

THE GAZETTE

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Benelux news briefs

Official Mail Distribution Centers change hours

The Official Mail Distribution Centers at SHAPE and Caserne Daumerie have been open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. since July 13. Unofficial mail is unaffected by this change. If you have any questions, call SHAPE OMDC DSN 366-6356 or Daumerie/Chièvres OMDC at DSN 361-5472.

Some postal customers must make trip to SHAPE

All Official Registered Mail going stateside that requires U.S. postage cannot be accepted at the Caserne Daumerie Official Mail Post Office; it must be taken to the SHAPE Official Mail Post Office because Daumerie doesn't have a U.S. postage meter.

Official Registered Mail going from APO to APO that only requires the "DOD Intra-theater Mail" imprint can still be processed at the Caserne Daumerie Official Mail Post Office.

Local postal officials are currently working with the Official Mail contacts in Germany to acquire a U.S. postage meter for Caserne Daumerie.

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Belgian royalty celebrates National Day in Mons

Prince Laurent, brother of King Philippe and his spouse, Princess Claire walk to the reception area at the Mons city hall, July 21, 2015, after the official ceremony held at the Sainte Waudru Church in celebration of Belgian national day. The event, organized by Mr. Tommy Leclercq, Hainaut Province Governor, and Col. Pierre Bancu, Military Province Commander, gathered various local dignitaries and international military representatives, to include Lt. Col. John Bivona, representing Col. Vannatter, U.S. Army Garrison Commander.. (U.S. Army photo by Cis Spook)



Schinnen motorcycle riders ready for a road trip

Nino Antonacci, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux-Schinnen Safety Officer, briefs attendees for the Motorcycle Group Safety ride July 17, 2015. Eleven riders took part in the road safety event. Rider Guy Bott said it was a great even and " Even though I am experienced motorcycle operator I learned a great deal. I would strongly recommend that all motorcycle riders who are new to the area participate in this superb training event" (U.S.Army photo by Rita Hoefnagels)

Family Advocacy Program: Did you know?

Special to the Gazette

Studies conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have shown that supportive social networks within one’s community serve as a protective factor against family maltreatment and increase resiliency in parents and children.

Additional protective factors for reducing the risk of child maltreatment include: nurturing parenting skills, household rules and child monitoring, caring adults outside the family to serve as role models, and access to health care and social services. Are you as connected as you could be, do you have the parenting skills you currently need, are you taking advantage of the services offered?

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Family Advocacy Program is there to help community members be proactive in identifying the specific factors that will promote positive growth within their family.

Get connected with ACS and the Family Advocacy Program to improve your communication skills and relationships, manage your stress, or learn some new parenting tips.

For young families, the FAP New Parent Support Program works with families from pregnancy until 3 years of age with home visits, parenting classes and hospital visits.

Get connected today by calling DSN 366-6824 (SHAPE), 368-9783 (Brussels), or 360-7500 (Schinnen).

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Make POV shipping part of a smooth move

Special to the Gazette

The Vehicle Processing Center wants you to have a smooth experience shipping your POV. The VPC will be unable to accept the vehicle without all the necessary documentation or if the vehicle is not in compliance with the following requirements.

Documentation:

- Request for transportation services form provided by the Transportation Office
- Proof of entitlement: You will be required to bring one copy of your official orders and amendments
- Proof of identity: Present your Valid Government/State issued identification
- Proof of ownership: You will need to present a legible copy of either your vehicle registration and/or your title. The vehicle must be in the service member's name.
- To help expedite the turning in of your vehicle, please download and print out the IAL Shipping Instruction Form at <http://www.pcsmypov.com>, complete it, and bring with you when you drop off your vehicle.
- Provide a valid email address, destination address, and notification address
- Emergency contact information before shipping your vehicle. (It is important to note: For U.S. Imports no APO or P.O. Box addresses are allowed. The addressee must be able to accept mail addressed to you. It can be a relative's or friend's address and must include street name and number, city and zip code).

Note: If someone other than the service member will be shipping the vehicle, a signed and certified power of attorney will be required (does not apply to a spouse who is identified on the members/employees official travel orders).

Shipping requirements:

- Fuel must be at a ¼ tank or less.
- A complete set of keys must be provided when turning in the vehicle. This includes: ignition keys, door keys, trunk keys, gas cap key and wheel lock.
- The vehicle must be in safe operating condition. Please check that the parking brake is fully functioning; make sure the vehicle has no leaks and double check the windshield for any major cracks.
- The vehicle must not exceed 20 measurement tons. A full size car is about 15 measurement tons. If the vehicle does exceed the 20 MT limit the service member will be required to pay any extra costs applicable to transport vehicle. You will be able to verify all calculations prior to shipment at the processing center. To figure out measurement tons yourself go to <https://www.pcsmypov.com/TurnIn>.
- Restrictions for destination countries (other than U.S.) may also apply.
- Wash the exterior and remove all personal items from compartments, doors, trunk, and glove compartment, under and in between the seats.
- Remove all accessories not permanently installed – this includes: all loose audio/video/navigation equipment, any

liquids or pressurized cans, any flammable, combustible, or hazardous substances and citizen band radios.

- If the interior of the vehicle was wet or damp shampooed, it has to have been done at least 14 days prior to shipment to allow the vehicle to dry completely.
- Ensure EPA and DOT Sticker are visible (The EPA sticker will be located in the motor compartment or the hood itself. It will have the words "Vehicle Emissions Control" or "catalyst" on it. If this sticker is missing or illegible, a compliance letter from EPA will be required before your vehicle will be accepted. To get this letter, proof must be provided to the EPA in the form of a stateside title, stateside registration, or carfax report (<http://www.carfax.com>). See your VPC for further assistance, or contact the EPA Imports Office - Phone: (734) 214-4100 or via Email: imports@epa.gov. The DOT sticker will be located in the driver's door jamb area, or on the door edge, and will have the VIN number on it (Volvo's may be located in the left rear door jamb area). If this sticker is missing, or illegible, proof in the form of a stateside title (must state that the vehicle meets DOT requirements), stateside registration, or CARFAX report (www.carfax.com) must be provided to the VPC on the date of turn-in before your car can be accepted. (Importandcertification@nhtsa.gov))

Your POV must meet all USDA requirements:

Your vehicle will be thoroughly inspected to ensure it is free of all dirt, soil, plant and animal life. This is a "zero tolerance" inspection.

Exterior – Wash the exterior of your vehicle. Also either wipe out or spray out your wheel wells and fuel intake area.

Motor Compartment – Ensure all corners of the motor compartment are clean. We recommend using a good vacuum cleaner and flashlight to get out all leaves, built up dirt, etc., then either spray off or wipe down the hood and engine.

Door Jamb – Wipe down all door jamb, to include the trunk seal. For vans, do not forget to clean out the sliding door tracks. For vans and SUV's, clean the rear hatch area, especially the upper lip where the hinges are. For SUV's where the rear window opens, open and clean the seal.

Interior – Ensure the entire interior of the vehicle is thoroughly vacuumed, to include floor mats, both top and bottom. Rubber floor mats must be cleaned / wiped off. Vacuum under and between all seats, under the seat rails, and between the seats and the center console. Vacuum the trunk completely, to include removing the spare tire and cleaning the spare tire as well. Also check the back of the rear seat.

For station wagons and SUV's – if your rear seat lifts up, make sure you lift up the bottom part and vacuum underneath. Also check the back of the rear seat.

For vans – The easiest way to vacuum the interior of a van is to fold the rear seat down, and take the middle seats out. Now you have a wide open spot to vacuum. Do not forget to make sure that the seat locking channels are completely clean. Check under the plastic caps covering the unused channels.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camp** - This day camp has a different theme every week and runs through Aug. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Brussels Summer Camps offer a wide variety of activities, clubs, service projects, field trips, special events and daily snacks. School Age Camp offers activities for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Middle School/Teen Camp serves youths in sixth grade through 11th grade. CYSS also provides before-camp care from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and after-camp care from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Find out more or register by stopping by Parent Central Services in Building 3 or call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651.

July 24

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

July 30

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy a meal of oriental ribs with rice, & stir fried vegetables with chicken at the 3 Star Lounge from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: adults \$12; children, ages 12 and under, \$6. Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **CYSS Soccer** - Register now for the September-to-October season. Cost is \$20 for 3- to 5-year-olds and \$40 for 6- to 15-year-olds. For more information, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.
- **CYSS Flag Football** - Register now for practice starting Sept. 19. Cost is \$40 for youths ages 10 to 15. For more information, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.
- **Summer Camp Trip Highlights** - The USAG Benelux-Schinnen School Age Center and Youth Center offers several Summer Camp adventures. Space is limited. For full Summer Camp details, call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.
 - Week 6, July 27 to 31** - Walibi World Amusement Park, Beethoven House and Haribo Factory in Bonn, Germany; Track and Field Day.
 - Week 7, Aug. 3 to 7** - Water skiing/wake boarding, Maastricht city tour, walk to Amstenrade windmill.
 - Week 8, Aug. 10 to 14** - Bowling, sumo wrestling, laser games and go-karting, Oberhausen Mall, Brunssum Center for ice cream.

July 24

- **Cosmic Bowling** - At the Schinnen Bowling Center from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call DSN 360-7207 or civilian +31 (0) 464437207.

Through Aug. 26

- **Summer Reading Program** - School-age children and teens will register for the "Read to the Rhythm" program at the library, check out and read books from the JFC HQ Brunssum Library, and earn a variety of prizes for the number of books read. Preschool children, ages 3 and older, may earn prizes by having books read aloud to them. For more information, call +31 (0) 45-5262669/2469.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Vacation Bible School 2015** - SHAPE International Chapel presents "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power" **Aug. 8** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. An event for the entire family, this Saturday VBS allows parents to participate with their children. Sign up or volunteer at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/SHAPEKidsVBS/gpgs/home.aspx> or find "SHAPE International Chapel VBS" on Facebook.
- **CYSS Youth Program summer excursions** - CYSS offers youths from sixth to 12th grade a variety of activities and day trips. Newcomers welcome. Sign up soon: Space is limited. Must be CYSS-registered to participate. Register at CYSS Parent Central Services in Building 503, or call DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.
 - Teen Culture Day Trip - July 31:** Brugge (Bruges). **Summer Trips - July 30:** Go-karting and laser tag, **Aug. 3 to 7:** Camping in the Belgian Ardennes, and **Aug. 13:** Amusement park.
- **CYSS Youth Sports & Fitness programs** - Register prior to **Aug. 21** for the September-to-October season. To register, call Parent Central Services at DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.
 - Fall Start Smart Flag Football** - Program is designed for children ages 4 to 5. Cost: \$20.
 - Fall Soccer Season** - Program is designed for age categories 6 to 7 years old, 8 to 9 years old, 10 to 12 years old and 13 to 15 years old. Cost: \$40.
 - Fall Start Smart Soccer** - Program is designed for children ages 4 to 5. Cost: \$20.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY continued

Through Aug. 6

- **Summer Reading Program** - "Read to the Rhythm" at the SHAPE International Library or Chièvres Library encourages reading throughout the summer months for patrons of all ages. For details, call SHAPE at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631, or Chièvres at DSN 361-5767 or civilian 068-275767.

July 24

- **ACS 50th anniversary** - Come to SHAPE Army Community Service to celebrate 50 years of service to the military community. Cake-cutting will take place in the second-floor conference room (Room 225) in Building 318 at 10 a.m..
- **Family game night** - Join the staff of SHAPE International Library for a free evening of family games like bingo, board games and more. No registration necessary. For details, call DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631.

July 25

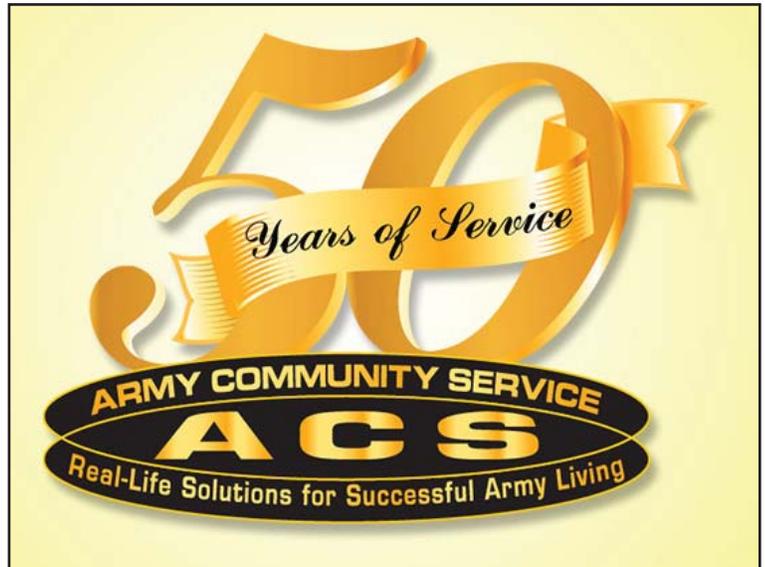
- **Grandma's Attic birthday bash** - From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the grassy area next to the commissary
- **Purple Belt self-defense class** - Designed for children ages 12 and above as well as adults, this free self-defense class, sponsored by SHAPE Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program, teaches you how to protect yourself using your mind and your body at the SHAPE Main Gym from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Each participant will be awarded a Purple Belt, which isn't an official level of achievement in any martial art but denotes completion of this FAP class. Registration is required. Call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.
- **AAFES Birthday** - The Army and Air force Exchange Service will celebrate 120 years since the establishment of the first exchange in a cake-cutting ceremony at the Chievres Main Exchange July 25 at noon.

Aug. 3 and 4

- **Host-Nation Orientation** - Army Community Service invites all service members, civilian employees and their family members to learn about the SHAPE/Chièvres community and all it has to offer. During the two-day orientation, you will learn about Belgian customs and basic French. You will also go on a cultural city tour and tour a Belgian hospital as well as sample traditional Belgian cuisine and learn how to shop on the economy. The group will also learn how to use public transportation and visit the Ste. Waudru Collegiale in Mons. Meet at the ACS conference room 15 minutes earlier than the start time of 8:30 a.m. Call ACS at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Aug. 4

- **The ROAMies live acoustic music concert** - From 3 to 4 p.m. at the SHAPE Events Centre. Free admission.



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> under "Morale & Welfare (MWB)" 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 Originale Versie) will be in English.

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

ImagiBraine - Boulevard de France, 1420 Braine l'Alleud. Check the schedule and purchase your tickets at: <http://kinopolis.be/nl/bioscopen/kinopolis-imagibraine>.

Kinopolis - Boulevard du Centenaire 20, 1020 Bruxelles. Take a look at movie listings at <http://kinopolis.be/fr/cinemas/kinopolis-bruxelles>.

Movie at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Adult admission is €5 (ages 12 and older) - Child admission is €3 (ages 11 and under). Check the new web page at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146> for the movie schedule.

Travel the Benelux

Past comes to life in Dutch city of Thorn

by Rita Hoefnagels

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

About 12 km south west of Roermond in the Netherlands, close to the Belgian border, you will find Thorn, known as the little white town because of its whitewashed houses in the historic center.

In Thorn it is still possible to experience the rural peacefulness and authentic atmosphere of days gone by. It is a mixture of clean whitewashed houses, farms roughly plastered, picturesque courts, aristocratic houses where once the ladies of Thorn resided, winding and sloping small streets and an impressive Abbey Church which majestically dominates the little town.

Thorn has a rich history dating back to the late 10th century, when Count Ansfried and his wife Hilsondis founded a convent. In the course of time, it developed into a miniature convent ruled by an abbess and 20 ladies of noble birth. The convent had its own jurisdiction and its own currency until 1794 when this came to an end with the arrival of the French revolutionary armies. Thorn's glow faded and faded into an increasingly forgotten past, only to step out again in the present with almost old luster.

If in Thorn, visit the beautiful church, a Gothic cross basilica with a Roman west building. If you didn't know that Thorn has been governed 800 years long by females, you will definitely know when entering the church.

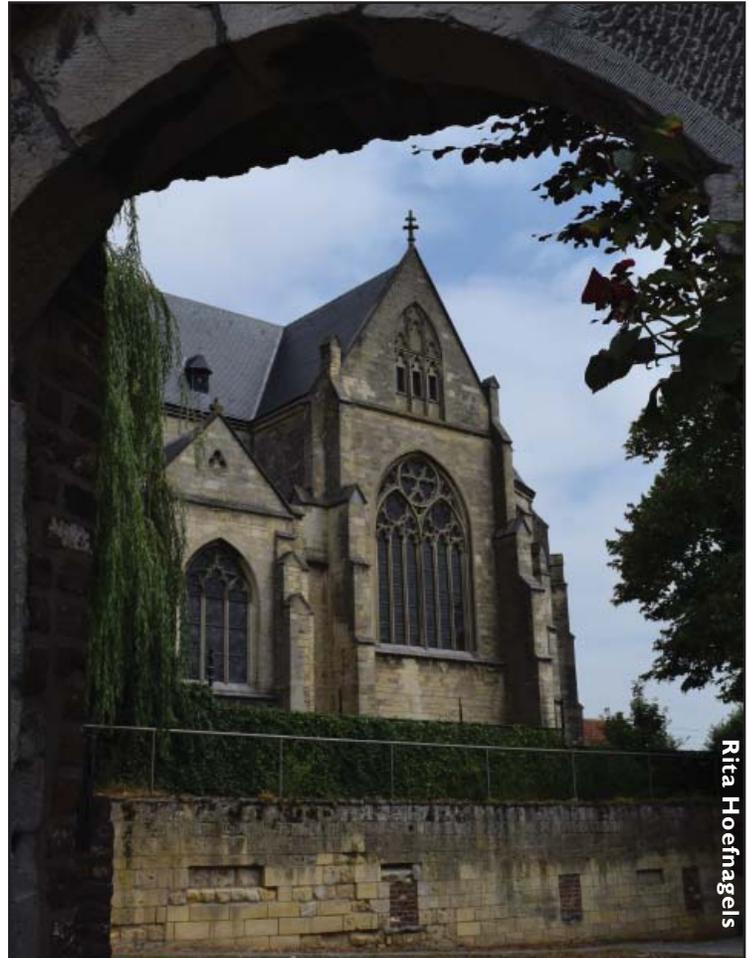
Sights, besides the beautiful Abbey Church, include many more authentic historical buildings in the old center, the traditional cobbled streets laid in mosaics, a chapel with beautiful 18th century baroque interior in the fields outside of Thorn and the municipal museum "Land van Thorn."

Near the entrance of the Abbey Church you will see a memorial for several young Belgian military, all members of the Piron Brigade, who gave their live during the Battle of Thorn in September 1944. The Belgian 1st Infantry Brigade, also known as the "Brigade Piron", after its

commander, Jean-Baptiste Piron, was a Belgian and Luxembourgish military unit during World War II which participated in the Battle of Normandy and, later, the liberation of Belgium and the Netherlands and was part of the Free Belgian Forces.

Guided tours for groups are available by appointment throughout the year. More information at www.vvwmiddenlimburg.nl/over-midden-limburg/thorn.

For your GPS:
Thorn 6017
the Netherlands
From:
Mons: 200 km
Brussels: 140 km
Schinnen: 37 km



Rita Hoefnagels



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Outside the gate

Enjoy moules frites a Belgian classic

by **Tim Clark**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

A national icon in Belgium, moules frites (steamed mussels and fries) are a must try while you are in Europe. More than 30 million tons of mussels are consumed each year in Belgium. Most of the mussels are farm-raised and from Zeeland in the Netherlands, as the wild Belgian variety is no longer abundant enough to meet the demand.

You can get mussels prepared in many ways. The most common method which is the building block of many Walloon recipes, moules marinières, consists of steaming them in white wine, shallots, parsley and butter. Use beer instead of wine, and you have moules à la bière. In moules à la crème the stock is thickened with flour and heavy cream. If you prefer lighter fare order them in a vegetable stock with onions, celery and leeks. If you don't want to mess with the shells, try moules menière in which the mussels are out of the shell and baked in garlic butter. Le Zinneke, a restaurant in Brussels, lists 69 ways to have your mussels prepared.

Mussels without fries? Not in Belgium, where fries are said to have been invented. The potatoes are fried twice, once at a lower temperature, drained and cooled, then a second time at a higher temperature. This method gives you fries that are golden and crisp on the outside, and fluffy and tender on the inside.

Use the empty shell from your first mussel to get the rest out of their shells, and everyone will think you are a seasoned mussel-eater. The combination of the juicy, sweet, slightly briny mussels with the earthiness of the fries makes a great food pairing. The mussel season runs from mid-July to April, so you can enjoy them right now.



Outside the gate

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Paris, July 25**
- **Prague with Heidelberg and Nuremberg, July 26 to 29 (Register by July 23.)**
- **Rhine River Cruise, Aug. 4**
- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, Aug. 8**
- **Fécamp - Etretat, Normandy, Aug. 12**
- **London, Aug. 15 to 17**
- **Medieval Dinner in Bruges, Aug. 22**
- **Wurstmarkt in Bad Dürkheim, Sept. 19**
- **London, Oct. 3**
- **Alsace Wine Route, Oct. 10 to 11**
- **New Year's in London, Dec. 30 to Jan. 1, 2016.**
- **Flanders Field, Nov. 7**
- **Harry Potter studio tour, Nov. 4**
- **Romania - Bucharest, Transylvania, Nov. 4 to 8**

- **Paris- Moulin Rouge, Nov. 21**

SHAPE Travel Group - Call civilian 0470-876369.

Closed for summer vacation. Desk reopens Aug. 12.

- **Tongeren Antique Market, Aug. 30**
- **The Best of Luxembourg City, Sept. 10**
- **London & Buckingham palace, Sept. 18**
- **Belgian Coast by Tram, Sept. 24**
- **Belgian Trappist and Countryside Tour, Oct. 6**
- **A Day in Rotterdam, Oct. 20**
- **Antwerp and Red Star Line Museum, Nov. 19**
- **Cologne Christmas markets, Nov. 24**

Schinnen Trips & Tours - Call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **Dutch Day, July 31**
- **Bernkastel-Kues, Germany: Wine Festival, Sept. 5**
- **National Liberation Museum 44-45, Sept. 26**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

July 24

- **Evening flea market in Chièvres (50 booths)** - On Rue de Mons from 5 to 11 .m.

July 24-26

- **24hrs of Spa Race** - Qualification races will be going on Friday and the actual 24 hrs race is starting Saturday at 4:30 p.m. Event is held on the Spa-Francorchamps racing track, Route du Circuit 55. For complete timetable and ticket information, check <http://www.24hoursofspa.com>.

July 25

- **Flea market in Warquignies (100 booths)** - On Pavé de Warquignies from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Estinnes-au-Val (150 booths)** - On the square, Rue Enfer and Rue Grande from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Through July 26

- **Fest days in Gent** - Held in the center of town with theater, exhibitions, rides, traditional crafts market, parades and more. For details, check <http://www.gentsefeesten.be>.
- **Sun City in Mons** - Find your way through the labyrinth made of 7,500 sun flowers on the Grand'Place from noon to 8 p.m. every day. You can also access a tower to get an overall view of the labyrinth. On July 26, they will be distributing the sun flowers. No entrance fee.

July 26

- **Family Smile in Saint-Vaast** - Family fest with enter-



tainment for young and old: bouncy castles, climbing wall, electric vehicles, clowns, balloon sculptures, concerts and more. Local sports clubs will also have their booths to promote the various sports that the area has to offer. Event is held at Domaine de la Louve on Rue Léopold III from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €8.

- **Volksmarch in Nimy for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the soccer field on Avenue du Roi Chevalier from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Haut-Ittre for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs Rue les Hauts du Ry-Ternel 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Mainvault for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Chapelle du Bois Hellin on Chemin de Renwez from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Longueville for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs Rue de la Station 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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

Through July 24

- **Nijmegen March in Nijmegen** is the world's largest walking event. Learn more about it at <http://www.4daagse.nl>.

July 24 to 26

- **Milan festival in The Hague** will be held at Zuiderpark. Europe's largest Hindustani open-air festival offers multicultural sports and entertainment, rides, and fireworks. The festival was founded in 1984 as a Surinamese event to encourage interaction and cooperation between people and cultures
- **Zwarte Cross near Lichtenvoorde** is a combination of a music festival and a motocross event. Find out more at <http://www.zwartecross.nl>.
- **Sparrenburgfest in Bielefeld, Germany** is an attractive medieval festival held in the scenic surroundings of Castle Sparrenburg with many acrobats, actors, old crafts, demonstrations, music and more. Admission is €5. Children smaller than 1 meter and 20 centimeter (height of a sword) have free admission. Open July 24 from 1 to 10 p.m.; July 25 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and July 26 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

July 24 to Aug. 2

- **"Bloem & Tuin 2015" in Nuenen**, a garden event in the Benelux, will be held near de Schoutse Vennen at Gulbergen Estate. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €12; children 11 and under get in free of charge.

Through July 25

- **Bourgondische Krabbenfoor in Bergen op Zoom** offers history, culture and entertainment in the center of town. Open July 23 from 2 p.m. to midnight; July 24 from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m., and July 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m..
- **Mussel festival in Middelburg** will be held on Vlasmarkt where visitors will find live music, street artists, mussels and other seafood.

July 25

- **Antique and curiosa market in Roermond** will be held at Kloosterwandplein in the center of town. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Latin Outdoor Reuver in Reuver** is a multicultural music event held at the market square in the center of town. Starts at 5 p.m. No admission fees.

July 26

- **Antique, art and curiosa market in Maastricht** will be held on Boschstraat. Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.



July 26 Continued

- **Local fest in Lombise** - Concert by the Lombise Band at 11 a.m. on the square. No entrance fee.
- **Flea market in Jemappes (500 booths)** - On the main square and neighboring streets from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Nimy (120 booths)** - On the square and along the canal from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Montignies-sur-Roc (130 booths)** - On the square and neighboring streets from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Hornu (200 booths)** - On Route de Mons (Cora) from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Flea market and local products in Chièvres (60 booths)** - On Rue de Mons from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in La Louvière (100 booths)** - On Rue de Longtain (between Tivoli and Jolimont hospitals) from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Through August 30

- **Family cruise in Mons** - Boat trip is going from the Grand Large, Capitainerie on Rue du Grand Large to the lock in Obourg and back. Departs every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 2:30, 4 or 5:30 p.m. Presence is required half an hour prior to departure. Cost is €7 per adult, €6 for youngster from 13 to 18 years old and €4.50 for children 4 to 12 years old. Although not mandatory, it is recommended to book ahead of time at 065-874890.



Through September 6

- **Visit the Royal Palace in Brussels** - Once a year, the Royal Palace is open to visitors. Every day, except Mondays, from 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. to visit the offices of the King and the Queen of Belgium, the reception halls and a display on the Kingdom of



Insects. Entrance is free of charge.



July 28

- **Historic market in Veere** will take place on the historic market square in the center of town with lots of actors dressed in historic costumes, traditional crafts, antiques, jewelry, regional products and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

July 28 through 31

- **Pasar Istimewa in Steenwijk** is a large Oriental and Asian Market with lots of oriental snacks; Indonesian and Tai culinary specialties, live music, dance; many stands and more is held at Market Square in the center of town. Admission is free. Open July 28 & 30 from noon to 10:30 p.m.; July 29 from noon to 12:30 a.m. and July 31 from noon to 7 p.m.

July 30 through August 2

- **Wine Fest in Duisburg, Germany** at Königstrasse with besides of course delicious wines also a variety of culinary specialties and lots of music and entertainment. The fest is every day open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Through July 31

- **Championships Skûtsjesilen in Friesland** hosts a sailing race in the traditional style in this Dutch province. Skûtsjes are typical Frisian ships traditionally used by farmers as cargo ships. Find out more about the race at <http://www.vvzwidwestfriesland.nl>.

Through Aug. 30

- **Experience the Past in Eindhoven** will be held at Eindhoven museum at Boutenslaan 161b. Experience how life was in prehistory and in the Middle Ages. Bake bread, make fire, or experience other activities from the past like candle-making. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €8.50.
- **Meet & Greet Jungle Creeps in Luttelgeest** at “De Orchideeën Hoeve” at Oosterringweg 34 can offer you exotic experiences. Would you like to see butterflies from Costa Rica. Take pictures at the Asian waterfalls? Be like Tarzan and jump from one tree to the other? Feed the beautiful and colorful parrots from Down Under Australia? Open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: adults €10.50, children, ages 4 to 12, €5.50.

Through Sept. 4

- The city of **Alkmaar** is famous for its cheese market. Cheese has been weighed in there since 1593. Cheese carriers carry thousands of kilos of cheese from ‘Waagplein’ square to the weighing house. Cheese carriers can be seen in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon until the first Friday of September.

Outside the gate

Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.