

THE GAZETTE

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Benelux news briefs

Brunssum CPF will close temporarily

The Central Processing Facility (ID cards, in- and out-processing, etc.) on JFC Brunssum will close May 31 at noon and will reopen June 1 at 8 a.m. For emergency ID card issues, contact the USAG Benelux-Brussels ID Card Facility at DSN 368-9847 or civilian +32 (0) 2-7179847.

Library service reduced

Army MWR Library is updating its library catalog and computer systems.

Consequently, all Army libraries in Europe will experience a reduction in available services this week. Patrons can check out fewer items, and eResources will be affected — and may be down entirely.

For example, access to eContent and My Account won't be available at the JFC Brunssum Library through May 27.

Taking advantage of the down time, SHAPE International Library and Chièvres Library are closed for training today.

Gazette submissions

Send your requests for publication to usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil by Monday at 3 p.m.

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Safety Stand-Down Day goes on in Benelux today

A schoolchild from the local Lens elementary school gets out of the smoke tunnel during the Safety Stand-Down Day held on Chièvres Air Base Thursday, May 26, 2016. Various activities and information booths were set up to focus on safety at work, at home and on the road. For more photos, visit the USAG Benelux Flickr account at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/135840597@N02>. Both USAG Benelux and USAG Benelux-Schinnen are holding the Safety Stand-Down today. Full coverage in next week's issue. (U.S. Army photo by Cis Spook)

Diversity helps Army reach peak performance

Story and photos by Andrea Wales

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Stories about Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders who fought for freedom are a source of inspiration, according to the guest speaker at the Asian-American Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance May 19.

"These stories, and this celebration, remind me that the true source of America's greatness is not in the power of our weaponry, but in the courage and integrity of those who serve," said Chaplain (Capt.) Ikjin Daniel Moon, who was born in South Korea.

For example, AAPI fought in the most decorated unit of World War II, the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate), which eventually became part of the 442nd. In fact, the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team ended up being the most decorated unit for its size and length of service in the entire history of the American military, according to <http://www.goforbroke.org>, which takes its name from the 442nd's motto.

"The Army takes enormous pride in maintaining a diverse force that reflects the cultural richness of the country we serve," said Moon, who is currently assigned as the chaplain at 39th Signal Battalion on Caserne Daumerie in Chièvres.

Moon said that he sees this month not only as an opportunity to celebrate a proud history, but as a time to build the foundation for an even brighter future.

"The emphasis we put on diversity reflects our understanding that it is not found in statistics, percentages, or quotas," he said. "We do not strive for diversity for its own sake."

The best reason behind diversity among its ranks is that it makes the military its best, he said.

"For the Army, for all branches in the military, diversity is about achieving our peak performance," Moon said. "It is about gathering the widest possible set of talents and backgrounds to maximize our capabilities, address new threats and challenges, and take advantage of new opportunities."



Above, Nayah Lei Rindon plays the ukelele at the Asian-American Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance in Chièvres Thursday, May 19, 2016. • At right, Chaplain (Capt.) Ikjin Daniel Moon addresses the crowd at the ethnic observance on Caserne Daumerie in Chièvres Thursday, May 19, 2016.



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Town-hall meeting will be held in Brussels' 3 Star tonight

The Brussels Community Town Hall will update community members at USAG Benelux-Brussels' 3 Star Recreation Center today, May 26, beginning at 6 p.m.

Although it's too late to make your required reservation for the meal at this event, everyone is welcome to attend.

Town-hall agenda

- The special guest speaker will be Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, deputy military representative to NATO and Brussels community coordinator. Chatfield will provide her perspective on the Brussels community.
- Updates will be given by the following:
 - Derrick Hood, the deputy garrison manager;
 - NATO Health Clinic officer in charge, or OIC;
 - Brussels American School principal; and
 - Benelux Education Center officer.
- The town-hall meeting will conclude with a question-and-answer session will be hosted by the DGM.

National commander talks American Legion in Benelux

The American Legion national commander and the American Legion Auxiliary president will be touring military bases in Belgium June 1 and 3.

Harold "Dale" Barnett and Sharon Conatser will be open for questions — including how the American Legion is helping service members, their families and the American communities abroad — at two events.

The members of Flanders Field Post BE02 would like to invite the community to:

SHAPE June 1

Noon: Lunch at the SHAPE Club. (Order from menu, and pay your own way.) R.S.V.P. to flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com or civilian 0473-570589 by May 27.

Brussels June 3

6 p.m.: Dinner/Meet-and-Greet at the 3 Star Lounge in USAG Benelux-Brussels. Although it's too late to make the required reservation for the meal at this event, everyone is welcome to be part of the event.



Dale Barnett and Sharon Conatser come to the Benelux soon. (Courtesy photo)

Want to work with children? Learn background-check process

Everyone working with children in U.S. Army communities must pass a criminal-history background check, in compliance with public law, Department of Defense instructions and Army directives, according to an article by USAG Bavaria Public Affairs Office in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

This requirement, outlined in DoDI 1402.5 and AD 2014-23, is one measure the Army uses to ensure all employees, contractors and volunteers who regularly interact with children in Army programs are fit for their roles.

The background check provides information on incidents of violent offenses, sexual offenses, child abuse or neglect, and other behaviors that affect a person's suitability to work with children.

While the local Civilian Personnel Advisory Center conducts background investigations for employees who provide child-care services, the process is different for contractors and volunteers.

Local backgroundcheck administrators, or BCAs, conduct these investigations for contractors and volunteers, in cooperation with the manager of the program with which the contractor or volunteer is working.

In general, when a contractor or volunteer wants to start working with a program, he submits an application packet that includes initial background-investigation forms. The program manager submits these initial forms and the request for a background investigation to the BCA. The BCA then contacts the contractor or volunteer to complete fingerprinting and additional forms.

To find out more about the background-check process in the Benelux, contact your local security office in the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security:

- Chièvres DSN 361-5909 or civilian 068-275909,
- Brussels DSN 368-9660 or civilian 02-7179660,
- Schinnen DSN 360-7529 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437529.

For more details on the background-check process — including the kinds of checks required by different programs, whether background checks are valid for more than one program, and what happens if derogatory information is returned — see "Background checks for volunteers and contractors: Frequently asked questions" at <http://www.bavariannews.com/understanding-the-background-check-process-for-volunteers-contractors-working-with-children>.



Memorial Day ceremonies honor sacrifice

"In proud remembrance of their valor." Words incised into the façade of the memorial in Ardennes American Cemetery sum up Memorial Day and the comrades in arms it honors.

Attending ceremonies at American Battle Monuments Commission, or ABMC, cemeteries is free and open to the public. For a comprehensive list, visit <http://www.abmc.gov/news-events/news/memorial-day-2016-abmc-sites>.

Belgium

The American Overseas Memorial Day Association Belgium organizes ceremonies at American military cemeteries in Belgium. Read more about what's planned at these ceremonies at <http://aomda.org>.

- **Neupré.** Ardennes American Cemetery May 28 at 10 a.m.
- **Aubel.** Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery May 28 at 4 p.m.
- **Waregem.** Flanders Field American Cemetery May 29 at 3 p.m.

• **Isolated graves.** For dates, times, addresses and GPS locations of Memorial Day ceremonies at the isolated graves in Belgium, visit <http://aomda.org/index.php?lang=en&pid=119>.

• **Bastogne.** The USAG Benelux color guard will participate in the ceremony, which includes wreath-laying and a memorial service, at Mardasson Memorial (not an American military cemetery) in Bastogne June 3 from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

The Netherlands

• **Margraten.** Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial May 29 at 3 p.m. Arrive from 1 to 2 p.m. to find parking. Although seating is on a "first come, first served" basis, you must obtain seating tickets from the USAG Benelux-Schinnen Public Affairs Office by calling DSN 360-7331 or civilian +31 (0) 46-443-7331.

• **Isolated graves.** Find out more about Americans buried in isolated graves at <http://www.fieldsofhonor-database.com/index.php/isolated-graves>.



A Belgian man places a single red rose on the grave of a service member at Ardennes American Cemetery at last year's Memorial Day event Saturday, May 23, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

Note Memorial Day closures, changes in hours

Benelux community members should take note of the following closures and reduced operating hours in observance of Memorial Day, May 30.

Multiple locations

- Andrews Federal Credit Union will be closed only May 30 at its three locations in Brussels, Schinnen and Chièvres. Normal operating hours will resume Tuesday, May 31.
- Chièvres Commissary and Schinnen Commissary will be closed only May 30. Normal operating hours will resume Tuesday, May 31.
- Finance windows in the Benelux will be closed May 30.
- Military Post Offices in the Benelux will be closed May 30. Normal operating hours will resume Tuesday, May 31.

Brussels

- Brussels Healthcare Facility will be closed May 27 and 30.
- Army and Air Force Exchange Service Shoppette will be closed May 30.

Schinnen/Brunsum

- AAFES Troop Store, Express and Service Station will be closed only May 30. Normal operating hours will resume Tuesday, May 31.
- Bowling/Pin Point Café will be closed May 30.
- The Fitness Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. only.

SHAPE/Chièvres

- AAFES Main Exchange on Chièvres Air Base will be open May 30 during its regular Monday hours from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- SHAPE Healthcare Facility will operate with reduced staffing May 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. During those times:
 - Acute Care Walk-In Clinic will operate with Medical Officer of the Day, or MOD, coverage only.
 - Physical Therapy and Referral Management services will be available. (All other services will be closed.)
- The U.S. Community Services Center, once known as the U.S. Central Processing Facility, or CPF, will be closed May 30.



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The Official Website of the American Forces Network Benelux

AFN BENELUX 360 Internet Radio <http://benelux.afneurope.net>

Brussels: 101.7 FM – Chièvres 107.9 FM – SHAPE 106.5 FM –
Tri-Border Area 99.7, 96.9 FM

Chièvres American Festival builds friendship

The city of Chièvres is organizing its second American Festival, which is scheduled June 3 to 5.

The intent of this fest is to help build bridges between the Belgian, U.S. and SHAPE communities. The Belgians will get the opportunity to get to know the United States a little better through various American activities and food, and the Americans and members of the international community will get the opportunity to socialize with their neighbors and get a taste of typical Belgian culture.

The event will be held off-post, and the themes and highlights of the program will be as follows:

Friday, June 3 "Rock '60s" Admission: €5.

7 to 8:30 p.m.: Rock dance demonstrations

8:30 to 11:45 p.m.: Rock concerts

Midnight: Fireworks

Saturday, June 4 "Texas"

2 to 3:30 p.m.: Country Dance demonstrations

2 p.m.: Poker tournament

6 p.m.: Line-dancing and Country

8 to 11 p.m.: Country-music concert - Admission: €5.

Sunday, June 5

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: American market

11 a.m.: SHAPE Band concert

Noon: Display of classic cars

2 p.m.: Harley Davidson motorcycles display

4 p.m.: Wrestling demo - Admission: adults, €10; children, €5.

7 p.m.: Concert - Admission: €5.

Concessionaires wanted

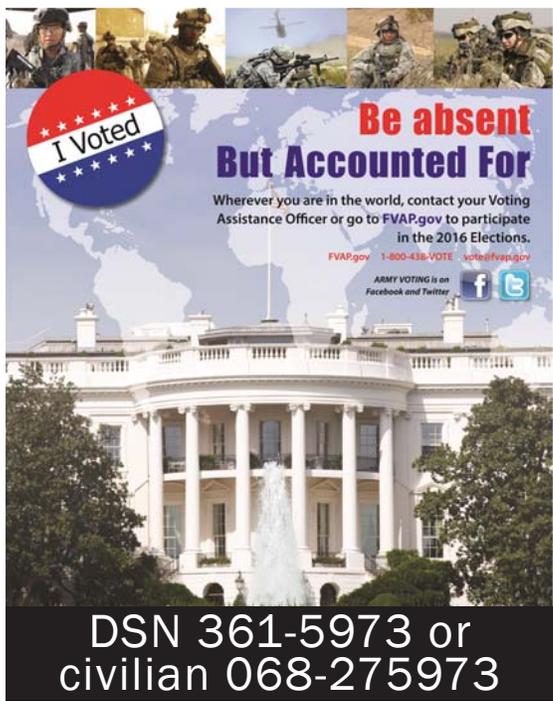
The organizers are still looking for American vendors who would be interested in selling food/drinks Sunday, June 5, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

If you want to find out more about how to manage a booth



during this event, call the Public Affairs Office at DSN 361-5419/5694 or civilian 068-275419/5694.

USAG Benelux is one of the many partners the city is working with for this event. The local shops, social groups, artists, schools and the Chièvres Air Base International Museum are also partners.



Get ready for Career Expo

The 2016 Employment and Career Expo will provide expert insights for those pursuing employment and career opportunities in the SHAPE Club in Building 903 June 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sponsored by SHAPE Army Community Service's Employment Readiness Program, this free event is also designed for those desiring to discover work-force knowledge essentials to enhance or further their career.

The Career Expo will include

- subject-matter experts to critique and tailor résumés;
- informative and interactive workshops;
- web-based seminars, commonly called webinars;

- guest speakers;
- a networking area with plenty of free, catered food and drinks; and
- more than 30 agencies looking to hire highly qualified and motivated military spouses, veterans and retirees.

Vendors representing local and worldwide employment opportunities, including government contractors and home-based businesses, will attend. You can also review volunteer and educational opportunities.

Some employers will offer immediate interviews and possible hiring on the spot so bring a résumé for review and job application.

For more information, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

FRENGLISH PAGE

Interns help US community with French touch

Special to the Gazette

Each week, English speakers will be in contact with French language in a friendly way. The interns' page is divided into three sections. The first one (Useful expressions) is dedicated to commonly used expressions translated into English and accompanied by a phonetic transcription. The second part (Word search) is a fun way to learn French words, along with their English translation. The last part (Dialog) is brightened up with a French dialog and its English translation.

Useful expressions

- Tu m'as fait peur /tu ma feh pur/ You scared me
- Pouvez-vous répéter? /poo veh voo reh peh teh/ Would you mind repeating it again?
- Doucement /doose muh/ Slowly
- Attention /ah ten see uh/ Watch out

Word search

Here are some words in French related to the theme "qualités et défauts/qualities and defaults" /ka lee teh eh deh fo/ that you can find in the grid. Have fun!

- Aimable: Friendly /eh mahbl/
- Timide: Shy /tea meed/
- Méchant: Mean /meh sha/
- Sévère: Strict /seh vair/
- Poli: Polite /po lee/
- Gentil: Kind /zahn tea/
- Honnête: Honest /oh net/
- Responsable: Responsible /reh spon sahbl/
- Bien élevé : Well-mannered /Bee unh eh luh veh/
- Mal élevé : Ill-mannered /mahl eh luh veh/
- Jaloux: Jealous /zah loo/
- Égoïste: Selfish /eh go east/
- Déprimé: Depressed /deh pree meh/
- Violent: Violent /vee oh lahn/
- Lunatique : Moody /loo nah teek/

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Dialog: Call a plumber

- A : Bonjour monsieur ! A: Good morning sir!
- J'ai une fuite d'eau dans ma salle de bain. I have a water leak in my bathroom.
- Seriez-vous disponible pour me dépanner ? Are you available to repair it?
- B: Oui, êtes-vous chez vous demain après-midi ? B: Yes, are you at home tomorrow afternoon?
- A : Oui, à quelle heure allez-vous venir ? A: Yes, what time will you come?
- B : Je viendrai entre 14h et 16h B: I will come between 2 and 4 p.m.
- A : D'accord, voici mon adresse: A: Alright, here is my address:
- Rue des Carmélites, 10 à Bruxelles. Rue des Carmélites, 10 in Brussels.
- B : Pouvez-vous me donner votre numéro de téléphone au cas où je serais en retard ? B: Could you give me your phone number in case I would be late?
- A : Bien sûr, voici mon numéro : 02/1582426 A: Of course, here is my number: 02/1582426
- B : Et voici le mien : 0495/157836 B: And here is mine : 0495/157836
- A : Parfait, merci ! À demain ! A: Perfect, thanks! See you tomorrow!

All USAG Benelux interns, Maréva Baudart, Roxane Rasneur, Jérémy De Leeuw, Pauline Chevalier, Adeline Durot, Julie Anicotte, Margaux Warnotte, Alessio Stinchettu and Gemma Tirabassi have contributed to this page.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Registration now open

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Schinnen Army Community Service or SHAPE ACS by video-teleconference at Brussels ACS. To sign up, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783:
 - **Dress for Success Workshop** -Join the ACS Employment Readiness staff for an informative workshop on dressing appropriately. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **June 9** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- **CYSS sports programs** - Open enrollment is going on now for several sports programs offered by Child, Youth and School Services. Open to all U.S./NATO/embassy ID card-holders, but spaces are limited. Register by Aug. 26. Youths must be registered with CYSS and have a valid health assessment (that will remain valid throughout the season) at the time of enrollment. Youths must meet age requirements by Nov. 15, 2016. To register, stop by Parent Central Services in Building 3, or call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651. Volunteer coaches are needed. Coaches receive waived/discounted registration fees for their children. If interested, contact the Youth Sports & Fitness Office at DSN 368-9539 or civilian 02-7179539.
 - **CYSS Fall Cheerleading** - The season runs **Aug. 30 to Oct. 29** at the Sterrebeek Youth Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cheerleading squad is designed for children, ages 6 to 12. Cost: \$40.
 - **CYSS Fall Flag Football** - The season runs **Aug. 29 to Oct. 29** on the Brussels American School football field, Sterrebeek Annex, Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Teams will be made up of children, ages 10 to 13. Cost: \$40.
 - **CYSS Fall Soccer 3 to 5** - The season runs **Sept. 1 to Oct. 27** on the Brussels American School football field, Sterrebeek Annex, Thursdays only from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Teams will be made up of children, ages 3 to 5. Cost: \$20.
 - **CYSS Fall Soccer 6 to 12** - The season runs **Aug. 30 to Oct. 29** on the Brussels American School football field, Sterrebeek Annex, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Teams will be organized based on the following ages: 6 to 7, 8 to 9, and 10 to 12. Cost: \$40.
 - **CYSS Fall Volleyball** - The season runs **Aug. 29 to Oct. 26** at the Sterrebeek Youth Center Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Teams will be made up of children, ages 10 to 14. Cost: \$40.

May 27

- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community Fridays from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Recreation Night features games, cards, music and movies. Snacks and beverages available for purchase: spring rolls, chicken tenders, ham-and-cheese sandwiches, chicken wings and potato wedges. For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822, or DSN 368 9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

June 2

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Oriental ribs, chicken stir-fried noodles, rice and salad will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Facility will be open until 10 p.m.) Cost: adults \$12, children, ages 12 and under, \$6. (Alternate children's menu: chicken strips with potato wedges, \$5.) Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Schinnen Army Community Service, SHAPE ACS or Brussels ACS by video-teleconference. To sign up, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500:
 - **Dress for Success Workshop** -Join ACS Employment Readiness staff for an informative workshop on dressing appropriately. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **June 9** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- **Men's volleyball** - Attention, all male volleyball players in the Tri-Border area: The USAG Benelux-Schinnen Fitness Center will host a Father's Day volleyball tournament **June 18**. This double elimination will begin at 10 a.m. Stop by the fitness center to sign up your team by June 14. If you aren't on a team but would like to play, sign up and you will be placed on a team. For details, call DSN 360-7561 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437561.

May 26

- **BOSS Block Party** - The DFMWR BOSS Block Party starts at 12:30 p.m. after the Safety Stand-Down (and lasting until 4 p.m.) at the Schinnen pavilion area with a pulled-pork barbecue plate and live music with a local rock cover band, featuring Hans Domevscek from "Stone" and the Schinnen Directorate Challenge (at 12:45 p.m.): Root for your favorite four-person team to win the Garrison Manager's Award through challenges like nail pounding into a stump, golf putt, soccer kick, football throw and many more.

May 30

- **Hearts Apart** - Schinnen Army Community Service offers this support group for youth separated from a loved one, whether through a deployment or a family situation, at AFNORTH International School from 2 to 3 p.m. For details, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY *continued*

May 31 to June 2

- **Workshop: The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People** - Service members, civilian employees and their family members are invited to bring a new dimension of effectiveness to their work and home lives. Geilenkirchen Airman & Family Readiness Center is looking for people who are ready to work toward sustainable personal growth and embark on a career-altering life trajectory in this workshop based on the book "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" by Stephen R. Covey. This internationally renowned, principle-centered workshop will be held at Geilenkirchen Chapel Annex from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two airman-and-family readiness consultants will lead the FranklinCovey 7 Habits of Highly Effective People Signature program. To enroll, contact A&FRC at DSN 458-6015 or civilian +49 (0) 2451-633791, or email at 470abs.dpf2@us.af.mil.

June 1

- **Parent Education Workshop** - Parent Education Workshop: Effective Communication with Your Child can help you talk to your child when the child is acting distant. Go to one of the two sessions at AFNORTH International School Library – from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. or from 6 to 7 p.m. Open to all U.S./NATO ID card-holders. To register, call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-526-3121/2023.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Theater classes for adults** - The SHAPE Performing Arts Center offers those 18 and older an opportunity to explore drama. For details, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.
 - **Scene Study Class** - This class is designed to inspire interpretation, create true relationships and develop the individual's instincts while working with the texts of great modern plays. Meets Tuesdays **June 14 to July 19** from 7 to 10 p.m., but participants will be required to rehearse with partners outside of class.
 - **An Actor Prepares: Basic Technique** - Free yourself to play honestly and fully by learning technical exercises that break down inhibitions, develop improvisational instincts and build confidence. Meant for those who are serious about acting, this class meets Mondays and Wednesdays **June 13 to July 20** from 7 to 10 p.m.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Brussels, Schinnen or SHAPE Army Community Service by video-teleconference at SHAPE ACS. To sign up, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824:
 - **Dress for Success Workshop** - Join ACS Employment Readiness staff for an informative workshop on dressing appropriately. Given in person at SHAPE ACS **June 9** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Tickets now available

- **Army Ball** - Celebrate the Army birthday at the Army Ball in the SHAPE Club ballroom **June 25** from 5 p.m. to midnight. Cost: €60 per person. Call DSN 361-5288 or civilian 068-275288 about tickets and child care.

May 27

- **'80s Murder Mystery Dinner** - Join the Youth Centre for a 1980s prom gone bad. Can you solve the crime? Parts available to the first 35 registered youths. Open to all CYSS-eligible youth in grades six through 12. Spaces are limited. Must register for event in Parent Central Services or online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/shapecym.html>. Learn more at DSN 366-6839/6797/6812 or civilian 065-326839/6797/6812.

June 1

- **Job-Ready Training** - Prepare for your first job, and explore career choices and post-secondary education options at SHAPE's Building 503 from 10:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open to youths in ninth through 12th grades. Lunch is provided. To register, call DSN 366-6839/6797 or civilian 065-326839/6797.

June 4

- **Corn Hole Tournament** - Meet new people and provide fun for the whole family at the Corn Hole Tournament at Chièvres Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental from 2 to 4 p.m. Corn Hole is a happy marriage between a bean-bag toss and horseshoes. If you've never played, you can use this as an opportunity to familiarize yourself with the game.

Inside the gate

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates — 2D movies: adults, €6.50; children, ages 12 and under, €3.75. 3D movies: adults, €8.50; children, ages 12 and under, €5.75. Visit <http://www.shape2day.com>, and click "Cinema Schedule" icon. Ticket sales begin 30 minutes prior to each showing. Films will start promptly. Thrifty Thursday means half-price popcorn and free movies from the same film series (or related subject matter) as an upcoming film as well as half-price pizza and calzone at the Pizza Bowl.

Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

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

Travel the Benelux

Visit the largest castle in the Netherlands

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Outside the gate



Kasteel de Haar near Utrecht (Courtesy Photo)

Centrally located in the Netherlands, near Utrecht and at only thirty minutes driving distance from Amsterdam, stands the 'De Haar' castle. The castle is the largest one in the Netherlands and can be visited all year round. Its medieval style with towers, ditch, portal and drawbridge along with its chapel, parks and gardens will transport you to another time in history.

The 'De Haar' castle was first mentioned in 1391. The castle was built by the family van de Haar and became property of the van Zuylen family when Josyna van de Haar, married to Dirk van Zuylen, passed away. In the 17th century, the castle was abandoned and only rebuilt after 1887, the year when Baron Etienne van Zuylen married H el ene de Rothschild.

The renovation led by architect Dr. Pierre Cuypers started around 1892 and ended in 1912. The wish of the owners was to rebuild the castle in its original style but it needed to be functional and comfortable as they were planning to live there. The renovation included an elevator, warm and cold water in every bedroom, central heating for the entire castle and a kitchen equipped with the most modern equipment of the time.

The parks and gardens alone are worth a visit. The rose garden, the roman garden, the canals, as well

as the many bridges and romantic paths invite you to go for a walk and enjoy its peacefulness.

The castle offers visits through the year from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., every day except June 18 when it will close at 2:30 p.m. and June 22 when it will close all day. English spoken audiotours are available, except during special expositions in the castle.

The castle even offers some of its rooms for rent for special dinners and receptions. The visit of the castle and its park can be combined with a visit to the small village of Haarzuilens, only a kilometer away from the castle.

Entrance to the castle and the park is €14 per adult or €17.50 with a guided tour of the bedrooms. Children pay €9 or €12.50 with the guided tour. Children under 4 years old get in free of charge. Parking is €4.

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Get some 'bitterballen' as a snack

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A Dutch night out frequently starts in a local pub with a beer and a snack or a 'bittergarnituur' assortment. The assortment of snacks used to accompany an herb flavored liquor (Bitter) but is served nowadays as a small snack dish.

A bittergarnituur is generally composed of Gouda cheese cubes, mini-nems (mini-lumpia), meatballs, slices of local sausage and of course, 'bitterballen'. The latter is the Dutch people's favorite just like tapas are for the Spanish people.



"Bitterballen" originated as a way of using up leftovers. A bitterbal is round, hot, crunchy on the outside and gooey on the inside. It is a small, deep-fried meaty snack, traditionally filled with beef but also with chicken or veal. There is also a vegetarian version made with mushrooms.

Recipe for about 20 'bitterballen'

- 1/2 cup of butter
- 3/4 cup of flour
- 3 cups of beef broth
- 1 oz of chopped onions
- 1 tbsp of fresh ground parsley
- 1 pound finely ground cooked meat
- nutmeg
- salt & pepper

For the breadcrumbs :

- 1/3 cup of flour
- 2 whisked eggs
- 2 oz of bread crust

Make butter melt in a pan. Then progressively add flour till getting a thick roux. Carefully add the beef broth and let it stew on a low heat while adding the onions, parsley and ground meat. The mixture must thicken and become a sauce. Then, cover and refrigerate for several hours for the sauce to become solid.

Take a tablespoon of it and quickly make it into a ball. Slightly roll it into the flour then in the eggs and finally in the bread crust. Put it in the fridge again and turn on the fryer at 374 °F (190 °C). Fry 4 balls at a time.

Eat with some mustard.

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- **London, June 25**
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- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, Belgium, July 9**
- **Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, July 5 to 9**
- **Durbuy and Namur with the Citadelle, July 13**
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- **Rhine River Cruise, Cable Car and Fortress, Aug. 6**
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- **Copenhagen (Denmark), Aug. 12 to 15**
- **Ghent with City Beer Discovery Boat trip, Aug. 20**
- **Cochem, Germany, with medieval dinner in castle, Sept. 3**
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- **Berlin Express, Germany, June 25**
- **Regular Season NFL Game Washington Redskins vs. Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 29 to 31 (Pay by July 29.) Pickups at Schinnen and SHAPE.**



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Through May 29

- **“Oostende voor Anker” nautical festival in Oostende** will take place at the harbor at Natiënkaai 1. Enjoy many authentic boats and ships, live music, exhibitions, demonstrations and other naval activities. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission. For more information about this nautical festival, visit its website at <http://www.oostendevooranker.be>.

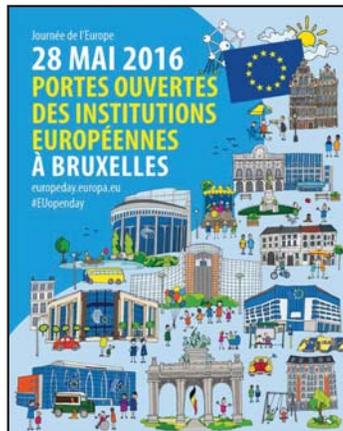


May 27

- **Rock music concert in Jurbise** will take place at Rue de la Croix Rouge 66 from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission: Pay the price you deem to be fair.

May 28

- **European institution open day in Brussels** will offer entertainment, visits, exhibitions, forums, concerts and more from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Esplanade Solidarnosc at Rue Wiertz 60. Free admission. For more information on this event, visit <http://europeday.europa.eu/desktop/en/city/brussels>.
- **Historical event in Westvleteren** will take place in the courtyard of the Oud Castle at Donkerstraat 11. Live the Middle Ages with archery, blacksmith, knights, sword fights, actors, acrobats and more. Open from 3 to 11 p.m.
- **Sound-and-light show in Marchienne-au-Pont** will take place on Rue de la Providence. For more information, visit <http://www.maitallurgie.be>. Free admission.
- **Art fair “Fête des Fleurs” in Watermael-Boitsfort** will take place in the streets of the city, starting at 1 p.m. Free admission.
- **Flea market in Fontaine-L'Evêque (350 booths)** will take place on Rue du Poirier from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea and crafts market in Gozée (150 booths)** will take place at Rue de Marchienne 134a from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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Through May 29

- **Opera Days in Rotterdam** is an international opera and musical-theater festival held at several special locations. For more information, visit: <https://www.operadagenrotterdam.nl>.
- **Libelle Zomerweek in Almere** is an annual summer fair held at the beach on IJmeerdijk. This year's theme: “Let’s Dance!” Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €20; children, €8.75.
- **Roncallis Historic Year Market in Aachen-Kornelimünster, Germany**, is an annual event with antique and art dealers, attractions, rides, entertainers and more. Open Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 10 p.m. Free admission.
- **Cultural-and-culinary festival in Bergen op Zoom** will be held on the squares in the center of town where the festival spotlights regional products, like asparagus, strawberries and anchovies.
- **Wine fest/market in Ratingen-Lintorf, Germany**, will take place at Schützenplatz.

Through June 5

- **Tong Tong Fair in The Hague** will be held at Malieveld. The largest Eurasian festival in the world, the Tong Tong Fair is laid out like a town: It has streets, squares and theaters. Admission: weekdays, €15; weekends, €17; children, ages 11 and under, €5.

May 27 to 29

- **City Fest in Monheim am Rhein** will be held in the town center. The fest’s theme is “1,001 Nights,” a festival in the exotic style of the Orient.
- **“Eten op Rolletjes” culinary festival in Hilversum** will be held at Dudokpark. Along with food trucks, visitors can enjoy live music and theater. Open Friday from 3 to 11 p.m.; Saturday from noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 10 p.m. Free admission.
- **Harbor Festival in Münster, Germany**, will be held at Hafen Kreativkai, where attendees will find many live acts, marching bands, demonstrations and culinary booths. Open Friday from 6 to 11 p.m.; Saturday from 3 to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 9 p.m.
- **Excellent Fair in Maastricht** will be held at MECC. This home-and-living fair offers visitors ways to make their homes more comfortable. Open May 27 from 1 to 11 p.m.; May 28 from 1 to 7 p.m. and May 29 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €15; children, ages 11 and under, free.

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May 28 to 29

• **Animal well-being fair in Dour** will take place on Chemin des Fours from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. You'll find more than 50 exhibitors as well as entertainment for children, canine experts, and pet-care seminars. Free admission.

• **Arts-and-crafts market in Ciney** will take place on Place Monseu. Open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

• **Oh! Festival in Sint-Joost-ten-Node** will take place on Place Houwaert, Rue de Liedekerke, Rue du Merinos and Rue Braem. This unique festival will fill the streets with circus entertainment, acrobats, theater and more. Open Saturday from 1 to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 6:30 p.m.



May 29

• **Nautical flea market in Ixelles (850 booths)** will take place at Place du Châtelain from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Food-and-taste market in Evere** will take place at Brussels Museum van de Molen en de Voeding at Windmolenstraat 21. This market will have all kinds of organic and regional products. Talk to a brewer, a baker, a beekeeper and others. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.

• **Garden fair in Izegem** will be held on Wallemote-Wolvenhof Castle Estate on Kokelarestraat. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €3.

• **Flea and crafts market in Casteau (300 booths)** will take place at Chaussée de Bruxelles 184 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Volksmarch in Biercée for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km.** Departs from Rue Grignard from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Volksmarch in Jollain-Merlin for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km.** Departs from Rue de Wez 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Volksmarch in Ronquières for 5, 10 or 20 km.** Departs from Rue de Nivelles 32 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Volksmarch in Thieu for 5, 10 or 20 km.** Departs from Place Hardat from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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May 27 to 29 continued

• **Wine Fest in Euskirchen, Germany**, will be held on Klosterplatz. Besides wine, visitors can enjoy delicacies, music, shows and a fair. Open Friday from 3 p.m. to midnight; Saturday from 1 p.m. to midnight and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

May 28

• **Historic farmers festival and market in Bunschoten** will be held in the town center. Walk around and experience the crafts, exhibitions, demonstrations, animals, curiosities and food tasting. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **International Gypsy Festival in Tilburg** will take place at Veemarktkwartier 44. Musical groups and dancers from all over Europe will participate. Experience gypsy culture, including art, photography and literature. Open from 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Admission: €25; children, ages 11 and under, free.

May 28 to 29

• **French Days fair in Baarn** will be held at and around Castle Groeneveld at Groeneveld 2. This fair will offer music, French regional products and wines, tourist information and more. Open from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission: €12.50.

• **Woodlands Festival in Bergen** takes place on Oudtburghweg. This open-air festival will have music, artists, a market and theater on six stages. Open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

• **Brunssum International Art Event in Brunssum** will be held in Schutterspark at Heidestraat 20. It offers paintings, sculptures, ceramics, glass and more. The event has a historic village and live music as well as entertainment for children. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Gourmet Market in Porta Westfalica, Germany**, will be held at Ortskern Hausberge. Local restaurants and hobby cooks and will participate.

May 29

• **Garage sale in Gilze** will be held at about 100 houses in the town. A list of participants' addresses can be obtained on Bisschop de Vetplein (square), starting at 9:15 a.m. Open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Follow the signs for "garageverkoop."

• **Spring Fair in Kerkrade** will take place in the English garden at Botanische tuin at St. Hubertuslaan 74. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €4.

• **Sheep Shearers Fest in Venray** will fill the town center with a historic market, traditional crafts and plenty of nostalgia. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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