

THE GAZETTE

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Benelux news briefs

Independence Day

Volunteers are needed at both Brussels and SHAPE in support of the July 4 celebrations. For Brussels, call DSN 368-9768 or civilian 02-7179768. For SHAPE, call DSN 361-5589 or civilian 068-275589.

Those interested can also register online at <http://chievres.armymwr.com/europe/chievres/independence-day-volunteer-registration>.

AFCU is hiring

Andrews Federal Credit Union has openings for full and part-time positions at the Chièvres and Brussels branches. Visit the AFCU website at <http://www.andrewsfcu.org> for listings.

AAFES has job opening

The Schinnen Army and Air Force Exchange has a job opening for an auto worker with a regular part time schedule and for a senior store associate with intermittent time schedule.

The Brussels Army and Air Force Exchange is looking for a shift supervisor.

For more information on the above open positions, call DSN 361-5337 or civilian 068-275337.

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Jessenia Acosta enjoys the Child Youth and School Services Fun Mudder on SHAPE, June 19, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

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Worldwide problems in processing visas and passports

Special to the Gazette

Consular Affairs (CA) Washington is experiencing unprecedented and worldwide problems processing and printing both non-immigrant visas (NIV) and immigrant visas (IV). No post around the world has printed a visa in 10 days. CA does not know when it will be back online, and when it will, there will be a phased restart of visa printing capabilities. Even once back on line, catching up with the accumulated backlog could take time.

The estimated backlog for Brussels is 500 unprintable visas; this number is increasing daily. U.S. passports processed from overseas posts have also been experiencing some intermittent delays - but this problem appears to be much better, at least for now.

With summer travel and transfer season upon us, you should review the validities of your regular and diplomatic passports now.

Official/diplomatic passports are not delayed at this time.

For those contemplating any regular/official/diplomatic passport renewal, keep in mind that in the midst of the summer, the consular section is at full capacity. It is not possible to "expedite" overseas passports. In order to best serve your needs, plan in advance and review the validities of your regular/official/diplomatic passports for you and your family.

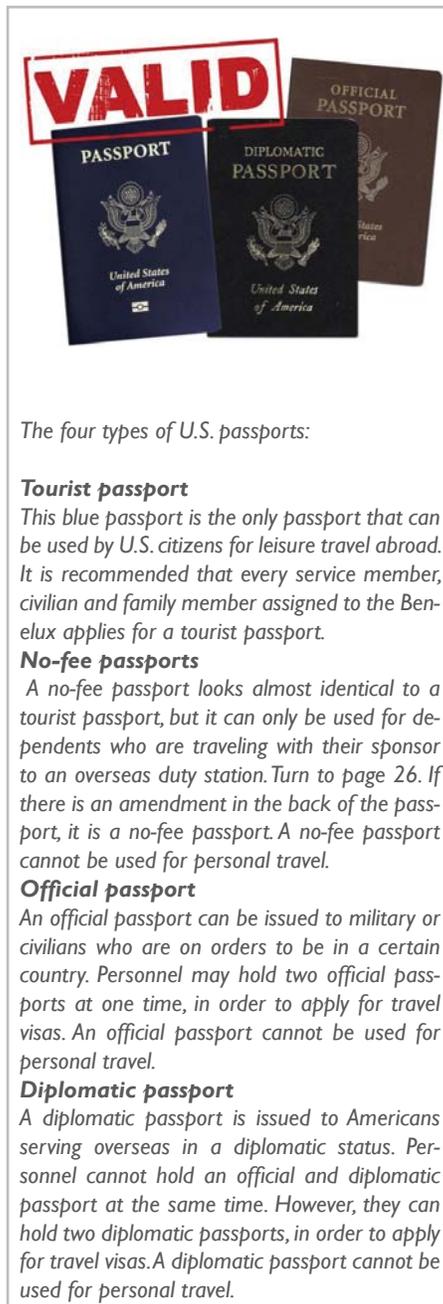
For regular passports, we can usually deliver a new one within two weeks, but you should know that delays are possible.

Official/diplomatic passports take around four to six weeks. Be aware that the consular section merely acts as a "deliverer" of your documents to the Special Issuance Agency in Washington which approves them. You must follow all directives when applying for a diplomatic or official passport, including the need for a photo less than six months old, current orders, and if needed, a letter from your supervisor. SIA has become very strict in enforcing these requirements. For more information, see <http://intranet.ca.state.gov/passports/customerservice/17352.aspx>.

As you know, most Belgian nationals can travel to the United States using the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA), an option afforded to nationals from the 37 nations under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). However, keep in mind that the ESTA option is only for routine tourism and business, and is not supposed to be used for trips that are primarily related to other purposes (diplomacy, student, work, or interchange, which would call for A or G, F or M, H or L, and J visas, respectively).

Some ESTA-eligible travelers sometimes use ESTA for purposes not entirely related to routine tourism/business. We do not recommend this practice. If one of your contacts does decide to "use this option," this is at their own risk, and we take no responsibility for any outcome and any interaction they will have with a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) official(s) at a U.S. port of entry, where it is possible they will be returned to Belgium and permanently barred from using ESTA again.

Please direct any visa-related questions to Brusselsvisa@state.gov.



The four types of U.S. passports:

Tourist passport

This blue passport is the only passport that can be used by U.S. citizens for leisure travel abroad. It is recommended that every service member, civilian and family member assigned to the Benelux applies for a tourist passport.

No-fee passport

A no-fee passport looks almost identical to a tourist passport, but it can only be used for dependents who are traveling with their sponsor to an overseas duty station. Turn to page 26. If there is an amendment in the back of the passport, it is a no-fee passport. A no-fee passport cannot be used for personal travel.

Official passport

An official passport can be issued to military or civilians who are on orders to be in a certain country. Personnel may hold two official passports at one time, in order to apply for travel visas. An official passport cannot be used for personal travel.

Diplomatic passport

A diplomatic passport is issued to Americans serving overseas in a diplomatic status. Personnel cannot hold an official and diplomatic passport at the same time. However, they can hold two diplomatic passports, in order to apply for travel visas. A diplomatic passport cannot be used for personal travel.

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IN MEMORIAM

Brussels American School teacher passes away

Jeffrey Bronson, a kindergarten teacher at Brussels American School, died June 21.

“He was a very well thought of teacher who really took care of our students that needed a little extra help,” said Eric Goldman, BAS principal. “Many of the staff at our school were very close to him. This is a tough day for our community. He will be greatly missed.”

Bronson, 59, graduated from Monona Grove High School in 1975 and attended University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, earning a degree in education. He then earned his master’s degree in special education from University of Wisconsin, Madison.

In 1987, he began his career as a teacher for DoDDS-Europe. During his career, he served in the United Kingdom, Germany, Netherlands and most recently, Belgium. He taught children with learning disabilities and specialized in children with autism.

A memorial gathering will be held at Gunderson East Funeral Home, 5203 Monona Drive, Madison, Wisc., from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., on Saturday, June 27, 2015, with a time of remembrance at noon. In lieu of flowers, memorials received will be donated in Jeffrey’s name to the UW Carbone Cancer Center. Online condolences may be made at <http://www.gundersonfh.com>.



Courtesy photo

Auxiliary Chapter officially formed



Courtesy photo

The American Legion Auxiliary Post BE02 chapter received their official charter from American Legion National President Janet Jefford in Brussels, June 4, 2015. Chapter President Ruth Alvarez lead the effort during the past year to form the Auxiliary chapter here in Belgium. Her efforts and those of the other charter members were rewarded at the 3-Star Lounge in front of a group of American Legion members, family and the American Legion National Commander, Michael Helm.

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary is the world’s largest women’s patriotic service organization. With a membership at nearly 800,000, local American Legion Auxiliary units have a strong presence in more than 9,000 communities worldwide. The American Legion Auxiliary’s mission is to support the American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad.

A woman who is eligible for membership in the American Legion is also eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary. Their members are the mother, wife, daughter, sister, grand-daughter, great-grand-daughter, or grandmother of veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during times of war and some are veterans themselves.

For more information regarding the American Legion Auxiliary, contact them at: flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com.

Taking your pets stateside

By Robert Szostek
USEUCOM Customs PAO

People moving stateside may take most types of pets with them if they plan ahead. However, endangered species laws prevent people from taking some turtles, birds and reptiles to the United States.

“Dogs must be free of disease and be vaccinated against rabies at least 30 days before they reach the USA,” said Mike Dean, director of the U.S. European Command’s Customs and Border Clearance Agency. “Puppies younger than three months and dogs in rabies-free areas such as the United Kingdom may be exempted,” he added. However, it varies by state, but generally unvaccinated dogs will be inoculated on arrival and confined for 30 days at the owner’s expense. Cats must show no signs of disease and rabies vaccination is required in most states.



U.S. Army photo

People wanting to ship pet birds should consult the U.S. Department of Agriculture website for the latest information on shipping birds as procedures can change at short notice. The address is: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/importexport>.

Arrangements to ship pet birds to the U.S. must be made 120 days in advance of the PCS.

Hawaii is the only place in the USA that is permanently free of rabies. Personnel moving to the Aloha State should check with the Hawaii Department of Agriculture web page to find out about their special quarantine requirements for pets at: <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/ai/aqs/animal-quarantine-information-page/>.

For more information on shipping pets and endangered species legislation, visit a military customs office or consult the military customs website at <http://www.eur.army.mil/opm/customs/pets.htm>.

CYSS Mudder 2015 bursts in exuberant fun



Child Youth and School Services had over 300 participants in the Fun Mudder, held on SHAPE, Friday, June 6, 2015. (Clockwise from top) A CYSS volunteer leads a group in the low crawl. • A dash through the ice pools. • Muddy faces after the event. • Taking a plunge in the mud bath. • Rolling down the mud hill. (U.S.Army Photos by Tim Clark)

Waterloo celebrates bicentennial of famous battle



The city of Waterloo commemorated the bicentennial of the Battle of Waterloo, June 18-21, 2015. A re-enactment of the French Army attack and the Allied counterattack was held with no less than 5,000 re-enactors, 300 horses and 100 canons.

In the evening of June 18, 1815, the French Army under the command of Emperor Napoleon was defeated by the Anglo-allied Army under the command of the Duke of Wellington and the Prussian Army under the command of Gebhard von Blücher. Upon his surrender, Napoleon was forced to abdicate and was exiled to the island of Saint Helena where he died in 1821, at the age of 51.

As a result of the French Empire's defeat, the sovereignty of William of Orange strengthened on Belgian territory. Belgium was part of the United Kingdom of the Netherlands created by the Congress of Vienna to have a buffer state between the United Kingdom, Germany and France.

The domination of the Dutch administration, the difference of religion and the Belgian linguistic discrimination would last for 15 years until August 25, 1830 when the Belgian population rebelled. The Belgian revolution led to its independence as the Belgian constitution was proclaimed February 7, 1831 and the separation from the Dutch became a fact.



(Clockwise from top) Re-enactment of the French Army attack on the Wellington troops. • A Shako and boots part of the French Army uniform in 1815. • A military camp was set up during the commemoration. • Re-enactors roleplaying Marshal Ney (middle) and Napoleon (right). (Photos courtesy of Frédéric Coune)

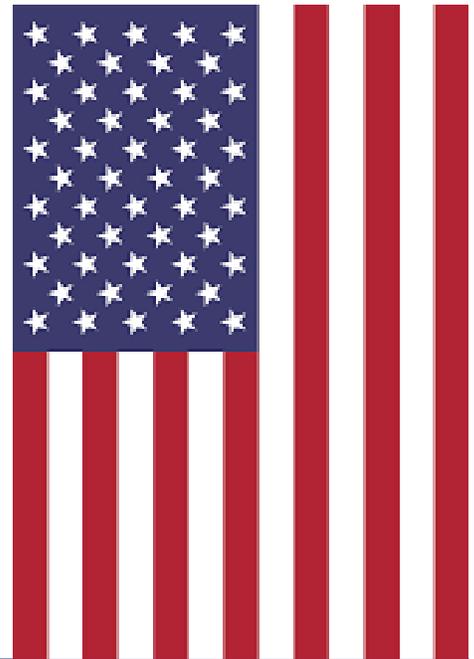
USAG Benelux to celebrate Independence Day

At USAG Benelux-Brussels

Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community for the 2015 Independence Day Celebration to be held at the Sterrebeek Annex. The event starts at 3 p.m. and will be a fun-filled day including barbecue food, music, water slides, bouncy castles, ice cream, games, activities for all ages and more. Fireworks are scheduled at 10:30 p.m. For more information contact DSN: 368-9768 or civilian 02-717-9768.

Schedule of events

- Throughout the afternoon: World War II vehicle display and parade, kids activities, bouncy castles, food and drinks
- 4 p.m. - Balloon sculpture Artist
- 5:30 p.m. - Brussels American Community Choir
- 6 p.m. - Color Guard
- 6:05 p.m. - Opening Remarks
- 6:15 p.m. - Country Music
- 7:30 p.m. - SHAPE Band
- 9 p.m. - DJ Variety Music
- 10:30 p.m.- Fireworks Display



USAG Benelux

The 2015 Independence Day celebration will be held in the fest tent on SHAPE.

Schedule of events:

- All Day: DJ Crowd Entertainment
- All Day: WWII Vehicle exhibition, Police and Fire Department display, Old Timers Vehicle exhibition, balloon animals.
- noon to 4 p.m.- Planche a Jazz
- 4-6 p.m. - Beatles Cover Band
- 6-7 p.m. - Blues Rock Karma
- 7-9 p.m. - Zenith
- 9 - 11 p.m. - DJ Line-up
- 11 p.m. - Fireworks



USAG Benelux-Schinnen

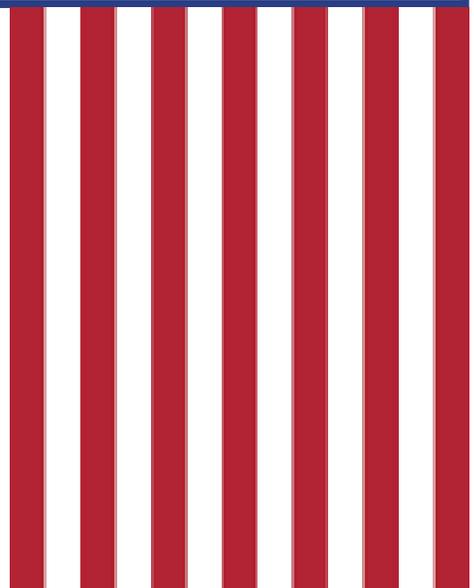
The 2015 Independence Day celebrations will be held on the Brunssum Sports Field starting at 2 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Schedule of events:

- Throughout the afternoon: Display of classic cars, clowns, dunk tank, obstacle courses, kids jungle gyms, food and drinks
- 3 p.m. - Birds of prey show
- 3:30 p.m. - Music4Vets
- 4:30 p.m. - Birds of prey show
- 5 p.m. - Music4Vets
- 6 p.m. - Birds of prey show
- 8:15 p.m. - Mystic Roots
- 11:15 p.m. - Fireworks

Note: Bring a change of cloths in case you get wet.

No glass bottles, personal coolers, baskets and dogs (except guide dogs) are allowed on site.



Chièvres changes traffic flow for upcoming festival

Chièvres is organizing its first electronic music festival on the Grand'Place, June 25-26. As the event is expected to draw a large crowd, the following restrictions will be in effect:

1-Main Square

Parking on the Chièvres square is prohibited starting 6 a.m., June 24 through 6 p.m., June 28.

With the exception of local residents, traffic will not be possible from the crossing of Rue d'Ath and Rue de Mons up house #2. Beyond this house and up to the main square, traffic is prohibited for all.

2-Rue St Jean

With the exception of local residents, traffic on Rue St Jean will not be allowed from 5 p.m., June 26 to 6 a.m., June 28. Parking on Rue St Jean will be prohibited as of house number 8 through 2.

3-Rue du Moulin

With the exception of local residents, traffic will not be allowed on Rue du Moulin from 5 p.m., June 26 through 6 p.m., June 28. Parking will also be prohibited on the housing side of the road.

4-Rue du Château

With the exception of local residents, traffic will not allowed from 5 p.m., June 26 to 6 a.m., June 28. Traffic for residents will be in both directions.

5-Rue Notre-Dame

With the exception of local residents, traffic will not be allowed from 5 p.m., June 26 through 6 a.m., June 28. Traffic for residents will be in both directions.

6-Rue Hoche

Parking on Rue Hoche will be prohibited and traffic will only be for local residents in both directions from 5 p.m., June 26 through 6 a.m., June 28.

7-Rue d'Ath, Rue de Condé, Rue Emile Doods

Parking will be prohibited from 5 p.m., June 26 through 6 p.m., June 28.

Where stated that local residents are allowed in the no traffic areas, they should place the resident pass they recently received in the mail, by the windshield of their car.

Deviations

The following deviations will be in place from 9 a.m., June 25 through June 27 6 p.m.

a. From the Chièvres traffic circle to St-Ghislain

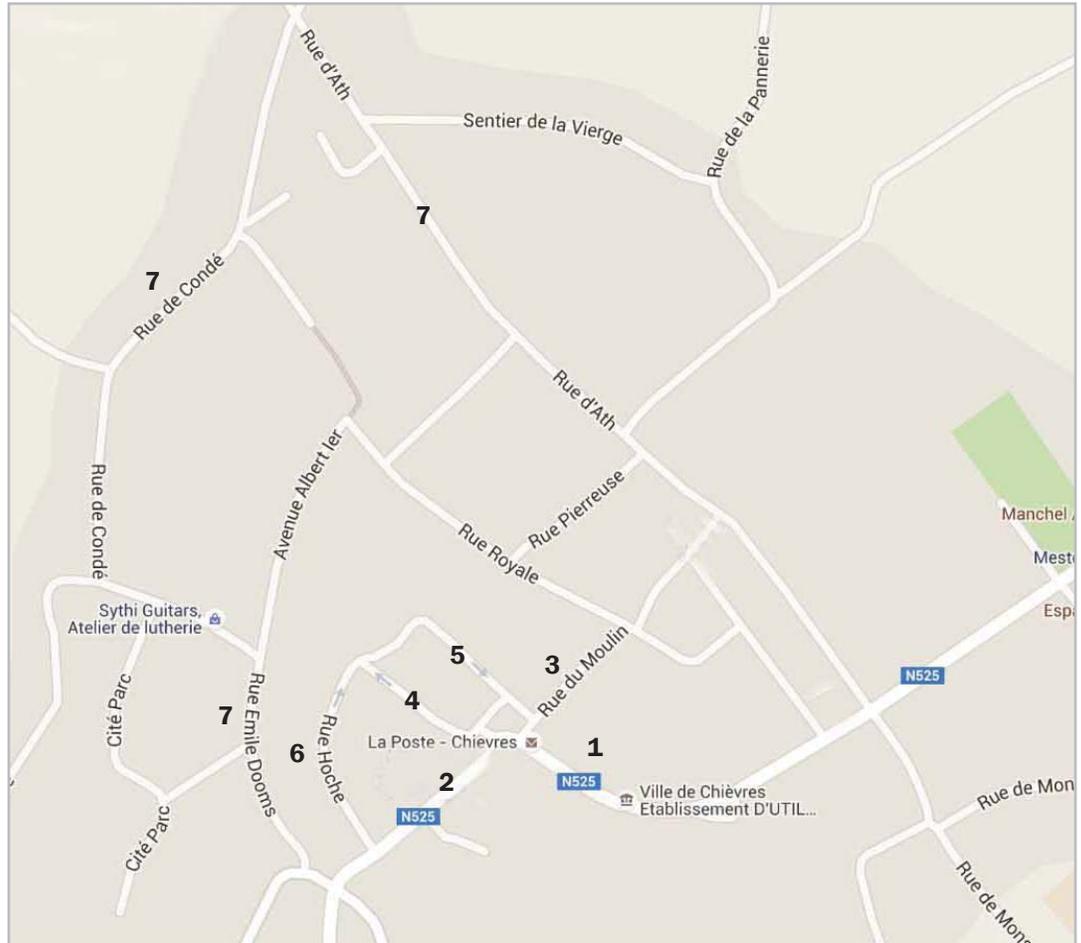
Take Rue d'Ath, Rue de Condé, Rue Emile Doods, Place St Jean

b. From St-Ghislain to Ath

Take Place St Jean, Rue Emile Doods, Rue de Condé (will be one way from Rue de Leuze to Rue Emile Doods), Rue d'Ath

or

Take Rue Victor Gevas (see "8" on map on the right), cross Rue de la Chapelle/Rue Auguste Criquelion, take a left after the school and you get on the Grand'Rue to the traffic circle. This itinerary will be one way only.



Trenches to Foxholes

Next week in World War history (June 28 to July 4)

World War I**1914**

June 28 - Archduke Franz Ferdinand, nephew of Emperor Franz Josef and heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire, is shot to death along with his wife by a Serbian nationalist in Sarajevo, Bosnia.

June 29 - In Sarajevo, Serbian shops are destroyed during riots to shouts of "death to the Serbian murderers." Although Austria-Hungary blamed Serbia for the assassination, the Serbian government tried to distance itself claiming it had tried to warn Austria of a plot.

1915

June 29 - Foreign Minister Istvan von Burian of Austria-Hungary sends a note to the United States protesting the U.S. sale and shipment of munitions in enormous quantities to Britain and its allies for use against the Central Powers—Austria-Hungary and Germany—on the battlefields of World War I. When war broke out in Europe in the summer of 1914, the United States maintained a position of strict neutrality. The commercial opportunities of the war, however, were enormous, and neutrality did not impede the U.S.—by 1910 the leading industrial nation, with 35.3 percent of the world's manufacturing capacity, compared with 15.9 percent for Germany and 14.7 percent for Britain—from carrying on a brisk trade of munitions from the first months of the conflict.

June 29 - The first Battle of the Isonzo begins July 1 - Russia creates a Central War Industries Committee to oversee production and address a severe shortage of artillery shells and rifles on the Front.

- Battle of the Somme begins. It results in an estimated one million casualties and no breakthrough for the Allies. British introduce the tank, an effective weapon but far too few to make much of a difference.

1916

July 1 - The British Army suffers the worst single-day death toll in its history as 18,800 Soldiers are killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme.

1917

July 1 - Russian troops begin the Kerensky Offensive attempting to recapture the city of Lemberg (Lvov) on the Eastern Front.

July 2 - Several weeks after King Constantine I abdicates his throne in Athens under pressure from the Allies, Greece declares war on the Central Powers, ending three years of neutrality by entering World War I alongside Britain, France, Russia and Italy.

July 4 - U.S. troops make their first public display of World War I, marching through the streets of Paris to the grave of the Marquis de Lafayette, a French aristocrat and hero of the American Revolutionary War.

1918

July 3 -With Turkish forces in the final months of fighting against the Allied powers during World War I, Mohammed V, sultan of the Ottoman Empire, dies at the age of 73.

World War II**1940**

June 28 - Gen. Charles de Gaulle is recognized as the leader of the Free French Forces, dedicated to the defeat of Germany and the liberation of all France.

July 3 - British naval forces destroy the French fleet at Mers-el-Kebir, a port in Algeria, in order to prevent Germany from co-opting the French ships to use in an invasion of Britain.

In order to prevent the Germans from using French battleships and cruisers in an attack on Britain, Operation Catapult was conceived: the destruction or capture of every French ship possible. The easiest stage of Catapult was the seizure of those French ships already in British ports. Little resistance was met. But the largest concentration of French warships was at the Oran, Algeria, port of Mers-el-Kebir. This stage of Catapult would prove more difficult.

As the French refused all options proposed by the Brits, British forces circled the port and opened fire on the French fleet, killing 1,250 French sailors.

July 4 - British Prime Minister Winston Churchill tells the House of Commons that he will leave Britain's actions to "history."

July 5 - Vichy France breaks off diplomatic relations with Britain.

1941

June 29 - The Germans, having already launched their invasion of Soviet territory, invade and occupy Lvov, in eastern Galicia, in Ukraine, slaughtering thousands.

1942

July 1 - Field Marshal Erwin Rommel is brought to a standstill in the battle for control of North Africa.

1943

June 30 - Gen. Douglas MacArthur launches Operation Cartwheel, a multi-pronged assault on Rabaul and several islands in the Solomon Sea in the South Pacific. The joint effort takes nine months to complete but succeeds in recapturing more Japanese-controlled territory, further eroding their supremacy in the East.

1944

June 29 - The U.S. VII Corps captures the last harbour fort at Cherbourg, but the port rendered completely useless for three weeks. The RAF carries out a saturation raid (250 Lancasters) against the 2nd and 9th SS Panzer Divisions at Villers-Bocage near Caen.

June 30 - The remaining 6,000 Germans in the Cherbourg peninsula surrender.

July 1 - The invasion of southern France is set for August 15. Since D-Day, the Allies have landed 920,000 troops, 177,000 vehicles and 600,000 tons of supplies and equipment. In the 24 days of fighting, they have lost 62,000 men killed, wounded and missing.

This is the last 'Next week in World War history' compiled from various sources by Keith Houin, USAG Benelux public affairs.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

June 26

- **Host Nation Orientation "Metro madness"** - Learn how to use public transportation in Brussels from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meet at ACS, Bldg. 4, second floor. For more information, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.
- **3 Star Recreation Night** - From 5:30 to 11 p.m. with games, cards, music, and movies. Snacks and beverages available for purchase.

June 29

- **Yoga** - Attain mind and body wellness with yoga from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Brussels Fitness Center. Free of charge.
- **High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT)** - HIIT is a type of cardio training in which you alternate short, very high intensity intervals with longer, slower intervals to recover. At the Brussels Fitness Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

Through July 22

- **Summer Reading Program "Read to the Rhythm"** - The Summer Reading Program is for all children ages 3 to 14 years. Read books, log your reading and earn prizes. For more information, call DSN 368-9791 or civilian 02-7179791.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY Continued

Register now

- **Registration open for CYSS Soccer** - Register prior to July 3 for the September-October season. Cost is \$20 for 3-5 years olds and \$40 for 6-15 year olds. For more information, call +31 (0)45-5264195 or DSN 364-4195.
- **Registration open for CYSS Flag Football** - Register prior to July 4 for practice starting September 19. Cost is \$40 for youth ages 10-15. For more information, call +31 (0)45-5264195 or DSN 364-4195.

June 25

- **Open Indoor Wall Climbing** - At the Schinnen Bowling Center from 6 to 8 p.m. for beginners and experienced climbers. Climbing equipment and instruction available. Cost is \$7. For more information, call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 464437560.

June 26

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

July 1

- **First Term Financial Briefing** - From 9 a.m. to noon at ACS. This is a mandatory briefing for all first term Soldiers. Learn about the practical approach to financial management, tools to handle money wisely, ability to make informed purchasing decisions and many more. For more information or to register, contact ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437450/7500.

Through August 26

- **Summer Reading Program "Read to the Rhythm"** - For school age children and teens. Children will register for the program at the library, check out and read books from the JFC HQ Brunssum Library and receive a variety of prizes for the number of books read. Preschool children, ages 3 and older may earn prizes by having books read aloud to them. For more information call +31 (0) 455262669/2469.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Registration is open for the Experienced Rider Course, July 9.** Course is from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the MSF Range and a classroom portion in Bldg. 20134, room 119, Chièvres Air Base. To register, go to https://imc.army.mil/airs/usg_disclaimer.aspx.
- **Registration open for CYSS Youth Sports & Fitness Fall Start Smart Flag Football** - Register prior to **August 21** for boys and girls 4 to 5 years old for the September-October season. Cost is \$20. To register, call Parent Central Services, DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.
- **Registration open for CYSS Youth Sports & Fitness Fall Soccer Season** - Register prior to **August 21** for age categories 6-7 years, 8-9 years, 10-12 years and 13-15 years for the September-October season. Cost is \$40. To register, call Parent Central Services, DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.
- **Registration open for CYSS Youth Sports & Fitness Fall Start Smart Soccer** - Register prior to August 21 for boys and girls 4-5 years for the September-October season. Cost is \$20. To register, call Parent Central Services, DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.
- **Registration open for Summer Reading** - At the SHAPE International and Chièvres libraries.

Register now - Continued

- **Registration open for Summer Theater Camp** - Children in third through ninth grades will bring the musical "HONK Jr." to the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre during Summer Theater Camp. HONK! is a musical adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen story "The Ugly Duckling." The book and lyrics are by Anthony Drewe, and music is by George Stiles. The theater camp session begins **June 29** and runs through Aug. 1. To find out more, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.
- **Registration open for 2015 Home Run Derby and Softball Skills Competition** to be held **July 4** at 10 a.m. on the softball field behind the Shape Health Clinic. The competition will be comprised of a home run relay. Register your 3-person team before July 1 by calling DSN 423-3993 or civilian 065-443312.

June 25

- **Playoga: Yoga and stories** - Join a certified yoga instructor for a fun session combining stories and the basics of yoga from 4 to 4:45 p.m. for ages 4 to 6 and from 5 to 5:45 p.m. for ages 7 to 10 at the SHAPE International Library. Free of charge. For additional information, call DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631.

June 26

- **No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament** - Registration begins at 5 p.m. at the SHAPE Events Center. Tournament begins at 6 p.m. Top four finishers will receive prizes. Proceeds go toward the Air Force/Navy Ball. For more information call DSN 423-3577 or civilian 065-443577.

June 26-27

- **SHAPE Music Festival** - Two days of live music at the SHAPE Fest Tent, starting Friday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m., featuring L.A. Vation, Mystic Roots, DJ Pille-Palle, DJ Maddis and more. For a complete schedule of events, check <http://www.shape2day.com/page15221435.aspx>.

June 27

- **U.S. Army Ball** - From 6 p.m. until midnight at the SHAPE Club Ballroom. The guest speaker is Lt. Gen. John Nicholson, the commander of Allied Land Command. Tickets are €55 per person and include a meal and an event memento. Contact your unit ticket-sales representative. For USAG Benelux, call DSN 361-5587 or civilian 068-275587.

June 29-July 3

- **Youth Program summer trip camping in Germany** for 6th to 12th graders. For more information, call CYSS Youth program at DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104. To register, call CYSS Parent Central Services at DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.

Through August 6

- **Summer Reading Program "Read to the Rhythm"** - The program encourages reading throughout the summer months for patrons of all ages. Stop by the SHAPE International or Chièvres library to find out how to participate or call the SHAPE Library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631; the Chièvres Library at DSN 361-5767 or civilian 068-275767.



Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates – 2D movies: adults €7 and children 11 and under €4. 3D movies: adults €9 and children 11 and under €6. Check <http://www.shape2day.com> under "Morale & Welfare (MWB)" for the movie schedule.

Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English:

Only the British or American movies listed as VO (Version Originale or 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 the new web page at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146> for the movie schedule.

Travel the Benelux

Grand-Hornu combines history and art

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Henri De Gorge, a French captain of industry, inventor and a visionary with utopian ideals built Grand-Hornu between 1810-1830, as an industrial mining site and residential district. Grand-Hornu is an example of urban planning from the early industrial revolution.

Built in neoclassical style, it included offices, workshops, the mines and 450 houses for the workers. The houses were of exceptional comfort for the time, each with a garden. The residential district also had a hospital, library and a school in line with the thinking of utopian ideals.

Grand-Hornu remained active until 1954 when declining production combined with less demand for coal led to the site being abandoned. Damaged by the elements and vandals, the site was condemned by royal decree in 1969.

Henri Guchez, a local architect saved the site in 1971 by buying it and establishing his offices there while undertaking a renovation. The province of Hainaut took over ownership of Grand-Hornu in 1989. The province continued the renovations and the decision to establish the Museum of Contemporary Arts there was made in the early 90's.

Today Grand-Hornu has modern art, cafes, interesting architecture and a compelling contrast between its history as a mining town and a peaceful green place to see sophisticated art. Open every day except Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with free entry the first Sunday of every month, the site is a great example of how a former industrial site can be turned into a successful tourist attraction.

Outside the gate

For your GPS:

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Hornu, Belgium
7301
From:
Mons: 12 km
Brussels: 76 km
Schinnen: 187 km



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June 26-27

- **First Chièvres Electronic Music Festival "Chièvres on Air"** - The first edition of Chièvres on Air with international artists and young Belgian talents will be held on the Chièvres square. Entrance is €28 for one day or €35 for a two day pass. For information, check <http://www.chievresonair.be>.



June 26-28

- **Vintage military vehicle display in Jurbise** - At the city park on Rue du Moustier 8, vehicles are displayed throughout the weekend.
- **Fest in Ostiches** - Friday, as of 8 p.m.: old games, Saturday as of 3 p.m.: activities for children, sand castle contest and local giant's presentation. Sunday: as of 7 a.m. mountain bike ride for 35 or 45 km; from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. flea market on the square and musical entertainment.

June 27

- **Flea market in Soignies (50 booths)** - On Place Van Zeeland 33 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Evening flea market in Soignies (100 booths)** - On the parking lot near the train station, Chaussée de Mons, from 2 to 9 p.m.
- **Evening flea market in Meslin-l'Évêque (200 booths)** - On the square from 2 to 10 p.m.
- **Flea market in Braine-le-Comte (100 booths)** - On Place du Richerca 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea market in Molenbeek-Saint-Jean (200 booths)** - On Rue de la Meuse and Square des Libérateurs from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

June 27 and 28

- **Open house at the farm in Gibecq** - Visit the farm, and/or purchase some local products on Chemin du Bonla 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

- **Beer fest in Jurbise** - From 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday and from 4 to 10 p.m. on Sunday with some 80 kinds of Belgian beer and musical entertainment. Event is held on the soccer field, Route d'Ath. No entrance fee. For more information, check <http://www.fetedelabiere.be>.



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

June 25-27

- **Dutch TT in Assen** - International motor races at TT Circuit in Assen (NL). For more information visit <http://www.ttcircuit.com>.

June 25-July 14

- **Local products market in Liège (BE)** - At the Gallic Town on Place Saint Paul, about 40 chalets/booths offer their local products such as ham on the bone, spit-roasted ham, paella, grilled fillet of duck, Savoyard tart, home-made ravioli, wine, beer, cocktails, brandy and lots more. The covered terraces allow consuming on the spot.

June 26-27

- **Witch Festival in Oudewater** - The center of the city is swamped with witches and other magical figures. There's music, dance, theater, fairy tales and magic acts all around the "Heksenwaag" (Witches Weighhouse). Open: 6 p.m. to midnight, June 26 and 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., June 27.

June 26-28

- **Garden Fair in De Bilt** - Fair is held at Vollenhoven Estate on Utrechtseweg 59. The private garden of the 19th century Vollenhoven Estate can only be seen during the fair. Booths with all kinds of garden equipment, flowers, jams, art and more can be found around the park. There are demonstrations, activities and drinks and lunch are available for purchase. Open on mentioned days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €7.50; children 11 and younger - free entrance.
- **Landpartie 2015 in Engelskirchen (GE)** - Large garden fair held at Engels-Platz with more than 130 participants displaying not only everything for your garden but also fashion, jewelry and art. There are children activities; birds of prey shows and musical entertainment. Open on June 26, noon to 6 p.m.; June 27-28, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €8; children - entrance free.
- **Gourmetmeile Minden 2015 in Minden (GE)** - Large culinary festival with snacks and drinks as well as entertainment held at Mindener Marktplatz in the center of town.
- **Food Truck Festival "TREK" in Nijmegen** - The Hunnerpark is changed into a large open air restaurant with many mobile small kitchens where food, drinks, live music, theater and art is combined. Visitors are treated to a variety of food delicacies from sushi to chicken and pastry to burgers. Entrance is free and the festival is open on mentioned days from 4 to 10 p.m.

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June 28

- **Agricultural fair in Soignies** - With contests, farm product market and entertainment for the kids from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Place Verte. No entrance fee.
- **Monster Jam in Laeken** - Monster jam trucks will do their show from 4 to 6 p.m. at Stade Roi Baudouin on Avenue de Marathon. Tickets range from €30 to €50 and can be purchased online at <http://www.ticketmaster.be>.
- **Open garden in Hellebecq** - Visit the garden on Chemin de Lessines 38 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €2 (donated to charity)
- **International hot air balloons gathering in Le Roeulx** - As of 2 p.m. with various activities for the entire family and the launching of some 30 hot air balloons at Etangs St Feuillien on Chaussée de Mons 14b. No entrance fee.
- **International Dog Show and contest in Mevergnies-lez-Lens** - Show is for all races but with a special



focus on Spitzs and Border Collies. To take part in the contest, register your dog on <http://www.nvbk.org> or call 068-543970. Show and contest is held at "Les Crins & Truffles de Soie", Le Patard 5 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. No entrance fee.

- **Volksmarch in Beloeil** for 5, 10 or 20 km - Departs from Rue Baron Descamps 11 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Saint-Denis/Obourg** for 5, 10 or 20 km - Departs from Abbaye St Denis on Rue de la Filature 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Chièvres** - On Rue de la Chapelle from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Quaregnon (200 booths)** - On Rue Depaepe 126 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Harmignies (250 booths)** - On Rue Vieille Eglise from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Mons (400 booths)** - On Rue du Grand large from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Hellebecq (250 booths)** - On Rue Chef Lieu and on the squire from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Forest (600 booths)** - On Place de l'Altitude Cent., from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in La Louvière (110 booths)** - On Place René Pêtre from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Havay (150 booths)** - On the square from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Lessines (100 booths)** - On Place Wauters from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



June 26-28

- **Country Fair Hoeksche Waard in Strijen** - Annual lifestyle fair held in combination with a large equestrian event. Visitors can enjoy attractive booths, culinary delicacies, old crafts, shows and more at Broekseweg Estate. Open: June 26, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and June 28-29, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €7.50.
- **Farm & country fair in Aalten** - The fair on Dinxperlosestraatweg combines entertainment and fun with many aspects of country life and farming. Open: June 26-27, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and June 28, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €15; children (4-14 yrs) €5.
- **Harbor Days in Terneuzen** - With lots of entertainment, demonstrations, naval show, and games.



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June 27

- **Antique & curiosa market in Roermond** - At Klooster-wandplein in the center of town from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 27-28

- **Midsummer market in Balen (BE)** - Held on St. Andriesplein, this vacation market has participants from all over Europe: from Finland to Hungary and from England to Italy. It is colorful, authentic and because of lots of culinary delicacies also yummy.
- **Country Festival in Schijf** - At Molendreef 5 with, among others, Smokey and the Bandits; TCC Country Band; ReWarD Country Band and Indian Summer Country Band. The festival is open on June 27, noon to 11 p.m. and June 28, noon to 9 p.m. Tickets on Saturday - €10; on Sunday - €5 and for both days - €12.50.
- **Medieval show in 'S-Heerenberg** - At one of the Netherlands' most beautiful castles Kasteel Huis Berg, on Hof van Bergh 8 with re-enactments, life as it was in a medieval encampment, old crafts demonstrations, archery, market, medieval entertainment, battle and more. Open both days from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €12.50 which includes entry to the Castle museum as well.
- **Medieval Fantasy Event in Wassenberg (GE)** - With medieval market, knights, tourney, actors and acrobats and lots of medieval entertainment at Burgberg. Open: June 27, 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. and June 28, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

June 28

- **International Ceramic Market (100 booths)** - On the main square from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Parkpop in The Hague** - Europe's largest free pop festival held at Zuiderpark with artists from all over the world. Starts at 1 p.m. No entrance fee. For more information, check <http://www.parkpop.nl>.

Outside the gate

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