

# THE GAZETTE

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## Benelux news briefs

### Time changes Sunday

"Spring forward. Fall back." follows a different schedule overseas than it does stateside.

The Benelux and most of Europe start daylight saving time (Central European summer time) Sunday, March 27, at 2 a.m. local time, according to <http://www.timeanddate.com>.

Before you go to bed Saturday, March 26, set any clocks that don't automatically update one hour ahead.

### BOSS wants volunteers

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, is looking for volunteers to help work several community-service projects.

All single service members are welcome.

Upcoming events include volunteering at an animal-rescue shelter, children's home and the CYSS Color Run.

To find out more about BOSS, call DSN 361-5830/5381 or civilian 068-275830/5381.

### Local businesses close

Belgian banks, post offices and many stores will be closed March 28 in observance of Easter Monday.

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**Americans, Belgians mourn after terrorist attacks in Brussels**  
*American and Belgian national colors are flown at half-staff on Chièvres Air Base Wednesday, March 23, 2016. The United States joins the Kingdom of Belgium as its people go through three days of national mourning, which started the day of the attacks in Brussels, Tuesday, March 22, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Cis Spook) See pages 2 and 3.*



# Tears and resolve follow Brussels blasts

by Marie-Lise Baneton

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

“What we feared has happened, we were hit by blind attacks,” said Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel during a press conference following the terrorist attacks that killed more than 30 and hurt hundreds more in Brussels, Belgium, March 22, 2016.

That morning, Brussels residents and commuters had just started their workday or daily activities. Thousands of travelers of all nationalities had already gathered at the Brussels International Airport in Zaventem. Some of those were U.S. citizens going on leave, returning from a trip or reporting to the Benelux as new employees. Others were sponsors linking up with newcomers.

A normal busy day in the capital of Europe turned into chaos after a first blast occurred at the airport and a second hit at the Maelbeek metro station, near the European Union headquarters.

Emergency services responded to both scenes, the threat rating in Belgium was raised to its highest level (level 4), and media were on the scene soon after each of the explosions. The world could quickly watch the tragic events as they were unfolding, the most deadly terrorist attack in Belgian history.

For members of the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community, the attack meant being hit at home. Leadership immediately gathered to conduct accountability checks and assess the support needed.

Zaventem is the airport of choice for many Americans living and working in the Benelux area, and the metro is a popular transportation mode in Brussels. Tracking Americans at either one of those sites and connecting with them was a top priority.

While rescue operations continued in Brussels, the garrison staff implemented its emergency response plan, to include the liaison work with the SHAPE Federal Police. Thanks to decades of collaboration and joint training, Belgian police and their U.S. military counterparts knew exactly what to do. Local police reported to the Directorate of Emergency Services and worked hand in hand with their U.S. allies.

“I have a sincere appreciation for the SHAPE Federal Police,” said Cheryle Hess, the USAG Benelux deputy garrison commander. “They were instrumental in the liaison work with the Brussels police forces and emergency responders, and I’m very proud of how well we work together.”

The joint work helped track the garrison’s incoming and outgoing personnel and families, while ensuring the safety and security of others to any extent possible. In some cases, coordination occurred in three countries and went very smoothly.

The team also came together to ensure those who did not have their luggage received toiletries, clothing and other basic items. Many agencies were involved, to include the American Red Cross, Army Community Service, AAFES and the Commissary, to name just a few.

Joe and Rose Castro had just flown in and had stored their luggage in their rental car when Zaventem was hit. They had to move out of the airport quickly but made it safely to their hotel in Mons within hours, thanks to the help of an airport employee and of two SHAPE U.S. employees.

“The support we got here was just overwhelming,” Joe said. “We’re so fortunate that we didn’t get hurt.” (Read future Gazette issues to get their full story and others.)

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## Brussels blasts I continued

In the morning of March 23, the country woke up to a combination of grief and resolve.

The grief is formally expressed through three days of national mourning and moments of silence.

Many nations, to include the United States, are flying the Belgian colors at half-staff in support. USAG Benelux also supports the days of mourning by flying both the U.S. and Belgian colors at half-staff.

“We express our sincere support to our host nation staff and friends for the tragic events that just occurred,” Hess said.

The resolve translates in the law enforcement and judicial actions that are taken to chase the terrorists, but also in medical and psychological care, as well as, in stressing actions individuals can take to protect themselves.

The State Department published a travel alert that expires on June 20, 2016, warning U.S. citizens of potential risks of travel to and throughout Europe following several terrorist attacks, including the March 22 attacks in Brussels. Terrorist groups continue to plan near-term attacks throughout Europe, targeting sporting events, tourist sites, restaurants and transportation. Travel to Brussels is further prohibited through 2 a.m. on March 30, 2016.

U.S. citizens should continue to exercise vigilance when in public places or using mass transportation. They should be aware of their immediate surroundings, avoid crowded places and exercise particular caution during religious holidays and at large festivals or events.

According to the alert, U.S. citizens should also:

- Follow the instructions of local authorities, especially in an emergency.

- Monitor media and local information sources and factor updated information into personal travel plans and activities.

- Be prepared for additional security screening and unexpected disruptions.

- Stay in touch with their family members and ensure they know how to reach them in the event of an emergency.

- Register in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). USAG Benelux leaders encourage all to review their social media posts carefully.

Social media sites instantly connect users within a global network, quickly moving information – for good or bad. They open the doors to family and friends far away and are a useful communication tool in case of a crisis, but they also open doors to less desirable contacts and activities, such as identity theft,

burglary, stalking and intelligence gathering.

Community members should also be aware of their surroundings and report any suspicious activity through the iReport process at <http://www.eur.army.mil/ireport/> or to local law-enforcement agencies.

European governments continue to guard against terrorist attacks and conduct raids to disrupt plots. U.S. officials work closely with their allies and continue to share information with their European partners that will help identify and counter terrorist threats.

**Editor’s Note: This is the first in a series on the Brussels bombings.**

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### For further information, see:

- <http://www.eur.army.mil/TravelSafe>
- <http://belgium.usembassy.gov>

### For further information and Benelux specific updates, see:

- <https://www.facebook.com/usagbenelux>
- <https://www.facebook.com/usagbeneluxbrussels.community>
- <https://www.facebook.com/TriBorderCommunity>

### In case of an emergency, call:

- USAG Benelux Military Police: +32(0)68-275301
- USAG Benelux-Brussels Military Police: +32(0)2-7179769
- USAG Benelux-Schinnen Military Police: +31 (0)46-4437555
- U.S. Embassy Brussels Operator (RSO): +32(0)2-8114000
- U.S. Embassy The Hague Operator: +31(0)70-3102209
- SHAPE Federal Police: +32(0)65-443334
- SHAPE International Military Police: +32(0)65-443333
- NATO Office of Security: +32(0)2-7071234
- JFC Brunssum International Military Police: +31(0) 45-5262616
- Belgian/Dutch Emergency: 112
- Belgian Police: 101
- USAG Benelux On-Duty Chaplain: +32(0)475-793339
- Military Family Life Consultant: +32(0)497-653738

## New regimental sergeant major assumes responsibility at Base Bastogne



A change of responsibility ceremony was held at the Belgian Base Bastogne March 21. During the ceremony, Adjutant-Major Patrick Dauvin (at center in photo at left), equivalent to U.S. command sergeant major, hands over the military swagger stick to Major Georges De Vos, commander, Base Bastogne (right in same photo). At that moment, Dauvin officially relinquished his duties as regimental sergeant major.



(Above) During the change of responsibility Monday, March 21, 2016, the U.S. Army Garrison Color Guard — composed of Sgt. Pamela Hill, Spc. Zachary Yahn, Staff Sgt. Derrick Shelton and Belgian Army 1st Caporal Chef Pierre Vancayenberg — is led by Sgt. Charles Yates. The participation of the Color Guard symbolizes the tight links that bind Base Bastogne to USAG Benelux. • (At left) Adjutant-Major Patrick Léonard, takes the military swagger stick from Major Georges De Vos, commander Base Bastogne. The handing of the stick symbolizes that the new regimental sergeant major now takes on responsibility for the noncommissioned officers in his unit. Léonard started his military career in May 1981. After his instruction, he was assigned to the 1er Lanciers (cavalry unit) in Marche-en-Famenne. One year later, he joined Bastogne's 1er Régiment d'Artillerie de Campagne (1st Field Artillery Regiment), later known as Base Bastogne. (U.S. Army photos by Marie-Lise Baneton)

## Benelux Soldier competes for title 'IMCOM-E Best Warrior'

Sgt. Devlin Trefethen, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, prepares for the land-navigation portion during the second day of the Installation Management Command-Europe Best Warrior Competition at Panzer Kaserne in Böblingen, Germany, Monday, March 21, 2016. Staff Sgt. Brendan Hagens of USAG Wiesbaden and Spc. Samuel Latimore of USAG Stuttgart won the competition. The IMCOM-E Best Warrior Competition identifies the best non-commissioned officer and Soldier to represent IMCOM-Europe in the 2016 IMCOM Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year Best Warrior Competition. (U.S. Army photo by Kevin S. Abel/USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office)



# Benelux services will adjust hours

Several services in the Benelux will adjust their hours of operation temporarily or have changed their hours.

## Brussels

• In observance of Easter, **Brussels Retail Store** will be closed March 27.

• In observance of the Easter holiday period, the **Brussels Library** has reduced hours of operation from March 24 to 27: Open March 24 and 25 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed March 26 and 27.

• For operating hours at **USAG Benelux-Brussels**, visit its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/usagbeneluxbrussels.community> since hours may change.

## Schinnen

The **USAG Benelux-Schinnen Installation Access Control System Office** at the Military Police Station established new hours March 21. IACS/ADMIN is now open weekdays from 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4 p.m. For details, call DSN 360-7322 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437322.

## SHAPE/Chièvres

• **SHAPE Healthcare Facility** will operate on a Belgian/SHAPE holiday schedule March 25 in observance of Good Friday and March 28 in observance of Easter Monday:

- Acute Care Walk-In Clinic will operate with Medical Officer of the Day, or MOD, coverage only from 8 to 10 a.m.

• Due to Good Friday and Easter Monday, the following front-line customer services will be closed March 25 and 28 at **Logistics Readiness Center Benelux Operations**:

- Supply Support Activity
- Hazardous Material Control Center
- Personal Property Processing Office
- Transportation Motor Pool
- Driver Testing Station.

Questions can be directed to DSN 366-6571 or civilian 065-326571.

• **Chièvres Library** has changed its hours of operation for the near future while new staff is being trained.

The new hours are as follows:

Closed March 25 to April 4, April 6 to 11, April 15 to 18, April 22 to 25 and April 29 to 30.

Open from noon to 6 p.m. April 5, April 12 to 14, April 19 to 21 and April 26 to 28.

During this time of transition, Chièvres Library patrons may continue to use SHAPE International Library for all their needs, including picking up material that has been ordered through the Chièvres Library and dropping off material borrowed from the Chièvres Library.

**SHAPE International Library** is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call SHAPE International Library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631.



## Shamrock Run offers fun

Most of the participants in the Schinnen Shamrock 5K Fun Run/Walk Thursday, March 17, 2016, wore green in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Schinnen fun runs don't track top male or female runner, or keep time. (U.S. Army photo by Rita Hoefnagels)

# High-school juniors can apply for leadership camp

With only seven more days until the deadline, the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary are still taking applications for their 2016 Boys State/Girls State program.

In this summer program, the candidate can run for office, learn public speaking, draft and debate legislation, and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government.

Many colleges and universities offer scholarships or admission preference to attendees of the Boys State/Girls State programs. Only young men and women who are currently completing their junior year of high school and who have at least one more semester remaining (including home-schooled students) are considered. The Boys State/

Girls State programs will take place in Maryland June 19 to 25, and the candidates are chaperoned while there.

American Legion "Flanders Field" Post BE02 and Legion Auxiliary will cover the cost of both transportation and the camp. The American Legion's Department of France (equivalent to state level) candidates are sponsored by the American Legion in Maryland.

"Everything is organized so that the candidate can focus on learning, meeting new friends and having fun," BE02 post commander Joseph Schram said.

Applications for Boys State/Girls State can be obtained from the high-school counselor or from American Legion Post BE02 at [flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com](mailto:flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com).

# Fun events in Benelux usher in spring



Children participating in the "newborn to 3" egg hunt make a mad dash to the many eggs at the USAG Benelux-Schinnen community Kinderfest and Egg Hunt Saturday, March 19, 2016, on JFC Brunssum. (U.S. Army photo by Rita Hoefnagels)



The Easter Bunny visits with a mother and child . (U.S. Army photo by Rita Hoefnagels)



Jasmine Ontiveros, 15, does a little face-painting on Brooke Cox, 5, during Eggstravaganza on Chièvres Air Base Saturday, March 19, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Andrea Wales)



At left, Julia Mariotti helps her son, Duilio Valente, 3, make a bunny-eared headband during Eggstravaganza on Chièvres Air Base Saturday, March 19, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Andrea Wales) • At right, Raffaella Clabassi holds a bunny cup while her daughter, Claudia, 7, puts on the finishing touches during Chièvres Air Base's Eggstravaganza event Saturday, March 19, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Andrea Wales)



# ACS develops ePrearrival for newcomers

Relocation managers from Brussels, Schinnen and SHAPE met in Brussels March 16 to brainstorm on a USAG Benelux ePrearrival information packet that should be launched in the near future. The three relocation managers compared their existing prearrival CDs and their welcome packets.

In addition, each of the RMs shared her perspective on helping newcomers successfully relocate and integrate into the Benelux communities. The Brussels relocation manager, Cathy Blumental, shared her longtime experience in the relocation field. The Schinnen relocation manager, Casandra "Annette" Sanders-Nash, who was a newcomer less

than a year ago, shared what she needed most when she was preparing for her overseas assignment. The SHAPE relocation manager, Linda "Lindita" Celaj, who welcomes the largest numbers of newcomers, shared the needs of these newcomers.

This small relocation team was committed to a common project, putting together a USAG Benelux ePrearrival information packet. The first draft was presented to the Benelux Army Community Service director, Yvette Castro, March 17.

"Stay tuned for the progression of the project," Blumental said.

## 'Gentlemen, start your engines!'

# Cub Scout Pack 325 holds Pinewood Derby

### Special to the Gazette

More than 50 Cub Scouts competed in Pack 325's annual Pinewood Derby at the (old) SHAPE school cafeteria March 19. This activity is one of the most popular and successful family activities in Cub Scouting.

Pinewood Derby cars are small wooden models made from a standard kit of a block of wood, four axles and four wheels. There are some weight and dimensional limitations, but otherwise anything goes. Some of the cars showed wonderful creativity, particularly the Frozen-themed car and another resembling a GI Joe vehicle.

Scouts build the cars with assistance from their families, generally working together in father-son teams. They acquire a healthy attitude toward competition and sportsmanship, and become more proficient at working with wood and tools.

The cars are raced in a gravity-powered competition down a four-lane track with electronic timing for accuracy at the finish line.

Parent volunteers set up and took down the track, ran the scoring table and acted as finish-line judges and pit-crew car managers.

This year is the 63rd anniversary of the Pinewood Derby. The very first Derby was held in California in 1953. It quickly spread through the Cub Scouting world and has been going strong ever since.

SHAPE Pack 325 Cub Scouts raced in five age-based divisions: Tiger Cubs,



Cubmaster Adam Barlow (far left) and the grand marshal, John Morrison (far right), present the overall winners with their trophies and spark plugs. Top three were Ethan Bowers, 11, with first place; Lucas Fisher, 7, with second place; and Thomas McCabe-Hefner, 11, with third place. (Photo by Lt. Col. Virginia McCabe)

Wolves, Bears, Webelos (which stands for "We'll Be Loyal Scouts") and Arrow of Light. The top three finishers from each of these divisions then competed to determine the top three racers for the pack. Final top three were Ethan Bowers, 11, with first place; Lucas Fisher, 7, with second place; and Thomas McCabe-Hefner, 11, with third place.

This year, there was even the family division, which allowed siblings and parents to create a car and race.

While not every Scout was able to

win a race, each Scout who built a car and competed had a great time and learned about sportsmanship. Every car will be treasured for years to come by the youngster who built it.

Cub Scouting is open to boys, ages 6 to 10, and Boy Scouting is open to boys, ages 11 to 17. Adult volunteers are also needed to serve on the committee and as den leaders next year. Find out more about Scouting by sending an email message to [shapecubpack325@gmail.com](mailto:shapecubpack325@gmail.com).

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

### Register now

- **CYSS Sports and Fitness** - Registration for four CYSS sports programs ends March 25. A valid sports physical is required before a youth may participate. To register, call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651.
  - **Cheerleading for children, ages 6 to 12** - Meet at the Sterrebeek Youth Center for practice Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. for the season **March 29 to June 2**. Open to all U.S./NATO/Embassy ID card-holders. Cost: \$40.
  - **Soccer for children, ages 6 to 12** - Meet at the Brussels American School track at Sterrebeek Annex for practice Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for the season **March 29 to June 4**. Open to all U.S./NATO ID card-holders. Cost: \$40.
  - **Spring Running Club** - Meet at the Brussels American School track at Sterrebeek Annex for practice Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for the season **March 28 to June 4**. Open to all U.S./NATO/Embassy ID card-holders. Cost: \$40.
  - **Spring T Ball** - Meet at the Brussels American School football field at Sterrebeek Annex for practice Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for the season **March 28 to May 25**. (Children, ages 3 to 5, practice on Wednesdays only.) Games take place Saturdays. Open to all U.S./NATO ID card-holders. Cost: children, ages 3 to 5, \$20; children, ages 6 to 7, \$45.

### March 24, 25

- **BOSS Movie Night** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts free movies "Brooklyn" (PG-13) **March 24** and "Steve Jobs" (R) **March 25** from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the BOSS Movie Area on the third floor of Building 1. Space is limited so make your reservation soon at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

### March 25

- **"The Passion of the Christ"** - This film will be shown at Brussels American Chapel at 6 p.m.

### March 26

- **Spring Fling at the 3 Star** - Celebrate the beginning of spring from 9 a.m. to noon. Children's Arts and Crafts will take place inside the 3 Star, and egg hunts will be outside. Parents, you can take photos of your children with the Easter Bunny until 10:30 a.m. For information on the egg-hunt schedule, call DSN 368-9680 or civilian 02-7179680.

### March 27

- **Protestant Easter service** - This service will take place at Brussels American Chapel at 10:30 a.m.

### March 31

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy the all-you-can-eat taco bar from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: adults \$10; children, ages 12 and under, \$5. (Alternate children's menu: hotdogs or chicken fingers.) Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

### Sign up now

- **Anti-Abuse 5K Fun Run/Walk** - Come out to the Schinnen Fitness Center **April 6**, and show your support for an end to child abuse and sexual violence. Event starts at 9 a.m. For more information, contact DSN 360-7500/7218/7367 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500/7218/7367.

### March 24

- **Catholic Holy Thursday Mass** - This service will take place at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base Chapel at 7 p.m.

### March 25

- **Catholic Good Friday service** - This service will take place at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base Chapel at 3 p.m.

### March 26

- **Catholic Holy Saturday Easter Vigil** - This service will take place at Geilenkirchen Chapel at 7 p.m.

### March 27

- **Protestant Easter service** - This service will take place in JFC Brunssum Chapel at 9:30 a.m.
- **Catholic Easter Mass** - This service will take place at JFC Brunssum Chapel at 11:30 a.m.

### March 28 to April 1

- **Spring Break Fun** - All ages are welcome for Spring Break Fun from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Activities include Cosmic Bowling, inflatables, table tennis, badminton, basketball, soccer and foosball from noon to 4 p.m. An indoor climbing wall is also available. Cost: \$5 per person per day. For more information, contact the Bowling Center at DSN 360-7207 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437207.

### March 30

- **Lego Club** - Children, ages 4 to 12, are invited to make friends at the JFC Brunssum Library and become master builders from 2 to 5 p.m. For more information, call DSN 364-2469 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5262469.

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

### Sign up now

- **U.S. Military Bowl football game** - The 424th Air Base Squadron will host its annual "U.S. Military Bowl" double elimination **April 23** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The 424th ABS Chièvres Family Organization will have food and beverages will be available for purchase to raise money for future squadron events. The games are set to take place on the Chièvres football field behind the Chièvres Activity Center, and a trophy will be presented to the victor. To sign up to be a player on one of the teams, call
  - **Air Force** DSN 361-5333 or civilian 068-275333
  - **Army** DSN 361-5301 or civilian 068-275301
  - **Navy** DSN 423-7619 or civilian 065-447619.

### March 24

- **Catholic Holy Thursday Mass** - This service (which will include the washing of the feet) will take place at SHAPE International Chapel Centre's East Chapel at 7 p.m., followed by Adoration from 8 p.m. to midnight.

### March 25

- **Catholic Good Friday Mass** - This service (which will include Liturgy of the Word with the reading of the Passion; General Intercessions; Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion) will take place at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel at 7 p.m.

### March 26

- **Catholic Easter Vigil Mass** - This service will take place at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel at 7:30 p.m. Reception in the Fellowship Hall follows.

### March 27

- **Catholic Easter Mass** - This service will take place at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel at 9 a.m. Reception in the Fellowship Hall follows.
- **Anglican Easter service** - This service will take place at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel at 10:15 a.m.
- **SHAPE Contemporary Protestant Easter service** - This service will be held at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel at 11:45 a.m.

### March 28 to April 1

- **Youth Centre Spring Break Camp** - From technology to outdoor fun, there's something for everyone at this day camp. Open to all CYSS-registered youth in sixth through 12th grades. To register, call DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097.
- **School Age Centre Spring Break Camp** - This year's theme is "Ultimate Sports and Fitness Challenge." To register, call DSN 366-6839/6997 or civilian 065-326839/6797.

Inside the gate

## Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates – 2D movies: adults €6.50 and children 12 and under €3.75. 3D movies: adults €8.50 and children 12 and under €5.75. Visit <http://www.shape2day.com>, and click "Cinema Schedule" icon.

## Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English

Only the British or American movies listed as VO (Version Originale or Originele Versie) will be in English.

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

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

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

## Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Adult admission is €6.5 (ages 12 and older) - Child admission is €3.75 (ages 11 and under). Check the web page at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146> for the movie schedule.

**Victim Advocate  
Hotlines**

**SHAPE/Chièvres and Brussels: +32 (0) 476-762264**  
**Schinnen: +31 (0) 651-919119**  
**DOD Safe Helpline: +49 (0) 611-143-537-SAFE (7233)**

# Why is orange the color of the Netherlands?

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You may have noticed the omnipresence of the orange color in the Netherlands and wondered why. Isn't the Dutch flag red, white and blue?

To better understand why orange is so important to Dutch people, let's go back to the 16th century. Orange, white and blue were the original colors of the national flag because those were the colors of Willem van Oranje, called after the principality Orange (France), a legacy from his cousin. At the time, the flag was called the Prince's flag.

You may know that the Netherlands are a union of several regions which were reunited into one kingdom in 1648. Willem van Oranje (1533-1584) was the initiator and leader of the Dutch revolution (Eighty Years' War) against the Spanish, resulting in the formal independence of the Netherlands.

In the middle of the 17th century, the Prince's flag was gradually changed into the State's flag in which the



On birthdays of members of the Dutch royal family, the Dutch flag is flown with the orange banner.

orange color changed to red.

Nevertheless, the Dutch monarchy is still called the 'Huis van Oranje' (House of Orange), referring to the legacy of principedom Orange. Therefore, the orange color is still linked today to the royal house and is present everywhere in the Netherlands (on King's birthday, during sporting events and more).

The Dutch flag features three horizontal stripes: the top stripe is red; the middle one is white; and the bottom stripe is

blue. Each of them has a meaning: the red stands for power, bravery, strength, valor and a defending spirit. The white represents honesty, peace, the struggle for freedom and supremacy.

The blue symbolizes loyalty, work, justice, economy and vigilance.



## Upcoming organized trips

### SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Paris, March 26**
- **Croatia with Venice and Slovenia, March 28 to April 6**
- **Medieval Dinner in Brugge (Bruges), April 2**
- **Efteling amusement park, April 5**
- **Versailles, April 9**
- **Paris with Moulin Rouge, April 16**
- **Keukenhof Gardens and Gouda, April 23**
- **Berlin, April 29 to May 2**
- **Amsterdam, April 30**
- **Poland: Polish pottery, Auschwitz, Krakow and Wroclaw, May 5 to 10**
- **Monet's House and Gardens, Giverny, France, May 21**
- **Dover Castle and Canterbury by ferry, May 28**
- **Normandy Beaches and Mont St-Michel, June 5 to 8**
- **Paris, June 11**
- **Amsterdam, June 18**
- **Scotland, June 18 to 26**
- **London, June 25**
- **Disney Paris, June 29**

- **Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, July 5 to 9**
- **Durbuy and Namur with the Citadelle, July 13**
- **EuropaPark and Strasbourg, France, July 16 to 17**

### SHAPE Travel Group

Call civilian 0470-876369 for details.

- **Highclere Castle (setting for "Downton Abbey"), April 4**
- **Veuve Clicquot Champagne, April 14**
- **Paris in the Spring, April 27**
- **Keukenhof Gardens and Scheveningen, May 3**
- **Versailles, May 19**
- **Honfleur and Calvados, May 26**
- **Arnhem, June 7**
- **Canterbury, June 23**

### Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- **Family Day Trout Fishing, April 9**
- **Keukenhof gardens, April 23**
- **Weekend Trip to the D-Day Landing Beaches, Memorials & Battle Monuments in Normandy, France, July 15 to 18 (Payment due by May 6.)**
- **Regular Season NFL Game Washington Redskins vs. Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 29 to 31 (Payment due by July 29.) Pickups at Schinnen and SHAPE.**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

**March 25**

- **Market flowers in Tournai** will be held on Place Paul-Emile Janson starting at 6 a.m. A market for local products will take place as well as a brass band concert by the firefighters of Tournai. Free admission.

**March 26**

- **Egg hunt in Enghien** will be held in the park on Avenue d'Elisabeth from 10:30 a.m. to noon.
- **Flea market in Pâturages (30 booths)** - On Rue du Grand Passage from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Houdeng-Goegnies (30 booths)** - On Place de Goegnies from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**March 26 to April 3**

- **Amaryllis display at the Beloeil castle** - Some 6,000 amaryllis flowers will be on display from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Rue du Château 11. Admission: adults, €10; children, ages 6 to 12, €4.50; children under 6, free.

**March 27**

- **Egg hunt in Soignies** will be held at the Parc Paternoster on Rue Melle Hanicq from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: €3, free for accompanying people.
- **Flea market in Jemappes (200 booths)** - At Avenue Maréchal Foch 873 from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Strépy-Bracquegnies (45 booths)** - on Parking Euro Spart from 1 to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market in Soignies (40 booths)** - On Place Joseph Wauters from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Harmignies for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Salle Calva at Rue Vieille Eglise 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ecaussines-Lalaing for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Avenue de la Déportation 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Marbais for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the school at Rue du Berceau 18 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



**March 27 to 28**

- **Visit the Attre château and park** - Visit of the château is with a English, French and Dutch guide at 3, 4 or 5 p.m. The visit of the park is at your own pace from 2 to 6 p.m. Admission to both the château and the park: adults, €6.50; children, ages 6 to 12, €4.50. Admission to the park only: adults, €4.50; children, ages 6 to 12, €3.50.



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

**Through March 28**

- **Selections Castle Fair in Amerongen** will be held in the castle at Drotestraat 20. Selections is an art-and-antique fair. Open March 24 and 26 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; March 25 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; March 27 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; March 28 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €15.

**March 25**

- **Year Market in Deventer** will be held in the historic center of town. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**March 26**

- **Kennedy Mars in Sittard** started as a way to prove President John F. Kennedy wrong. In a 1963 speech, he said that “nobody can walk 50 miles within 20 hours anymore.” Many people all over the world then walked 50 miles/80 km. Learn about the Sittard volksmarch at <http://www.kennedymars.org>.

**March 26 to 28**

- **Easter Market in Middelburg** will be held on the market square and through the center of town. Open March 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; March 27 to 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**March 27**

- **Birds of Prey Show in Valkenburg** will take place at the Castle ruins at Daalhemmerweg 27 at 1 and 4 p.m. Admission (which includes admission to the Velvet Cave): €10; children, ages 4 to 12, €7.50.

**March 28**

- **Flea Market in Den Bosch** will be held at Brabanthallen. Open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: €5; children, ages 11 and under, free admission.

**Through May 16**

- **Keukenhof Gardens near Lisse** opens its gates once again to show floral displays planted in endless varieties among beautiful works of art. This year, the world-famous international flower exhibition has chosen “The Golden Age, the era when Holland became rich through worldwide trade” as its central theme. Open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ticket office closes at 6 p.m. Admission: €16; children, ages 4 to 11, €8. For more information in English, visit <http://www.keukenhof.nl>.



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Due to the current situation in Belgium, events have been limited.

Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.