

THE GAZETTE

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

Benelux news briefs

Kennel closes early

On Aug. 30, the Chièvres Boarding Kennel will be open from 8:30 to 11 a.m. to allow all staff to participate in Dogs Day Out. For details, call DSN 361-5436 or civilian 068-275436.

Clinics have holiday hours

SHAPE Healthcare Facility will operate on a holiday schedule Sept. 1 because of Labor Day.

Acute Care Walk-in Clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Healthcare Finder Window will be open for making referral appointments, and the Physical Therapy Clinic will be open. All other services will be closed.

The Brussels Clinic will be closed Aug. 29 and Sept. 1.

Commissaries closed for Labor Day holiday

In observance of Labor Day, Chièvres and Schinnen commissaries will be closed Sept. 1 and 2.

AAFES has holiday hours

Chièvres PXtra will be open Labor Day, Sept. 1, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; the Main Exchange will be closed.

Gazette submissions

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Spartans hit field, ready for action

SHAPE Spartan receiver Oliver Powdar hauls in a pass at practice Aug. 19, 2014. Football players at SHAPE American High School experience a little bit of home every time they hit the field, and members of the SHAPE/Chièvres community get that feeling every time they sit in the stands. The Spartans play their first game — a home game — Saturday, Sept. 6. Home games are also scheduled for Sept. 13 and 27 as well as homecoming, Oct. 11. Games normally start at 1 p.m. For updates, call the school at DSN 423-5715 or civilian 065-445715. (Photo by Tim Clark)

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TRI-SIGNED LETTER

Leaders weigh in on Army Suicide Awareness Month 2014

Our Soldiers, civilians and families remain our strength, demonstrating unparalleled skill and professionalism as they support our great Army and defend our nation. While our commitment to them extends year 'round, we call special attention to our ongoing efforts to build individual resiliency skills during the Army's observance of Suicide Awareness Month.

This year's theme, "Enhancing Resiliency – Strengthening Our Professionals," reinforces our pledge to not only build resiliency, but to support those in need – enhancing performance, increasing readiness and building a stronger force.

We are committed to reducing the number of suicides in our ranks and believe that our Ready and Resilient

Campaign is effectively providing Soldiers and leaders important tools in that mission. We challenge every member of the Total Army Family to seek training opportunities, use available services and resources and continue to develop skills that build personal resiliency and lead to positive outcomes during periods of increased stress.

This September, in support of the Ready and Resilient Campaign, leaders across the Army should assess their units and engage in events and training to foster a climate of trust that supports help-seeking behaviors. Leaders must set the conditions for enduring culture change in our profession by being interveners instead of bystanders and by living the Army Values daily.

Additionally, leaders must bolster resiliency through education and through training and awareness activities. These include training in Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness, prevention of sexual harassment and assault, suicide prevention, assessments and intervention techniques and activities that support stigma reduction.

We have an immense opportunity and responsibility to shape the Army of the future.

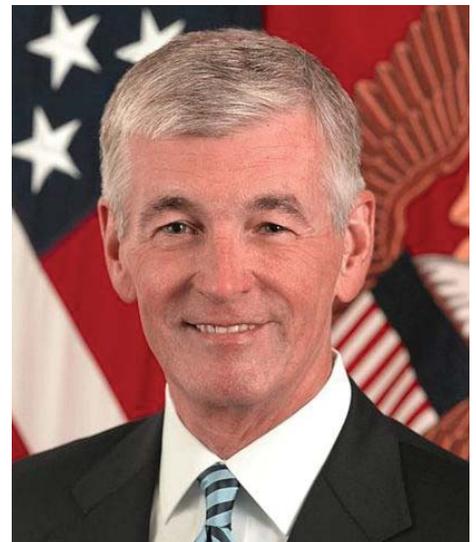
Our Army is already strong, and, by working together, we can be even stronger. We will continue to strengthen our profession by holding ourselves and one another accountable and by empowering those around us to build a culture of resiliency. Army Strong!



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ASAP manager offers insight into fighting suicide

Enhancing leaders' awareness, responses play key role

By Jay J. Khalifeh

USAG-Benelux Army Substance Abuse Program manager

As the untimely death of the famous comedian/actor Robin Williams demonstrates, suicide reaches across every spectrum of society. Every single suicide in the military family is a tragic loss to the military family.

The military continues to institute a multi-disciplinary, holistic approach to health promotion, risk reduction and suicide prevention that takes the many challenges of service members, families and civilians into account. The composition of the various working groups from the top staff down to the installation staff are a reflection of this multi-disciplinary approach.

Key elements of the military's approach include ensuring that all service members have prompt access to quality behavioral-health care, multi-points screening and documentation of mild traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress as well as improved leader awareness of high-risk behavior.

To prevent future tragedies the services are working hard on several fronts to help service members and their families deal with the challenges they face. The suicide prevention strategy includes enhancing leaders' awareness and responses concerning high-risk behavior; decreasing the stigma about getting help; increasing screening for brain injury and post-traumatic stress; and improving access to care.

Suicide is a very complex problem; there isn't one single cause. Therefore, a holistic approach to health promotion, risk reduction and suicide prevention is essential and bolsters any prevention program. When assessing suicide risk, leaders should take into account the cumulative effect of service-member issues, such as financial worries, relationship issues, legal trouble, substance abuse and medical problems.

Each death to suicide is as unique as the individual; however, leaders always need to be aware of indicators that may raise the risk for suicidal behavior, such as;

- Decreased performance;
- Loner with little unit support;
- Loss of or perceived negatives in relationship;
- Financial or legal problems/current or pending Uniform Code of Military Justice actions;
- Separation proceedings;
- Loss of status, finances, health and/or relationships; and
- Feelings of loneliness or depression.

Pay special attention to service members and civilians during vulnerable periods. Triggers to such periods include but aren't limited to permanent change of station; expiration of term of service; departure to or return from professional military education courses; deployment or redeployment; marriage; divorce; and change in leadership.

Research has demonstrated that leaders are well-served when they aggressively sponsor and integrate newly arriving personnel, or the newcomer may end up feeling alone and without support. As much as possible, leaders must



**September is
Suicide Prevention
Month,**
an opportunity to provide
education and resource
information on suicide and
its residual effects
on family members.

Army Suicide Stand Down scheduled in communities

During Sept. 23 to 25, Army leaders are instructed to conduct resiliency and suicide-prevention activities in order to increase resilience, reduce risk and diminish suicidal behavior.

This year's Suicide Stand-Down theme is, "Enhancing Resiliency — Strengthening our Professionals."

To assist Benelux leaders to accomplish Suicide Stand-Down core elements, the communities of SHAPE, Brussels, Brunssum/Schinnen and Caserne Daumerie will have a round-robin training event emphasizing resiliency and life skills:

- Sept. 23 at 8:45 a.m. in Alliance Theatre;
- Sept. 24 at 8:45 a.m. in the Brussels Community Center;
- Sept. 25 at 1300, Brunssum Chapel;
- Sept. 26 at 8 a.m. in the auditorium of Caserne Daumerie's Building 30 (Command Building).

make themselves aware of problems of newly arriving staff members as well.

Another issue that raises the risk for suicide is a leader's unfamiliarity with the community-support resources available and how to gain access to them. In addition, the perception of a stigma surrounding getting help remains a major barrier to help-seeking behavior. Leaders need to do all they can to ensure procedures and policies are in place to promote help-seeking behavior and confidentiality.

If you or a loved one could use a helping hand, contact your local health-care provider for help. U.S. Army Europe, or USAREUR, has also developed a confidential Military Crisis Line where master-level counselors stand ready with immediate assistance free of charge. They may be reached at DSN 118, or toll-free 00-800-1273-8255, which connects you with the National Suicide Prevention Hotline. Confidential chats are available online at <http://MilitaryCrisisLine.net>.

Harvest time can be deadly for drivers

By Rudy Magain

USAG Benelux safety manager

The harvest of sugar beets starts soon, and many farm tractors with trailers will be on the roads.

Poorly lighted and moving very slowly, these vehicles track mud and drop beets on the road, which create hazardous, slippery conditions. These dangerous elements combined with shorter daylight hours and inclement weather represent a greater risk and accident potential.

In addition, when wet, leaves on the roadway create a slippery combination and result in a lack of traction when a motorist has to stop suddenly.

All of these elements spell trouble for motorists. The only proven defense against these hazards is the application of the simple rules of "defensive driving":

- Maintain your vehicle in an acceptable safe condition.
- Reduce and adjust speed to weather, road and traffic conditions.
- Allow more room for stopping and avoid the necessity of sudden stops by driving slowly.
- Increase following distance: Other motorists might have trouble stopping, too.



• At night, the most important factors are full attention and control.

Watch out for fog

If possible, don't start a trip in heavy fog. Fog usually closes in just prior to darkness, but daylight fog in some areas can cut visibility to six or seven yards. Anticipate fog in the evening, and complete your driving before it sets in.

If you are on the road and suddenly enter a dense fog bank, if at all possible, reduce your speed gradually to avoid a rear-end collision. Tap your brake pedal

when slowing down to provide ample warning to the driver behind who may be traveling at high speed. Switch your lights on low beam, start your wipers and edge toward the right side of the road. Watch for obstructions: Vehicles in front may not have lights on, and people may be on the roadway. Sudden stops often cause chain-reaction collisions.

Be prepared for the unexpected. Provide yourself with a safe opening just in case the driver ahead of you has to make an emergency stop.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS, SAY SOMETHING

AUGUST IS ANTITERRORISM AWARENESS MONTH

to report suspicious activity in your community, go to www.eur.army.mil/eureport

or use the link at right found on all U.S. Army garrison and U.S. Army Europe unit home pages in the European theater

The complex block features a background image of a person wearing a black balaclava. Text is overlaid in white and yellow. At the bottom, there are two logos: "iWATCH ARMED & DANGEROUS" with a "CLICK TO MAKE A REPORT" button, and "ISALUTE TERRORISM".

Summertime travel plans should include vigilance

Summer break and the moving season have been going on for some time. As a result, many people travel across Europe and around the globe, especially over the Labor Day weekend, traditionally the last weekend of summer.

Any travel comes with potential danger, including travel in foreign countries.

The U.S. Army Europe Antiterrorism Division reminds members of the U.S. forces community that those risks include terrorist attacks. USAREUR Antiterrorism Division officials remind people to be vigilant and use sound risk-based decision-making when traveling or participating in public events.

You can reduce the likelihood of becoming a terror victim by maintaining situational awareness in large crowds.

The USAREUR Antiterrorism Division asks you to immediately report suspicious activity to appropriate authorities.

With a little bit of planning, you can securely navigate your summer. In order to help members of the American military community, USAREUR's Antiterrorism experts have designed an information trifold brochure, which is currently available at http://www.eur.army.mil/vigilance/Travel_Guidance_trifold_June2014.pdf.

Spartans train for SHAPE HS football



SHAPE quarterback Noah Parker drops back to pass at practice Aug. 19, 2014. (Photo by Tim Clark)

SHAPE Spartan player Pablo Pereira gets a word of encouragement from a coach at a recent practice. (Photo by Tim Clark)



SHAPE Spartan line coach Daniel Tufele works with linemen José Delgado and Jacob Grimmage on blocking technique at practice recently. The first game (home game) is set for Saturday, Sept. 6. Other home games are Sept. 13 and 27 as well as homecoming, Oct. 11. (Photo by Tim Clark)



Head coach Jay Bodine makes a point to the SHAPE American High School team at practice Aug. 19, 2014. "Some of my players have never played football before; it's a little bit of America for them in Europe," he said. (Photo by Tim Clark)

Trenches to Foxholes

World War II's fallen to be honored by Chimay

The people of the Chimay region hold annual ceremonies to honor the U.S. forces who helped liberate Belgium.

Aug. 30, 2014

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Military memorabilia fair.

6:30 p.m. Concert by the "Odyssey for Friends" Band, performing famous standards by Glenn Miller.

10 p.m. Popular dance music performed by Maria D. who will also be singing songs by French singer Edith Piaf.

Aug. 31, 2014

7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Liberation walks starting from Cendron (6, 10, 14 or 20 kilometers) Registration fee: €1 per person, free for soldiers in uniform. SHAPE trips and tours has a trip sent up for this event. (See flier at right.)

11 a.m. Catholic service in memory of the liberators, followed by a re-enactment with WWII vintage vehicles

driving into Belgium just like they did 70 years ago. Several types of lunch will be available, going from very basic sausage in bread to a full meal (roast pig with salad, baked potatoes, dessert and coffee) €15 a person. That menu requires prior reservations. Call 0497-072373 to reserve the full meal. Lunch will be followed by a dance and a traditional "boules" game.

Sept. 2, 2014

9:30 a.m. Prayer by a Belgian and an American chaplain (in memory of the Soldiers who liberated the area and of those first 12 who died on Belgian soil in 1944).

9:45 a.m. Ceremony at the Cendron memorial. Fly-over by the Belgian Air Component based in Florennes.

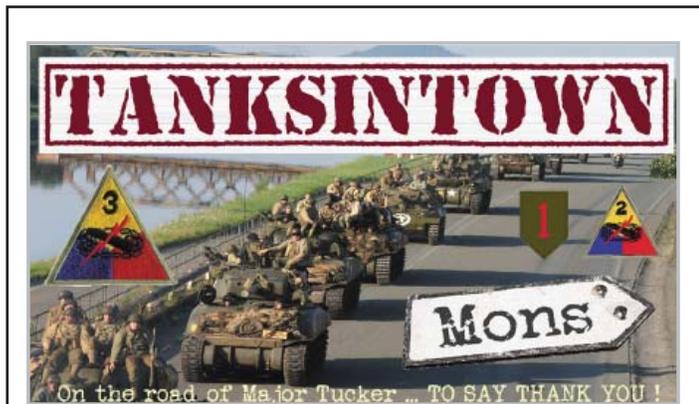
11:15 a.m. Ceremony at the Monceau-Imbrechies memorial where the first 12 Soldiers died.

Sept. 3, 2014

9:45 a.m. Ceremony in honor of the crew of the "Susan Ruth," the B-17 that crashed in Macquenoise Feb. 8, 1944, after a raid over Frankfurt, Germany. Family members of the crew will be in attendance. The bomber was named after the wife of pilot Capt. Howard Snyder.

11 a.m. Ceremony honoring the U.S. airmen killed by the Gestapo April 2, 1944. Three surviving members of the Susan Ruth crew, other airmen and members of the Belgian Resistance were hidden in the woods near Chimay. On April 22, 1944, the Gestapo surrounded the woods and caught the airmen. They took them to a school and interrogated them. A few hours later, they took them back to the woods and shot them.

Noon A reception at Chimay town hall will be hosted by the mayor.



Armored vehicles to be back in streets of city of Mons

Tanks in Town commemorates the liberation of the city of Mons by the 83rd Reconnaissance Battalion of the 3rd U.S. Armored Division in 1944.

Each year, this event organizes a gathering of armored vehicles, including Shermans, Chaffees, Pershings, tank destroyers and half-tracks as well as other World War II vintage vehicles.

For additional information and to check the program, visit <http://www.tanksintown.be>.

15th Edition - 5, 6 & 7 Sept. 2014

Saturday (Bois Brûlé)
 STATIC SHOW - Camp
 MILITARIA FLEA MARKET
 TANK RIDES
 SUNDAY
 HISTORICAL PARADE (25km)

70TH ANNIVERSARY

AMPHIBIOUS Operation
 Saturday "Grand Large"

Rumes honors its liberators

Rumes, located on the Belgian-French border, was the first Belgian town to be liberated Sept. 2, 1944. First to enter the village through what is now the Liberation Bridge was the 2nd Armored Division, which had been preceded by a pathfinder on a motorcycle. The program for the Sept. 2 ceremonies is as follows:



6 p.m.: Liberation Bridge

There will be a commemoration of the first U.S. liberator to enter onto Belgian soil 70 years ago — Sept. 2, 1944, at 9:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.: Liberation Memorial

Three veterans of the 2nd AD — 2nd Lt. Francis Turner, Pfc. Charles Grunert and Pfc. Bob Connerton — will be made honorary citizens of the city. Showing of a short movie on 2nd AD.



7:45 p.m.: Secret army's plaque

A ceremony — with the participation of choirs and children from local schools — will honor the members of the Belgian Resistance.

8 p.m.: Hall Fernand Carré, Rumes

Sgt. Ernie Turner of the British 43rd Wessex Division will be honored.

Trenches to Foxholes

Next week in World War history (Aug. 31 to Sept. 6)

World War I

1914

Sept 3 - The Southern Russian Army captures Lemberg, (present-day Lviv, Ukraine), continues to push on to Cracow (present-day Kraków, Poland).

Sept 5 - General Joseph Joffre, commander in chief of the French army during World War I, readies his troops for a renewed offensive against the advancing Germans at the Marne river in northeastern France, set to begin the following morning.

Sept 6 - The French 6th Army under the command of General Michel-Joseph Manoury attacks the right flank of the German 1st Army, beginning the First Battle of the Marne at the end of the first month of World War I.



General Joseph Joffre

1915

Aug. 31 - The Germans end their offensive against the Russians having forced Russia out of much of Poland.

Sept. 5 - British forces use gas in battle near Loos, but shifting winds cause 60,000 British casualties.

1916

August 31 - Harry Butters, an American soldier serving in the British army during World War I, is killed by a German shell during the Battle of the Somme, while fighting to secure the town of Guillemont, France.

Sept. 1 - Romania is invaded by the newly formed Danube Army, consisting of Germans, Turks and Bulgarians under the command of German General August von Mackensen. This marks the start of a multi-pronged invasion of Romania in response to its aggression against Austria-Hungary.

1917

Sept. 1 - American soldier Stull Holt writes a letter home recounting some of his battlefield experiences on the Western Front at Verdun, France. In part the letter reads, "The French have a saying to the effect that no one comes out of Verdun the same. As the fighting is stiff there always, the statement is probably true for all times, it certainly is true of Verdun during an attack. It would take a book to tell about all that happened there and when I try to write, little incidents entirely unconnected come to my mind so I don't know where or how to begin."

Sept. 2 - Militarist conservatives within Germany formally launch a new political party, the Vaterlandspartei or Fatherland Party, a move that reflects the growing hold of the army over all aspects of German society during the First World War..

1918

Sept. 4 - U.S. troops land at Archangel, in northern Russia. The landing is part of an Allied intervention in the civil war raging in that country after revolution in 1917 led to the abdication of Czar Nicholas II in favor of a provisional government.

World War II

1939

Sept. 1 - German forces bombard Poland on land and from the air, as Adolf Hitler seeks to regain lost territory and ultimately rule Poland. World War II begins.

The German invasion of Poland is a primer on how Hitler intends to wage war--what would become the "blitzkrieg" strategy. This is characterized by extensive bombing early on to destroy the enemy's air capacity, railroads, communication lines, and munitions dumps, followed by a massive land invasion with overwhelming numbers of troops, tanks, and artillery.

Sept. 3 - In response to Hitler's invasion of Poland, Britain and France, both allies of the overrun nation declare war on Germany. The first casualty of that declaration is not German—but the British ocean liner Athenia, which is sunk by a German U-30 submarine.

1941

Sept. 4 - USS Greer, while patrolling south of Iceland, is attacked by the U-652. Greer holds the German U-boat in sound contact 3 hours and 28 minutes; evades two torpedoes fired at her; and with her 19 depth charges becomes the first American ship in World War II to attack the Germans. Although the United States is still officially a neutral country, Roosevelt unofficially declares war on anyone who further attacks American vessels in the North Atlantic: "If German or Italian vessels of war enter these waters, they do so at their own peril."

1942

Aug. 31 - Japanese submarine I-26 damages USS Saratoga by torpedo 240 miles east of Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, leaving her dead in the water. There are no casualties.

1943

Sept. 1 - German and Estonian police surround the Vilna ghetto in Lithuania and begin deporting Jews to forced labor camps in Estonia.

1944

Sept. 2 - The Liberation of Belgium begins.

Sept. 3 - The village of Chièvres, Belgium is liberated by the allies.

Sept. 6 - British intelligence receives word that, despite setbacks, Italian guerillas fighting the German occupiers of their country continues to widen their activity.

1945

Sept. 2 - Aboard the Navy battleship USS Missouri, the Japanese foreign minister, Mamoru Shigemitsu, and the chief of staff of the Japanese army, Yoshijiro Umezu, sign the "instrument of surrender." Representing the Allied victors is Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of the U.S. Army forces in the Pacific, and Adm. Chester Nimitz, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, now promoted to the newest and highest Navy rank, fleet admiral. Among others in attendance is Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright.

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

Community turns out for Women's Equality Day run

During a 5-km run celebrating the 19th Amendment, which guaranteed women the right to vote, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Command Sgt. Maj. Robert D. Carter runs toward the finish line of the Women's Equality Day walk/run Aug. 23. (Photos by Tim Clark)



Capt. Spencer Johnson has a big lead as he heads to the finish line on his way to winning the race.



The top three youth finishers — Zach Simmons, Robbie McMurtrey and Rory Clayton-Hurst — gather after the race Aug. 23. All received medals.



Top walker Ann Vaseliades with her son, Aeson, gets a medal from Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Carter.



Before the race, Yolondria Dixon-Carter gives a short speech on women's equality in the Chièvres Air Base gym, located in the Community Activities Center.

HR award nomination period begins

Special to the Gazette

U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs

WIESBADEN, Germany – U.S. Army Europe commanders will have until Nov. 14 to nominate their top performing human resources personnel for the annual Frederick E. Vollrath Human Resources Award for Excellence.

The program was developed to focus on human-resources achievement. Retired Lt. Gen. Frederick E. Vollrath is an example of achievement in the human resources field.

Vollrath served his entire 35-year career in the adjutant general field and was only the second adjutant general officer to be promoted to lieutenant general.

The six award categories are:

- Junior officers: second lieutenants through captains
- Junior warrant officers: warrant officers through chief warrant officers three
- Noncommissioned officers: corporal through sergeants first class
- Junior enlisted: privates through specialists
- Civilians: GS-09 and below and Non Appropriated Fund (NAF) equivalents
- Senior civilians: GS-10 to GS-15 and NAF equivalents.

Military nominees must write about HR heroes of 9/11 and how they use them as role models.

All nominees should include in their packet:

- 8-by-10 head-and-shoulder photo
- Officer Record Brief/Enlisted Record Brief/Civilian Record Brief
- Commander's Verification Memo
- Battalion Commander/Civilian Equivalent or higher Nomination Memo
- Narrative from Senior AG on Post or higher headquarters
- Military nominees must include Army Physical Fitness Test scorecard and Weapons Qualification Card.

In addition, all nominees must submit the following narratives for their category:

- Commissioned and warrant officers must write and submit a narrative demonstrating their understanding of Lt. Gen Timothy J. Maude's contributions to the Army, his values and how they seek to emulate him. Maude was the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel who was killed during the terrorist attack against the Pentagon Sept. 11, 2001.

- Enlisted Soldiers must write and submit a narrative demonstrating their understanding of Sgt. Maj. Larry L. Strickland's contributions to the Army, his values, and how they seek to emulate him. Strickland served as the senior enlisted adviser to the deputy chief of staff for personnel since November 1990 and was also killed at the Pentagon that day.

- Civilians must write and submit a narrative showing examples of how he or she demonstrated achievement in Army human resources. Senior Civilians must also submit their last performance evaluation.

For more information on nomination requirements, contact the USAREUR G-1, Awards and Actions Branch at DSN 337-9147 or civilian 0611-7059147.

Soignies hosts 'multi-festival' Saturday

Since 2005, the city of Soignies has offered a free "multi-festival" on the last Saturday of August (Aug. 30 this year).

The event has grown since then and now offers about 20 shows and concerts, a village for children, an international market and street entertainments.

All activities are taking place on and around the Place Verte in the center of the city.

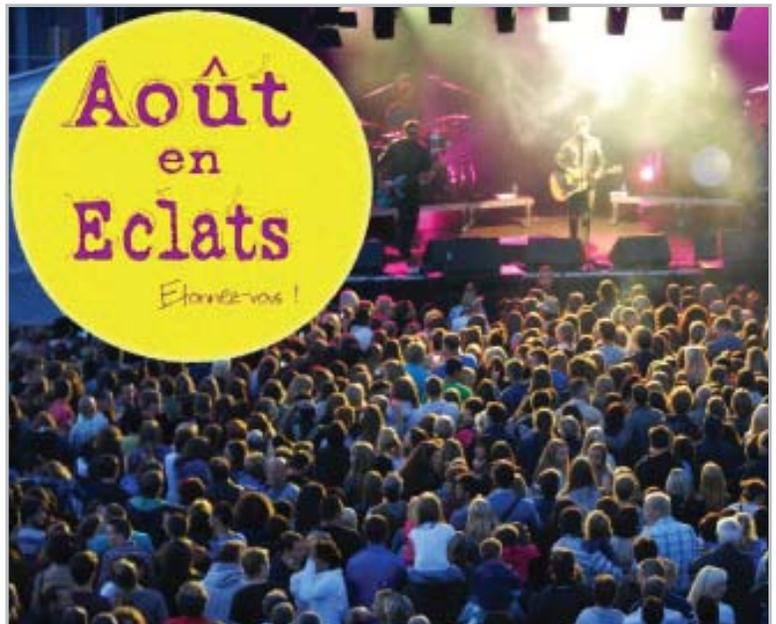
Program:

- On the big stage: Concerts will start at 2:15 p.m. with Mariasoon, fol-

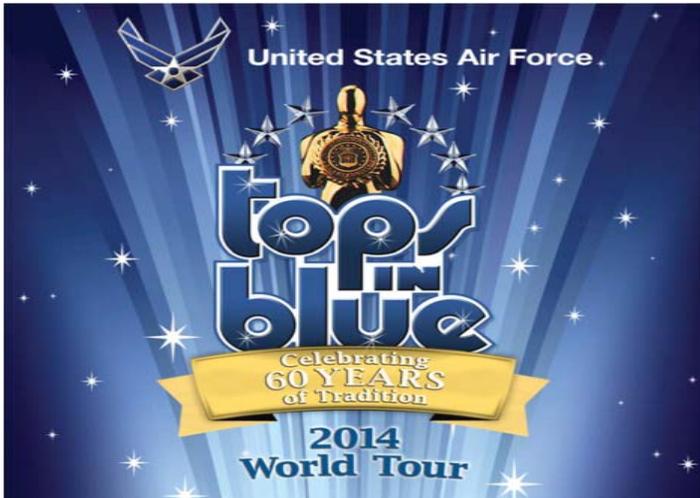
lowed by Saule 4:30 p.m. at, Uman at 6:30 p.m., Kid Noize at 8:30 p.m., and Arno at 10:30 p.m.

- On the small stage: Concerts will start at 1:30 p.m. with M'Sieur 13, followed by The Poneymen at 3 p.m., Little Roman & The Dirty Cats at 5:30 p.m., Amsterdam Faya All-stars at 7:30 p.m. and El Hijo de la Cumbia at 9:30 p.m.

- There will be also a lot of other activities and entertainment around the Place Verte including shows, circus groups, theater, street arts, etc.



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USAF Tops in Blue holds concert

Listen to the Air Force's Tops in Blue at a free concert at SHAPE Cinema (Alliance Theatre) Sept. 19 at 5 p.m. Tickets are going fast so pick up your free tickets from Morale and Welfare, or MW, Operations in the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre (Building 207) across the parking lot from Finance. For more information, contact DSN 423-4269 or civilian 065-444269.

The 2014 tour is a celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Tops in Blue commemorate the past 60 years by looking forward to a bright future of "Family Entertaining Family." This year's tour features patriotic music and the sounds of Bruno Mars, Pharrell Williams, Daft Punk, Pink and others. It also showcases great country music of artists like Blake Shelton, Dierks Bentley, Lady Antebellum and the Pistol Annies.

Brussels post office has job opening

If you or anyone you know may be interested in working at the USAG Benelux-Brussels APO as a postal operations assistant, job-seekers may apply online at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/379533700>.

Schinnen employment/education

Bring your résumé to the Schinnen Tri-Border Community's Employment, Education and College Fair at the JFC Conference Center Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to U.S. ID card holders. For more information, call DSN 360-7500/7269 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500/7269, or DSN 458-6015 or civilian +31 (0) 49 (0) 2451-633791.

Guidance on Ice Bucket Challenge

The Ice Bucket Challenge... Who wouldn't want to be dunked with cold water for a great cause? Just remember: Soldiers and government employees have limits on what acts they may participate in if it gives the impression of government endorsement. In simple terms, as a Soldier, you are not able to endorse any fund-raising challenges in your military uniform but are freely able to do so off-duty and in civilian attire. If you have any questions or concerns, discuss them with your chain of command.

Market Garden tour planned

This Market Garden battlefield tour, set for Sept. 26 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., is open to all service members and Department of Defense civilians. Only 17 slots are open so they are being offered on a "first come, first served" basis. Child-care won't be provided. Lunch will be provided by the JFC Chapel. For more information, call DSN 364-2804.

Self-defense classes offered

Learn self-defense moves during these classes at Brunssum Gym for women and for children. Women's self-defense is offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 to 8 a.m. and, just added, Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. Cost: €5 per session.

Children's person-safety classes are offered Wednesdays for 3- to 5-year-olds from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. and for 6- to 18-year-olds from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. They are also offered Saturdays for 3- to 5-year-olds from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. and for 6- to 18-year-olds from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Cost: €50 per month.

Contact jujitsuamericas@gmail.com or visit <http://www.facebook.com/jujitsuamericas>.

Chièvres plans 9/11 with walk/run

A 9.11-kilometer race/walk will be part of a Sept. 11, 2001, remembrance, hosted by the 424th Air Base Squadron, at Hangar 1 on Chièvres Air Base Sept. 13 at 9 a.m. The race is open to all green-ID card holders.

There will be some words and a moment of silence followed by the race, which will go down the runway and finish back at Hangar 1. Free water will be available, and food and other beverages will be on sale at Hangar 1. Parking will be marked near Hangar 1.

Sign-up sheets will be at the SHAPE and Chièvres gyms. Strollers are welcome, but no bicycles.

A total of 2,977 people were killed in New York City; Washington, D.C.; and outside of Shanksville, Penn., in the worst terrorist attack in American history, according to cnn.com.

Air Force Lt. Col. Chris M. Kuester, the commander of 424th ABS, stressed the international makeup of 9/11 victims.

Of those 2,977 victims, 372 were non-American victims from 62 nations, making up just over 12 percent of total: 138 victims were from 12 NATO countries other than the United States, and 95 victims were from 15 additional partners of NATO, he said.

Schinnen observes 9/11 Memorial 5K Run/Walk

The 9/11 Memorial 5K Run/Walk departs Thursday, Sept. 11, from the Schinnen Fitness Center at 9 a.m., but be there at 8:30 a.m. for this free event. Water and refreshments will be available for this on this nature route.

Fitness event offers cross-training

Get fit/stay fit with Fit-a-mania at the Schinnen Fitness Center Sept. 13 at 10 a.m.: zumba, a 3-km run and circuit training. Call DSN 360-7561 or civilian +31 (0) 46-443 7561.

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Sign up for women's bowling league at Schinnen

This new women's bowling league meets Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and runs from Oct. 9 to April 16. Open to U.S. and NATO ID card holders and their guests. Registration runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 2 at the Schinnen Bowling Center. Cost: \$10 per person per night. To find out more, call DSN 360-7207 or +31 (0) 46-4437207.

Joggers, beware

Joggers have been seen on the perimeter road in the vicinity of Chièvres Air Base's Gate 1. This perimeter road is narrow and is currently being used by trucks transporting dirt to and from POL sites, creating a hazard for joggers and pedestrians in that area.

There is no sidewalk or space dedicated to pedestrians or joggers. Because of the size of their trucks, truck drivers might not always see the joggers.

Stay alert and avoid that area when jogging during your free time. If at all possible, avoid the area until the work is completed. To talk safety, call DSN 361-1470/5561 or civilian 068-275561.

SHAPE International Library

Book clubs postponed until October - SHAPE International Library's Page Turners Book Discussion Group will meet again Oct. 15 at 5:30 p.m. The Kids Book Club will restart for the fall Oct. 9 at 4:30 p.m., and the Preteen/Teen Book Club will restart Oct. 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome and registration isn't required. There are no fees for these programs. For more information, contact the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631, or via e-mail at mwr.shape.library.info@us.army.mil or stop by during regular hours.

Both clubs will meet monthly during the school year.

Summer Reading Program continues through August - During SHAPE and Chièvres libraries' "Paws to Read" Summer Reading Program, children and teens may read or listen to books of their choice, keep a log of their progress and earn prizes at the libraries. Younger children may read with an adult. Books can be in any language. Participants can report on books they've read anytime the libraries are open until the end of August. Participants who reach their goal will win a Summer Reading Program T-shirt and other goodies.

Pet Parade - Everyone is invited to attend the library's "Paws to Read" Pet Parade Aug. 30 at 3 p.m. at the SHAPE Fest Tent. It's part of MWR Dogs Day Out. All pets are welcome, even stuffed animals, and costumes are encouraged.

Story Time - Toddler Story Time meets at SHAPE International Library Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room and Preschool Story Time meets Tuesdays at 4:15 p.m. in the Study Room. The group enjoys stories, finger plays and songs. Story Time also helps children build confidence, learn socialization skills and make friends while child-minders get a chance to meet their peers.

Visit <http://chievres.armymwr.com/europe/chievres/>.



Plain White T's band plays BAS gym

Navy Entertainment and Armed Forces Entertainment Present: Plain White T's at a free concert in the Brussels American High School gymnasium-Sterrebeek Annex Sept. 13 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Doors open at 6 o'clock. Showtime is at 7. Open to U.S. ID cardholders (to include U.S. Embassy ID) or others with regular access, their dependents, and signed-on guests.

As high-school friends, the members of this American pop punk band from Villa Park, Ill., formed Plain White T's in 1997.

The band is best known for the No. 1 hit song "Hey There, Delilah," which achieved platinum status in 2007 and earned two Grammy nominations. However, the band is also popular for two other platinum songs — "1, 2, 3, 4" and "Rhythm of Love" — which were certified platinum in 2009 and 2011, respectively.

For more information, call DSN 368-9680 or civilian 02-7179680.

ACS has new hours

Due to staffing shortages, the USAG Benelux Army Community Service offices have been closed one day a week since Aug. 25. Until further notice, Brussels ACS will continue to be closed Fridays, Schinnen ACS will be closed Mondays, and SHAPE ACS will be closed Fridays. Contact the SHAPE ACS office at DSN 366-6824 or civilian +32 (0) 65-326824.

UTAP changes hours

The Utility Tax Avoidance Program, or UTAP, at Schinnen will change its hours Sept. 2 to Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Services will be limited to UTAP electricity and gas registration, final billing, connection and bill questions.

Call DSN 360-7502 or civilian +31 (0) 464-437502 for an appointment.

Language classes start soon

JFC Brunssum Language Program offers language classes Sept. 8 to Dec. 5 (12-week course) in Dutch 1 and 2, French 1 and 2, German 1 and 2, Spanish 1 and 2, and Italian 1 and 2, as well as elementary, pre-intermediate and intermediate English. Register at the Schinnen Library Sept. 2 to 4. Contact jfclanguageprogram@yahoo.com.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Aug. 28 to 31

- **Bon-Air en fête in Leuze-En-Hainaut** on Place Albert 1er - Enjoy entertainment for youth and adults, music and much more, including a flea market Saturday at 8 a.m. and a procession Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Open Thursday from 4 to 11:30 p.m., Friday from 2 to 11:30 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Aug. 29 to 30

- **Brussels Creative Forum: A Meeting of Culture and Creativity** - It offers the opportunity to showcase creativity in Brussels, its richness, its diversity, its



expertise, its relevance and its originality. Members of the public will be able to explore the creative dynamics of Brussels, and professionals will be able to meet and discuss practical cases and share their experiences. Get more information at <http://www.brusselscreativeforum.be/>.

- **Night of Choirs in Villers-la-Ville** - During two nights, enjoy fairies, enchanted voices, music and lightshows in the middle of the abbey ruins. Obtain more information by visiting its website at <http://www.nuitdeschoeurs.be/>.

Aug. 30

- **Août en éclats in Soignies** - Soignies puts culture on stage. Find more information on page 9.

Aug. 31

- **Volksmarch in Brugelette** for 4, 6, 12, 20, 30 and 50 km. Departs from Avenue Gabrielle Petit 3 from 7 to 9 a.m. for the 50-km route and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the other routes.
- **Volksmarch in La Hulpe** for 4, 8, 12, 20 and 25 km. Departs from Rue des Combattants 112 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ath** for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km. Departs from Rue des Frères Descamps 18 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Soignies** for 5, 10 and 20 km. Departs from Chemin du Tour Lette from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride** in Daverdisse for 10, 20, 40 and 70 km. Departs from Allée des Marronniers from 8 to 10 a.m.



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

Through Aug. 31

- **Antiques Market in Valkenburg** can be found at Theodoor Dorrenplein in the center of town. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Guggenheim NY collection in Amstelveen** allows you to discover the complete collection of Guggenheim New York abstract works at the Cobra Museum, Sanbergplein 1. For more information, visit <http://www.cobra-museum.nl/>.
- **Jazz & Wine in Wychen** is a music-and-cultural festival held in the town center on Market Square from 1 to 10 p.m. You can enjoy wine, beer, regional products and all kinds of culinary delicacies while listening to music.
- **LieFair in Lieveven**, held in the town center, is a country fair combining regional products, art and culture, country life, demonstrations and amusement. Admission is free. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Preuvenemint in Maastricht** is at Vrijthof in the center of town. Taste the specialties of renowned restaurants in Maastricht and the surrounding area. Open Aug. 28 from 6 p.m. to midnight; Aug. 29 from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Aug. 30 from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Aug. 31 from noon to midnight.

Aug. 29 to 31

- **Brothers of Limburg Festival in Nijmegen** is the largest medieval festival in the Netherlands. Held in the center of the historic city, the festival has parades, knights, falconers, tasting, dance, music, a medieval market and re-enactments.

Aug. 29 to Sept. 7

- **Cultura Nova Festival in Heerlen** is an international festival at Zeswegenlaan 278 filled with theater, music, film, dance and art. Open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Aug. 30

- **Antique and Curiosa Market in Roermond** is held at Kloosterwandplein from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Harbor Festival in IJmuiden** is an annual cultural and nautical event with shows, demonstrations and a chance to visit boats and ships.

Aug. 30 to 31

- **Altenafair in Gilze** is a fair with stands, old crafts, demonstrations, bungee jump, rides, culinary delicacies and regional products. Admission is free. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Antiques and Flea Market in Valkenburg** is held in the courtyard of the Castle Schaloen, Oud Valkenburg 9, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Art Festival in Maastricht** is held at Onze Lieve Vrouweplein in front of the basilica in the city center. Open from noon to 6 p.m.



Trenches to Foxholes

Aug. 29 to Sept. 3

- **70th Anniversary of the Liberation in the Chimay area** - Events kick off Friday, Aug. 29, at 7:30 p.m. with the SHAPE Band Concert at the Château in Chimay. On Saturday, Aug. 30, there will be a military memorabilia fair from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a "Big Band" concert starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by popular dance music as well as songs made popular by French chanteuse Edith Piaf. Sunday, Aug. 31, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. is the Liberation Walk for 6, 10, 14 or 20 km. A Catholic service in memory of the liberators begins at 11 a.m. and is followed by a re-enactment with World War II vintage vehicles. Various entertainment in the afternoon. On Tuesday, Sept. 2, are the official commemorative events at 9:30 a.m. at Cendron and 11:15 a.m. at Monceau-Imbrechies. On Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 11 a.m. is the official commemoration in St. Rémy where American airmen were shot by the Nazis. Find more information on page 6.

Through Sept. 14 (except Aug. 23)

- **Visit the World War I battlefield in the Mons area**, which includes Nimy, Obourg and St-Symphorien. The tour is aboard a double-decker. Departs from the Mons main square Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tour takes three hours. Cost: Adults €18; children €12.

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.

Through Nov. 11

- **Exhibition "Nimy on the eve of the Great War"** - On Aug. 23, 1914, close to the bridge-rail, fierce fighting between the 4th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, of the British Forces and the German 84th Infantry Regiment took place in Nimy. Learn more about the fighting at the exhibition on Rue Mouzin 31. The museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 6 p.m. Admission: adults €2.50; children under 12 years old free. During the week, groups of a minimum of five people may arrange to visit the museum.



Aug. 30 to 31 continued

- **Bicycle Races in and around Munstergeleen** for all categories are held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Harbor Fest in Oud-Turnhout, Belgium**, has lots of activities in Jachthave (harbor) "Het Gevaer." Open from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- **Castle Festival in Manderscheid, Germany**, is held at the lower castle (Niederburg) and tournament field. The Middle Ages come to life as knights enter the field of honor for jousting tournaments with lances, swords and bows. Troubadours and musicians will entertain visitors, and jesters, jugglers and fire-eaters will show off their talents. Craftsmen will demonstrate their skills at the historic artisan market. Admission: €10; children (7 to 14) €5.
- **A Taste of Country Life in Thorn** is a country fair at Grote Hegge, Waterstraat 9, with demonstrations, shows (horses, falconry), crafts, and local delicacies. Open both days from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €5; children 11 and under - free.

Aug. 31

- **Art and Lifestyle fair in Gelsenkirchen, Germany**, is held in the surroundings of Castle Horst. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Scottish Highland Games in Zottegem, Belgium**, is the place to be for shows, games, demonstrations, live music and more. Held at Egmont Park, Heldenlaan, the games start at 1:30 p.m.

Sept. 3

- **Knights Training in Limbricht** offers a chance to see knights in action in the courtyard of Castle Limbricht, Allee 1. The knights of the Four Quarters invite children to come and learn what knights do and train with them. Open noon to 4 p.m. Participation and admission are free!

Sept. 4 to 7

- **Culinary Festival in Lippstadt, Germany**, is held in the historic town center. Many restaurants invite visitors to taste their culinary delights.

Sept. 5 to 7

- **Experience Country Life Fair in Arnhem** is held at the Dutch Open Air Museum on Schelmseweg 89 and has many activities, food tastings and demonstrations. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €16; children €11.

Through Sept. 5

- **Cheese market in Alkmaar**, north of Amsterdam, is famous worldwide for its traditional cheese market, in existence since 1593. Watch four cheese guilds interact with bidders who try to negotiate the best deal. The Waagplein buzzes with activity and traditional costumes from 10 a.m. to about noon on just 22 Fridays each year. After watching the flurry of activity, stroll through the town to buy your own cheese to take home.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

Belgian Beer/Gin Tour, Sept. 13 – Join the group for a “True Taste of Belgium ... A Brewery and Distillery Adventure.” Discover for yourself why Belgium is known for creating some of the best beers in the world. The



day begins at Caracole Brewery where you will go on a tour and see firsthand how their brews are carefully crafted. Then, tempt your taste buds with a sample from one of the many fine distilleries that are only available in Europe. Next stop is Distillerie de Biercee, where the group will engage in a gin tasting and lunch (included) tomato cream soup, bruschetta with “poteaupre,” Koniginnehapjes (queen's snacks - chicken in puff pastry) with fries, tiramisu and coffee. The group’s final destination is the famous Abbaye du Val Dieu Brewery where you will learn about and sample its brews. Invite your friends and come along for this Belgian Beer and Gin Experience. Space is limited to 40 people so make your reservation today. Departs from Brussels at 7:45 a.m. and from SHAPE at 9 a.m. Returns to SHAPE at 8:30 p.m. and to Brussels at 9:30 p.m. Cost: €72 per adult.

Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

Wine Festival Der Mittel Mosel River, Sept. 6 – Take a day trip to Bernkastel-Kues, Germany, and experience what it has to offer, then end your day at the wine festival by watching fireworks from the banks of the Mosel River. This trip is open to U.S./NATO ID card holders and their guests. Departs Schinnen at 11 a.m. Returns Sept. 7 at 2 a.m. Cost: \$55.

SHAPE Travel Group

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

Castles, Sept. 26 - Spend the day in the scenic Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The morning begins with a drive through the Valley of the Seven Châteaux, stopping for an English-guided tour at the newly renovated Ansembourg castle and gardens. The group continues through the valley and heads north to the picturesque town of Vianden. Spend the afternoon/evening at your leisure with an English-guided tour of the castle at 4 p.m. Trip price includes transportation, admission and tours of both castles. Don’t forget your camera. Cost: €60.



SHAPE Trips & Tours

- **Amsterdam, Oct. 4**
- **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**
- **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: Natura Park, Plugster, Pottery House, Site du Grand-Hornu, Thuin L'Abbaye d' Aulne, Thuin-Le Beffroi, Walibi and more.**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Ramstein Air Base Welfare Bazaar, Sept. 20**
- **Miami Dolphins vs. Oakland Raiders in London, Sept. 27 to 29**
- **Cowboys vs. Jaguars in London, Nov. 8 to 10**

SHAPE Travel Group

- **Wine Tour by the Mosel River, Sept. 30**
- **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

Sign up by Sept. 3

- **Antwerp Tasting Tour** - Antwerp is an international port, diamond capital of the world, Europe's most avant-garde fashion center and food lovers paradise. Get an insider's tour of the city Sept. 7 by joining a group from the American Club of Brussels for the excursion. On this tour, which starts at 2:30 p.m. on Antwerp's Grote Markt (Grand Place), you will get a taste of this city and some of its local specialties. Your guide will share some of Antwerp's most famous anecdotes, linked to a couple of unique, local delicacies. Find out more at <http://www.americanclubbrussels.org>.

Sept. 3

- **Scream-Free Marriage** - Bring a sack lunch to this lunchtime series on the second floor of Building 4 in the USAG Benelux-Brussels Army Community Service Conference Room from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information and registration (required), call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

Sept. 3

- **Children's Story Time** - Visit the Brussels Library on the first floor of Building 4 with your child from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and your child will hear "The Deep, Deep Puddle." The Brussels Library welcomes all preschoolers and their parents to hear stories and make crafts. Return every Wednesday for a new story and craft.

Sept. 4

- **Library Book Club meeting** - Members and new members are invited to the Welcome Social for the book club in the Brussels Library on the first floor of Building 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. The first book of the season will be "The Nazi Officer's Wife" by Edith H. Beer; discussion is planned for Sept. 25.

Sept. 11

- **Finance workshops** - Build your financial future with the tools you'll learn to use at personal-finance workshops offered Thursdays at Brussels Army Community Service. Contact Brussels ACS to register or call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824 for more information on:
 - "Preparing to Fund Your Kid's College" from 1 to 2 p.m.
 - "Be Financially Prepared for Your PCS (Plan Ahead)" from 2:10 to 2:50 p.m.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Aug. 30

- **Youth Bowling League** - Children ages 5 to 17 can join the fun. Registration runs through Sept. 15. Cost: \$55 per child. Contact the Schinnen Bowling Center at DSN 360-7207 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437207.

Sept. 3

- **Mixed League Bowling** - The fun starts at the Schinnen Bowling Center from 6:30 to 9 p.m., but it goes on every Wednesday night for several months. This winter league is composed of four-person teams. You can sign up individually or as part of a team. Cost: \$10 per person per day. Contact the Schinnen Bowling Center at DSN 360-7207 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437207.

Sept. 3

- **First-Term Briefing** - Offered by the Financial Readiness Program, this mandatory briefing for all first-term Soldiers meets at ACS from 11 a.m. to noon. 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.

Sept. 5

- **Lunch and Learn: Nurturing Children** - This Family Advocacy/Victim Advocate brown-bag gathering meets at the JFC Brunssum Library from noon to 1 p.m.

Sept. 9

- **Budgeting for the Holidays** - 'Tis the season to spend money. The winter holiday season is fast approaching. Holiday shopping doesn't have to break the bank. Join the class for budgeting tips from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ACS Conference Room to learn how to keep your holiday spending under control. For more information or to register, contact ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437450/7500.



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SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Get tickets now

- **USAF Tops in Blue holds free concert** - SHAPE Cinema (Alliance Theatre) is the venue for this free event Sept. 19 at 5 p.m. Free tickets are available at Morale and Welfare, or MW, Operations in the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre (Building 207). For more information, contact DSN 423-4269 or civilian 065-444269.

Tickets on sale 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. For more information, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Register now

- **Registration open for Fall Theater Camp** - Children can join the SHAPE Players at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre through Fall Theater Camp, which will culminate in performances of "Seussical, the Musical." Camp starts Sept. 8. In related news, classes — such as "Fractured Fairy Tales" and "Glee Me, Please," — also begin that week. For more information, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Aug. 30

- **Dogs Day Out/Pet Parade** - Celebrate canines at the SHAPE Fest Tent from noon to 4 p.m. Volunteers are still needed for the dog show and other events. The "Paws to Read!" Pet Parade for participants in the Summer Reading Program at SHAPE and Chièvres libraries kicks off at 3 p.m. All sorts of pets and stuffed animals are welcome in the Pet Parade. Learn about what's going on at Dogs Day Out at <http://chievres.armymwr.com/europe/chievres/chievres-events/dogs-day-out>.



Sept. 5 to 6

- **SHAPE Fest** - Have fun at this international community gathering by eating cultural food, going on amusement rides, visiting the craft market, listening to live music and watching the night sky explode with fireworks. Booths run by private organizations will also serve as fund-raisers. Friday night, Sept. 5, Disco Night will be happening under the SHAPE Fest Tent, starting at 8 p.m. Dance to music with DJ Adii and DJ José, and see Brazilian Dancers. Saturday night, Sept. 6, Disco Night with DJ David G. and DJ Daddy K. starts at 9:30 p.m. or immediately following fireworks. Find out more about SHAPE Fest at <http://www.shape2day.com/eventscentre/shape-fest.aspx>. If you're interested in SHAPE Fest merchandise, stop by the Arts and Crafts Centre (in Building 307 near Library) now and take a look at the commemorative T-shirt and mug.



Community Roundup

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.