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Brussels CAC Card Office

The USAG Benelux-Brussels CAC Card office in Bldg. 4, room 311, will be closed on May 23. You can call the ID card section at SHAPE located in building 253 to schedule an appointment. For more information, call DSN 366-6292 or civilian 06544-6293.

Need basketball coach

JSA-Enghien basket ball club is looking for an American coach for its senior team for 2014-2015. They would like to access the higher category (Provinciale 3) and are very motivated. If interested, call 0485/402002 or email jse. enghien.secretariat@gmail.com.

Basic Rider Course

The next classes will be May 27-28. For more information call DSN 361-6114/366-6603 or civilian 068-276114/065-326603.

Army Ten-miler

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

Bastogne commemorates Memorial Day



Cis Spook

A platoon of U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Soldiers participated alongside platoons of British, French and Belgian Soldiers in the Memorial Day ceremony held in Bastogne, Friday, May 16, 2014.

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By Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell Jr.

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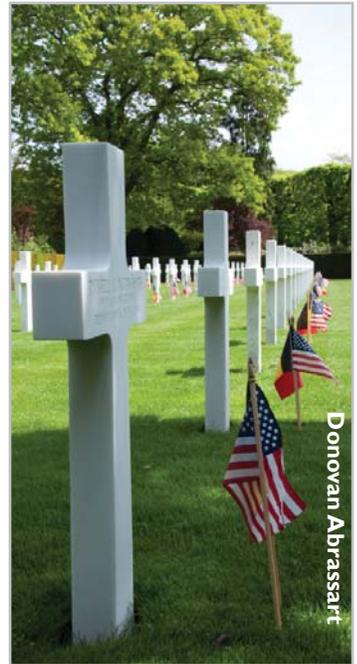
For many Americans, Memorial Day marks the beginning of summer and a time for some rest and relaxation. More importantly, Memorial Day is a time for us to pause and pay tribute to the more than 1.3 million Americans who have died in military conflicts throughout our history. We must never forget them.

Memorial Day originally began as Decoration Day, an observance in many small towns of America that were affected by the horrific losses of the American Civil War. Each spring, mourners honored their fallen loved ones by decorating their graves with flowers. The first national celebration of Decoration Day took place in 1868 at Arlington National Cemetery, where 5,000 mourners put flowers and ribbons on the 20,000 graves of Union and Confederate Soldiers. Continuing in that tradition, more than 400,000 graves are decorated at Arlington each Memorial Day.

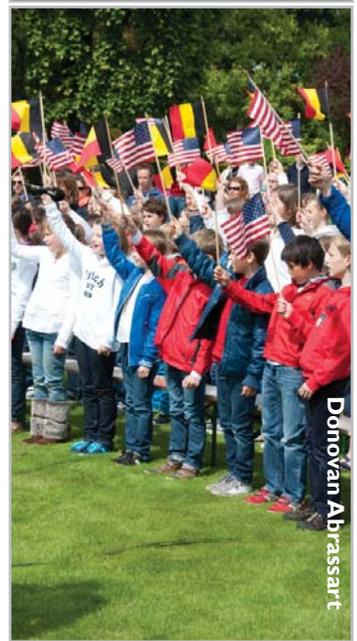
Here in Europe, we have a unique opportunity for paying tribute to American Soldiers on Memorial Day. In the USAREUR area of responsibility alone, there are 21 American Battle Monuments Commission cemeteries and 15 World War I and World War II memorial monuments. During the holiday weekend, take some time to visit some of these historic sites and, if you can, take part in one of the many special Memorial Day observances held at these sacred places.

Whatever you do this Memorial Day, please remember those to whom this day is dedicated. We owe them our thanks, and not just on Memorial Day. I am also grateful to all of you for your service to our Army and our Nation, and I am honored to serve beside you here in United States Army Europe.

Strong Soldiers, Strong Teams.



Donovan Abrassart



Donovan Abrassart

Memorial Day ceremonies in the Benelux:

- **May 24** at 10 a.m., Ardennes American Cemetery in Neuville-en-Condroz (WWII cemetery)
- **May 24** at 4 p.m., Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Aubel (WWII cemetery)
- **May 24** at 2 p.m., Luxembourg American Cemetery in Luxembourg (WWII cemetery)
- **May 25** at 3 p.m., Flanders Field American Cemetery in Waregem (WWI cemetery)
- **May 25** at 3 p.m., Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten (WWII cemetery)

For more information about the Memorial Day ceremonies and about the isolated graves ceremonies in Belgium, check the American Overseas Memorial Day Association page at <http://www.aomda.org>.

For directions to the above cemeteries or for a listing of all Memorial Day ceremonies at U.S. cemeteries, you can also check the American Battle Monuments Commission page at <http://www.abmc.gov>.

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Memorial Day ceremony at the Mardasson in Bastogne



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(Picture 1)The city of Bastogne hosted a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Mardasson monument, Friday, May 16, 2014. In the ceremony were (in the order of the parade) a U.S.Army Garrison Benelux platoon (picture 3), a British platoon from the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers of Europe (picture 5), an international Color Guard composed of (picture 2 from left to right) Spec. Devlin Trefethen (U.S.), Adjutant Chef Henri Plessiet (BE), Maréchal des Logis Chef Alexandre Joleaud (FR), Colour Sgt. John Brown (UK), Caporal 1ère Classe Jeff Eich (LU), Sgt. Major Raymond Janssen (NL), Sgt. John Webb (U.S.) and Sgt. Joseph Quirarte (U.S.), led by Sgt. Gregory Roberts (U.S.), a French platoon from the 40th Signal Regiment in Thionville (picture 4) and a Belgian platoon from Base Bastogne (picture 6). During the commemoration, local school children sang a song of peace in front of the authorities (picture 7). The ceremony, to honor all who gave their lives during the Battle of the Bulge, was held at the Mardasson monument, a memorial unveiled in 1950 as a tribute to the 76,890 American Soldiers who were wounded or killed during the last major WWII offensive. Listed above the five-pointed star monument are the names of the 48 states of America that existed at the time of the Battle of the Bulge. (U.S.Army photos by Cis Spook)



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First Sergeant retires after 24 years of service

Special to the Gazette



The USAG Benelux honored 1st Sgt. David M. Hobbs during a retirement ceremony marking the end of a 24 year military career, Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

Hobbs entered the U.S. Army on the Delayed Entry Program in 1988 and served a variety of duty positions from the 197th Infantry Brigade, to the 503rd MP Battalion, to SETAF, to the 10th Mountain Division and the 97th MP Battalion. During his career, he deployed to Bosnia, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Afghanistan and is a combat veteran of Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

"When you arrived at USAG Benelux, you brought with you experience and military traditions," said Col. Marvin G. Vannatter, USAG Benelux Commander, during the ceremony. "You have been a reliable, calm and fair advisor to the officers under whom you served, you took charge and you ensured orders were executed properly," Vannatter continued.

Hobbs was presented the Order of the Marechaussee, the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation and the Retirement Certificate. His spouse, Kristen, was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation from the Chief of Staff of the Army and the Commander's Award for Public Service. Mary Hobbs received the Army Brat Certificate in recognition of her sacrifices during her dad's military career (picture right).

Upon retirement, Hobbs, his spouse Kristen and their two children Elizabeth who was unable to attend today's ceremony, and Mary will be living in their family house in Scarborough, Maine. (U.S. Army Photos by Cis Spook)



KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

The Official Website of the American Forces Network Benelux

Brussels: 101.7 FM – Chièvres 107.9 FM – SHAPE 106.5 FM and 104.2 FM

<http://benelux.afneurope.net>

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Welcome to Wallonia week-end in Chièvres



More than 120 people stopped by the Chièvres town hall throughout the week-end of May 17-18 to take a look at the historical display tracing the history of Chièvres Air Base, since 1917. The display was part of the collaboration between the USAG Benelux and the city of Chièvres that was participating to the Welcome to Wallonia week-end. Those week-ends give Wallonia cities and villages the opportunity to highlight their assets. You can find more information about the other dates and participating cities at <http://www.walloniebienvenue.be>. (U.S. Army photo by Donovan Abrassart)



Did you know that . . .

AER will provide assistance to repair or replace major appliances?



Major appliance repair was one of the nine new categories of assistance added in the last three years. In 2012, AER provided nearly \$70,000 in assistance to repair or replace appliances. Call your local AER Office today if you've had a major appliance breakdown.

Soldiers Helping Soldiers for 72 Years
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Belgian police test equipment on Chièvres Air Base



A Belgian police Yamaha FJR 1300 passes by the fixed speed radar at the speed of 240 km/h (150 mph) as members of the Belgian Police use the airstrip of Chièvres Air Base to perform speed tests in order to calibrate their official vehicle speedometer with a speed radar, Wednesday, May 14, 2014. (U.S. Army photo by Henri Cambier)

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African-American Soldiers honored in Wereth



The 11 African-American Soldiers killed by the German SS during the Battle of the Bulge were honored during a ceremony Saturday, May 17, 2014 in Wereth, Belgium. The 'Wereth 11' were Curtis Adams, George Davis, Thomas J. Forte, Robert Green, Jim Leatherwood, Maeger Bradley, Nathaniel Moss, George W. Moten, William M. Pritchett, James A. Stewart and Due W. Turner.

Belgian income tax filing papers - What to do?

Special to the Gazette

All you need to do is to bring the envelope to the U.S. Community Service Center, SHAPE, Bldg. 253. Fill out a small white form that can be found at their front desk. Staple the form to the brown envelope, and drop it in the box on the front desk. The U.S. Community Service Center personnel will contact you when your taxes are ready to be picked up. Make sure to include a valid contact number and email address on the form. You must then come back and pick up your taxes and mail them yourself at the address mentioned on the form.

For people stationed or living in Brussels you can call 366-6194/6992 or civilian 065-326992/6194 to provide all the information, therefore you will only have to come once to SHAPE.

For more information, call the U.S. Community Service Center at DSN 366-6291 or civilian 065-326291.



Save tax on imported vehicles

By Robert Szostek

USAREUR Customs PAO

U.S. personnel stationed overseas can ship vehicles to the United States free of federal tax and duty. This exemption means big savings if you meet the following three conditions:

Physical possession

You must take physical possession of the vehicle prior to shipment, have valid PCS orders and import it for personal use. However, the exemption does not free you from state taxation.

“Most people who miss out on the exemption do not take physical possession of the vehicle before shipment,” says Mike Dean, director of the European Command’s Customs and Border Clearance Agency. “If you have a car shipped directly from the factory, you risk having to pay the 2.5 percent federal import duty,” he adds.

Registering a vehicle is the best way to show possession, but you can also prove it by simply putting a copy of your movement orders in the glove compartment.

Change of station orders

Second, you must have a set of official change of station orders in hand before shipping a vehicle. The exemption is not for people on extended leave or temporary duty.

Personal use

Third, the vehicle must be for your personal use or for use by immediate family members. “If you had six dependents of driving age,” Dean explained, “you could justify importing seven vehicles duty-free; one for each of them and one for yourself.” However, it is illegal to use the exemption to import vehicles for third parties or in order to sell them.

People importing vehicles as part of a PCS can save federal duties and taxes, but state taxes on imported vehicles can be high. You can obtain state tax information from the relevant department of motor vehicles and Internet links to these can be found at http://www.eur.army.mil/rmv/Stateside_DMV/default.htm.

Call a military customs office to find out more about federal customs exemptions or your local transportation office to learn about shipping procedures and fees.

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Andrews Federal Credit Union

Andrews Federal Credit Union has started charging \$2 per transaction, at the ATM, located on SHAPE, in Bldg. 319. In the past, the fee had been waived for all people who use the ATM, but with the costs associated with the new ATM, maintenance fees, and network fees, the change is necessary. The fee will continue to be waived for Andrews Federal Credit Union members. Only non-members who use the ATM will incur the fee. A notification will be posted at the ATM.

Job opportunity

Brussels:

- **The Chapel** is announcing a part-time employment opportunity with an open position as Religious Education Coordinator. The responsibilities associated with this position are as follows:
 - Coordinating the Biblical education of children on Sunday for ages 4-12 on a weekly basis.
 - Coordinating the annual Vacation Bible School, July 28 to Aug. 1.
 - Coordinating various (optional) retreats, volunteer training and maintaining continuity of operations with the Chaplain.

The supplies, equipment, support and supervision will come from the Religious Support Office staff in the Chapel. For more information about the position and to know how to apply contact the Religious Support Office in the Chapel at DSN 368-9677 or civilian 02-7179677.

- **The USAG Benelux Education Center** is hiring an on-call substitute for the position of Counselor Aide at the USAG Benelux-Brussels Education Center. Basic requirements are at least sixty semester hours from an accredited U.S. college or university and experience or training in military education programs. This position does not provide logistic support and is best suited to a U.S. military dependent. For a complete job description call DSN 423-5501 or civilian 065-44-5501.

Chièvres:

Reed-Joseph International Company is looking for someone local to help install and maintain equipment on Chièvres Air Base. The equipment is designed to scare birds from the airfield environment and is simple to maintain. Maintenance inspections take place every three months and should take about eight hours. The company would also rely on the person for unscheduled repairs. All in all the work would amount to about 40 hours annually. The pay is \$25 per hour. English is a must, and this person must have access to the base and airfield. Also, this person must have long-term plans to remain in the Chièvres area. For more information about the company or the job opportunity call 0800-647-5554, send an email to bjb3@reedjoseph.com or visit <http://www.reedjoseph.com>.

Exceptional Family Member Program

The Benelux EFMP Coordinator is available by appointment only at the Schinnen ACS. Individual sessions can be arranged

by appointment. Assistance provided on updating EFMP status and reassignments. Get answers to your questions regarding special education, Individual Education Plans and general special needs information. Classes can be offered on topics such as ADHD/Autism, Social Skills for Asperger's Syndrome, Demystifying the IEP process, and Transitioning Families with Special Needs. For more info call DSN 366-6898 or civilian 065-326898. Upcoming dates visiting the Schinnen community are 11 June and 9 July.

U.S. Army Ball on SHAPE

Tickets for the U.S. Army Ball held June 28 are on sale. Tickets available are limited. For more information, contact your unit representatives:

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

SHAPE Players

SHAPE Players presents *The Wizard of Oz*. Performances will run from May 22 to June 8. For more information or to buy tickets call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312, stop by the SHAPE Performing Arts Center, SHAPE, Bldg. 207 or visit <http://www.shapeplayers.org>.

COLA Survey

Volunteers are needed for the COLA Survey, only for the SHAPE/Chièvres area. The COLA system compares the cost differences between goods and services (excluding housing) purchased in an OCONUS area to the price of goods and services purchased in CONUS. Price comparisons determine the COLA amount needed to equalize purchasing power between an OCONUS-based member and CONUS-based counterparts. Volunteers are needed to complete the Retail Price Schedule, which collects prices for approximately 120 goods and services. Basically, we need 5-7 service members (per location) to record prices for approximately 120 goods and services throughout the local area. Volunteers will be briefed on the price collection process prior to beginning. Participation locations are SHAPE/Chièvres, Shinnen/Brunssum, Volkel and Kleine Brogel. The results of this survey will directly affect the amount of money service members will receive in regards to COLA. For more information, call DSN 366-6874 or civilian 065-326874.

ACS survey

ACS would like your opinion about its services. Your input, required by May 30, will help shape ACS services throughout USAG Benelux and improve events, products and services to serve you better. The survey can be accessed until May 30 at <http://www.armymwr.com/ACS-survey>.

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Vehicle Processing Center

Since May 1, a new Global POV contractor, International Auto Logistics, is providing POV shipping services. The change in contractors should not affect you when shipping your POV. The contractor's website is <http://www.PCSmyPOV.com>. The new phone numbers are:

Contractor's civilian phone: 068-331980

Contractor's fax: 068-572555

Contracting Officer Representative: civilian 068-645085 or fax 068-658480.

Schinnen Education Center

Central Texas College will offer a face to face class starting June 2. The course, Families, School, and Community, will run for eight weeks on Monday and Wednesday nights at Geilenkirchen AFB Education Center. For more information, call DSN 360-7685 or civilian 046-4437685.

Soccer Tournament

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

Summer Theater Camp

Registration is open for Summer Theater Camp at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. This year's camp will be June 23 through July 26 and the production will be Willy Wonka. Cost is \$400 a child. For more information, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-44-3312.

CYSS Schinnen

Summer Basketball Camp - Open for grades 9-12. The camp will begin on June 24 and end Aug. 5. Practice will take place at the Schinnen Fitness Center every Tuesday beginning June 24 at 5 p.m. Both boys and girls will be given the opportunity to practice up on their shooting, passing, rebounds, and free throw skills during the camp. For more information call the Schinnen Fitness Center, at DSN 360-7561, civilian 046-4437561 or email USArmy.Schinnen.IMCOM-Europe.List.Schinnen-FC@mail.mil.

Schinnen Play Morning

The Play Morning event has moved from the Schinnen Community Activity Center to the CYSS Bldg. at JFC Brunssum. Play Morning is held every Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and is open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders.

Paid internships with CYSS

If you are a U.S. citizen between 15 and 18 years old, currently attending high school, if you possess and maintain a C grade-point average or better and are subject to the satisfactory completion of local police background checks, you are eligible to apply for a paid internship with CYSS Sports & Fitness. CYSS will offer a paid internship for 12

continuous work weeks once all goals are met with 15-18 hours of work during school weeks and a maximum of 40 hours during non school weeks. CPR training, first aid and child abuse prevention classes will be offered. If interested, call CYSS at DSN 423-5611 or civilian 065-445611.

CYSS SHAPE

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

Laser Tag and Pizza trip - The trip will be May 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. and is open to all CYSS registered youth in 7th through 12th grade. Cost is \$25 for laser tag and €15 for pizza. For information, call DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104. To register, call Parent Central Services DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.

CYSS Brussels

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

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

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

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

SHAPE Sub Aqua Club

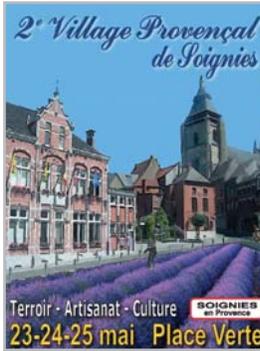
SSAC is multinational and welcomes divers of all certifications: NAUI, PADI, BSAC, and CMAS, etc. All SHAPE members who are certified divers from any disciplines are welcome and encouraged to join. All non-certified SHAPE members interested in diving are welcome to join and take classes for certification. SSAC offers Try-Dives on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Annual club membership fee is €75 for an individual or €125 for a family and it gives access to and use of the club's well-stocked equipment - buoyancy compensators, regulators, fins, wet-suits, weights and masks - everything necessary to dive. We also have tanks and a compressor for refilling. For those wondering if they might like to learn SCUBA, SSAC offers Try-Dives on Wednesdays. Courses and training for NAUI certification are offered when enough interest is received. Courses offered most often are NAUI Basic, NAUI Advanced, and NAUI Nitrox. If you are interested in learning to dive or to upgrade your qualifications, contact the club. Local dives in Belgium and The Netherlands are arranged for weekends. SSAC board members usually organize group trips. Recent trips have been to Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Mozambique, the Maldives, and Egypt. Both live-aboard trips and day-dive trips are arranged. We also organize an annual Dive and Dinner in Brussels at NEMO 33, the world's deepest indoor pool. More information at <http://www.shapesubaqua.com>.



This column includes events within close distance to Chièvres, SHAPE, Brussels

23-25 May

- **Soignies, a village of the Provence** - The Place Verte will turn into a village of the Provence for the weekend with some 40 booths offering a variety of items from southern France such as soap, table cloth, spices, olive oil, cheese and more. Village will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday. No entrance fee.



- **Brussels Jazz Marathon** -

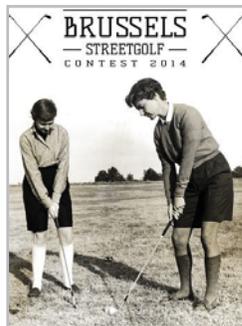


Throughout the weekend, Brussels will offer 200 free concerts and 700 artists. Outdoor scenes are on the Grand'Place, Sablon Square, Saint Catherine Square, Fernand Cock Square and Luxembourg Square. Many

other performances are held inside clubs and bars. For a detailed program by site, check <http://www.brusselsjazzmarathon.be>.

24 May

- **Volksmarch in Leval-Trahegnies for 4, 6, 12, 18 or 25 km** - Departure is from Rue Salvador Allendé 208 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Nordic Walking in Mons** - Departure is from fitness trail at the Bois d'Havré on Rue des Phosphates from 9 to 11 a.m. Event is free but pre-registration is recommended at 0476/226412. Participants need to be at least 12 years old.
- **Brussels Street Golf** - First city golf contest in the streets of Brussels. The game is played with semi rigid golf balls. To participate, you need to have a team of three players, take your golf clubs and register at <http://bruxellesevenement.wix.com/belgianstreetgolf#!formulaire/c6bj>. Competition is held from 12:30 to 7:30 p.m. and participating fee is €10 per player.
- **Belgian wine and alcohol tasting in Zellik** - tasting is from 3 to 8 p.m. in Sint-Bavoparochiehuis on Kerklaan 219. Participating fee is €5 per person.
- **Artists Road in Waterloo** - More than 60 artists will be showing and selling their artwork on Rue Sainte Gertrude from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.



This column includes events within close distance to Brunssum and Schinnen.

22-25 May

- **Cultural and culinary festival in Bergen op Zoom** - Held at the squares in the center of town with, besides many regional products, the region's famous asparagus, strawberries and anchovies.

23-25 May

- **Vijverparkfestival in Brunssum** is an open air pop & rock tribute festival held in the city park. No entry fees. The festival opens on May 23 at 4 p.m.; May 24 at 7 p.m. and May 25 at 8 p.m.
- **Italy Event 2014 - Taste & Style in Haarzuilens** is an event held in the surroundings of Castle de Haar, Kasteellaan 1. There you can find Italian fashion, music, food, activities and lots more. Open May 23 and 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and May 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and again from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Entry is €15, children 12 and younger get free access.

24 and 31 May

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

24-25 May

- **Herb and spices garden fair in Bedburg-Hau (GE)** is held in the park of Castle Moyland. The fair includes all kind of herbs and spices, works of art and interesting goods for your garden. Entry is €5.50, children under 16 get free entrance.
- **The Brunssum International Art Event** is held at Schutterspark, Heidestraat 20. About 60 artists participate in the annual event and display a variety of art such as paintings, ceramics, glass and more. There will also be live music and a Celtic village. Entrance is free and the event is open both days from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Jazz Festival in Maastricht** in the streets and on the squares of the Jeker Quarter. No entrance fees. Open May 24 from 2 p.m. to midnight and on May 25 from noon to 5 p.m.
- **Garden Fair in Oud-Zuilen** in the historic castle garden of Castle Zuylen, Tournooiveld 1 near Maarsse. Open both days from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €4 and children pay €1.
- **Kapuzinermarkt in Wassenberg (GE)** is a medieval market at Castle Wassenberg near Geilenkirchen with attractions, demonstrations, shows, knights tourney and lots of history. Open from May 24 from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. and May 25 from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

25 May

- **Garage sale in Gilze** is held at about 100 houses from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A list of participants' addresses can be received as of 9:15 a.m. in Gilze. Follow the signs "garageverkoop".



24-25 May

- **Breakfast at the Belvue Museum in Brussels (every weekend until June 29)** - Combine a visit to the Belvue museum with breakfast. After breakfast, visit the Belvue museum on Belgian history. Fee is €9 per adult (breakfast and museum entry) and €4 for all under 18 years. As of 10 people, reservation is required via <http://www.belvue.be>.
- **Medieval Fest in Feluy** - At the Château de Feluy with archery tournament, arts & crafts fair, medieval camps and workshops, medieval fencing and other entertainment. Open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. A sound and light show will also be held Saturday starting at 9:30 p.m. Entrance fee is €6 per adult, €3 for children 3 to 12.



Château de Feluy

Courtesy Photo

25 May

- **Volksmarch in Houdeng-Aimeries for 5, 10, 15 or 20km** - Departure is from Rue du Quinconce 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ronquières for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departure is from Rue de Nivelles 32 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Leval-Trahegnies for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departure is from the school on Rue Verte 18 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Jogging in Quevaucamps for 10 km** - Departure is at "La Cense de la Pommeraie" on Rue Emile Vandervelde, 81 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Participating fee is €3.

Ongoing

Through 24 May

- **The Kunstenfestivaldesarts in Brussels** is an arts festival presenting a selection of Belgian and international artists and their works. The Kunstenfestivaldesarts also runs a series of encounters and workshops aimed at putting the artistic project at the heart of the city and the people who live there. More information on <http://www.kfda.be/>.

Through 12 June

- **Musical spring in Silly** - Series of concerts at the Château de Morval on Rue de Morval 10. Concerts are Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 to 11 p.m. Price ranges from €5 to €25 or €120 for all concerts. Find more information on <http://www.printempsmusicalsilly.be>.

Through 26 April 2015

- **Expo 14-18: It's our history in Brussels** - At the Royal Army Museum on Parc du Cinquantenaire 3, daily from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:45 p.m. except Mondays. Entrance fee is €12 and €8 for children 6 to 18 years. Family package is €32 (2 adults + 2 children). See also Belgian rail day trip specials on www.belgianrail.be.



25 May continued

- **Sheep Sheerer Fest in Venray** on Henseniusplein-Schouwburgplein with besides lots of sheep also a historic market and a fair. The event is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Air show in Volkel** from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with participation of F16's, demonstrations, a static show, lots of music, a fair, WWII re-enactments and lots more at Schakelplein.

29 May

- **Asparagus Market in Arcen** from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and has lots of activities with the asparagus.
- **At May Fest in Bad Waldliesborn (GE)** you will find culinary delicacies, music, attractions, and more. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Telefleur in Heerlen** is an international flower and plant market held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Mondiaal Festival El Dunya in Maastricht** is a festival with music from all over the world held in Stadspark on Onze Lieve Vrouwewal. No entrance fees. Open from 1 to 6:30 p.m.
- **Antique & Flea Market in Maastricht** is held at Market square and Boschstraat from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Old crafts fair in Soest** at Kerkstraat is the oldest and largest in the Netherlands with more than 80 crafts. No entrance fees. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

29-30 May

- **Ceramic Festival in Gouda** has many participants from different countries. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

29 May - 1 June

- **The Breda Jazz Festival** is the oldest and largest in the Netherlands. Performances take place on 16 stages spread all over the center of Breda. Most of the concerts are free of entrance. Open May 29 from noon to 1 a.m., May 30 from 12:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., May 31 from 11 to 1 a.m. and June 1 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Medieval Siegfried Show in Xanten (GE)** with knights, a knights' camp, tourney, acrobats, artists and lots more medieval fun am Xantener Nor in the historic city. Entry is €9. Open May 29 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., May 30 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., May 31 from 11 a.m. to midnight and June 1 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Ongoing

Through 22 June

- **World Press Photo Display in Amsterdam** - Discover the best photographs of the year at the Nieuwe Kerk, Dam. Entrance fee is €10 per adult, €5 per child 6-16. Opening hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Versailles, May 24** - You will begin the day with a tour of the palace and royal apartments. Then you are free to explore the many fanciful gardens, original fountains, and other magnificent buildings on this grand estate. Take lunch in one of the many cafes on the grounds or even do some shopping in the town beyond. Entrance to the musical gardens, Trianon Palaces and Marie Antoinette estate is not included. Departs Brussels at 6 a.m. and SHAPE at 7 a.m. Arrives at SHAPE at 9:30 p.m. and at Brussels at 10:30 p.m.

Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

- **Day Trip to Amsterdam, May 24** - Round trip luxury motor coach transportation (non-smoking). Coach departs Schinnen at 7 a.m., approximate arrival in Amsterdam 10 a.m. Coach departs Amsterdam at designated departure point at 8 p.m., approximate arrival back in Schinnen at 9 p.m. Price is \$49.



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SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below
call civilian 0486-565371

- **Versailles Palace & Gardens, May 22** - The Palace of Versailles, once the residence of French Royalty, is now a world famous chateau included in UNESCO's World Heritage list. It is one of the most beautiful achievements of French art and architecture. A self-guided tour will begin in the gardens where the visitors make their way past stunning topiary, fountains and mazes. Then visit the chateau to admire its wonderful interior including the famous Hall of Mirrors. For lunch the group can either eat in the picnic areas adjacent to the gardens or dine at the Café d'Orléans which provides ready-made meals and a take-away menu. In the afternoon the group will then enter the private estate and hamlet of King Louis XVI's wife, Queen Marie Antoinette. Cost is €55 for adults and €35 for those under 26 years of age.

Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips & Tours

- **Polish pottery, May 29 - June 1 - Sold out**
- **Normandy Beaches, May 30 - June 1**
- **Dutch Day, June 7**
- **German Castle Day, 14 June**
- **London, June 21**
- **Stonehenge with Salisbury, June 28**
- **7 Night Mediterranean Cruise, July 4-11**
- **Efteling theme park, July 12**
- **Prague, July 18-21**
- **Amsterdam, July 26**
- **Paris, Aug. 2**
- **Disneyland Paris, Aug. 8**
- **London, Aug. 15-17**
- **Peru, Oct. 24 - Nov. 3**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Disneyland Paris, June 7**
- **Express trip to Berlin, June 28**
- **Express trip to London, July 19**
- **Miami Dolphins VS Oakland Raiders in London, 27-29 September**
- **Cowboys VS Jaguars in London, November 8-10**

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- **Tongeren & the antiques market, June 1**
- **Fontainebleau Palace, June 5**
- **A day in Paris, June 19**
- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Flanders Field, Aug. 19**
- **Alkmaar Cheese Market and Haarlem, Aug. 29**
- **Newbury and Highclere Castle, Sept. 9**
- **Luxembourg Castles, Sept. 26**
- **Wine Tour by the Mosel River, Sept. 30**
- **A Day in Rotterdam, Oct. 7**
- **Best of Belgium, Oct. 14**
- **Amsterdam, Oct. 21**
- **Canterbury, Nov. 12**
- **Bastogne, Nov. 17**
- **Cologne Christmas Market, Nov. 25**
- **Leeds Castle and Dickens Christmas Festival, Dec. 6**
- **Paris Lights and Moulin Rouge, Dec. 9**
- **Strasbourg Christmas Market, Dec. 16**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

23 May

- **Texas Hold'Em** from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. in Bldg. 40. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID Card Holders and their bona fide guests aged 18 and over. Buy-in is \$25. For more information, call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0464437561.
- **Host Nation Orientation/Newcomers Tour** at ACS from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All newcomers must attend this to learn local customs, culture, language. In the morning we have briefings at ACS and then we go beyond the gate to learn and utilize the public transportation, and to visit points of interest in the community. For information call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 046-4437500.

28 May

- **Lunch and Learn "Resiliency Factors"** - From noon to 1 p.m. at the JFC Brunssum Library. For questions or more information, call the ACS Family Advocacy office at DSN 360-7453/7500 or civilian 046-4437453/7500.

30 May

- **Hearts Apart** - Support group for youth separated from a loved one, whether through a deployment or a family situation from 2 to 3 p.m. at AFNORTH International School. For questions or more information, call the ACS Deployment Readiness office at DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian 046-443-7269/7500.

Register now

25-26 July

- **Run-a-thon Challenge** - The Tri Border gets ready for the run of a life time by hosting a 12 hour Run-a-thon Challenge. The event will be held at the JFC Sports Complex (Slag Heap). The run will begin at midnight on Friday and run until noon on Saturday. Sign your team up today. Individual sign ups are also welcome and will be placed on a team. For more information, call the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7561, civilian 046-4437561 or email: USArmy.Schinnen.IMCOM-Europe.List.Schinnen-FC@mail.mil.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

25 May

- **SHAPE Flea Market** - Open from 8 a.m. to noon and as of 6 a.m. to SHAPE cardholders. For more information, call DSN 423-4269/8340 or civilian 065-444269/8340.

27 May

- **Personal Financial Planning for Transition** - This seminar provides the information, tools and resources for a smooth financial transition from active duty for you and your family. Held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chièvres Digital Training Facility. For more information call ACS Financial Readiness at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.
- **Lunch and Learn "Issues Families Face When the Military Deploys"** - Meets in the ACS Training Room, SHAPE, Bldg. 318 from noon to 1 p.m. For more information or to register, call ACS at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

30 May

- **Preteen/Teen book club meets** - Book club meets at 4:30 p.m. at the SHAPE International Library to discuss *The princess Bride* by William Goldman. Registration is not required and there is no fee for this program. For more information or to reserve a copy of the book, call the library at DSN 423-5631, civilian 065-445631 or email mwr.shape.library.info@us.army.mil.

SHAPE FLEA MARKET / BROCANTE

MONTHS	DAYS
APR	27
MAY	25
JUN	29
JUL	27
AUG	24
SEP	28

08:00-12:00
(Open to SHAPE Cardholders from 06:00-08:00)

Vender permits will be on sale at the Event Center (Bldg 303) the Wednesday prior from 08:30-11:30.
After that permits can be purchased from MW Ops (Bldg 207)

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CONTACT MORALE & WELFARE OPERATIONS at 423-4269 / 423-8340

Community Roundup

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30 May continued

- **Parent's night out (sign up by 28 May - limited spaces)** - Enjoy a kid free evening from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per child. The fee includes small mid-evening snack. Dinner will not be served, you are then required to feed your child before dropping off. CYSS registration is required. For more information call CYSS at DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

22 May

- **Dinner special at the 3 Star Lounge** - Taco night buffet as of 5:30 p.m. Adults pay \$8.50 and children 12 and under pay \$5.00. For more information and reservations, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

29 May

- **Dinner special at the 3 Star Lounge** - Sloppy Joes and Tater Tots as of 5:30 p.m. Adults pay \$8.50 and children 12 and under pay \$5.00. For more information and reservations, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

Register now

1 June

- **Breakfast with the American Legion National Commander, Daniel Dellinger** - From 8 to 10 a.m. at the 3 Star Lounge. Seating is limited. RSVP at legionriderspostbeo2@gmail.com.

Movie schedule at the SHAPE Cinema

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

May 23	4 p.m.	Bears	G	77 min
	6 p.m.	Godzilla 3D	PG-13	123 min
	8:45 p.m.	Neighbors	R	119 min
May 24	4 p.m.	Godzilla 3D	PG-13	123 min
	7 p.m.	The Other Woman	R	109 min
	9 p.m.	Neighbors	R	96 min
May 25	3 p.m.	Transcendence	PG-13	119 min
	6 p.m.	Brick Mansions	PG-13	90 min
May 28	4 p.m.	Million Dollar Arm	PG	120 min
	6:45 p.m.	Brick Mansions	PG-13	90 min

Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English: Only the British or American movies listed as VO (Version Originale or Originele Versie) will be in English.

Plaza Art - Rue de Nimy 12, 7000 Mons (next to the main square). Check the schedule at: <http://plaza-art.be/index.cgi?p=Grille>.

ImagiBraine - Boulevard de France, 1420 Braine l'Alleud

Check the schedule and purchase your tickets at: <http://kinopolis.be/nl/bioscopen/kinopolis-imagibraine>.

Kinopolis - Boulevard du Centenaire 20, 1020 Bruxelles. Check the schedule at <http://kinopolis.be/fr/cinemas/kinopolis-bruxelles>.

Movie schedule at the JFC HQ Alliance Theater

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

May 23	7 p.m.	Mom's Night Out	PG-13	98 min
May 17	4 p.m.	Million Dollar Arm	PG	120 min
	7 p.m.	Transcendence	PG-13	119 min

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