

THE GAZETTE

Published for members of the SHAPE/Chièvres, Brussels and Schinnen communities

Benelux news briefs

Apply at AAFES for jobs

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service in Chièvres needs a senior store associate at the main store, and regular full-time, and regular part-time food service employees. Apply at <https://www.applymyexchange.com>. Call DSN 361-5337 or civilian 068-275337 with any questions.

Orphanage wish list

The orphans from the La Fermette orphanage in Ath have submitted their wishes to Santa. If you are interested in buying one of their wishes, call the USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office at DSN 361-5694 or civilian 068-275694. Santa will be distributing the gifts to each of them on Dec. 21 in the afternoon at the Community Activity Center on Chièvres Air Base.

Digital Training Facility

The DTF on Chièvres Air Base will close Nov. 29 to Jan. 8 for HVAC system replacement. The DTF is free for use to all U.S. military and civilians for all training needs. For more information on the DTF, call DSN 361-6104 or civilian 068-276104.

Christmas Markets

Check out the list of Christmas markets in Belgium, The Netherlands, and Germany on the USAG Benelux homepage at: www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil.



Ruck for Thankfulness

Officers of 39th Signal Battalion participate in a Ruck for Thankfulness, a three-mile road march on the Shape facility Nov. 18, 2016. The service members carried in their ruck more than 70 pounds of canned and non-perishable food they donated to a local orphanage. (U.S. Army Photo by Visual Information Specialist Henri Cambier)

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Soldiers, civilians reminded to complete Foreign Travel Briefs

As the holiday season approaches, most personnel in Europe will be taking advantage of living in close proximity to areas with open borders. With the ease of cheap and short flights and bullet trains personnel can also experience other exotic travel venues in a short amount of time. In spite of the close proximity of such locales, Soldiers, family members and DoD civilians need to be aware of country specific requirements and threat levels.

Although Europe does provide close proximity to other locales care still has to be taken due to security issues and requirements that come with the added threat. For instance, some areas may require country and theater requirements which can take up to 30 days to process. To see specific country requirements for official or unofficial travel visit <https://www.fcgpentagon.mil/>. Other requirements may include medical care and immunizations.

Many locations require other approvals and this is due to heightened security requirements or threats to the country. For example travel to Russia on leave (civilians) will require country clearance (30 days) advance time, EUCOM's anti-terrorism policy, personnel recovery training/documentation procedures for their own safety and security and also registration with the US Embassy prior to or immediately upon arrival in-country. Military and family members also have their own requirements.

Soldiers and civilians are required to complete Foreign Travel Briefs prior to any official or unofficial travel. Below are the steps need to complete the requirements:

1. Review the Foreign Clearance Guide for each country to be visited. The Foreign Clearance Guide (FCG) establishes criteria for requesting DoD personnel travel clearances through US Embassies for overseas travel. This guide will inform you if the Aircraft and Personnel Automated Clearance Systems (APACS) is required. Pay particular attention to host nation entry credential requirements and to APACS instructions for both official and leave travel. Some countries will not require a country/theater clearance. If the country you are visiting does not require a country or theater clearance, fill out the USAG Benelux Travel Brief and return to the security office. Request travel brief and debrief form USAG-Benelux security office at 361-5233/361-5145.

2. Complete all Mandatory Training Requirements. Complete AT/FP level 1 training at jko.jten.mil/courses/at1/

launch.html. Must be completed within one year prior to travel. AT/FP certificate is required for all travel. If required complete Level A SERE training or SERE 100.I. Complete initial or continuation training within 36 months prior to entering country. The FCG determines what training is applicable for what area visited.

3. Digital Isolated Personnel Report (ISOPREP) on file electronically. Must be reviewed, submitted within 12 months of arrival to country visited, if required. The FCG determines if applicable.

4: Complete medical assessment and requirements. Check with the country requirements in the FCG and with the Combatant Command requirements. If required, submit with packet to the security office

5: Determine Force Protection (FP) Responsibility and Complete FP requirements.

APACS must indicate who holds FP responsibility. Responsibility defaults to the Combatant Commander (CO-COM) unless specifically accepted by the Chief of Mission (COM - refers to ambassador) Short term TDY personnel typically fall under COCOM.

If unclear who holds FP responsibility contact the tasking authority or Embassy POC. Prepare a written Force Protection (FP) Plan. If a leave

traveler or on official travel sponsored by a service, follow that Service Component guidelines and submit to the component command if required. The FP Plan should be maintained by sending organization for a period of one year.

You may use the FP Plan content information basics as a guide if desired. Requirements may require Command review and approval of travels plans depending on FPCON level. This will be reflected in APACS entries. Requirements may include a two person travel policy. See FCG for country requirements.

6. Create an Aircraft and Personnel Automated Clearance Systems (APACS) account

<https://apacs.dtic.mil/apacs/login.jsp>

7. Submit travel clearance request

Please submit to the security office:

APACS approval page

Copy of passport (front photo page)

Copy of visa

Copy of itinerary

USAG Benelux Travel Brief

(Courtesy of USAG Benelux Security Office)



Operating hours over Thanksgiving (Nov. 24 - 25)

The blocks left blank mean regular operating hours for that day of the week.

SHAPE/Chièvres Community

	Auto Skills Shop	Library	Outdoor Rec	Kennel	PX	Commissary	Fitness Center	SHAPE Healthcare Facility
Thu Nov. 24	11 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Closed	Closed	9 a.m. - noon, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Closed	Closed	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Medical officer of the day acute care coverage 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Fri Nov. 25	12 p.m. - 6 p.m.	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Open at 8 a.m.		9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Medical officer of the day acute care coverage 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The blocks left blank mean regular operating hours for that day of the week.

Schinnen/Brunssum Community

	Main Exchange	Housing	Commissary	ACS	CPF	Library	ISO	WIC Office	Fitness Center	Bowling Center	Outdoor Rec	BRD Administrative
Thu Nov. 24	Closed	8 a.m. - noon 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	8 a.m. - noon	Closed	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed
Fri Nov. 25		8 a.m. - noon 12:30-4:30 p.m.	Closed			11 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Closed		6 a.m. - 7 p.m.	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The blocks left blank mean regular operating hours for that day of the week.

Brussels Community

	3 Star Lounge	Library	Auto Skills Shop	Outdoor Rec	Shoppette	Fitness Center
Thu Nov. 24	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fri Nov. 25	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed		7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Ice Magic Hasselt, Nov. 26**
- **German Christmas markets (Rothenburg, Frankfurt/Main and Aachen), Dec. 3 to 4**
- **German Christmas markets (Bonn/Cologne), Dec. 10**
- **German Christmas markets (Dortmund, Berlin and Potsdam), Dec. 16 to 18**
- **Paris in winter, Dec. 27**
- **New Year's in London, Dec. 30 to Jan. 2, 2017 (Sign up by Nov. 16.)**
- **London with Aladdin, Feb. 4, 2017**
- **Prague, Czech Republic, Feb. 25 to March 1, 2017**
- **Lloret de Mar and Barcelona, Spain, April 3 to 12,**

2017 (spring break)

- **Crete, Spa and Middelkerke, all year**

SHAPE Travel Group

For details, visit <http://www.facebook.com/groups/SHAPETravelGroup>.

- **Valkenburg, the Netherlands, Nov. 29**
- **Canterbury, Dec. 8**
- **Paris Lights, Dec. 15**
- **London sales, Jan. 19, 2017**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- **Cologne Christmas Markets, Dec. 3**
- **London Express, Dec. 17**
- **Malgrat de Mar, Spain, April 14 to 23, 2017**

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **CYSS Youth Sports & Fitness Winter Cheerleading** - Open to children ages six to 12. Spaces are limited based on availability of court space and volunteer coaches. Registration is \$40 and open until Dec. 31. Cheerleading season runs from Jan. 3 to March 19, 2017. Volunteer coaches are needed and will receive a discounted registration fee.
- **CYSS Youth Sports & Fitness Winter Basketball** - Open to children ages three to 15. Spaces are limited based on availability of court space and volunteer coaches. Registration is open until Dec. 31. Basketball season runs from Jan. 3 to Feb. 27, 2017. Volunteer coaches are needed and will receive a discounted registration fee. For more information on winter cheerleading and basketball registration fees, practice times, and sports physical requirements, contact the Youth Sports and Fitness Office at DSN 368-9539 or 02-7179539.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Register now

- **"It's All About You"** - Army Community Service Resiliency Seminar "It's All About You" in the SHAPE 100 Area Auditorium in Building 102's Room 115 **Dec. 2** from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. This seminar will present motivational speaker Joseph Oubelkas of the Netherlands and Charles Ruffolo of NetworKing. To register for this event and for information about the shuttle, contact Brussels ACS at DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

Nov. 24

- **BOSS Community Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner** - Bring your favorite dish to share with everyone. Boss will take care of roasting the turkeys. In addition to dinner, there will be entertainment in the form of games and activities. It starts at 2 p.m. at the Community Activity Center. For more information or to register, call DSN 361-6820 or Civilian 068-276820.
- **CYSS Thanksgiving Lunch celebration** - Held at the Youth Center, Building 503. Parents are invited to join. Registration needed at DSN 366-6839/6797/6812 or civilian 065-32-6839/6797/6812.

Nov. 26

- **Visit with Santa** at the Exchange Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **German Christkindmarkt** is Nov. 26 from noon to 5 p.m. at the SHAPE school cafeteria. Crafted gifts, Christmas decorations and German food will be available. All proceeds go to charity.

Nov. 26

- **Property Disposal Office Warehouse walkthrough** is Nov. 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. SHAPE community members are invited to purchase household items otherwise prepared for disposal.

Dec. 3

- **Italian Christmas Market** - This market is Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the International School cafeteria. Handmade gifts, holiday decorations and Italian food will be available. The event also features a charity raffle and Italian chorus at 4 p.m.

Nov. 28 to Dec. 3

- **The International Basketball Tournament** is Nov. 28 through Dec. 3. Entrance is free of charge with food and drinks available. SHAPE International Band will be performing its Christmas Concert Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the SHAPE Events Centre. Free admission.

Dec. 6

- **SHAPE International Band Christmas Concert** - The free event is Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the SHAPE Events Center.

Dec. 8

- **Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED** - The Red Cross hosts Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/ AED Blended Learning course at the SHAPE ACS Building Dec. 8 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The course is \$55. Register online at <https://classes.redcross.org/Saba/Web/Main> or call DSN 452-9440 or Civilian 06565-61-9440.

Dec. 12

- **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** - The SACEUR and Mayor of Malmedy light SHAPE's Christmas tree Dec. 12 in front of the main building. Ceremony begins at 4:30 p.m.

Through Dec. 14

- **Children's Book Drive** - The Spangdahlem Red Cross - which also serves the Benelux - is holding a book drive to update UEDEM's Childrens Library book selection. All donations can be dropped off at the Spangdahlem Red Cross Office at Bldg. 319 or MPS'd to the Spangdahlem American Red Cross Office, Unit 3755, APO AE 09126.

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MONDAY 28 NOV 1. 1800 NLD v GBR 2. 1400 FRA v CAN 3. 1600 FRA v USA 1900 CLOSING CEREMONY 4. 2000 BEL v SHA	TUESDAY 29 NOV 5. 1900 LVA v BEL 6. 1000 NLD v LVA 7. 1700 SHA v CAN 8. 1900 GBR v FRA	WED. 30 NOV 9. 1800 SHA v LVA 10. 1500 GBR v USA 11. 1700 BEL v ITA 12. 1900 LVA v FRA	THURSDAY 1 DEC 13. 1800 LVA v GBR 14. 1500 CAN v LVA 15. 1700 USA v NLD 16. 1900 ITA v SHA
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FRIDAY 2 DEC
 17. 1800 CAN v BEL
 18. 1800 FRA v NLD
 19. 1700 LVA v FRA
 20. 1900 USA v LVA

SATURDAY 3 DEC
 2100 9TH PLA v 5TH PLA
 1300 6TH PLA v 4TH PLA
 1500 8TH PLA v 3RD PLA
 1700 2ND PLA v 1ST PLA
 1900 2TH PLA v 3TH PLA
 CLOSING CEREMONY

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SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Veteran's Administration One-On-One Appointment** - The Veteran's Administration (VA) will have a staff member at JFC Brunssum Library Conference Room **Nov. 28** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to meet with anyone who would like a one-on-one appointment. If you have any questions about your Veteran's benefits, now or in the future, this is the person to speak with. To schedule an appointment, please call DSN: 314-606-244-3848 or civilian +31 (0)45-5263848.
- **JFC Chapel Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner** - The potluck is **Nov. 24** at the JFC Brunssum Alliance Restaurant from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring a dish or two to share. To register, sign up on the bulletin board in the chapel foyer, first floor.
- **Jr. Girls Basketball** - Enrollment is open for ages 13 to 15 until Nov. 25 (spaces are limited) at the CYSS on JFC Brunssum, Building H602. The 2017 season is from Jan. 17 to Feb. 25. Cost is \$40. You must be registered with CYS services and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Contact CYSS Sports & Fitness for more information or details at DSN 606-244-3121 or civilian +31 (0)45-5264195.
- **Co-ed Basketball** - Enrollment is open for ages three to 15 years until Nov. 25 (spaces are limited) at the CYSS on JFC Brunssum, Building H602. This is for the 2017 season which runs from Jan. 17 to Feb. 25. Cost is \$20 for children 3 to 5 years old and \$40 for six to 15 year olds. You must be registered with CYS services and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Contact CYSS Sports & Fitness for more information or details at DSN 606-244-3121 or civilian +31 (0)45-5264195.
- **Cheerleading** - Open to children ages six to 15 years old until Nov. 25 (spaces are limited) at the CYSS on JFC Brunssum, Building H602. The 2017 season is from Jan. 17 to Feb. 25. Cost is \$40. You must be registered with CYS services and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Contact CYSS Sports & Fitness for more information or details at DSN 606-244-3121 or civilian +31 (0)45-5264195.
- **Volleyball/Basketball League** - Schinnen Fitness Center is interested in having a volleyball league/basketball league within the Tri-Border communities. Players from Schinnen, Geilenkirchen, and Brunssum communities are all welcomed to participate (US and NATO ID card holders). Those interested in starting teams/leagues should stop by or contact the Schinnen Fitness Center, DSN 360-7561 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437561.

Nov. 28

- **Transition Assistance Program/Veteran's Affairs** - The Veteran's Administration will have a staff member at JFC Brunssum Library Conference Room Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for one-on-one appointments. To schedule an appointment, call DSN 314-606-244-3848 or civilian +31 (0)45-5263848.

Nov. 29

- **Positive Parenting** is Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to noon at Schinnen ACS. Learn positive parenting techniques. Call DSN 360-7367 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437367 to register.

Dec. 5 to 7

- **Department Of Labor Employment Workshop** is Dec. 5 to 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the JFC Brunssum Library Multi-purpose Room. This three-day workshop will cover effective job search, resume writing, and interview techniques. Bring a laptop or tablet. To register or for more information call DSN 606-244-3475 or civilian +31 (0)45-5263475.

Dec. 8

- **Veteran's Affairs I and II** - VA I Briefing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and VA II Briefing from 2 to 4 p.m. at the JFC Brunssum Library Multi-purpose Room. Find out the latest on VA policies, benefits, and eligibility from the people who know. To register or for more information call DSN 606-244-3475 or civilian +31 (0)45-5263475.

Ongoing ACS courses

- **Meditation Mondays** – Every Monday from noon to 1 p.m. Come join us and begin the week by slowing down, getting centered, and quieting your mind.

Movies at Events Centre during SHAPE Cinema renovations

The Events Centre dinner theater is now open during SHAPE Cinema renovations. The cinema is expected to reopen in February. The ECDT ticket sales are as follows: Rates – 2D movies: adults, €6.50; children, ages 12 and under, €3.75. 3D movies: adults, €8.50; children, ages 12 and under, €5.75. Visit <http://www.shape2day.com>, and click "Cinema Schedule" icon. Ticket sales begin 30 minutes prior to each showing. Films will start promptly. Wild Wednesday and Thrifty Thursday mean half-price popcorn and free movies as well as half-price pizza and calzone at the Pizza Bowl. Wednesday movies will be for teenagers and older. Thursday movies will be from the same film series (or related subject matter) as an upcoming film.

Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

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



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Nov. 25

- **Ocean Film Festival in Mons** - The most beautiful international oceanographic movies will be shown at Imagix Mons, Boulevard André Delvaux, 1. Doors open at 7 p.m., movies are shown as of 8 p.m. For information, check <http://www.oceanfilmfestival.be>.

Nov. 25-27

- **Wine tasting event in Soignies** - Held at Renavins Soignies, Chaussée du Roeulx, 405 from 2 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Nov. 26

- **Tre Voce concert in Saint-Ghislain** - Three voices will bring you their love for music and songs at the Foyer Culturel on Grand'Place, 37, starting at 8 p.m. Admission is €18.

Nov. 26-27

- **Flea market in Ath (75 booths)** - Held at the Ceva on Zoning des Primevères from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Well being fair in Tournai** - Held at the Halle aux Draps, Grand'Place from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Admission is €5.
- **Book fair in Mons** - Fifth edition of the fair dedicated to new books will be held at the Lotto Mons Expo from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. No admission fee.

Nov. 27

- **Volksmarch in Mainvault (5, 10, 15 or 20 km)** - Departs the school on Rue du Mont 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Mons (5, 10 or 20 km)** - Departs "Chêne aux Haies," Chemin du Chêne aux Haies, 24 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Jemappes (200 booths)** - Held on Avenue Maréchal Foch from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Pottery display at Ecaussinnes** - Held at Atelier Gresyo, Chaussée de Braine, 68 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. with several Belgian potters. You will also get the opportunity to visit a potter's workshop and see how they work.

Ongoing

Through Dec. 8

- **Brussels museums late night opening** - Every Thursday at least five museums greet visitors from 5 to 10 p.m. Find the schedule and the list of participating museums at <http://brusselsmuseumsnocturnes.be/en/>.

Through March 5

- **Picasso Sculptures Exhibition in Brussels** - Held at the Palais des Beaux-Arts on Rue Ravenstein 23. Find more information at <http://www.bozar.be/en>.



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

Nov. 26

- **Amstelveen City Blues** is an international blues festival held in Schouwburg on Stadplein 100 in the center of Amstelveen. This year's festival features Sugar Ray and the Bluetones, Giles Robson and Cousin Harley. Entry is €35 and starts at 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 23-27

- **The Country & Christmas Fair near Haarzuilens** at Castle De Haar. The fair has more than 200 stands featuring exclusive articles, attractive accessories and festive novelties. Open: Nov. 23-26, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Nov. 27, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €20; children (12 to 16), €10. International Art & Antique Fair in Amsterdam - .

Ongoing

Through Nov. 24

- **Indoor Winter Fair in Utrecht** - Held in Jaarbeurs, this fair gives visitors a taste of the coming festive month. Entry is €20. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Through Nov. 27

- **International Art & Antique Fair in Amsterdam** - Every year more than hundred art and antique dealers participate with paintings, jewelry, design, silverwork, glass, statues, Asian art and more. Held at RAI, the fair is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Nov. 22, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Nov. 24 and 27 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €15; ages 12-18 €7.50 and children 11 and younger - free entrance.
- **Country & Christmas Fair in Haarzuilens** at Castle De Haar is held in the castle. The fair has more than 200 stands featuring accessories and festive novelties. Open: Nov. 23 to 26, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Nov. 27, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €20; children (12 to 16), €10.

Through Dec. 24

- **Christmas Show in Valkenburg** at Ricos on Hekerweg 37. Only open Fridays, 1 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 5:30 p.m.

Through Jan. 31

- **Winter Efteling** at Efteling Amusement and Fairy Tale Park in Kaatshevel on Europalaan. Open weekdays 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; weekends and Dec. 20 to Jan. 4 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Dec. 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Entry is €4.

Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.