

# THE GAZETTE

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

## Benelux news briefs

### CIF closes for inventory

The Central Issue Facility in Hangar No. 3 on Chievres Air Base will close for annual inventory Oct. 20 to 24. Emergencies will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Questions can be directed to DSN 361-5187/5569 or civilian 068-275187/5569.

### Use gas-card window during RIS inventory

The Rationed Items Store will be closed for quarterly inventory Oct. 6 and 7.

In order to accommodate RIS customers those days, the Petrol Office window on the second floor of the SHAPE Headquarters building, (where eligible patrons may buy gasoline cards Mondays when the RIS is closed) will be open its normal Monday hours both days (from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m.).

### Commissary will be closed for Columbus Day

The Chièvres Commissary will be closed Monday, Oct. 13, and Tuesday, Oct. 14, to celebrate Columbus Day since it is normally closed Mondays.

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Donovan Abrassart

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**TRI-SIGNED LETTER**

*Leaders reflect on Disability Employment Awareness Month*

The Army's observance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month remains important to our communities as we recognize the countless contributions Americans with disabilities make to our Army on a daily basis. To this end, it is our responsibility to acknowledge and honor these individuals by continuing to implement effective policies and practices that increase their employment opportunities.

We express our deepest gratitude toward Americans with disabilities. From disabled veterans serving in our civilian work force to Soldiers returning home as Wounded Warriors, these courageous men and women have overcome physical and emo-

**'These courageous men and women have overcome physical and emotional difficulties with strength and resiliency.'**

tional difficulties with strength and resiliency. Americans with disabilities successfully serve in today's Army in a spectrum of occupations and provide a talent pool with the depth

of experience needed for sustaining an effective fighting force. Our Army is much stronger today because we include and value them as a part of our diverse work force.

This month, join us in giving special recognition for the past and present contributions that Americans with disabilities have made and continue to make to the building of our great nation and Army.

We encourage our entire Army family to publicly honor their service and sacrifices; they have helped make our Army what it is today - a place where people from all walks of life stand proudly together in service to our nation.

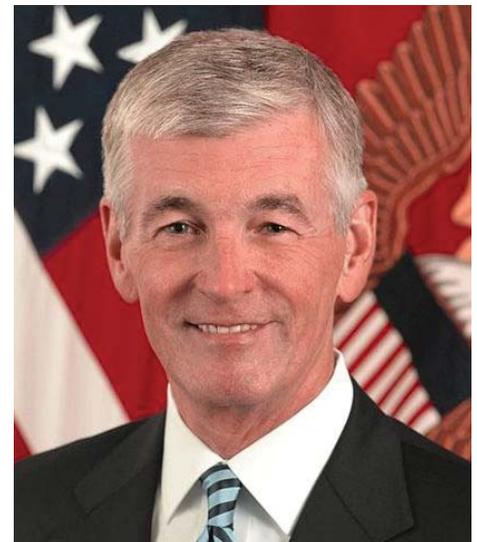
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# Benelux celebrates Retiree Appreciation Days

USAG Benelux communities are holding Retiree Appreciation Day programs soon.

## SHAPE/Chiièvres/Brussels

"Retirees are truly what has made this country great; I am honored to serve them and have an opportunity every year to show appreciation of their service and sacrifice for our nation," said the retirement services officer for the Benelux, Dawn McCarty, who is the RAD project officer.

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

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

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

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service will make a sheet cake for the event as a thank you for retirees' service.

"They continue to serve proudly in this community, and I am always humbled by their presence," McCarty said. "We

all should find a way to thank them daily and never forget their legacy of service."

## Brunssum

All U.S. military retirees and their spouses are invited to attend the USAG Benelux-Schinnen U.S. Military Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) Oct. 17 at the Community Activity Center in Building 38 on Schinnen from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Representatives will be on hand to answer questions and provide information regarding TRICARE, health and wellness, legal services, banking services, dental, VA benefits, Continuing Education, ID Cards, and Army Community Service. Information regarding various retiree membership organizations (NAUS, MOAA, AMRA, etc.) will also be available.

Enjoy free bowling from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. You only pay for shoes.

There will be a free shuttle to the Customs Office on JFC Brunssum for those who need to pay Retiree Shopping Program customs tax. Seats on the shuttle are limited; sign up soon by calling by calling DSN 364-3475 or +31 (0) 45-5263475. Come for the information, come for the food, come for the free bowling, or just come to socialize with your fellow retirees and have fun. R.S.V.P. by calling DSN 364-3475 or +31 (0) 45-5263475.

# Hiring Our Heroes goes overseas next month

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Hiring Our Heroes program announced Sept. 22 that it will host two Veterans Jobs Summits this November on U.S. military installations in Germany. This marks the first time Hiring Our Heroes will host a hiring event outside of the United States.

The two summits are being hosted in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Army and the American Chamber of Commerce-European Union.

"Transitioning from the military is made even more challenging when you've been serving abroad, and these summits will go a long way toward helping service members and their spouses with that process," said Eric Eversole, vice president at the U.S. Chamber and executive director of Hiring Our Heroes.

The first summit will be at Ramstein Air Force Base Nov. 3, and the second will be at U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria Nov. 5 and 6.

Each summit will feature seminars,

roundtables, panel events, recruiter training, networking opportunities and facilitated discussions focused on supporting service members, veterans and military spouses as they better position themselves to compete for employment opportunities.

Each event will culminate in a Hiring Our Heroes job fair, where service men and women will be given the opportunity to step into HireVue's video interviewing booths, "tell their stories" and demonstrate to employers why they will be a great fit for a potential job opportunity.

This will mark the sixth and seventh Veterans Jobs Summits that Hiring Our Heroes has hosted with its public sector and military partners. These events represent an unprecedented collaboration of private- and public-sector efforts, and resources toward one common goal: connecting transitioning service members to employers.

The summits are designed to educate recruiters and community leaders on best practices in recruiting and retaining military employees while helping service

members and military spouses prepare for the civilian work force.

Hiring Our Heroes is a nationwide initiative to help veterans, transitioning service members and military spouses find meaningful employment.

Working with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's vast network of state and local chambers and other strategic partners from the public, private and nonprofit sectors, Hiring Our Heroes has helped hundreds of thousands of veterans and military spouses find employment. As a direct result of more than 780 job fairs in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, 24,000 men and women have been hired by more than 1,500 businesses.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation (USCCF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce dedicated to strengthening America's long-term competitiveness by addressing developments that affect the nation, the economy and the global business environment.

Find out more about HOH at <http://www.HiringOurHeroes.org>.

# Royal visit to SHAPE

## Queen Mathilde meets students of International School



Their Majesties King Philippe and Queen Mathilde visited the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014. While King Philippe met with senior leadership, Queen Mathilde was the guest of the day for the students of the SHAPE International School.



(Clockwise from top right) A student from the British section shows the queen her class's representation of a trench of the First World War. • During Queen Mathilde's visit to the Belgian section, she talks with a pupil who explains what the class is working on. • Pupils from different nations of SHAPE International School line up to say goodbye to Queen Mathilde. (U.S. Army photos by Donovan Abrassart)

### *Make good decisions to guard against terrorist threat*

The terrorist threat in the European area of operations is primarily influenced by the spreading of global jihad ideology.

With U.S. Forces involvement in international operations against terror groups in Iraq and Syria, cells or lone actors who believe in this ideology may conduct actions on U.S. Forces in Europe. No specific threats to Americans have been identified, but personnel, to include family members, should exercise vigilance and sound risk-based decision-making.

If traveling, here are some protection measures you should adopt:

- Avoid large groups, and vary your route.
- Always tell you unit, co-workers and family where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Wear civilian clothing when traveling by plane, train or bus and avoid any items that convey DOD affiliation. EUCOM policy prohibits the wear of military uniform on public mass transportation.
- Be aware of your surroundings,

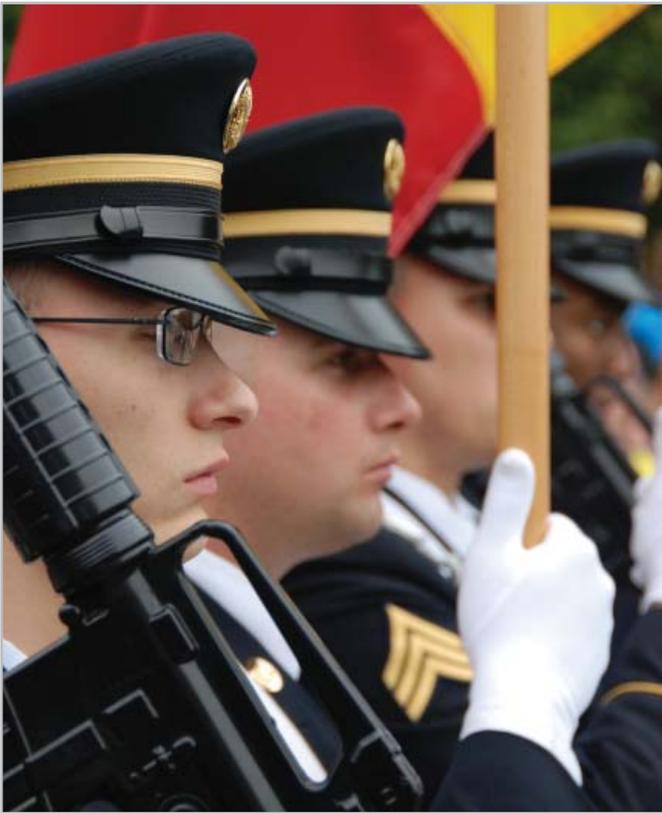
and report suspicious activities.

- Avoid large gatherings and demonstrations.
- Register your trip with the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive alerts and messages.

On a daily basis, personnel may wear uniforms off U.S. installations (except where local policies restrict it) but must be vigilant of surroundings and make sound judgments regarding the time and location of uniform wear to minimize individual risk.

Trenches to Foxholes

# Americans, Belgians commemorate WWI heroes



(Clockwise from left) The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Color Guard — composed of (from left to right) Spec. Devlin Trefethen, Sgt. John W. Webb, Sgt. Joseph F. Quirarte, Spec. Edward D. Chambers II and Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy W. King, NCOIC (not shown) — pay tribute during the commemorative ceremony held in Oudenaarde, Friday, Sept. 29, 2014. • Family members of Pvt. Frank Burke (inset top left) and Sgt. Paul Smithhisler (inset top right) who traveled from the United States, honor and remember their ancestors' heroic actions as each member is about to throw a rose into the Scheldt river. In late October 1918 as the Germans prevented the Allies from building a bridgehead on the right bank of the Scheldt, Smithhisler and Burke, both from the 112th Engineers, 37th American Infantry Division, volunteered to recon the river bank the Germans occupied. They swam to the other side during the night of Oct. 30, 1918. The Germans caught sight of them, and a poison-gas grenade exploded near them. Burke gave his gas mask to Smithhisler so he could run to the unit's headquarters to report what they had seen. The information Smithhisler reported enabled the Allies to eliminate the Germans on the other bank and build three bridges over the river. Burke didn't survive and was promoted posthumously. Smithhisler was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the French Croix de Guerre. The ceremony honoring the two U.S. Soldiers is the only American WWI commemoration outside Flanders Field American cemetery in Waregem where 370 Soldiers who fought in WWI are buried. • U.S. Ambassador to Belgium Denise Campbell Bauer (at center) is surrounded by King, Trefethen, Webb, Chambers and Quirarte at the conclusion of the official commemoration. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook).



Trenches to Foxholes

**This week in World War history (Sept. 28 to Oct. 4)  
368th FG's 'Second to None', 365th FG's 'Hell Hawks'  
arrive at Chièvres Air Base**

Oct. 1, 1944 - Allied-controlled Chièvres Air Base becomes fully operational after nearly a month of rebuilding.

As the Germans abandoned the base, they had used explosives to destroy the buildings and create huge craters in the runway hoping the Allies wouldn't be able to use it.

During the recovery, the base is visited by B-24 Liberators of the 20th Transport Wing, which deliver fuel and other supplies.

Just a day after full recovery, Allied fighters land at the newly designated airfield - Advance Landing Ground A-84 of the 9th U.S. Army Air Force.

The first to arrive is the

The Hell Hawks will be remembered as one of the most famous fighter groups of the 9th Air Force.

368th Fighter Group with its P-47s under the leadership of Col. Gilbert Meyers. A group headquarters was established at Sainte-Gertrude convent in Brugelette.

Just two days later, the Hell Hawks of the 365th Fighter

Group arrive. Flying P-47s as well, they will be remembered as one of the most famous fighter groups of the 9th Air Force by war's end. The official unit patch is created at A-84 by Cpl. Grey Adams of the 386th Squadron.



As the German war machine is pushed back toward Germany, the P-47s of A-84 fly bomber escort into Germany and attack German supply lines and strategic locations of the changing front.

The Allied push sees success after success, continuing to liberate Belgium and pushing the Germans back to their borders.

P-47s flying from Chièvres would participate in the Battle of the Bulge, flying interdiction missions against German motorized columns in the Ardennes.

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



Courtesy Photo

A pilot sits in his P-47 Thunderbolt on Chièvres Air Base.

# USAG Benelux celebrates Hispanic cultures at events

Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

The USAG Benelux Equal Opportunity adviser, Sgt. 1st Class Yolanda Butler, explained that several events fall within this 30-day period. The day of Sept. 15 is noteworthy because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico celebrates its independence day Sept. 16, and Chile celebrates its independence day Sept. 18. Columbus Day, also observed as Día de la Raza [Day of the Race, or Day of the (Hispanic) People], is Oct. 12. (Columbus Day is observed Oct. 13 this year.)

In their Tri-Signed Letter for National Hispanic Heritage Month, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno and Secretary of the Army John McHugh underscored the more than 40 Hispanic Medal of Honor recipients and praised the “deep, abiding patriotism and heroism” of Hispanic Americans who have represented the military throughout the years.

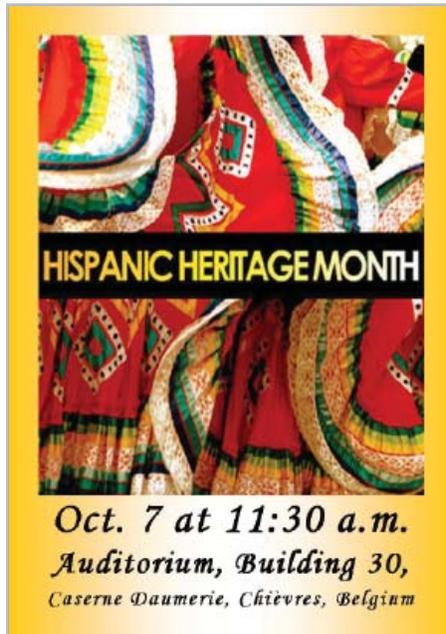
## Celebration at Daumerie

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

Guest speaker will be Navy Cmdr. Luis “Raul” Eliza, a native of Puerto Rico who is deputy, National Military Representative for Maritime Operations at SHAPE. He has been deployed to Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Cuba, (where he served as officer in charge of the Joint Operations Center) and Iraq (where he served as team leader for the Kurdistan Regional Government Liaison Team).



Navy Cmdr. Luis “Raul” Eliza



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

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

## Celebration at JFC Brunssum

Coast Guard Activities Europe is having a Chili Cook-off and Movie Day in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month Oct. 10 in the American Room on the third floor of the Chapel on JFC Brunssum. Cook-off is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the movie, "Guardians of the Galaxy," which features Zoe Saldana (of Puerto Rican and Dominican descent), will begin at 1 p.m. in the Alliance Theatre. To find out more, call DSN 360-7652 or civilian +31(0) 46-4437652.

## Halloween news briefs

### Haunted Clinic

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

### Trunk or Treat

Take your little monsters to a “spooktacular” Halloween event, Trunk or Treat, Oct. 31. Now's the time to reserve a spot if you will be giving out treats.

**Chièvres** - Trunk or Treat on Chièvres Air Base will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. in the parking lot in front of the Community Activities Center, which houses the fitness center and the library.

SHAPE ID card holders just have to show their identification card, and they will be granted access to Chièvres Air Base.

Host-nation members who would like to take their families to this event, must provide the following information on family members who are 16 and older to the appropriate point of contact by Oct. 23: first and last name, nationality, date of birth, ID card number, vehicle type and plate number as well as a copy of the certificates of good conduct for family members who are 18 and older.

To find out more about HN attendance, contact DSN 361-5290 or civilian 068-275290 (Directorate of Public Works), DSN 361-5142 or civilian 068-275142 (405th Army Field Support Brigade), or DSN 361-5430 or civilian 068-275430 (Directorate of Resource Management).

**Schinnen** - Trunk or Treat will be held by the pavilion from 6 to 8 p.m.

Open to U.S. and NATO ID card holders and guests. Dutch guests register at civilian 046-4437331.

Reserve a table or a space for your car: You supply 400 individually wrapped pieces of candy, and, when you run out, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or FMWR, will backfill your table or trunk with additional treats. Stop by the Schinnen Fitness Center or call 31(0) 46-4437561.

# Consider family's special needs when planning for emergencies

## *Don't assume special needs factored into evacuation procedure*

If you or someone close to you has a disability or special needs, planning to cope with an emergency requires extra consideration. Physical disabilities can complicate evacuation and people with visual, hearing or mental disabilities may be especially fearful and reluctant to leave familiar surroundings. Others may depend on medications or devices that need to travel with them.

To fully prepare for an emergency, Ready Army, the Armywide emergency-preparedness campaign, suggests that you "Get a kit. Make a plan. Be informed. As a start, check for hazards in the home and workplace, make the necessary preparations and know what needs to happen during an emergency.

Don't assume that you or your loved one has been factored into an evacuation procedure. Let family members, neighbors, co-workers and those who manage your office or apartment know of your specific requirements.

Here is a checklist of other steps you can take to make sure everyone is safe:

- \* Have a list with the types and models of any equipment or devices you need. Make sure those around you know how to operate any necessary equipment and where it is stored. Label equipment and attach instructions as a backup.

- \* If you use electrical equipment, plan how you will deal with a power outage, for instance, keeping a manual wheelchair for use if your electrical wheelchair becomes inoperable.

- \* Add any necessary supplies — such as

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wheelchair batteries, catheters, oxygen, medication, food for service animals or other special supplies — to your emergency supply kit.

- \* Consider having backup equipment stored at your evacuation location or places where you spend a lot of time.

- \* If you receive care through an agency, ask about its plans to provide care during and after an emergency. Know more than one location of a medical facility that provides the services you need.

- \* If you are physically disabled, study the evacuation procedure of any building from which you might have to evacuate. If necessary, know if and where an Evacuation Chair (EVAC+CHAIR) is located, and make sure several others know how to operate it.

- \* Arrange for someone to communicate essential information to you during an

emergency if you are hard of hearing or visually impaired.

- \* Request that your office or housing building install clear visual and audio alarms and signage indicating accessible exits and designated emergency shelter areas. Learn about specific devices and technology that may assist you in receiving information during an emergency.

- \* Consider a medical-alert system that enables you to call for help if you are immobilized.

- \* Prepare any instructions you need to give rescuers or others who may be around you. Use concise verbal directions, or carry written instructions with you at all times. Practice giving these instructions.

### During an emergency

- Stay as calm as possible.
- If told to evacuate, do so if possible with available resources. Take along an emergency supply kit, including any necessary special items.
- If unable to evacuate safely, wait for rescue.

Obtain additional information from

- Federal Emergency Management Agency

- [www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/specialplans.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/specialplans.shtm)

- [www.fema.gov/pdf/library/pfd\\_all.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/library/pfd_all.pdf)

- Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions

- [www.cdihp.org/evacuation/emergency\\_evacuation.pdf](http://www.cdihp.org/evacuation/emergency_evacuation.pdf).



**Preparing Army Communities Today  
for the Hazards of Tomorrow**

BE INFORMED ▶ MAKE A PLAN ▶ BUILD A KIT ▶ GET INVOLVED

# Renovations reduce services, close facilities

Some community facilities in Brussels and on SHAPE will offer fewer services than usual or close for a week or more in order to make improvements.

## Brussels clinics undergo renovations

The Brussels Health and Dental Clinics will be undergoing renovations from Oct. 10 to 19. During this time, the medical clinic will provide limited appointment availability for same-day acute illness/injuries only. There will be no immunization clinic services. The pharmacy and patient liaison services will be unaffected. Due to renovations in the medical records room, check in for medical appointments will be at the dental clinic, and there will be no access to medical records. There is no change to clinic phone numbers during the renovations.

The dental clinic will be closed for the duration of the renovations.

Dental sick call will be provided at SHAPE Dental Clinic. Contact the SHAPE Dental Clinic at DSN 423-5806 or civilian 065-445806.

For emergency dental care, call UZ Sint Rafael Dental Clinic at 016332480, located at Kapucijnenvoer 33, 3000 Leuven, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Forward any questions to the clinic at DSN 566-1515 or civilian 02-6861515.

## SHAPE Library will close for improvements

The SHAPE International Library will be closed for three weeks from Nov. 10 to 29 for the installation of new carpeting.

Library staff chose that particular three weeks because there are several holidays that fall within that period, and the library would be closed on those holidays anyway.

During the closure, patrons may return items in the outside drop box and renew online. The library will reopen Dec. 1.

The Chièvres Library also can help you with your library needs during this time.

In related news, Story Time at SHAPE International Library is taking a two-week break. Story Time will not be offered Oct. 7 or 14. Toddler Story Time will resume in the Children's Room Oct. 21 at 10 a.m., and Pre-school Story Time will resume in the Study Room Oct. 21 at 4:15 p.m.

For more information about library programs, call the SHAPE Library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631 or Chièvres Library at DSN 361-5767 or civilian 068-275767, or check the libraries' website at <http://chievres.armymwr.com/europe/chievres/>.

## Absentee Voting Week Sept. 29 to Oct. 6



Questions? Call DSN 366-6298 or civilian 065-326298.

# Weeklong campaign raises awareness of fire prevention

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire that occurred Oct. 8 to 9, 1871.

The two-day blaze killed more than 250 people; left 100,000 more homeless; and destroyed more than 17,000 buildings. That tragedy inspired reform across America, spurring new fire-safety codes and public-awareness campaigns.

Each October, the National Fire Protection Association serves as the official sponsor of a nationwide fire-prevention campaign to highlight the importance of fire-safety education.

"Working smoke alarms save lives: Test Yours Every Month!" is this year's theme for the campaign that runs Oct. 5 to 11.

NFPA officials recommend that you

- Replace batteries at least once a year or when an alarm beeps (approximately once a minute), warning that the battery is low.

- Replace smoke detectors when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don't respond properly.

- Keep smoke detectors dust-free.

- Test your smoke detectors at least once a month.

- Install at least one smoke detector on each floor level of your home. If you want to go a step further install an additional detector in each bedroom.

- Don't install a smoke detector in your kitchen because cooking fumes will often cause false alarms. Installing a detector in the room or area adjacent to the kitchen would be a good compromise if you have concerns about kitchen fires.

*Fire Fact:* Almost two-thirds of home-fire deaths happen from fires in homes with no smoke detectors or no working smoke detectors.

A working smoke detector will provide an early warning if fire strikes. This in turn will give you a chance to react and get out in time.

For more information, you can go to the NFPA website at <http://www.fpw.org> or call your community Garrison Fire Prevention Office: Chièvres DSN 361-5401 or civilian 068-275401/Schinnen DSN 360-7230 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437230.

## Chièvres

A fire-evacuation drill is traditionally held during Fire Prevention Week.

If your office wants fire-extinguisher training, call the Chièvres Fire Prevention Office at DSN 361-5401 or civilian 068-275401 to make arrangements.

## Schinnen event

Be at the Schinnen Exchange Oct. 11 between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for fire-prevention fun for the family. Meet the Schinnen Volunteer Fire Department, and tour their fire truck. Children can have a go at using a fire hose, and adults can try out the fire extinguisher. The Exchange is having a coloring contest for age groups 2 to 5 and 6 to 10, and children 11 to 16 can create a poster based on the 2014 theme "Smoke alarms save lives: Test yours every month!" Prizes for each category will include a printed T-shirt. The Schinnen Fire Prevention Office has giveaways for the children, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will provide a bouncy castle.

Questions can be directed to the Schinnen Fire Prevention Office at DSN 360-7230 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437230.

# Fitness Day keeps community members engaged, active

(Clockwise) Sgt. Stephanie Fematt and Sgt. 1st Class James Anderson of SHAPE Healthcare Facility talk to Audrey Bonham, age 3, and her mother, Jo Bonham, at the Fifth Annual IMCOM-Europe Military Fitness Day at Chièvres Fitness Center Sept. 30, 2014. • Instructor Carla Sizelove demonstrates combat cardio. • Six people try out the TRX Rip Trainer, which is designed for training combat-sport athletes and elite-level fitness enthusiasts. Components can be clipped onto a tank or tree branch for use in the field. • Kelli Webb executes a kick in combat-cardio class.



# Spartans pitted against Cougars

## *Vicenza victorious 21-10*



At left, Spartan linemen Brandon Benesh and Alexander Cossey move in to make a tackle during the game against the Vicenza Cougars Sept. 27, 2014. Although they had the home-field advantage, the Spartans lost to the Cougars 21-10. • Below, Spartan quarterback Brett Cain runs the ball through a big hole in the Cougars line Sept. 27, 2014. The Spartans' next home game is Homecoming, Oct 11, at 1 p.m. (U.S. Army photos by Tim Clark)



Noah Bradsher covers a Cougar receiver. The Cougars defeated the Spartans 21-10 Sept. 27, 2014.



Spartan Trevette Kuester battles Randall Bagtas on the line of scrimmage Sept. 27, 2014.

# community briefs - community briefs - community briefs

## Appointments with EFMP coordinator available at Schinnen

The Benelux Exceptional Family Member Program coordinator visits Schinnen Army Community Service the second Wednesday of the month.

Individual sessions can be arranged by appointment.

Assistance provided on updating EFMP status and re-signments.

Get answers to your questions regarding special education, Individual Education Plans and general special needs information. Classes can be offered on topics such as ADHD/Autism, Social Skills for Asperger's Syndrome, Demystifying the IEP process, and Transitioning Families with Special Needs.

For more information about the Benelux Exceptional Family Member Program, call DSN 366-6898 or 065-326898.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Performing Arts Centre subscription season begins

This season, SHAPE Players present four plays, two of which are musicals. The plays are adult comedy "Detachments" (R), "Seussical the Musical," "You Can't Take It With You" and "Little Shop Of Horrors." Season tickets are €48 (full), €27 (student) and €21 (child) each.

For details, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.

## Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law, according to its website at <http://www.scouting.org>. Boy Scout Troop 325 meets in the green gym on SHAPE Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact [shapetroop325@gmail.com](mailto:shapetroop325@gmail.com). Parents of boys interested in Cub Scouts and Webelos ("We'll be loyal Scouts") should contact [shapecubpack325@gmail.com](mailto:shapecubpack325@gmail.com).

Contact Schinnen area Cub Scouts at [TAC.PACK100@gmail.com](mailto:TAC.PACK100@gmail.com).

Other BSA scouting organizations in the area can be reached through [scoutingmembership@gmail.com](mailto:scoutingmembership@gmail.com).

## Girl Scouts

The Girl Scout mission is "Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place," according to the Girl Scouts of the USA website at <https://www.girlscouts.org>. Troop levels are available for girls in kindergarten through high school. Contact [shape-girlscouts@usagso-na.org](mailto:shape-girlscouts@usagso-na.org) for more information.

Other GSUSA scouting organizations in the area can be reached through [gsmembership@usagso-na.org](mailto:gsmembership@usagso-na.org).

## Kennel raises boarding fees

Chièvres Boarding Kennel raised its boarding fees Oct. 1.

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

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

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

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

## SBA puts on class for prospective entrepreneurs

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

Participants learn business fundamentals and are guided through initial feasibility analyses of their business concepts.

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

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



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

**Oct. 3**

- **Chamber music concert in Mons** - Musicians from the Royal Chamber Orchestra of Wallonia will perform Beethoven and Schumann at the "Salon Gothique" inside the city hall starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from €8 to €11 (free to those under 25 years old).

**Oct 3 to 5**

- **Tuscany savors in Ixelles (Brussels)** - Tuscany pro-



ducers of wine, olive oil, cheese, ham and more will be selling their products on Rue des Pères Blancs 6. Fair is open Friday from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €12.

- **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.

**Oct. 4**

- **Flea market in Soignies (100 booths)** - On the parking lot at the train station, Chaussée de Mons from 2 to 8 p.m.

**Oct. 4 and 5**

- **Apple fest in Rongy (Tournai)** - Saturday starting at 1 p.m., Sunday at 10 a.m., you'll find a large variety



of activities: Take the small train or horse carriage to the orchard, and pick your apples; take your apples and have them pressed into apple juice (prior registration is required at 0470-892853 or 069-779870), participate in the apple walk for 5 or 10 km, enjoy entertainment for children and adults. Check <http://www.lesvergersdebrunehaut.be>.

- **Vehicle safety weekend in Mons** - Learn how to exit a vehicle that has fallen into the water. Experience it from inside a vehicle at the Grand-Large pool on Avenue de la Sapinette 20 both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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

**Oct. 2 to 3**

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

**Through Oct. 5**

- **Home & Living Fair in Amsterdam** at RAI is "idea central" for home interiors. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission: €19; children 11 and under €7.
- **Fall Fest & Fair in Mönchengladbach, Germany**, at Castle Rheydt on Schlosstrasse 508 has art, fashion, food and more. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €8; children - free.

**Oct. 3**

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

**Oct. 3 to 5**

- **Harvest Fest in Jülich, Germany**, is held in the center of town.
- **Plants & Garden Fair in Lasne, Belgium**, is held in the garden of the old historic Abbey of Aywiers on Rue de l'Abbaye. Open Oct. 3 from 1 to 6 p.m. and Oct. 4 to 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Medieval Knight's Event in Valkenburg** has a tournament and medieval market at Castle Schaloen, Oud Valkenburg 9. Open Oct. 3 from noon to 9 p.m., Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €5.

**Oct. 3 to 8**

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

**Oct. 4**

- **TomoFair in Nijmegen** is an indoor Japanese Market with Japanese fashion, lifestyle, garden, demonstrations, karaoke, food and more held at Jan Massinkhal on Nieuwe Dukenburgseweg 5. Open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €5.
- **Indoor/outdoor Flea Market & Curiosa in Tilburg** is held on Geefhuishof 71. Open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Oct. 4 to 5**

- **GameForce in Antwerp, Belgium**, is Flanders' largest game fair where you can find everything for your game computer. The fair is held in Waagnatie on Rijnkaai 150. Open both days from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €10.
- **Vintage Market in The Hague** on Binckhorstlaan 215 has retro items, music and food. Open both days from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



**Oct. 4 and 5 Continued**

- **First street festival "Les Tailleurs" in Ecaussines** - Some 25 artists will be providing entertainment both days from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the main square. Cost is €5 for pre-sale tickets and €15 on the spot. For additional information, visit <http://www.lestailleurs.be/festival.html>.
- **11th Brussels African market** - Culinary workshops, concerts, dancing, gospel and more Saturday from 3 to 10 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 7 p.m. at Silver Building on Boulevard Reyers 70 in Schaerbeek.
- **Glass Fair in Lasne** - Thousands of glass items from Val Saint Lambert crystal to Saint-Louis, Murano, Chênée with more than 70 glass European glass specialists at the Sports Center on Route d'Ohain 9a from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Admission: €6 (free of charge for those under 16).



**Oct. 4 to 6, Oct. 10 to 12)**

- **Fall fair in La Louvière** - Fair for everything related to services, savor and well-being at the La Louvière Expo on Rue du Hocquet 7 every day from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **BatiCentre in La Louvière** - Get ideas and tips on everything related to the house, inside and outside, at the La Louvière Expo on Rue du Hocquet 7 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day.

**Oct. 5**

- **Pumpkin fest in Forchies-la-Marche** - You can buy your pumpkins, taste various recipes made with pumpkins and squash from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Rue Vandervelde 12. Visit to the gardens between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Free of charge.
- **Volksmarch in Herchies/Vacresse for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue Valère Letot 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Flobecq for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the school on Rue des Camomilles 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Uccle for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from Avenue Dolez 544 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Beaumont** for 5, 10 or 20 km - Departs from the sports center on Rue du Vivier 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Hautrage for 5, 10, 21 or 30 km** - Departs from the sports center on Rue Gustave Miroir 9 from 8 to 11 a.m. for the 30-km route and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the other routes.
- **Flea market in Enghien (100 booths)** - On the main square from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market in Neufmaison (650 booths)** - In the center of village from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



**Oct. 4 to 5 continued**

- **Castle Days in Booischoot, Belgium**, is held in Castle Booischoot Park on Ter Laken 7. Get ideas for lifestyle; decoration, interior and exterior design, jewelry, art, curiosities and more. The castle is open as well. Admission: €5; children 13 and younger – free admission. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Village Gourmand in Oudenburg, Belgium**, is a culinary fair held at the Abbey on market square with many participants from Belgium and France displaying their culinary delicacies. Entry: €4. Open Oct. 4 from 3 to 6 p.m. and Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Fall Festival in Rochefort, Belgium**, at Archéoparc la Gallo-Romaine takes you back in time and celebrates how they used to do things. You will find local products, old crafts, musicians, storytellers and more. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Oct. 5**

- **Bread Market & Harvest Fest in Bad Berleburg, Germany**, on Goetheplatz in the center of town is a must if you like oven-fresh bread and other specialties. Open from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Damme Culinary in Damme, Belgium**, is a culinary market held on Market Square in the town center. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Fall Nature Fair in Eersel** offers products including alpacas, beer and herbs as well as information, demonstrations and food at the regional museum "de Acht Zaligheden." Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €3.
- **Harvest Fest in Gescher, Germany**, in the courtyard of the museum and in the center of town offers a variety of regional and international delicacies and products as well as a varied entertainment program. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Highland Games in Koningshooikt, Belgium**, at Van Koningshooikt Fortress on Donderheide 3 is where you'll find the famous Scottish games, a Scottish market, food and drink. Admission: €2.
- **Day of Fruit in Oud-Zuilen** is held in the park and at Castle Zuylen, Toernooiveld 1. Visitors will find vast offerings of all kind of botanical delicacies, old Dutch varieties of apples and pears, flowers, books, jewelry, gifts, decorations and more. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €5; children 15 and under €2.50.
- **Falconry & Country Fair in Overpelt, Belgium**, with shows, stands, demonstrations and more around Wedelse Molen (Mill) on Breugelweg 250. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €6.
- **Art Market in Wijk bij Duurstede** has more than 180 stands and is held in the old historic center, Grote Kerk, at Market Square and at Mazijk. Open from noon to 5 p.m.

## SHAPE Trips & Tours

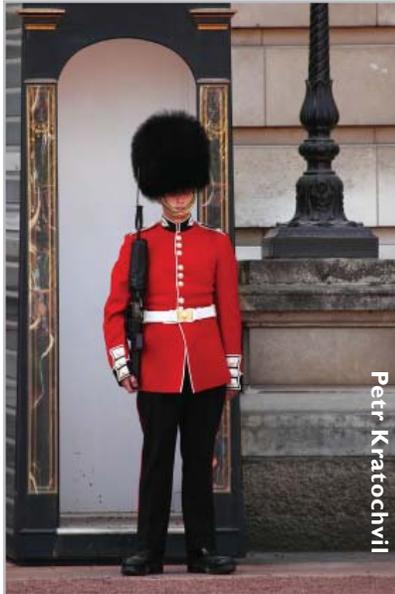
For information on the trip below,  
call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884

**London, Oct. 11** – Travel to London with the tour group for a day of free time in the city of endless attractions.

You can choose to visit Buckingham Palace and see the famous poker-faced guards as well as Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, museums and the West End theater district.

This trip fills up fast so reserve your spot today.

Departs from SHAPE at 4:30 a.m. and from Brussels at 3:30 a.m. Arrives at SHAPE Sunday at 1:30 a.m. and at Brussels at 2:30 a.m. Cost: €100.



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## Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

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

## SHAPE Travel Group

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

**A Day in Rotterdam, Oct. 7** - A visit to Rotterdam is a must. This vibrant city not only houses many interesting museums but is also a shopper's delight. On arriving, SHAPE Travel Group stops at Delfshaven, a historic inner-city harbor from whence the Pilgrim Fathers set sail to Boston, Massachusetts, in 1620. You can visit the church where they held their last service. This picturesque area is also well-known for its galleries and antiques shops. The rest of the day, you can explore Rotterdam on your own. The city is divided into multiple distinct shopping districts, each with their own flavour and personality. Much depends on what you're looking for and what kind of shopping experience you want. What's more: Tuesday is market day. After an exhilarating day, you can relax on one of the numerous terraces and take in the cosmopolitan atmosphere of a city whose destiny was dictated by water. Cost: €35 plus €5 for an optional tour.

## SHAPE Trips & Tours

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



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

## Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

## SHAPE Travel Group

- **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

Oct. 8, 15, 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19

- **Scream-Free Parenting** – Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program offers this six-part parenting-techniques class from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the ACS Conference Room in Building 4-320 in the USAG Benelux-Brussels Complex. For information and registration, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

Oct. 9

- **Family Dinner at 3 Star** - Family Dinner is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Reservations required: Call DSN 368-9680 or civilian 02-7179680. Pay in American dollars; the 3 Star can't process credit-card payments at this time.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Oct. 7

- **ACS Hope 5K Walk/Run** – Designed to raise awareness about domestic violence, the run starts at the Schinnen Fitness Center at 9 a.m. Organizers ask participants to wear purple to say, "Abuse is never OK." Contact Schinnen Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program at DSN 360-7500 or +32 (0) 46-4437500.

Oct. 7

- **Understanding Insurance** – This class from the Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program is offered from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Schinnen ACS Conference Room. It provides an overview on the basic types of insurance that are mandatory and develops participant awareness of the insurance that is optional. Learn insurance terminology, and explore the different aspects of insurance policies. Develop skills in purchasing the best insurance for your money as well as increasing your understanding of how the insurance process works. For more information, contact DSN 364-3475 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263475.

Oct. 8, 15 and 22

- **Five Love Languages** - Learn how people relate to one another with Army Community Service at USAG Benelux-Schinnen Army Community Service in Building 39 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. What makes one person feel loved doesn't necessarily make another person feel loved. Learn how to navigate the languages of love. Register by calling DSN 360-7453/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437453/7500.

Oct. 12

- **Flea Market** - Take your unused stuff and sell it from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the JFC Sports Complex in Brunssum. Reserve a table at the Sports Complex daily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call DSN 364-2055 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5262055.

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Playing now

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

Oct. 10

- **SHAPE band plays in Mons** - The SHAPE International Band will perform in the sixth annual Friendship Concert at the Royal Theater of Mons at 8 p.m. The concert is designed to reinforce the close links between the communities of the Mons Region and SHAPE/NATO. A shuttle bus will travel to and from SHAPE. Admission is free. However, you must make a ticket reservation at <http://www.shape2day.com>.

### 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.