

# THE GAZETTE

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

## Benelux news briefs

### Gold Star Mother's Day

Gold Star Mother's Day is Sunday, Sept. 28.

On this day, Americans honor mothers of service members who have died while serving the nation.

### Brussels 3 Star open

Join the staff of the 3 Star for the Family Dinner reopening Oct. 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The 3 Star is serving up barbecue dishes: half-rack ribs \$8, full rack \$10, roasted chicken \$8, kid's meal \$4. All served with cole slaw, potato salad and a green salad. Reservations required: Call DSN 368-9680 or civilian 02-7179680.

### Brussels food court opening delayed

The start date of the Army & Air Force Exchange Service Food Court Concession has been delayed. A viable contract concessionaire hasn't been found. AAFES will continue to search for a concessionaire.

### Gazette submissions

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USAF Staff Sgt. Andrew Caber

### Sports Day offers fun activities to build camaraderie

Capt. Andrea Dufour administers a pie in the face to Capt. Tyson Chung of the 470th Air Base Squadron at Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany, during Squadron Sports Day recently. Although mostly filled with sports, the day also featured some members of the 470th ABS getting pied in the name of boosting morale.

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# Must-have training offered to GOV drivers, UTCs

All drivers of U.S. government vehicles must take Annual Winter Drivers Training. The following classes are being offered:

**SHAPE:** Classes in English every Wednesday from Oct. 15 to Dec. 10 in Building 220's Room 113 at 9:15 a.m. Space is limited for SHAPE training sessions so register by telephone at DSN 366-6175/6543 or civilian 065-326175/6543. Sessions in French for groups are available upon request.

**Chièvres:** Classes will be Oct 23 and Nov. 20 in the auditorium of Caserne Daumerie's Building 30. Class in English will be at 9 a.m., and class in French will be at 9:45 a.m.

**Brussels:** Classes in English will be in Building 2's Conference Room Oct. 2 (during Mandatory Training Day) at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. as well as in Building 1's Room 308 Oct. 21 and Oct. 23 at 1:30 p.m.

**Schinnen:** Every Tuesday and Friday in October from 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. in Building 4's Drivers Testing classroom. Separate classes will be offered to military police Oct. 2 from 1 to 2 p.m. and Oct. 27 from 9 to 10 a.m. Call DSN 360-7433 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437433.

**International School Brunsum:** Class in English will be Oct. 3 from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

**SDDC at Rotterdam:** Class in English will be Oct. 9, conference room.

**HQ, JFC Brunsum:** Classes in English will be Oct. 9, and a date to be determined in the conference room.

**HQ, Muenster (Germany):** Classes in English will be on a date to be determined in the conference room.

Bring your driver's license (OF 346). Unit Transportation Coordinator Training will be conducted on Chièvres Air Base in Building 105 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Oct. 21 and Oct. 28. It will be conducted on SHAPE in Building 220's Drivers Testing Station Classroom from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Oct. 23 and Oct. 30.

## Certain damage calls for Article 139 claims

**By Reggy Krijgsman**

Netherlands Law Center

If a service member deliberately damages or destroys your property, you may be entitled to compensation directly from the guilty service member. Article 139 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice provides an easy, effective way for victims of deliberate misconduct to obtain compensation for their losses.

The process: To start the recovery, the victim submits a written demand for a specific dollar amount of compensation to the commander of the accused service member.

It is sufficient to submit a simple letter that states the following:

- The identity of the guilty service member;
- An explanation of how the loss occurred; and
- The amount of the loss or damage. The amount should be substantiated with either estimates of repair or replacement cost.

If there are any witnesses, include a statement from them, too, or at least provide their names and contact information.

You must submit a written demand promptly. Generally, it must be submitted within 90 days of the incident. An unreasonable delay may result in the claim being denied.

An Article 139 claim is an administrative action and is independent of any other criminal action against a service member. There is no reason to delay filing or processing the Article 139 claim, even if criminal charges are pending.

Finally, the claim can only be for personal property damage. Physical injuries and damage to real estate aren't payable under Article 139. Contract disputes, such as arguments over a family child-care contract or

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Trenches to Foxholes

# 'Hell on Wheels' honored as heroes



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(Clockwise from top left) The local citizenry experiences a ticker-tape parade in orange, the Dutch color, as re-enactors drive vintage military vehicles through the streets of Brunssum last Sunday, re-creating a bit of World War II liberation history during "Brunssum Celebrates 70 Years of Freedom" festivities Sept. 19, 2014. • Fireworks enhance the atmosphere of celebration at "Brunssum Celebrates 70 Years of Freedom" Sept. 19, 2014. • An unveiling of the War Memorial dedicated to the Soldiers from the 2nd Armored Division is part of the Sept. 19, 2014, festivities. The nicknamed "Hell on Wheels" Division liberated Brunssum 70 years ago. • Schinnen Mayor Barry Link sits in an authentic World War II American Jeep, Sept. 19, 2014, with Kimberly Wayland, the USAG Benelux-Schinnen deputy garrison manager, standing behind him and her husband, Greg, sitting behind the wheel. The Jeep was part of the static display during the Liberation Festive Evening at Schinnen. Late in the afternoon Sept. 18, 1944, the inhabitants of Schinnen saw the first tanks from the 2nd Armored Division approaching; liberation had arrived in that part of the Netherlands. • A re-enactor walks beside a vintage military vehicle in the parade during "Brunssum Celebrates 70 Years of Freedom" festivities Sept. 19, 2014.



Patricia Luijpen



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**Trenches to Foxholes**

**Free showing: Film tells story of Battle of Bulge nurse**

The communities of the Benelux have an opportunity to view the film "The Forgotten Angel of Bastogne" at a free showing today and tomorrow. It tells the true story of Augusta Chiwy, a Belgian World War II nurse who saved hundreds of American lives during the siege of Bastogne.

Key members of the movie's production team will be available for questions.

The HBO series Band of Brothers told of "Anna of the Congo," who worked with another nurse, Renée Lemaire, in a U.S. Army medical aid station during the Battle of the Bulge.

Military historian Martin King sought out "Anna."

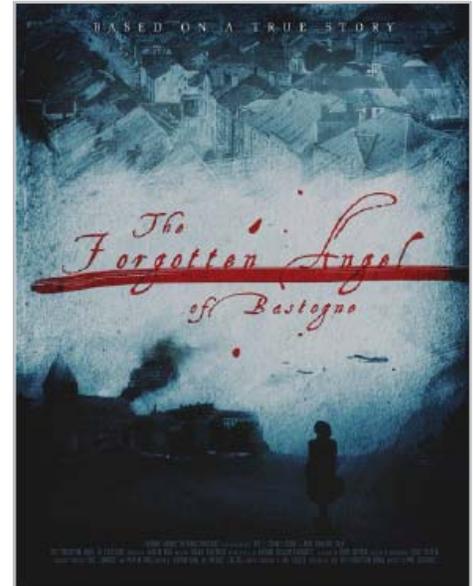
A biracial Belgian citizen born in the

Congo, Chiwy was born to a Belgian father who was working in the Congo as a veterinarian and a Congolese mother whom she never knew.

King was instrumental in getting Chiwy the recognition she so richly deserved. She was knighted by King Albert II of Belgium in June 2011 and received the Department of the Army Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service in Brussels Dec. 12, 2011.

**SHAPE community:** "The Forgotten Angel of Bastogne" will be showing free of charge at the SHAPE cinema (Alliance Auditorium) Sept. 25. It will be open to all from 6 to 8 p.m.

**Brussels community:** It will be free at the Luns Theater at NATO Headquarters Sept. 26 from 3 to 5 p.m.



Sgt. Vincent Pedican

**Operation Market Garden remembered**

Lt. Gen. William Garrett III, deputy commanding general of U.S. European Command renders a salute during a wreath-laying ceremony for the 70th Anniversary of Operation Market Garden in Ede, The Netherlands, Sept. 20, 2014. Operation Market Garden took place Sept. 17 to 25, 1944. Market was the airborne part of the operation; Garden was the ground portion. It was the largest airborne operation at the time.

## Trenches to Foxholes

## Next week in World War history (Sept. 28 to Oct. 4)

## World War I

1914

**Sept. 28** - The Germans besiege and capture Antwerp, Belgium. A German bombardment of the Belgian fortifications with artillery begins. The Belgian garrison has no hope of victory without relief, and, despite the arrival of the Royal Naval Division, the Germans penetrate the outer ring of forts.

**Oct. 1** - Together with the Battle of Albert, the Battle of Arras forms an attempt by the French to outflank the Germans in a north-westerly movement toward the English Channel. The attack is designed to outflank the German forces by advancing along a line between Arras and Lens.

1915

**Oct. 3** - Anglo-French forces begin landing at the Greek port of Salonika (now Thessaloniki). The troops are sent to provide military assistance to the Serbs who have recently been attacked by combined German, Austro-Hungarian and Bulgarian armies. The intervention comes too late to save Serbia, and, after a brief winter campaign in severe weather conditions on the Serbian frontier, the Anglo-French forces find themselves back at Salonika.

1916

**Oct. 1** - The final offensive mounted by the British Fourth Army during the 1916 Battle of the Somme begins with the capture of Eaucourt L'Abbaye by the 47th (1/2nd London) Division as well as an advance along the Albert-Bapaume road toward Le Sars.

- The Battle of the Ancre Heights is the continuation of British attacks after the Battle of Thiepval Ridge from Sept. 26 to 28 by the Reserve Army (renamed Fifth Army Oct. 29) from Courcellette near the Albert-Bapaume road, west to Thiepval on Bazentin Ridge.

1917

**Oct. 3** - Six months after the United States declared war on Germany and began its participation in the First World War, the U.S. Congress passes the War Revenue Act, increasing income taxes to unprecedented levels in order to raise more money for the war effort.

1918

**Sept. 29** - Bulgaria signs an armistice with the Allies, becoming the first of the Central Powers to quit the war.

**Sept. 30** - As Allied forces led by Gen. Edmund Allenby march steadily toward Damascus, Turkish authorities abandon the city.

**Oct. 1** - Max von Baden arrives in Berlin to take office as the new German chancellor, after conflict within the German military and government leadership causes his predecessor, Georg von Hertling, to resign.

**Oct. 2** - At the White House in Washington, D.C., United States President Woodrow Wilson suffers a massive stroke that leaves him partially paralyzed on his left side and effectively ends his presidential career.

**Oct. 4** - President Woodrow Wilson receives a request from the German government, sent via the Swiss, asking for armistice discussions on the basis of his Fourteen Points.

## World War II

1938

**Sept. 30** - Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, French Premier Edouard Daladier and British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain sign the Munich Pact, which seals the fate of Czechoslovakia, virtually handing it over to Germany in the name of peace. Upon return to Britain, Chamberlain would declare that the meeting had achieved "peace in our time."

1941

**Sept. 29** - The Soviet Union signs a Treaty of Mutual Assistance with the Baltic nation of Estonia, giving Josef Stalin the right to occupy Estonian naval and air bases. A similar treaty would later be signed with Latvia. Soviet tanks eventually rolled across these borders in the name of "mutual assistance," placing the Baltic States into the hands of the U.S.S.R. for decades to come.

1941

**Oct. 2** - The Germans begin their surge to Moscow, led by the 1st Army Group and Gen. Fedor von Bock. Russian peasants in the path of Hitler's army employ a "scorched-earth" policy.

1942

**Oct. 3** - German rocket scientist Wernher von Braun's brainchild, the V-2 missile, is fired successfully from Peenemunde, an island off Germany's Baltic coast. It traveled 118 miles. German scientists, led by von Braun, had been working on the development of these long-range missiles since the 1930s. Three trial launches had already failed; the fourth in the series, known as A-4, finally saw the V-2, a 12-ton rocket capable of carrying a one-ton warhead, successfully launched. (After the war, scientists of the Von Braun Group at Peenemunde immigrated to the United States.)

1943

**Oct. 4** - Heinrich Himmler, head of the Schutzstaffel, or SS, addresses the squad leaders of his Nazi secret police, attempting to fill them with pride for the work they've accomplished: the murder of more than 1 million Jews in German-occupied Russia during a one-and-a-half-year period.

"Most of you know what it means to see a hundred corpses lying together, five hundred or a thousand," Himmler said. "To have stuck it out and at the same time ... to have remained decent fellows, that is what has made us hard. This is a page of glory in our history which has never been written and shall never be written."

1944

**Oct. 1** - A84 (Chièvres Air Base) becomes fully operational after being nearly destroyed up the German departure in September.

**Oct. 2** - The 368th Fighter Group, under the command of Col. Gilbert Meyers, arrives at A84.

**Oct. 4** - The 365th Fighter Group, under the command of Lt. Col. Robert C Richardson III, arrives at A84.

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

**Music notes**

**SHAPE band plays in Mons**

The SHAPE International Band will perform in the sixth annual Friendship Concert at the Royal Theater of Mons Oct. 10 at 8 p.m.

The concert is designed to reinforce the close links between the communities of the Mons Region and SHAPE/NATO. A shuttle bus will travel to and from SHAPE.

Admission is free. However, you must make a ticket reservation through the SHAPE2Day website at <http://www.shape2day.com>.

**Season tickets on sale**

This season, SHAPE Players present four plays (two musicals): adult comedy "Detachments" (R), "Seussical the Musical," "You Can't Take It With You" and "Little Shop Of Horrors." Call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.



Autumn Walther/SCL

*Tops in Blue*

Celebrating 60 years of the Air Force entertaining service members, civilians employees and their family members, Tops in Blue performs on the stage of the Alliance Auditorium (SHAPE Cinema) Sept. 19, 2014. The show spotlighted popular music, including country music with a pop flavor as well as music and characters from animated features like "Happy" and the Minions from "Despicable Me 2."

**Choirs offer opportunities for making music, friendships**

**SHAPE choir**

Whether you are new to SHAPE or have been there a while and just need something new and exciting to do, you can meet people from other nations and participate in a rewarding international group,

Contribute your musical talents to the community by joining this International choir. The SHAPE International Community Choir is a group of singers from all the countries of SHAPE who come together to practice music together.

The choir performs at events on SHAPE, such as holiday parties, holiday concerts, SHAPE festivals, commemorations of historical events and many other occasions on and off SHAPE. In June, its members participated in the World War I centenary concert in the Alliance Auditorium with an orchestra from Brussels.

If you enjoy singing or would like to learn to sing in a choir, attend a rehearsal. The choir meets at the SHAPE Club (located in Building 903 near the Luxembourg Gate) Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. A social usually follows in the Blue Moon.

**Brussels chorus**

The Brussels American Community Chorus rehearses Mondays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Kraainem, a suburb of Brussels. The music includes Christmas carols, Hanukkah songs and Broadway winter music. Singers from any country are welcome, including both adults and students 12 and older. No experience or audition is needed. Contact [fa044226@skynet.be](mailto:fa044226@skynet.be).



Courtesy Photo

The SHAPE International Community Choir performs for the German National Military Representative's holiday party.

# SHAPE Clinic holds open house, women's health symposium

Compete against a Soldier, learn about "White Space" and watch hands-only CPR at SHAPE Healthcare Facility's open house Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is open to all SHAPE ID card holders.

"The Open House is an opportunity for the community to come in and learn about health," said Lt. Col. Aristotle Vaseliades, the deputy commander for administration at SHAPE and Brussels Healthcare Facilities.

He stressed the international nature of the event.

"Our colleagues from the British and German Clinics also help

make the event a success," Vaseliades said. "Last year, we had attendees from the U.S. schools and the rest of the community. This year, we've opened it up and invited the international schools as well. We are excited that some of them have taken us up on our offer."

Here are some of the things to do at the open house:

- \*Participate in Performance Triad (sleep, activity, nutrition) activities.
- \*Have a blood-pressure screening.
- \*Listen to the Dental Clinic presentation.
- \*Take a girls-only classes with Fiona
- \*Have a height/weight/BMI (Body Mass Index) screening.
- \*Take a class about sexually transmitted diseases with British clinic.
- \*See how germey your hands really are at a hand-washing demonstration with the lab.
- \*Compete against a Soldier - pushups, situps and more.
- \*Learn about hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation at a CPR demo with the German clinic.
- \*Participate in a women's health seminar.
- \*Learn about White Space.

## What do you mean 'White Space'?

White Space, or Life Space, is the time in person's life where they make personal decisions about their health outside the walls of the health clinic, according to Vaseliades. The majority of these decisions are associated with sleep, activity and nutrition, also known as the Performance Triad.

"This is a great opportunity for people of all ages to learn about the importance of health and prevention in their daily lives."

"If we can improve a person's health knowledge with respect to the performance triad, we believe they will make better decisions in these areas, leading to a reduction in disease and improved

resiliency and performance in their lives," he said.

## Women's symposium offers classes

The Women's Health Symposium will be held in the second-floor conference room from 9 a.m. to noon. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Dr. Louise Watkins-Masters, a gynecologist/obstetrician at Le Centre Hospitalier Régional de la Haute Senne, commonly known as CHR Haute Senne, in Soignies will be presenting "Life begins at 40" and "Sexual health after children."

Members of the SHF Team will be on hand to provide information:

- Learn how to perform a breast self-exam.
- Learn about perimenopause, menopause, osteoporosis and other changes to your body over time.
- Have a chance to ask questions of a healthcare provider.

The SHAPE clinic open house offers a variety of learning opportunities and allows attendees to pick the brains of healthcare providers.

"This is a great opportunity for people of all ages to learn about the importance of health and prevention in their daily lives," Vaseliades said.

## SHAPE news briefs

### SHAPE clinic offers flu shots

The SHAPE Immunization Clinic will offer flu vaccines Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. starting Oct. 15.

### Go to Haunted Clinic for unexpected Halloween fun

The SHAPE Healthcare Facility will be transformed into the "Haunted Clinic" Oct. 17 and 18 from 6 to 11 p.m. Admission: €5.

### Garrison puts on Retiree Appreciation Day at clinic

USAG Benelux invites military retirees to a Retiree Appreciation Day program at the SHAPE Healthcare Facility Saturday, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon. Starting at 8:30 a.m., retirees can come early for coffee and pastries, then take some time to "meet and greet."

The event features an Information exchange and services. The following services will be available to retirees on site during this time: Medical, Dental, VA, Army Community Service, Legal, Army Substance Abuse Program, Andrews Federal Credit Union and American Legion Post BE02 "Flanders Field."

Building 253, the U.S. Community Services Center, will be open until 2 p.m. to assist with renewals or replacements of identification cards as well as updates to the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS.

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service, or AAFES, will make a sheet cake for the event.

### SHAPE Club has breakfast

Located in Building 903 near the Luxembourg Gate, the SHAPE Club now offers a new-and-improved menu, including many low-cost options like Tuesday €5 Meal Deal from 11:30 a.m. to close of business and breakfast (two menus) from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. for €3.50.

Smoothies can also be made, and fresh orange juice and coffee can be purchased "to go."

Call DSN 423-4133/8301, or check its Facebook page and <http://www.shape2day.com> for updates.

# Agricultural pests potential threat to U.S. farmers

**By Robert Szostek**

U.S. European Command Customs Public Affairs Office

Europe is home to many agricultural pests that aren't found in the United States and soil is a natural hideout for them. This is why cleaning anything that collects dirt before you send it state-side is so important. These pests can cause great damage to the U.S. farming economy.

"You can unwittingly introduce invasive pests and disease into the USA," said Scott Sanner, U.S. Department of Agriculture adviser at the U.S. European Command Customs and Border Clearance Agency. "It only takes one bit of soil on your car, lawn furniture, bicycle, field gear, shoe or boot."

Vehicles and military equipment are especially prone to contamination by dirt, mud and soil, he added.

"It is so important to clean everything you ship or mail home - whether it is as a private person or as part of your work," Sanner said.

It is also why USEUCOM has a border-clearance program that inspects personal property, privately owned vehicles and military shipments destined for the United States to prevent any pests from spreading.

"For example, the burrowing nematode is a tiny worm not native to the States," Sanner said. "But it could hide in the

mud on your boots. If you took that mud stateside, the nematode eggs could later hatch and attack the roots of banana or citrus trees."

Losses on infested trees cost millions of dollars annually.

The golden nematode attacks potatoes and tomatoes reducing yields by as much as 80 percent. It threatens annual crop yields of more than \$1 billion.

Call your local military customs office to find out more agricultural threats to the United States, or visit the U.S. European Command Customs website at <http://www.eur.army.mil/opm/customs/uscustoms.htm>.

## Remember pets when planning for emergencies

When you and your family consider plans and provisions for emergencies, be sure to take your pets and other animals into account. Creatures that rely on humans in the best of times can't help themselves when disaster strikes. Good advance planning could prevent tragedy, worry and the risks you or others might take to affect a rescue.

To fully prepare for an emergency, Ready Army, an Army-wide emergency-preparedness campaign, suggests that you "Get a kit. Make a plan. Be informed." Being informed includes knowing in advance how you will handle your pets if you need to evacuate. Your emergency supply kit should also contain provisions for pets, including food and water, a strong leash, a carrier and veterinary records. Make sure the identification tags of any pets are up-to-date and secured on their collars, and consider micro-chipping your pets. If you have advance warning of an emergency, add a tag with your evacuation information.

### Protecting pets in an emergency

Pets often run away when they sense danger. If possible, keep them inside, not tied or confined outside.

"Animals turned loose to fend for themselves are likely to become victims of exposure, starvation, predators, contaminated food or water or accidents," according to the Humane Society of the United States. "Leaving dogs tied or chained outside in a disaster is a death sentence."

Many shelters don't allow pets. You may have to board your pets or place them in a special shelter for evacuated pets.

If you are told to evacuate and you are allowed to take your pets:

- Take enough supplies and food for at least three days.
- Make sure the carrier is secure and tagged with your pet's name, description and contact details.
- Clean up after your pets, and make sure they aren't causing problems.

If you are told to evacuate and cannot take your pets:

- Leave them inside with plenty of food and water.
- Place a notice on your door stating your pet is inside with contact information for you and your veterinarian.
- Keep a picture of your pet with you.

### After an emergency

• Pets can have some behavioral changes because of trauma. Keeping close contact with them will make them feel safer. Keep your pets on a leash and away from others until you are sure they are back to normal.

### Obtain additional information from

- Ready Army website at <http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy>.
- Federal Emergency Management Agency at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/animals.shtm>
- Humane Society of the United States
  - o [www.hsus.org/hsus\\_field/hsus\\_disaster\\_center/resources/](http://www.hsus.org/hsus_field/hsus_disaster_center/resources/)
  - o [www.hsus.org/web-files/PDF/DIST\\_DisasterPetBrochure.pdf](http://www.hsus.org/web-files/PDF/DIST_DisasterPetBrochure.pdf).



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# Brussels takes care of community members

*Plain White T's, Info Fair bring members of military family together*



Sonia Verbeeck and David Coldwell visit the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) table and talk to Mary Jenkins at the Brussels Info Fair Sept. 18.

Dean Jordan



USAG Benelux Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Carter and garrison commander Col. Marty Vannatter talk to Joseph Schram, the commander of the American Legion Post BE02 "Flanders Field," during the Brussels American Community Fall Bazaar and Info Fair at Brussels American School Youth Center Gym and Community Gym. Sept. 18.

Dean Jordan



The Plain White T's played to the Benelux audience in the Brussels gym Sept. 13, 2014.

Nikki Bertrand



The Benelux community gathered for a free concert in Brussels by the Plain White T's presented by Navy Entertainment, Armed Forces Entertainment and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Nikki Bertrand



Kym Shutley, the manager of Andrews Federal Credit Union's Brussels branch, greets fair-goers Sept. 18.

Dean Jordan

# Navigate Belgian VAT/IVA System more easily

## Special to the Gazette

Northern Law Center

Americans living in Europe are offered unique opportunities for travel, new food experiences and shopping. Some of the best memories for families are made while riding on a train to a different country, taking in the views at one of the many historical and cultural sites, and shopping until they drop in the numerous luxury shopping areas. In fact, European stores offer a vast array of options and choices for whatever goods you might be searching for, whether it's to redecorate your home or if you're just looking to take back a piece of "Europe" back with you to the USA.

SHAPE members (under Article 111.417 of the Belgian government and European Union Agreement) are entitled to tax-free purchases of reasonable quantities of certain goods and items that fall under the "durable goods" definition. In other words, American Shapians can purchase certain goods on the economy in Belgium and be eligible to receive a refund of the value-added taxes, or VAT, that are included with their purchase. When you want to make a large purchase, having the ability to recoup what you spent on tax is almost motivation to keep spending.

Here is an easy breakdown of how to navigate the VAT Process in Belgium:

1) Not all items are covered under the "exempted goods" category.

Examples of approved goods are:

- Household furniture other than pieces of antique furniture (i.e. more than 100 years old).
- Functional electrical appliances, such as washing machines, tumble driers, dishwashers, refrigerators, microwave ovens, cookers and vacuum cleaners
- Electric lamps and lighting fixtures (with the exclusion of the bulbs)
- Garden furniture (tables, chairs and patio umbrellas)
- Lawnmowers (excluding all other tools).
- Curtains and hangings.
- Bicycles and scooters less than 50 cc
- Tablecloths, crockery, household utensils and other than luxury items, such as gold, silver, Gilded, silver plated and platinized services.
- Bed linens including those for children and babies.
- Radios, CD players (including those for the car), televisions, hi-fi and video equipment.
- Personal computers (including screen and printer (but no spare parts) and iPad devices.

Non-durable goods -- such as water, gas, electricity, fuel oil or food products in general, products containing alcohol, tobacco products -- don't qualify for the tax exemption. In addition, items that become fitted to the structure of a build-

ing, such as pieces of furniture or accessories for the kitchen or bathrooms -- also don't qualify for the durable-goods exemption.

2) After making sure that your purchase complies with the exemption, two original copies of the VAT Form 151 will need to be filled out (Boxes 1, 3 and 5), signed and dated. Next, your National Military Representative, or NMR, will sign in Box 4 of Form 151.

3) Once signed, Form 151 must be submitted to the VAT office (located in Building 210's Room 103), where the form will have Box 6 signed and seals affixed. A sealed copy of Form 151 will then be given to the purchaser in order to receive restitution from the original place of purchase.

A complete listing of the durable goods that qualify for the exemption and the non-durable goods that wouldn't qualify is available on the "Customs and VAT in Belgium" page on Shape2Day (<http://www.shape2day.com>) under the "Newcomers" tab. Here you can also find a full description of the VAT regulations, procedures and printable copies of VAT Form 151.

Living and shopping on the economy offers you the chance to stimulate the local economy, to search for a quality product that is easy to bring home, and to interact with the local population.

# Check Belgian mailbox, pay bills to avoid paying big bucks later

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Northern Law Center

For civilian personnel and family members: The Legal Assistance Office has had clients from the community who are being required to pay €250 and even up to €300 for an initial bill of €50. Collection agencies will recover unpaid bills, and they charge at least €100 for each act of recovery.

### Utilities

If you rent a house, you will have bills for utilities but you might also have bills for the water company, waste removal, waste recycling and sewer maintenance.

If you are in government housing, all you need to do is hand these bills over to your housing office, and they will inform you how to process those bills. If you rent a house on the economy, you must pay those bills. It states in the SHAPE-Belgium Agreement that these bills will be paid by the tenant if the tenant lives on the economy.

Also, when you move, you must notify the town hall of your new place of residence within seven days if you move within the same city OR 15 days if you move to a different city. If you move to a different city, you are also required to report your change of residence to your previous town hall. You will show them your Belgian ID and update your resident information with them. Most of the time, it is free. The bills will then be forwarded to your new address. If you don't comply with this requirement, you will be liable for bills that go to your previous address, even if you are not aware of them.

### Hospital bills

The Northern Law Center has clients who have unpaid hospital bills. TRICARE will pay the hospital bills, but you will

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# American Legion honors POW/MIAs

By Joseph Schram

Commander of American Legion Post BE02 "Flanders Field"

On Friday, Sept. 19, Americans across the world paused to remember the American service members who never came home, either living or dead. Members of American Legion Post BE02 also held a remembrance at the Main Exchange on Chièvres Air Base for prisoners of war or missing in action.

The third Friday of September is designated as POW/MIA Recognition Day.

The day is one of six on which Congress mandates the flying of the POW/MIA Flag; the others days are Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

The American Legion is committed to achieving a full accounting of all POW/MIAs from all war eras whether through the return of living POWs, the repatriation of their remains, or finding convincing evidence of why neither is possible. Resolution No. 288, adopted at the 67th National Convention, calls for designating a POW/MIA Empty Chair at all official Legion meetings as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for.

The American Legion set up an empty chair, symbolizing the fact that members of our armed forces are missing from the ranks, and a small table that is set for one, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his oppressors.

The white tablecloth symbolizes the purity of his intentions to respond to his country's call to arms.



Joseph Schram/American Legion

The symbolism is rich at a remembrance at the Main Exchange on Chièvres Air Base for prisoners of war or missing in action, which was put together by American Legion Post BE02.

The single rose in the vase signifies the blood he may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of the United States of America and is a reminder of the family and friends of those missing comrades who keep the faith.

The yellow ribbon on the vase represents an unyielding determination for a proper accounting of those comrades.

On a plate, there's a slice of lemon to symbolize the POW/MIA's bitter fate,

a sprinkling of salt to symbolize the countless fallen tears of families as they wait, and an inverted glass because the POW/MIA cannot share a toast.

On the table is a candle that stands for the light of hope, an American flag that is a reminder that many have paid the supreme sacrifice to ensure freedom, and the flag of the American Legion, a symbol that it has pledged full accountability for all who haven't returned.

## Article 139 claims *continued*

the sale of a privately owned vehicle, are also outside the scope of Article 139.

Remember, each case is unique. This summary provides you with general information only. The procedures and requirements for Article 139 may be found in Army

Regulation 27-20 in Chapter 9.

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

## Belgian bills *continued*

be required to pay the collection agency fees; TRICARE won't pay these. You should check the status of your TRICARE/hospital bills regularly. If the payments are late, you will face additional costs that won't be refunded by TRICARE.

Also note that if you get a receipt in

the mail from the post office indicating you have mail, it likely refers to a piece of registered mail.

You must pick this mail up at the Belgian Post Office indicated on the form. Many times, it is a reminder for an unpaid bill, so don't ignore it.

Either pay the bill or give it to your housing office.

For any questions, contact your housing office or make an appointment with the Belgian legal adviser from the Northern Law Center at DSN 423-4868 or civilian 065-444868.



Members of the 470th Air Base Squadron participate in the Camaraderie Run kickoff for Sports Day Sept. 5, 2014. (Photo by Air Force Staff Sgt. Andrew Caber)

# Squadron Sports Day strengthens bonds

## *Mighty Bison improve mission readiness with fun, competition*

**By Autumn Lombardi**

470th Air Base Squadron Airman & Family Readiness Center

In sunny spring-like weather, the members of the 470th Air Base Squadron at Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany, got a morale boost at Squadron Sports Day Sept. 5. The event began with a camaraderie run in formation complete with various cadence calls. The run fostered a sense of solidarity and got the day off on the (your left...your left) right foot.

"During the squadron run, we were all in the same step, on the same path and going to the same place, so our camaraderie naturally shines through," said Tech. Sgt. Christian Navarro-Salazar, the 470th Air Base Squadron event coordinator.

Members from the entire unit took part in various sporting events.

"The goal of our Squadron Sports Day is to get everyone out of the office, enjoying

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themselves and to build relationships that ultimately help us better perform the mission," Navarro said.

The rest of the day was filled with basketball, volleyball, racquetball, ultimate Frisbee, football and kickball.

Afterward, they gathered for a barbecue. When the participants had their fill of hamburgers and hotdogs, it was time for dessert – pie in the face, that is, a fund-raiser by the booster club.

The day concluded with a coin-design contest. The squadron members voted on their favorite design, which turned out to be designed by Ed Carter, 470th ABS and community readiness consultant.

"Our overall goal was to enhance squadron morale with sporting events in a competitive, yet fun-focused environment," said the 470th ABS commander, Lt. Col. Bradt Vaira. "We had a wonderful day filled with esprit de corps and friendly competition. At the end of the day, the Mighty Bison had a chance to get to know one another a little bit better."

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## New classes start at UMUC-E soon, application-fee waiver offered

Hundreds of university courses will be starting Oct. 20 on site at military bases and posts throughout Europe and down-range as well as online. University of Maryland University College Europe (UMUC Europe) announces registration for Fall 2014 Session 2.

Registration is available until Oct. 15 for online classes, Oct. 19 for hybrid (on site and online), and the day each on-site class begins.

The schedule of classes can be found at <http://www.europe.umuc.edu>.

UMUC Europe welcomes new students applying for admission this term with a \$50 application-fee waiver for those who apply to the university from Sept. 29 to Oct. 5.

For more information on registration and scholarships, contact a local UMUC field representative:

AFNORTH: DSN 360-7620 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437620, or [afnorth-europe@umuc.edu](mailto:afnorth-europe@umuc.edu).

Geilenkirchen: DSN 458-6106 or +49-2451-64510/632247, or [geilenkirchen-europe@umuc.edu](mailto:geilenkirchen-europe@umuc.edu).

SHAPE: DSN 423-5173 or civilian 065-445173, or [shape-europe@umuc.edu](mailto:shape-europe@umuc.edu).

You may also visit <http://www.europe.umuc.edu>, or call civilian +49 (0) 631-534800. Get updates from UMUC Europe on Twitter and Facebook at <http://www.twitter.com/UMUCEurope> and <http://www.facebook.com/UMUCEurope>.

## Military retirees invited to luncheon

The Association of Retired Members of (U.S.) Armed Forces in Belgium, or ARMAF-B, invites retirees, surviving spouses and families to a luncheon immediately following the USAG Benelux Retiree Appreciation Day program at the SHAPE Healthcare Facility Saturday, Oct. 4.

The two-course luncheon (€25 per person plus beverages) begins at 12:30 p.m. at Le Grill en Herbe restaurant at Rue de Ghlin 2, 7050 Jurbise (at the corner of Rue de Ghlin and N56 between SHAPE and Chièvres, next to Dolce Italia restaurant).

Call civilian 02-3473150 by Sept. 30 for information and reservations.

## Kennel raises boarding fees

Chièvres Boarding Kennel will raise its boarding fees Oct. 1. Per-day fees will be: dog \$20, cat \$15, second dog or cat in the same kennel \$5, small pet \$4, additional small pet (same cage) \$1.

Fees for Doggy Day Care will remain the same: full day \$10, or \$2 per hour.

The Chièvres Kennel is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4:30 p.m. It is open weekends and American holidays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

To find out more about the Chièvres Boarding Kennel or to make a reservation, call DSN 361-5436 or civilian 068-275436 or email [usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.mbx.chievres-kennel@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.mbx.chievres-kennel@mail.mil).

## Celebrate Hispanic cultures

USAG Benelux celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month with an observance in the Building 30 auditorium on Caserne Daumerie Oct. 7 at 11:30 a.m.

Hispanic Heritage Month runs Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

Guest speaker will be Navy Cmdr. Luis "Raul" Eliza, who is a native of Puerto Rico and is deputy, National Military Representative for Maritime Operations at SHAPE.

Taste the flavor of Latin cultures at the food sampling that follows.

Volunteers are needed to help with the celebration. Call DSN 361-5235 or civilian 068-275235.



## Trunk or Treat

Reserve a table or a space for your car at Schinnen's Oct. 31 "spooktacular" Halloween event, Trunk or Treat.

You supply 400 individually wrapped pieces of candy, and, when you run out, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or FMWR, will backfill your table or trunk with additional treats.

To reserve your spot on the Trunk or Treat trail, stop by the Fitness Center or call 31(0) 46-4437561.

## SBA puts on class for prospective entrepreneurs

The U.S. Small Business Administration offers a two-day entrepreneurial "Boots to Business" class at the Geilenkirchen Airman & Family Readiness Center (Building 78) Oct. 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Taught by an SBA representative/SBA resource partner, this class will educate participants on business fundamentals and guide them through initial feasibility analyses of their business concepts.

Reserve your seat now by calling DSN 458-6015 or civilian 49-(0)24-51633791, or [470ABS.dpf2@us.af.mil](mailto:470ABS.dpf2@us.af.mil) to register.

B2B provides assistance to transitioning service members who are exploring self-employment opportunities by leading them through the key steps for evaluating business concepts and the knowledge required for developing a business plan. Participants are also introduced to SBA resources available to help gain access to start-up capital and additional technical assistance. B2B is also open to military spouses and family members.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

**Sept. 27**

- **Volksmarch in Estinnes-au-Mont** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km - Departs from Place Communale 7 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Graty (200 booths)** - On Rue d'Hoves and Rue de Thoricourt from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Quevaucamps (70 booths)** - On Place du Patûrages from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Indoor local products market in Frameries** - Large variety of food (ice cream, honey, jam, beer, cheese, fruits and vegetables) will be for sale at the Apicentre on Rue des Alliés from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Concert in Tournai** - Starting at 6 p.m. with musical aperitif and at 8 p.m. for the concerts highlighting stars from the 1980s. All proceeds will go to the research on breast cancer. Admission is €25 at the Cultural Center of Tournai. Learn more about it at <http://www.crpt.be>.



**Sept. 27 and 28**

- **WWII re-enactment camp in Soignies** - Display of military vintage vehicles and equipment Saturday from 3 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. on Rue du Viaduc 32.
- **Annual sales and flea market in La Hulpe (300 booths)** - Starting at the train station from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Annual sales and flea market in Laeken (200 booths)** - On Rue de Wand, Rue Busleyden, Rue Brise, Rue Wanecouter from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Run in Ecaussines** - One adult run of 5 or 10 km departs at 3 p.m.; one children's run departs at 4:15 p.m. Both runs start at the sports center on Rue de Sacueni. Adults run is €5; children's run is free of charge.
- **Medieval Fest in Estinnes-au-Mont** - Watch the potter, blacksmith, stone sculptor, weaver, archers, falconers, troubadours, vikings, knights and magicians at work at Chaussée Brunehault 232 both days from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Event is free.

**Sept. 28**

- **Local products market in Nimy** - On Place de Nimy from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Harveng for 25, 35, 45, 65 or 80 km** - Departs from 7:30 to 10 a.m.; there will also be a mountain-bike race for 45 km that departs at 9 a.m., one for 80 km that departs at 8:30 a.m. and for 65 km only for electric mountain bikes at 8:30 a.m. Departs from the square. Participation fee ranges from €4 to €9.
- **Garden event in Givry** - From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., garden decorations, furniture, plants, trees and vegetables will be for sale on Route de Beaumont 65. No admission fee.



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

**Through Sept. 28**

- **Sand sculpture festival in Oss** is the first edition of this festival in Brabant with the theme: "A trip Around the World... in Sand." Some 25 sculptures will be on display standing 2 to 7 meters high. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: adults €4.50, children 3 to 15 years old €3, and family tickets €12.50 (two adults/two children).

**Through Sept. 30**

- **Flower pickup days in Langendam** at Bloemenboerderij on 't Vaartje 108 - Admission is free; you only pay for the flowers you pick up. Prices range from €3 to €12.50. Open from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Sept. 25 to 28**

- **National Tattoo in Rotterdam** is held at Ahoy on Ahoyweg 10. This show features participating top-quality Dutch and international military and show bands. Find out more at <http://www.nationaletaptoe.nl>.
- **Culinary Tilburg in Tilburg** is a culinary event at Willemsplein where renowned restaurants from the area present themselves to the public by showcasing their culinary delicacies.

**Sept. 26 to 28**

- **Dutch Wine Fest at Groesbeek** is held in a town that has become the largest wine village in the Netherlands. Get details at <http://www.vinest.net/agenda/index.php?e=219>.

**Sept. 26 to 29**

- **Fleuramour in Bilzen, Belgium**, means "Passion for Flowers" and is a large international flower event held every year at the beautiful domain of Castle Alden Biesen, Kasteelstraat 6. Admission: €15. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Sept. 27**

- **Fall Fair in Herwijnen** at GeoFort on Nieuwe Steeg 74 is held at a fortress for navigation and cartography. However from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on this date, the fortress is also the setting for a fall fair with all kind of products and activities.
- **European Championships Show Bands in Kerkrade** at Parkstad Limburg Stadion features top show bands from all over Europe. Find out more at <http://www.ekshow.nl>.

**Sept. 27**

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

**Sept. 27 to 28**

- **Fall Market in Bad Laasphe, Germany**, held on Wilhelmsplatz, is an annual market with attractions and entertainment.



**Sept. 28 continued**

- **Volksmarch in Thuin for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue Cromboully 45 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Tourpes for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue Royale 52 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Soignies for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue Chanoine Scarmure 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Saint Symphorien for 6, 12, 20 or 30 km** - Departs from Chaussée Roi Baudouin from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Small participation fee.
- **Flea market in Herchies (150 booths)** - On Rue du Village from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Casteau (100 booths)** - On Place des Castellois (Chaussée de Bruxelles) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Montignies-sur-Roc (220 booths)** - On Place Masson from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Flea markets in Ixelles (150 and 300 booths)** - On Rue Scarron, Rue Vergnies and Rue Couloir from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Rue Malibran, Rue du Collège and Rue maes from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ghlin (400 booths)** - On Avenue du Grand-Large 1 (ImagiPark) from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Manage (800 booths)** - In the center of town from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Auderghem (600 booths)** - On Avenue J. Chaudron and Rue P. Schoonejans from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Flea market in Horrues (100 booths)** - On Rue du Tram from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea markets in Nivelles (200 booths at each)** - On Chaussée de Bruxelles 151 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Rue du Mont Saint-Roch from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.



**Mark your calendar**

**Through Sept. 30**

- **Titanic - The Artifact Exhibition in Brussels** - The exhibition showcases dozens of authentic artifacts that were salvaged from the ocean floor. Get details at <http://www.expo-titanic.be/en>.

**Oct. 3 to 5**

- **Illuminate the past, Dream the future in Antwerp** - Belgian and Dutch armies will build a temporary floating bridge on the Scheldt, which will be the stage for various music and dance shows in the coming months. Visitors will be able to cross Oct. 3 through 5. Access to the bridge is from Steenplein (Stone Square) on the right bank. Once across to the left bank, you can enjoy a number of cultural activities. For bridge-crossing times and to buy tickets go to <http://www.antwerpen14-18.be>. Price for the bridge crossing is €5 per person. Shows on the bridge are free.



**Sept. 27 to 28 continued**

- **Art & Lifestyle Market in Gelsenkirchen, Germany**, is held in the historic surroundings of Nordsternurm. The large market is open both days from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Lekkodagen in Wijk bij Duurstede** offers visitors more than 50 historic ships in the harbor as well as shows, demonstrations, live music and more.

**Sept. 27 to 30**

- **October Market in Büren, Germany**, on Market Square in the center of town is a large annual market that is always held in the last full weekend of September.

**Sept. 28**

- **Computer & Photography Fair in Gent, Belgium**, is a huge event held at Congrescentrum Icc on Van Rijsselberghe from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €6.
- **Farmers Market & Harvest Fest in Ratingen, Germany**, has music, culinary delights, regional products and culture in the city center on Market Square. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Antique & Flea Market in Valkenburg** is held at Th. Dorrenplein in the center of town from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Chocolate Festival in Zutphen** in the city center focuses on chocolate with all kinds of activities, demonstrations and more. Open from noon to 5 p.m.

**Sept. 30 to Oct. 5**

- **Home & Living Fair in Amsterdam** at RAI is the place to be if you want to find ideas to help you change your home interior. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission: €19; children 11 and under €7.

**Oct. 2 to 3**

- **Relief of Leyden Festivities in Leiden**, held in the city center, is a festive remembrance of the city's relief from the Spanish siege in 1574. The program includes a parade, traditional food, fireworks and more.

**Oct. 3**

- **Harvest Fest in Burgsteinfurt, Germany**, offers a farmers market and more in the historic center of town.

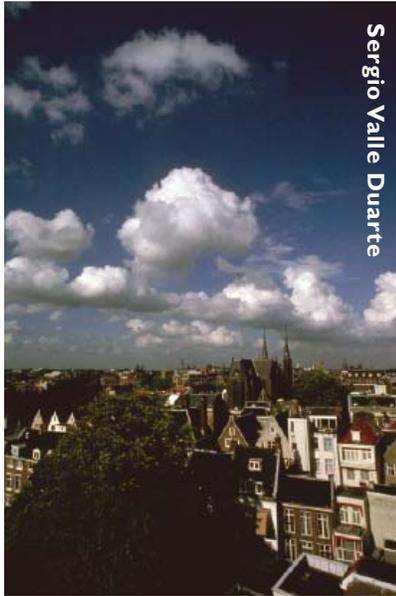
**Oct. 3 to 8**

- **Relief of Alkmaar Festivities in Alkmaar**, held in the city center, is a festive remembrance of the city's relief from the Spanish siege in 1573. The Relief of Alkmaar program includes parades, traditional food, fireworks, Royal Navy and Royal Army demonstrations and more.

## SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

**Amsterdam, Oct. 4** – Take a ride through winding canal-lined streets on a guided bicycle tour, walk the town or sip coffee at one of the outrageous cafes for which Amsterdam is world-renown, perhaps after a visit to the Van Gogh Museum or the Anne Frank House. Or enjoy a day of leisure in this beautiful city. Whether you're an art lover, a music lover or a culture lover, Amsterdam has so much to offer. Come spend a day in this unique city. Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m. and Brussels at 7:30 a.m. Arrives in Brussels at 11 p.m. and at SHAPE at midnight. Cost: €57.



Sergio Valle Duarte

## Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

**Family Day Trout Fishing, Oct. 11** - Take the family for a day of trout fishing. Departs from the Memories Lane Lounge (Building 41) in Schinnen at 7:30 a.m. (Be at the lounge 15 minutes early.) Returns to Schinnen at 1:30 p.m. Transportation and cleaning of the trout is included. No rods or reels provided, and all trout caught will be evenly distributed. Cost: \$35.

## SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below  
call civilian 0486-565371.

**Wine Tour by the Mosel River, Sept. 30** - The day starts with a drive to St. Aldegund for wine-tasting at the Walter J. Oster winery. You will have the opportunity to sample some of the finest wines this beautiful valley has to offer. From here, the group takes a short drive to the picturesque town of Cochem. Time in Cochem is leisure time: Wander through the winding streets to admire the black-and-tan guild houses, the town square lined with its half-timbered houses, take a boat excursion on the Mosel, visit the Reichsburg castle that dramatically rises above the town – a superb location for some spectacular views of the Mosel valley. The castle has falconry shows throughout the day so you will have time to enjoy one of these, if you like (for an extra fee, payable at the castle). There are many fine eateries in Cochem, including at the castle for you to enjoy lunch and dinner and at prices to suit all pockets. Cost: €50.

## SHAPE Trips & Tours

- London, **Oct. 11**
- Paris in the Fall, **Oct. 18**
- Peru, **Oct. 24 to Nov. 3**
- Disney Festival Halloween, **Oct. 31**
- Flanders Field, **Nov. 9**
- Trier/Zweibrücken Outlet, **Nov. 22**
- Brugge Snow On Ice, **Nov. 29**
- London, **Dec. 6 to 7**



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- Christmas Market Overnight- Nürnberg, Rothenburg and Cologne, **Dec. 13 to 14**
- Paris in Winter: Paris Day Trip, **Dec. 27**
- Tenerife, Spain, New Year's Eve Gala, **Dec. 27 to Jan. 7, 2015: Sign up by Oct. 1.**
- Buy discounted tickets to: AquaGolf, Aqualibi, Bastogne War Museum, Bois De Luc, Castle of Seneffe, Château Chimay, Crocodile Rouge, 14-18 Expo, Lasergames, Le Bois du Cazier, Lobbe-Thuin Tram Museum, Natura Park, Plugster, Pottery House, Site du Grand-Hornu, Thuin L'Abbaye d' Aulne, Thuin-Le Beffroi and Walibi.

## Schinnen Trips & Tours

- Day Trip to Paris, **Nov. 22**
- Cologne Christmas Markets, **Dec. 6**
- Express Shopping Trip to London, **Dec. 13**

## SHAPE Travel Group

- A Day in Rotterdam, **Oct. 7**
- Best of Belgium, **Oct. 14**
- Amsterdam, **Oct. 21**
- Canterbury, **Nov. 5**
- Bastogne War Museum and Brewery of Gnomes, **Nov. 20**
- 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

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Sept. 26

- **The Forgotten Angel of Bastogne** - This film about the true story of Augusta Chiwy, a Belgian WWII nurse who saved hundreds of American lives during the siege of Bastogne, will be showing free of charge at the Luns Theater at NATO Headquarters from 3 to 5 p.m. (See page 4 to read more about "The Forgotten Angel of Bastogne.")

Sept. 30

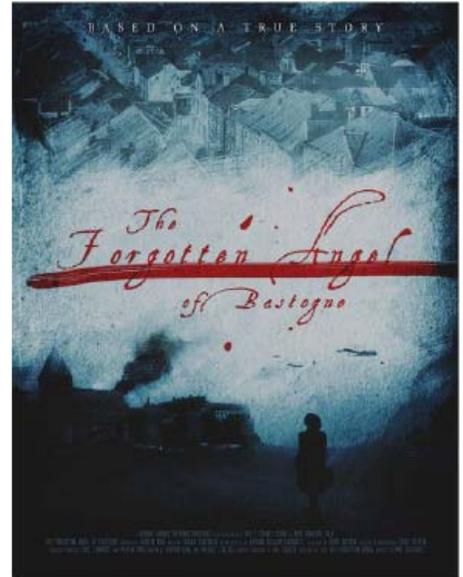
- **Mad Science Club** - The School Age Center is the site of strange experiments from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Join other "mad scientists" every Tuesday for "You Must Be Mad!" experiments. Register through Parent Central Services at Brussels Headquarters in Building 3, or call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651.

Oct. 1

- **Five Love Languages** - Learn how people relate to one another with Army Community Service in the USAG Benelux-Brussels Complex Conference Room in Building 4 on the second floor in Room 4-320 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. What makes one person feel loved does not necessarily make another person feel loved. Learn how to navigate the languages of love.

Oct. 2

- **Reopening of 3 Star** - Join the staff of the 3 Star for the Family Dinner reopening from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The 3 Star is serving up barbecue dishes: half-rack ribs \$8, full rack \$10, roasted chicken \$8, kid's meal \$4. All served with cole slaw, potato salad and a green salad. Reservations required: Call DSN 368-9680 or civilian 02-7179680.



## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Women's League Bowling Registration** - Join the fun at the Schinnen Bowling Center. League play runs from Oct. 9, 2014, to April 16, 2015. Open to US and NATO ID Card Holders and their bona fide guests. Registration runs through Oct. 2. Cost: \$10 per person per day.
- **Late Fridays** - The Youth Center on JFC Brunssum announces the return of Late Fridays. The center will remain open until 9 p.m. with free food, music, fun and games for youth grades 6 through 12. Open to U.S./NATO, youth must be registered with CYSS. Call DSN 364-3259 or civilian 31 (0) 45-5263259 for details.

Sept. 26

- **CYSS Parents Night Out** - Enjoy a night out while CYSS takes care of your children from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. A light dinner will be served. Care is \$20 per child with each additional sibling at \$18 (nonrefundable). Care is located at JFC Brunssum (Building H-602). Open to CYSS-registered children infant through fifth grade. To sign up, contact Parent Central Services at least two days prior at DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian 31(0) 45-5263121 or stop by to make your reservation.
- **Employment, Education and College Fair** - Attend the fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the JFC Conference Center, Brunssum. To find out more about this must-see event, see page 9, or call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.
- **Personal financial planning for transition** - Don't miss this seminar by the Financial Readiness Program representative at Schinnen Army Community Service from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the USAG Benelux-Schinnen ACS Conference Room. This briefing will help prepare you and your family with the financial-management tools and resources to help ensure your family's strong financial future. To register or for more information, contact DSN 364-3475 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263475. Classes are mandatory for separating and retiring service members.

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Playing now

- **Adult comedy** - SHAPE Players present Detachments by Colleen Dodson at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. This play, which runs Sept. 25 to 28 and Oct. 2 to 5, is rated R. The curtain rises on evening performances at 7:30 p.m. Sunday performances are matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are €16 each. This play is also available using subscription-season tickets (four plays), which has different pricing. For more information, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.

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### Register now

- **College Night in K-town** - Catch a ride with SHAPE Youth Center to College Night in Kaiserslautern Oct. 2. The bus departs at noon and returns at midnight. Open to all registered youth in grades 11 and 12. Limited space available. Cost: \$10. For more details, call DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104. To register, call Parent Central at DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039, or stop by Building 503.

### This week

- **Banned Books Week** - This annual event celebrates the freedom to read and the importance of free and open access to information. Banned Books Week draws attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted removals of books from schools and libraries across the world. Stop by SHAPE International Library to see a display of banned and challenged books, then celebrate your freedom to read by checking out a book.

### Sept. 25

- **The Forgotten Angel of Bastogne** - This film about the true story of Augusta Chiwy, a Belgian World War II nurse who saved hundreds of American lives during the siege of Bastogne, will be showing free of charge at the SHAPE cinema (Alliance Auditorium). It is open to all from 6 to 8 p.m. (See page 4 to learn more about "The Forgotten Angel of Bastogne.")

### Sept. 28

- **SHAPE Flea market** - This flea market is open to SHAPE card holders from 6 to 8 a.m. and to all from 8 a.m. to noon. Call DSN 423-4269/8340 or civilian 065-444269/448340.

### Sept. 30

- **Home School Extras** - Enrich your child's home-school experience by attending World Playground at SHAPE's Building 503 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. You must register your child by calling Parent Central Services DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097.
- **Fitness Day** - To promote fitness, health and well-being for everyone, the Chievres Fitness Center will offer free fitness classes and sports activities at this event from 3 to 8 p.m. Food and drink will be available for purchase by Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS.

**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

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### 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. Movies are subject to change. Check <http://www.shape2day.com/cinema.aspx> for the movie schedule.

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

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

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

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

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

### Movie at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

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

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