Arts (Musée des Beaux-Arts, or BAM). Open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €15.

Remain Vigilant

The commander of U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, Col. Marty Vannatter, would like to remind the community to be extra vigilant in light of recent activities in Belgium and France. It is important to maintain situational awareness at all times:

- Know where your family members are and have a plan to stay in touch.
- Don't leave children unattended.
- Check the State Department travel advisory site before traveling to other countries.
- Make sure a friend or co-worker knows your travel plans.
- Minimize your presence in the community while in uniform.
- Have a list of emergency numbers near your home phones and programmed in to your mobile phones.
- Know the location of the police station nearest to your home or on your work or travel route.
- Avoid the wear or display of items that clearly indicate that you are an American citizen.
- Report any suspicious activity to your local police and the garrison MP desks or the SHAPE Police.

For more tips, visit <https://www.facebook.com/StaySafeAntiterrorism>.

Emergency numbers

Brussels
Any emergency -
Dial 112
Brussels MP station:
DSN 368-9769
civilian 02-7179769

Schinnen
Any emergency -
Dial 112
Schinnen MP station:
DSN 360-7555
civilian 046-4437555

SHAPE/Chièvres
Any emergency - Dial 112
Chièvres MP station:
DSN 361-5301
civilian 068-275301
SHAPE Police Desk:
DSN 423-3333/4
civilian 065-443333/4

Suicide hotline
DSN 118 (*2118 from SHAPE)
or the toll-free number
00800-12738255
Get free and
confidential support
all day every day.

Victim Advocate Hotlines

SHAPE/Chièvres and Brussels: +32 (0) 476-762264
Schinnen: +31 (0) 651-919119
DOD Safe Helpline: 001-877-995-5247



SHARP 24/7 SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINES



Courtesy Photo

American Forces Network broadcasts live from last year's Heart Healthy Event at the SHAPE Healthcare Facility. AFN returns to the clinic's HHE Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015.

SHAPE Clinic puts on free event soon

February is National Heart Month, celebrated in several countries, including America and Great Britain.

SHAPE Healthcare Facility invites the SHAPE/Chievres community to its Healthy Heart Event in its lobby Feb. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon.

This free event is a combined effort of the SHAPE Healthcare Team, Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program, the Army Substance Abuse Program, and others.

The Healthy Heart Event offers numerous opportunities to learn more about how to increase your chances of having a healthy heart.

The American Forces Network will broadcast live from the event. while AFN Benelux DJs offer music to their ears, attendees can stop by informational booths to talk to knowledgeable representatives and get evaluated for different aspects of health.

View displays and booths on:

- Good cholesterol and blood pressure;
- Heart disease, attack and stroke;
- Nutrition;
- Employee Assistance Program;
- The 5 Love Languages;
- Smoking cessation;
- Selecting the correct shoe; and
- Performance triad.

Attendees can have simple tests done and relax:

- Get your blood pressure checked.
- Have your foot arch evaluated for the proper fit in shoes.
- Receive instruction on yoga.
- Relax with some massage therapy.
- Undergo a quick body-fat test.
- Have a taste of some healthy snacks and food, and get the recipe.

Tax Centers hold grand opening soon

Special to the Gazette

Northern Law Center

Northern Tax Centers will hold their grand opening at the SHAPE Northern Tax Center Feb. 6 at 11:30 a.m. The tax center at the Netherlands Law Center will be open for business Feb. 2.

Northern Law Center will provide tax-preparation and electronic-filing services at three locations:

- The Northern Law Tax Center is adjacent to Northern Law Center on the second floor of Building 318 at SHAPE;
- The Chièvres Tax Center is adjacent to the Food Court at the Main Post Exchange. For more information about Northern and Chièvres, call DSN 423-4906 or civilian 065-444906.
- Brussels Tax Center at USAG Benelux-Brussels will be open Tuesdays by appointment only. For more information about Brussels, call DSN 423-4868 or civilian 065-444868.

The Netherlands Law Center will be located in Building 37 on USAG Benelux-Schinnen. Hours of operation are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call DSN 360-7688 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437688.

Be aware of the following areas in which filers often overlook things or otherwise make mistakes. Below are yearly reminders and a summary of important tax topics for 2014:

- **Filing requirements.** If you are a U.S. citizen or resident alien, the rules for filing income, estate and gift tax returns — including paying estimated tax — are generally the same whether you reside in the United States or abroad.

- **Filing deadlines.** U.S. income tax returns are due April 15. If you reside overseas, however, you are given an automatic two-month extension to file. Any tax due though, must be paid by April 15 to avoid paying interest and, possibly, penalties. This also applies if you are in military service on duty outside the United States and Puerto Rico, except if you are serving in a combat zone.

- **Social Security Number.** You must list the Social Security Number of any person for whom you claim an exemption on your individual income-tax return. If your dependent or spouse isn't eligible to have a Social Security Number, you must list an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) instead.

- **Individual Taxpayer Identification Number.** If you or your dependent is a nonresident or resident alien who doesn't have and isn't eligible to get a Social Security Number, you'll need to file Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, with the Internal Revenue Service.

If a child has been placed in your home for purposes of legal adoption and you won't be able to get a Social Security Number for the child in time to file your return, you may be able to get an Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number (ATIN).

- **Combat Zone Participants.** You are allowed extra time to take care of your tax matters if you are a member of the Armed Forces who served in a combat zone or if you served in the combat zone in support of the Armed Forces. If you were a civilian who served in a combat zone or qualified hazardous-duty area in support of the U.S. Armed Forces, you can get certain extensions of deadlines for filing tax returns, paying taxes, filing claims for refund and doing certain other tax-related acts.

- **Foreign Earned Income Exclusion Amount.** For those who file Form 2555, Foreign Earned Income, the maximum foreign earned income exclusion is adjusted annually for inflation. This doesn't include military and civilian salaries paid by the U.S. government.

For 2014, the maximum exclusion has increased to \$99,200. If you claim the foreign earned income exclusion, the housing exclusion or both, you must figure the tax on your nonex-

cluded income using the tax rates that would have applied had you not claimed the exclusions.

- **Mandatory Reporting of Foreign Financial Assets.** If you had foreign financial assets in 2014 with an aggregate value exceeding \$50,000 (including money on deposit on foreign bank accounts), you must file Form 8938, Statement of Specified Foreign Financial Assets, with your federal tax return.

All Americans living overseas, including those on military orders and on civilian assignments of whatever duration, should also be aware of the separate requirement to file the FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR), if they had a combined total of \$10,000 in any foreign banking institutions during the preceding calendar year. The FBAR must be filed on or before June 30 of the year following the calendar year being reported. The FBAR must be filed electronically through FinCEN's BSA E-Filing System (<http://bsaefiling.fincen.treas.gov/main.html>). The FBAR isn't filed with a federal tax return. A filing extension, granted by the IRS to file an income tax return, doesn't extend the time to file the FBAR. There is no provision to request an extension of time to file an FBAR.

A person required to file an FBAR who fails to properly file a complete and correct FBAR may be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 per violation for non-willful violations that aren't due to reasonable cause. For willful violations, the penalty may be the greater of \$100,000 or 50 percent of the balance in the account at the time of the violation, for each violation.

- **Earned Income Credit.** The maximum income you can earn and still claim the earned income credit has increased. You may be able to take the earned income credit if you earned less than \$46,997 (\$52,427 for married filing jointly) if you have three or more qualifying children; \$43,756 (\$49,186 for married filing jointly) if you have two qualifying children; \$38,511 (\$43,941 for married filing jointly) if you have one qualifying child; and \$14,590 (\$20,000 for married filing jointly) if you don't have any qualifying children.

- **Individual Retirement Account (IRA) Limitations for 2014.** The 2014 contribution limit to an IRA has increased to \$5,500 (\$6,500 if age 50 or older). You may be able to take an IRA deduction if you were covered by a retirement plan and your 2014 modified adjusted gross income is less than \$70,000 (\$116,000 if married filing jointly or a qualifying widow or widower). If your spouse was covered by a retirement plan but you weren't, you may be able to take an IRA deduction if your 2014 modified adjusted gross income is less than \$191,000.

- **Net Investment Income Tax.** This is the second year of the Net Investment Income Tax. The NIIT is 3.8 percent of the smaller of (a) your net investment income or (b) the excess of your modified adjusted gross income over \$200,000 if single, or \$250,000 if married filing jointly or filing as a head of household.

- **Death Due to Terrorist or Military Action.** U.S. income taxes are forgiven for a U.S. government civilian employee who dies as a result of wounds or injuries incurred while employed by the U.S. government.

The wounds or injuries must have been caused by terrorist or military action directed against the United States or its allies. The taxes are forgiven for the deceased employee's tax years beginning with the year immediately before the year in which the wounds or injury occurred and ending with the year of death. If the deceased government employee and the employee's spouse filed a joint return, only the decedent's part of the joint tax liability is forgiven.

Trenches to Foxholes**Next week in World War history (Jan. 25 to 31)****World War I****1915**

Jan. 28 - In the country's first such action against American shipping interests on the high seas, the captain of a German cruiser orders the destruction of the William P. Frye, an American merchant ship. On Jan. 27, the merchant ship was intercepted by the German cruiser in the South Atlantic Ocean off the Brazilian coast and ordered to jettison its cargo as contraband. When the American ship's crew failed to fulfill these orders completely by Jan. 28, the German captain ordered the destruction.

Jan. 29 - German Lt. Erwin Rommel leads his company in the daring capture of four French block-houses, the structures used on the front to house artillery positions, in the Argonne region of France.

Rommel creeps through the French wire first and then calls for the rest of his company to follow him. When they hang back after he repeatedly shouts his orders, Rommel crawls back, threatening to shoot the commander of his lead platoon if the other men don't follow him. The company finally advances, capturing the block-houses and successfully combating an initial French counterattack before they are surrounded, subjected to heavy fire and forced to withdraw.

Jan. 31 - The German Ninth Army, led by August von Mackensen, attacks the Russian Second Army, under Gen. Andrei K. Smirnov, near the Polish village of Bolimów, lying on the railway line connecting Lodz and Warsaw.

1916

Jan. 27 - The Military Service Act is passed by Parliament, imposing conscription on all single men aged 18 to 41 in Great Britain. Exemptions are made for men in essential war work, those declared medically unfit, religious ministers and conscientious objectors.

1917

Jan. 30 - U-boat U-55, commanded by Kapitänleutnant Wilhelm Werner, sinks six British and one Belgian ship NNW of Cornwall, England.

Jan. 31 - Germany announces the renewal of unrestricted submarine warfare in the Atlantic as German torpedo-armed submarines prepare to attack any and all ships, including civilian passenger carriers, said to be sighted in war-zone waters.

1918

Jan. 26 - The former Russian state of Ukraine declares its independence.

Jan. 27 - Plagued by hunger and increasingly frustrated with the continuing Great War, hundreds of thousands of long-suffering German workers prepare for a massive strike in Berlin.

Jan. 30 - Negotiations between the Russian Bolshevik government and Central Powers resume.

1919

Jan. 25 - Delegates to the peace conference in Paris formally approve the establishment of a commission on the League of Nations.

World War II**1939**

Jan. 30 - Appearing before the Nazi Reichstag (Parliament) on the sixth anniversary of his coming to power, Adolf Hitler makes a speech commemorating that event and also makes a public threat against the Jews.

"In the course of my life, I have very often been a prophet and have usually been ridiculed for it. During the time of my struggle for power, it was in the first instance only the Jewish race that received my prophecies with laughter when I said that I would one day take over the leadership of the State, and with it that of the whole nation, and that I would then among other things settle the Jewish problem. Their laughter was uproarious, but I think that for some time now they have been laughing on the other side of their face. Today I will once more be a prophet: If the international Jewish financiers in and outside Europe should succeed in plunging the nations once more into a world war, then the result will not be the Bolshevizing of the earth, and thus the victory of Jewry, but the annihilation of the Jewish race in Europe!"

1940

Jan. 31 - Sir John Simon announces British food subsidies are running at £1 million per week.

1941

Jan. 30 - British forces in North Africa take Derna, 100 miles west of Tobruk.

1942

Jan. 26 - The first American forces arrive in Great Britain..

Jan. 29 - Britain and Russia secure an agreement with Iran that offers Iran protection while creating a "Persian corridor" for the Allies — a supply route from the West to Russia.

1943

Jan. 27 - Eighth Air Force bombers, dispatched from their bases in England, fly the first American bombing raid against the Germans, targeting the Wilhelmshaven port. Of the 64 planes participating in the raid, 53 reach their target and manage to shoot down 22 German planes and lose only three planes in return.

Jan. 30 - The British Royal Air Force begins a bombing campaign on the German capital that coincides with the 10th anniversary of Hitler's accession to power.

1944

Jan. 27 - Soviet forces permanently break the Leningrad siege line, ending the almost 900-day German-enforced containment of the city, which cost hundreds of thousands of Russian lives.

1945

Jan. 25 - The most decorated man of the war, American Lt. Audie Murphy, is wounded in France.

Jan. 31 - Pvt. Eddie Slovik becomes the first American Soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion — and the only one who suffers such a fate during World War II.

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

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Arts & Crafts staff encourages self-expression

SHAPE Arts & Crafts offers the following classes for members of the SHAPE/Chievres community:

- Cake Design;
- Basic Ceramics and Pottery;
- Flower arrangement;
- Framing;
- Jewelry;
- Photography;
- Patchwork Quilting; and
- Watercolor.

For more information and to register, stop by SHAPE Arts & Crafts in Building 307 (library building) or call DSN 423-6049 or civilian 065-446049.

In related news, you can also book a craft birthday party or order helium balloons through SHAPE Arts & Crafts. In addition, SHAPE Arts & Crafts is currently running a sale on SHAPE-themed merchandise, framing supplies and other items.

Law centers seek tax volunteers

The Netherlands Law Center and the Northern Law Center are looking for volunteers to prepare tax returns for the upcoming tax filing season. (See page 7.)

Volunteers will receive training and Internal Revenue Service certification on tax law and preparation, and will receive on the job training as they prepare tax returns under an experienced attorney. This is an excellent opportunity to develop valuable expertise that is transferrable anywhere.

- **Netherlands Law Center** - Volunteer positions are available at the Schinnen Law Center, the Netherlands. For more information, contact the Netherlands Law Center at DSN 360-7688 or civilian +31-(0) 46-4437688.
- **Northern Law Center** - Volunteer positions are available at SHAPE, Chièvres Air Base and USAG Brussels. Tax training will be conducted Jan. 20 to 23 and advanced training will held Jan. 29 and 30. Both training sessions will be held at Chièvres Air Base. For more information, contact the Northern Law Center at DSN 423-4868 or civilian 065-444868.

Job opening at AFCU

Officials at Andrews Federal Credit Union would like to hire a new part-time teller at the Brussels branch. The job is listed on the AFCU website at <http://www.andrewsfcu.org>. Once on the website, just click on the "Career Opportunities" link at the top left of the screen. After you are taken to the Career Opportunities Center page, click on "Employment Listings."

ACS closes for one day

The USAG Benelux Army Community Service offices in SHAPE, Brussels and Schinnen will be closed Jan. 23, due to strategic planning requirements.

In case of an emergency, contact ACS on cell +32 (0) 472-485985.

USAREUR emergency DSNs align with Europe

Effective Jan. 1, the DSN emergency phone number for all USAG Benelux sites became 112; calls will now go to the MP Desk. All of USAREUR is going to 112 for DSN, which makes it align with civilian usage.

SHAPE clinic offers flu shots

The SHAPE Immunization Clinic offers flu vaccines Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Alterations now open on Chièvres

A new alterations contractor recently opened up shop on Chièvres Air Base. Stripes, located in the PXtra, is trying out a test schedule: Mondays from 2 to 5 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:30 to 6 p.m.

CYSS offers 'Ultimate Teen Program'

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

The conference will include:

- Development of leadership skills
- Post-secondary opportunities
- Community service project
- Dodgeball, basketball, etc.
- Food (dinner and breakfast).

Be sure to pack your sleeping bag and pillow.

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

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

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

For Brussels and Schinnen, contact your local CYS Youth Centre for details.

CYSS winter camp registration begins

Have fun at Winter Break Camp at the SHAPE Youth Center Feb. 16 to 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Camp is open to sixth- through eighth-graders.

Winter Break Camp features a full-day trip to Snow World Feb. 18.

Registration is now open. Space is limited.

Obtain more details at CYSS Youth Program, Building 503, or call DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104

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

Co-ed Venturing crew now at SHAPE

A new Venturing crew has recently formed at SHAPE.

Venturing is a youth-development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 13 and have completed the eighth grade, or age 14 to 20.

Contact scoutingmembership@gmail.com.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Through Jan. 25

- **European Motor Show (cars and motorcycles) in Brussels** is held at Brussels Expo on Belgiëplein 1. Visitors will see about all the makes of cars and motorbikes you can find in Belgium. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; special hours Jan. 16, 19 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission: €13; children, ages 6 to 12, €7.



Through Jan. 31

- **Art gallery at SHAPE Library** - The artwork of painter Ashant'i Walther is being displayed in the gallery of SHAPE International Library. A military wife, Walther is a mixed-media artist who creates paintings, original prints and textile works.

Jan 23, 24 and 25

- **Batirama Fair in Tournai** - This fair offers all you need to know about construction, renovation and decoration of your home. At the Tournai expo from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: Fridays, €4; Saturdays and Sundays, €6.

Jan. 24

- **Flea market in Molenbeek-Saint-Jean (40 booths)** - On Rue Vandenboogarde 93 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- **River Jazz Festival closing concert by Manuel Hermia Trio in Brussels** - At 10 p.m., Théâtre Marni at Rue de Vergnies 25. (Parking Flagey is accessible 24/7.) Call 02-6390982 or email info@theatremarni.com.
- **Grand Opening Mons 2015, European capital of culture** - See details on pages 4 and 5.

Jan. 24 to 25

- **Garage sale in Orcq** - On Chaussée de Lille 462 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Jan. 24 to Feb. 1

- **BRAFA 2015 in Brussels** - This Brussels Antiques & Fine Arts Fair is held at Tour & Taxis at Avenue du Port 86C. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; special hours Jan. 29 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission: €20.
- **Wonen 2015 in Mechelen** - Flanders' largest home and living fair is held at Nekkerhal on Boeimeerstraat. The fair has many ideas for interior and exterior, whether building or renovating. Open Monday through Thursday from 1 to 6 p.m.; Fridays from 1 to 10 p.m. and on the weekends from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €6.

Jan. 25

- **Volksmarch in Ronquières for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from what used to be the train station at Rue Jules Dekeyn 29 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Garage Sale in Nivelles** - girl/boy clothing (newborn to 4) and adult clothing, toys and other items from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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

Through Jan. 25

- **Jazz Week in Leiden** is held in several locations, including bars and cafés. For more information, visit the Jazz Week website at <http://www.jazzstadleiden.nl>.



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Through Jan. 26

- **Amsterdam International Fashion Week in Amsterdam** offers some activities on Westergasterrein at Polonceaukade 27, but other fashion activities can be found all over the city all week long.



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To find out where the action is, visit <http://www.fashionweek.nl/en>.

Jan. 22 to 25

- **Art and Antique Fair in Naarden** is held at Grote Kerk in the center of this historic, fortified city. A very exclusive fair, it offers furniture, silver, jewelry, paintings, china, clocks and more. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; special hours Friday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission: €16.50.

Jan. 23 to 25

- **Western Experience in Den Bosch**, held at Brabanthallen on Diezekade 2, is the largest all-around country and western festival in Europe. You can enjoy country music, western riding, pow-wow dances, line dancing, American Wheels Show and a large western market. Listen to tribute bands that honor the Eagles, Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis. Get a taste of the Wild West. Open Jan. 23 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Jan. 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €19.50; children, ages 5 to 12, €12.50. To find out about this C&W extravaganza, visit <http://www.westernexperience.com/gb>.

Jan. 24 to 25

- **Flea Market in Maastricht** is held at the Maastricht Exhibition & Conference Centre, or MECC.

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Jan. 25 continued

- **Volksmarch in Enghien for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the sports center on Pavé de Soignies 36 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Grandglise/Beloeil for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue de la Sablière 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Casteau for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from Chaussée de Bruxelles 184 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Jazz, Blues, Folks concert in Lessines** by Alexandre Cavaliere and Jazzy Strings at Théâtre des Moulins on Rue des quatre fils Aymon from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Admission: €15.

Jan. 25 to May 17

- **"Van Gogh in the Mons area" exhibit in Mons** is open at Mons Beaux-Arts (Musée des Beaux-Arts, or BAM) Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Vincent Van Gogh originally traveled to the Borinage district to evangelize to the miners, but he eventually took up art. The painter's first drawings and paintings will be part of the display of some 70 works coming from all over the world. Admission: €12.



Trenches to Foxholes

Through April 26

- **Expo 14-18: It's our history in Brussels** - At the Royal Army Museum at Parc du Cinquantenaire 3, open daily from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:45 p.m., except Mondays. Based on the rich and unique collections of the Royal Army Museum this display shows all aspects of conflicts, which left Europe battered and weakened. The war and the everyday life during the Belgian occupation constitutes an important part of the exhibition. Authentic objects, sceneries, testimonies, multimedia, cinema films and immersive spaces show how this conflict has deeply influenced the history of the 20th century. Admission: adults €12; children 6 to 18, €8. The family package is €32 (two adults and two children). You can look into day-trip specials to Expo 14-18: It's our history in Brussels on Belgian rail at <http://www.belgianrail.be>.



Jan. 24 to 25 continued

- **Vacation Fair for Special Travel in Maastricht** is held at MECC. Visitors will be offered a different kind of vaca-



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tion. The fair specializes in "do" vacations; quality and exclusivity are the watchwords. They have trips to the Antarctic, walking tours and more adventurous travels to take you to the farthest outbacks in the world. Open Jan. 24 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Jan. 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €12.

Ongoing

Through Feb. 1

- **Winter Efteling in Kaatsheuvel** on Europa-iaan near Tilburg has something for all ages. Efteling Amusement and Fairytale Park offers good, old-fashioned winter fun, including "Winter Illusions." Three attractions transform at sundown. Experience the illusions: • Outside The Flying Dutchman, "the eternally wandering ghost ship" • At the Haunted Castle, "the escaped inhabitants" • At Villa Volta, "the curse of the white lady." The illusions are so spectacular and exciting that park officials advise parents that the attractions might be best suited for children ages 6 and older. Open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekends from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €35. Visit <http://www.efteling.com/winterefteling>.



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Through Feb. 8

- **Designing 007: Fifty Years of Bond Style in Rotterdam** at Kunsthal on Westzeedijk 341 presents an unequalled multimedia experience of the world of James Bond, including numerous film clips. Discover the design and style of the James Bond franchise over the course of five decades, through a dozen themed rooms and environments from 1962's "Dr. No" to 2012's "Skyfall." This exhibition features more than 500 unforgettable objects, including gadgets from "Q Branch." including Bond's 1964 silver Aston Martin DB5. Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibition is closed Mondays. Visit <http://www.kunsthal.nl/designing007/en/>.

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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.

Day trip to CentrO Shopping Center in Oberhausen, Germany, Jan. 31 - Join SHAPE Trips and Tours to explore Europe's biggest shopping center, CentrO. Shop 'til you drop among more than 220 popular brands. You also have many different restaurant options. If you like to see the Broadway musical "Sister Act," CentrO's Stage Metronom Theater is the place to be. Cost: transportation and shopping only – all ages €52; transportation and show – adults €137; children, ages 4 to 14, €125. Children under 3 aren't allowed at the musical.

Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trip below,

call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031-(0)46-4437561.

Day trip to Paris, March 14, 2015 - Whether you know it by "the City of Lovers" or "the City of Light," you will have hours of free time to explore Paris, whether it's seeing the view from the Eiffel Tower, strolling along the Seine or sitting at a sidewalk café. Included in tour price: round-trip coach transportation. Assigned seating on a "first come and pay" basis. Register with full payment at the Trips and Tours office in Schinnen. Cost: \$79 per person.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below,

call civilian 0470-876369.

Soufflenheim Pottery, France, Feb. 5 - Join the SHAPE Travel Group for a day of French pottery shopping. The group will head to the town of Soufflenheim, which is located in the Alsace region of France. Soufflenheim is only one of two towns left in the Alsace region that still produce this traditional pottery. You will have time to wander around this unique town with its colorful, half-timbered buildings, as well as stopping in to shop at the many artisan shops so you can purchase your fill of Soufflenheim pottery, which is yellow, blue, green and brown, and decorated with flowers, birds and people dressed in Alsatian traditional dress. Cost: €50.



Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

- London, **Feb. 7**
- Paris: Valentine's Cruise and Dinner, **Feb. 14**
- Cologne Carnival Rosenmontag in Germany (Fasching), **Feb. 16**
- Disneyland Paris, **Feb. 20**
- Thermae 2000 in Valkenburg, The Netherlands, **Feb. 28 (Schedule extra appointments in advance.)**
- Dover Castle and Canterbury by Ferry, **March 14**
- Maastricht, Dutch Fruit Pie-Baking Workshop optional, **March 21**
- Movie Park Germany, **April 4**
- Croatia with Venice and Slovenia, **April 6 to 15 (10 days' round-trip)**
- Giverny, 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**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

SHAPE Travel Group

- London with Wicked (optional), **Feb. 11 (Sign up by Feb. 6. Matinee tickets bought through the tour are sold out; buy them online or at the box office.)**
- Spa, Belgium, **Feb. 25**
- Netherlands: Volendam/Edam/Marken, **March 5**
- Reims, France, and Champagne Tasting, **March 19**
- Trier with Winery Tour, **April 15**
- Polish Pottery and Giethoorn, **April 24**
- Rhine In Flames, **May 2**
- Giverny, France, **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**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Jan. 22

- **Family Dinner at 3 Star** - Family Dinner is offered Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy chicken curry or chicken fried rice. Make your (required) reservation at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Cost: Adults \$10, children 12 and under, \$5.

Jan. 28

- **Scream-Free Marriage** - Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program offers this relationship-techniques seminar from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the ACS Conference Room in Brussels. Take a sack lunch to this lunchtime seminar. A short review will be given at the beginning of class to update those who missed a session of the series. To register or for more information, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.
- **Children's Story Time** - Brussels Library welcomes all preschoolers and their parents to join the library staff for stories and crafts on the first floor of Building 4 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Featured story will be "Bear Wants More." For more information, including location details, call DSN 368- 9791 or civilian 02-7179791.

Jan. 29

- **Family Dinner at 3 Star** - Family Dinner is offered Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy Spanish omelet with chorizo (sausage), or beef stew. Make your (required) reservation at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Cost: Adults \$10, children 12 and under, \$5.

Feb. 1

- **BOSS Super Bowl Party** - Head out to the Brussels BOSS Lounge for a Super Bowl bash, put on by Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Join BOSS for football, food, trivia, games and attendance prizes. Cost: BOSS members, free; non-BOSS attendees, \$4. Reservations required. For more details, contact the BOSS president at civilian 0474-216542.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Happening now

- **Military Hand-to-Hand Combat** - JFCBS Martial Arts and Self Defense Club offers this training to military, NATO partners and civilians through Feb. 6 at the JFC Brunssum Gym. Classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 8 a.m.; on Tuesdays and Thursdays (flex) from 11 a.m. to noon and Saturdays (optional) from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Martial-arts practitioners will work with each student. Call +31 (0) 45-5263890.

Register now

- **Rock Climbing** - Register youths ages 10 to 18 for this climbing event during open enrollment, which runs through Feb. 20, at CYSS Parent Central Services in Brunssum. The \$130 fee includes seven two-hour sessions, transportation to and from Rocca Indoor Facility, two hours of professional instruction and a snack with a competition during the last session. For details, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195. Space is limited. Youths must be registered with CYS Services and have a valid health/sports assessment at the time of enrollment.

Jan. 22, 24 and 25

- **Auditions with the AP** - The Alliance Players are looking for adults and teenagers to fill the roles in the family-oriented show Aladdin: the title role, the princess, the evil wizard, the emperor and empress, the twins Ping and Pong, the widow and her nephew as well as slaves of the lamp and ring, and henchmen and women. Auditions are at the JFC Alliance Theatre Jan. 22 from 7 to 9 p.m., and Jan. 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Jan. 28

- **The 5 Love Languages of Children** - Held in the Schinnen ACS Conference Room from 1 to 3 p.m., this parenting workshop will help parents learn the different ways people understand love. Using Gary Chapman's award winning book, "The 5 Love Languages for Children," build a foundation for unconditional love and more effective discipline. To register or for more information, call DSN 360-7367 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437367.
- **S.M.A.R.T. Girls** - Join other teen girls and learn about different topics that concern you at "Skill, Mastery and Resistance Training for Young Women" from 4:30 to 5 p.m. Register at Parent Central Services at JFC NATO Base-Brunssum at Building H-602, or call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.

Jan. 30

- **Hearts Apart** - Hearts Apart will hold a youth meeting at AFNORTH International School from 2 to 3 p.m. This support group is designed for youth separated from a loved one, whether through a deployment or a family situation. For details, call Army Community Service at DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.

Feb. 3 and 10

- **Moving from Rage to Reason** - End outbursts of rage and the guilt and shame that follow. Learn new ways to calm the rage and reclaim your ability to reason at Schinnen Army Community Service's Conference Room from 1 to 3 p.m. To register, call ACS at DSN 360-7500/7367 or civilian +31 (0) 46-443-7500/7367.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Happening now

- **Free-speech display** - SHAPE International Library has put together a book display on free speech/freedom of the press in light of the Jan. 7 Paris terrorist attack on "Charlie Hebdo," a French satirical magazine. Two masked gunmen killed the editor, his police guard and nine members of the "Hebdo" staff; 11 other people were wounded in the incident.

Jan. 23

- **Fun for Kids** - Take your bikes, trikes, scooters or skates and join other children at the Chièvres Community Activity Center from 5 to 8 p.m. Get together a game of pickup basketball or play on bouncy castles. This free event is open to those who have access to Chièvres Air Base. To find out more about the Fun for Kids event, call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.



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- **Kids Movie Night** - Chièvres Library hosts this free event at its facility in the Community Activity Center from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Join the library staff and watch an animated children's movie about a dragon. (Contact the librarian at DSN 361-5767 or civilian 068-275767 for the title of the film.) Popcorn and juice will be served. Children age 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Jan. 24

- **BOSS Paintball Event** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers is putting on this action-packed event from 1 to 5 p.m. Participants are encouraged wear attire that covers their arms and legs. Cost: €35, which includes 300 paintballs, mask, weapon and unlimited gas canisters; add €5 for each additional set of 100 paintballs. Service members can register by contacting the BOSS president at DSN 423-5857 or civilian 065-445857.

Jan. 27

- **Lunch and Learn** - Offered by Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program, Lunch and Learn meets Tuesdays in the SHAPE ACS Training Room in Building 318 from noon to 1 p.m. The military family-life consultant presents Balancing Work, Life and Command (including how to improve stress-management skills). Brown-bag it, and join the discussion group. To register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.
- **Preschool Story Time** - Help your little ones (ages 3 to 6) get a head start on early reading skills by attending the SHAPE International Library's free, weekly Story Time sessions in the Reference Room Tuesdays at 4:15 p.m. During Story Time, your child can enjoy stories, finger plays and songs. Story Time also helps children build confidence, learn socialization skills and make friends while child minders get a chance to meet their peers. To find out more, call DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631.

Community Roundup

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.

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