

# THE GAZETTE

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## Benelux news briefs

### USNMR plans town-hall meeting

Hosted by the U.S. National Military Representative to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, the next U.S. town-hall meeting is scheduled for July 14 at the SHAPE Events Centre. The information fair will run from 3:30 to 3:55 p.m., and the question-and-answer session will start at 4 p.m.

Meet with community leaders and agencies to ask questions and receive information. American Forces Network, or AFN, will broadcast live from the event.

Open to all American service members, civilians and family members.

For any questions or concerns, call DSN 423-4032/4634 or civilian 065-444032/4634.

### Erratum

The wrong winners of the Army Birthday Obstacle Course were published in last week's Gazette. The winning team was Team Clinic with a time of 36 minutes, 5 seconds. Team Hard Work came in second place with a time of 36:50. Team Frisco Kid came in third with a time of 39:31.

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### New leader takes up reins of USAG Benelux

Michael D. Formica, director of Installation Management Command-Europe, passes the colors to Col. Kurt P. Connell as he assumes command of the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, Monday, June 27, 2016, at the Chièvres Air Base Community Activity Center. (U.S. Army photo by Donovan Abrassart)

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# Honoring a Soldier's career of almost 30 years

**By Cis Spook**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

After serving for almost 30 years, Col. Marty G. Vannatter, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux commander, officially retired during a ceremony held Friday in Chièvres.

Vannatter served as an enlisted Soldier from 1984 to 1987 when he left the Army to attend college and the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. In 1990, he was commissioned as an infantry second lieutenant and served his initial tour as platoon leader in the 8th Infantry Division in Mannheim, Germany.

Half of his military career he served in overseas assignments in Europe, the Pacific and the Middle East. He also served two tours in the Benelux. The first time as battalion commander at the Allied Land Forces Northern Europe (AFNORTH), U.S. Army NATO at the Allied Joint Force Command Headquarters in Brunssum, the Netherlands. The second time as the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux commander. Before taking this assignment, he had no garrison experience except for being a customer of the many installations' services where he served previously.

His last job was not one of the easiest. "You get to dabble in a myriad of areas, and most are not in your area of expertise," mentioned retired Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Cordova, special guest at the ceremony who made the trip from Germany to honor his former battalion commander and good friend.

"But you're expected to make smart and thought-out decisions that will affect Soldiers, civilians and their families," he added.

Vannatter reflected on his retirement with mixed emotions.

*"Trust me, the Army Song will always resonate in my heart."*

"Today's ceremony is about that new chapter I'm about to write, but it's also about those that have already filled the pages of my life."

He recalled his first assignment when he and Julie lived in Germany.

"All we had then was a black-and-white TV, a 1973

orange Opel and one box of household goods," he said. As the Vannatter family evolved, his role in the Army family evolved as well.

"I have built relationships and friendships in the most unexpected parts of the world. Those are what makes the Army a great institution to be a part of," Vannatter stated. "Those friendships are treasures I will save for the rest of my life."

In closing, Vannatter mentioned having a special thought for the Soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice and asked God to watch over their families and to protect freedom before ending with: "Trust me, the Army Song will always resonate in my heart."

The Vannatters are looking forward to being closer to their children Ryan and Mary and once again live in the United States as they start their new adventure.



(From front) Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Cordova, Col. Marty G. Vannatter and Julie Vannatter show respect during the playing of the national anthems at Vannatter's retirement ceremony held in Chièvres, Friday, June 24, 2016. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook)



Col. Marty G. Vannatter holds the U.S. flag that was presented to him during his retirement ceremony held in Chièvres, Friday, June 24, 2016.

# New leader takes up reins | continued

story and photos by Donovan Abrassart  
USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office



U.S. Army Garrison Benelux welcomed a new leader during a change-of-command ceremony Monday on Chièvres Air Base.

Col. Kurt P. Connell assumed command of USAG Benelux from Col. Marty G. Vannatter.

Connell comes from his duties at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where he served as the director of Operations and Training.

"Kurt brings with him a team-first mindset and global perspective developed during many diverse assignments," said Michael Formica, director of Installation Management Command-Europe. "His record of accomplishments is remarkable. These are just a few of the reasons why he was selected for command here."

At the end of the ceremony, attendees bid farewell to Vannatter, who is retiring after more than 30 years of service.

"Thank you for all that you achieved during your more than 30 years with the Army," Formica said.

*(Clockwise from top left) Belgian Army Adjutant Eric Adam, leading Soldiers from Base Bastogne, stands at parade rest position during the change-of-command ceremony, Monday, June 27, 2016. • (From left to right) Col. Marty G. Vannatter, outgoing USAG Benelux commander; Michael D. Formica, IMCOM-E region director; and Col. Kurt P. Connell pay respect during the playing of the Belgian and American national anthems, Monday, June 27, 2016. • USAG Benelux Soldiers join Michael D. Formica, IMCOM-E region director, and Col. Kurt P. Connell, incoming USAG Benelux commander, in paying respect during the playing of the nation anthems, Monday, June 27, 2016. • The SHAPE International Band performs during the change-of-command ceremony, Monday, June 27, 2016.*

# Hours change for Independence Day



## AFNORTH celebrates

Pfc. Jake Hilton holds the guidon while Capt. Sean Raleigh carries the unit "mascot," a 4-kg hammer named Diplomacy, as they lead Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Allied Forces North Battalion, on a 12-kilometer ruck march on Chièvres Air Base Thursday, June 23, 2016, to celebrate Raleigh's first year in command. (U.S. Army photo by Pierre Courtejoie)

Many offices and services in the Benelux will close or change their hours for the Independence Day holiday weekend.

### Multiple communities

**Credit Union.** Andrews Federal Credit Union will close for Independence Day: The Chièvres, Brussels, and Schinnen offices of Andrews Federal Credit Union will be closed July 4.

**Post Offices.** The post offices will be closed July 4.

### Brussels

**AAFES.** Army & Air Force Exchange Service's Brussels Retail Store will be closed Independence Day, July 4.

### Schinnen/Brunssum

**Commissary.** The Schinnen Commissary will be closed July 4.

### SHAPE/Chièvres

**AAFES.** Army & Air Force Exchange Service's Chièvres Main Store will be

open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Commissary.** The Chièvres Commissary will be closed July 4.

**MWR facilities.** Chièvres Fitness Center, Library and Auto Skills Center will be closed July 1. Outdoor Recreation will be closed July 1 and 4.

Chièvres Fitness Center will be open July 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**SHAPE Clinic.** SHAPE Healthcare Facility will operate with reduced staffing for Independence Day, July 4, from 8 to 10 a.m. During those times:

- Acute Care Walk-In Clinic will operate with Medical Officer of the Day, or MOD, coverage only.

**USNMR.** The U.S. National Military Representative to the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe will be closed July 1 through July 4. The USNMR will reopen July 5 at 9 a.m.



## Benelux honors Army birthday during special evening

Gen. Curtis "Mike" Scaparrotti (right) and his wife, Cindy, look at a display of historical military uniforms during the Army Birthday Ball at the SHAPE Club Saturday, June 25, 2016. The display showed the evolution of the Army uniform throughout history, illustrating this year's theme "A Soldier's heritage." More photos are on the USAG Benelux Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/usagbenelux>. (Photo by Eric Daniel)

# Spend Independence Day with family, friends at fun events in Benelux communities

Benelux communities are planning lots of fun to celebrate Independence Day, America's 240th birthday.

## Brussels

The Independence Day observance in Brussels will be held July 2.

- Firecracker Fun Run – Meet at the Brussels Fitness Center for the Firecracker Fun Run. Registration for this 5- to 10-kilometer run begins at 8 a.m. Run begins at 9 a.m. All NATO welcome. For registration or additional details, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

- Come out to Sterrebeek Annex in the Brussels community for the American Independence Day Celebration, and have fun with your friends and/or family from 4 to 11:30 p.m. Enjoy plenty of attractions for children and adults, including children's games, bouncy castles, food/drinks, live entertainment and fireworks.

The American Independence Day Celebration is open to all U.S., NATO and Embassy ID card-holders.

### Schedule of Events

- 4 p.m.: WWII vehicle display begins
- 4 to 8 p.m.: Bouncy castles, children's activities, balloon-sculpture artist
- 4 to 11 p.m.: Disc jockey with variety of music, food and drink sales
- 4:15 to 5:45 p.m.: Live music
- 6 p.m.: Opening remarks
- Color Guard presented by Boy Scouts
- Belgian and American national anthems as well as "God Bless America" presented by the Brussels American Community Chorus.
- 7 to 8:30 p.m.: Live music
- 7 p.m.: Children's relay races
- 9 to 10 p.m.: Live music
- 11 p.m.: Fireworks

## Schinnen/Brunssum

Independence Day festivities, which



are set to take place July 2 from 4:30 p.m. to midnight, have been moved from the JFC Brunssum sports fields to the Schinnen Pavilion. Heavy rains drenched the sports fields, and, in that condition, they would be damaged by foot traffic.

Enjoy live music, karaoke, food and rides. Backpacks will be subject to search. No pets. All fees will be in euro.

Open to U.S. and NATO ID card-holders and dependents; guests will be sponsored. Contact DSN 360-7331 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437331 by Friday, July 1, by noon.

### Schedule of Events

- 4:30 p.m.: Event starts with disc jockey, DJ Julie (fest-tent stage)
- 5 p.m.: Motown soul artist Fred Starks and Cosy band on the fest-tent stage
- 7 p.m.: DJ Julie with Karaoke (fest-tent stage)
- 8:30 p.m.: Armed Forces Entertainment rock cover band American Hitmen (on the main stage)
- 10:45 p.m.: Presentation to the band.

Attendees can enjoy children's games, a clown and rides, thanks to the CYSS team and others.

- 11:15 p.m.: Fireworks.

Private organizations will have food available for purchase.

**Note:** Bring a change of clothes in case you get wet at one of the water attractions.

## SHAPE/Chièvres

The SHAPE/Chièvres community invites you to grab your friends and family for some Independence Day fun at the SHAPE shopping area and fest tent July 1 from noon to 11 p.m.

### Schedule of Events

- Noon to 11 p.m.: Children and adults can enjoy carnival rides, food, World War II vehicles, vintage cars, live entertainment and a mechanical bull.
- 3 to 4 p.m.: NATO Jazz Orchestra
- 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.: Blues Rock Karma
- 6 to 8 p.m.: Soul Factory
- 8:45 to 10:45 p.m.: Zenith
- 11 to 11:30 p.m.: Fireworks.



**Victim Advocate  
Hotlines**

**SHAPE/Chièvres and Brussels: +32 (0) 476-762264**  
**Schinnen: +31 (0) 651-919119**  
**DOD Safe Helpline: +49 (0) 611-143-537-SAFE (7233)**

# Don't let surge in sobriety checkpoints ruin summer

## Special to the Gazette

USAG Benelux Army Substance Abuse Program

Millions of people worldwide do it. Many say, "What's the harm; I only had a few drinks! I got home safely, and no one was hurt." Just because you made it home safely to your bed doesn't mean that you're making the right decision. When you put your keys in the ignition and drive after drinking, you not only put your life at risk, you risk the lives of all those you come across while driving. In a small community like SHAPE, those people you may encounter could be families with children or a friend driving home from a late night on SHAPE.

The summer is full of festivities for many people, whether that be the upcoming American Independence Day Celebration, the many

other countries' summer festivals or just barbecues with friends to enjoy the sunshine. Often, but not always, this means alcohol consumption. Be sure and make plans *before* the festivities so that you make the right choices during and *after* the gathering.

Alcohol impairs your judgment and depth perception as well as the vital motor skills required to drive safely. It's easy to think you are driving normally when, in fact, you aren't. The legal BAC in Belgium is 0.05. When the police take notice, you could be hit with a charge of driving under the influence/driving while intoxicated, or DUI/DWI, and this is a best-case scenario.

If you get into an accident, your life and the lives of others could be lost. Addition-

ally, if you are lucky enough to survive an accident, you may injure yourself or others and those injuries may have long-lasting personal consequences.

The local police are well aware of the dangers and are there to protect everyone. Throughout the summer the military and local police significantly increase the sobriety checkpoints. Drunken driving account for about 30 percent of all motor-vehicle accidents per year, and thousands of drivers and passengers lose their lives due to drinking and driving, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. If you are identified by the police you can expect stiff fines, legal fees and professional repercussions.

"Operating a motor vehicle in Belgium while sober can be difficult in and of itself; adding alcohol or other intoxicants to the mix is putting your life and the lives of others on the roadways at risk," said John Lamb of the USAG Benelux Army Substance Abuse Program, or ASAP.

Individuals can protect themselves and others by planning ahead and using designated drivers or using other means of transportation, such as taxicabs or trains, Lamb said.

"Don't make drinking and driving more important than your military career or life," he said. "Make the right choice, and put your keys down!"

See page 5 for Independence Day events.

## Firefighters train together

Michel Di Silvestro (third from right), Chief Chièvres Fire Department, addresses a group composed of firemen from the Chièvres Fire Department, airmen from the 424th Air Base Squadron and fire-prevention officers who are part of USAG Benelux during a combined training held on Chièvres Air Base, Sunday, June 25, 2016. The training is meant to improve the response time in case of an emergency on base. (U.S. Army photo by Donovan Abrassart)



FRENGLISH PAGE

Interns help US community with French touch

Special to the Gazette

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

Useful expressions

- I can't do it.
- Would you mind helping me?
- I am looking for a dustpan.
- Do you have change on 10€?

Je n'arrive pas à le faire. /zhuh nah reev pah ah luh fair/  
 Veux-tu bien m'aider? /vuh tu bi-uh mayday/  
 Je cherche un ramasse-poussière. /zhuh cher shuh rah mass poos yair/  
 As-tu de la monnaie sur 10€? /ah tu duh lah mon eh sur dees uh roh/

Word search

Here are some words in French related to the theme "outils/hardware"/ootee/ that you can find in the grid.

- ampoule : lightbulb /ah pool/
- peinture : paint /pah tur/
- pinceau : paintbrush /pah so/
- truelle : trowel /true el/
- marteau : hammer /mar toe/
- crochet : hanger /crosh eh/
- clou : nail /clue/
- tournevis : screwdriver /tour nuh vees/
- vis : screw /vees/
- lampe de poche : flashlight /lahmp duh posh/
- lampe : lamp /lahmp/
- équipement d'éclairage : lighting fixture /eh kip mah deh clair ahzh/
- extincteur : fire extinguisher /ex tahk tur/
- échelle : ladder /eh shell/
- outil électrique : power tool /ootee eh lec trick/

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Dialog: At the hardware store

A: Hello, sir. Can you please tell me where I can find lightbulbs?

B: Good morning, sir. Yes, go straight on and it will be on your right in the fourth row with lamps and lighting fixtures.

A: All right, thank you. Are fuses in the same area?

B: It is in the row just before with household power tools.

A: Do you sell smoke detectors and carbon-monoxide detectors?

A: Bonjour, monsieur. Pouvez-vous me dire où se trouvent les ampoules, s'il vous plait?

B: Bonjour, monsieur. Oui, allez tout droit et ce sera sur votre droite, dans la quatrième allée avec les lampes et les luminaires.

A: Très bien, merci. Est-ce que le fusible se trouve dans le même secteur?

B: Il est dans l'allée juste avant avec les outils électriques domestiques.

A: Vendez-vous des détecteurs de fumée ainsi que des détecteurs de monoxyde de carbone?

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

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

### Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camps** - To register for these camps, which run through Aug. 12, call Brussels CYSS at DSN 368-9535 or civilian 02-7179535.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take a class that is offered by Schinnen Army Community Service or SHAPE ACS by video-conference at Brussels ACS. To sign up, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783:
  - **Ready to PCS** - Develop financial planning and budgeting skills, which will help you determine the impact of moving expenses associated with permanent change of station, or PCS. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **July 6** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
  - **Stress Management** - Learn how to manage your stress for a better, calmer, healthier life. VTC-projected from Schinnen ACS **July 7** from noon to 1 p.m.
  - **Dress for Success Workshop** -Join ACS Employment Readiness staff for an informative workshop on dressing appropriately. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **July 14** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

### Going on now

- **Summer Reading Program** - Read books and earn prizes in the Summer Reading Program's "Read for the Win." Join the Brussels Library staff Wednesdays for Story Time and crafts from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

### June 30, July 1

- **Community Movie Night** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, sponsors free movies "10 Cloverfield" (PG-13) June 30 and "Eye in the Sky" (R) July 1 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the BOSS Movie Area on the third floor of Building 1. Make your reservation soon at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Call DSN 368-9768/9819 or civilian 02-7179768/9819.

### July 1

- **Pizza Fridays at the 3 Star** - Pick up a pizza to take home for dinner or eat in Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m. To place an order, call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.
- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community Fridays from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Recreation Night features games, cards, music and movies. Snacks and beverages available for purchase. For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822, or DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

### July 2

- **Independence Day celebration** - See page 5.

### July 6

- **Pizza Wednesdays at the 3 Star** - Eat in or take out pizza for lunch Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Traditional and personal pan pizza available. To place an order, call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

### Register now

- **Fun at the Multi-Purpose Room Theater** - Sponsored by the Geilenkirchen School-Age Program, Missoula Children's Theater presents a week of theater camp, culminating in a production of "Sleeping Beauty." Children and youths, ages 5 to 18, are encouraged to participate in this theater opportunity, which is free if accompanied by an adult. For details or to pre-register, call DSN 458-6017 or civilian +49 (0) 2451-632216.
  - **Auditions** - Tryouts for "Sleeping Beauty" will be held at the Multi-Purpose Room **July 11** at 9:30 a.m. Rehearsals will take place at the Multi-Purpose Room July 11 to 15. The tentative rehearsal schedule will be July 11 from 12:30 to 2 p.m.; July 12, 13 and 14 from 12:30 to 5:15 p.m.; and July 15 from 9 a.m. to noon also in the Multi-Purpose Room.
  - **Theatrical production** - The curtain goes up on "Sleeping Beauty" at the Multi-Purpose Room **July 15** at 1 p.m.
- **Take VTC-projected class** - Take a class that is offered by Schinnen Army Community Service, SHAPE ACS or Brussels ACS by video-conference. To sign up, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500:
  - **Ready to PCS** - Develop financial planning and budgeting skills, which will help you determine the impact of moving expenses associated with permanent change of station, or PCS. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **July 6** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
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- **CYSS Summer Camps** - Discover Europe with the School Age Center and Youth Center at JFC Brunssum through Aug. 12. Camp placement will be based on grade attended (first through 12th) during 2015-2016 school year. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card-holders. To find out more about these weeklong adventures, call DSN 606-244-3121 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY *continued*

### Register now

- **CYSS sports** - Participants must be registered with CYSS with a valid health assessment. For details about the CYSS sports programs below or becoming a volunteer coach, call DSN 606-244-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195. Register at CYSS Parent Central Services at JFC Brunssum's Building H-602 through **July 8**.
  - **CYSS Soccer** - Registration has begun for the September-to-October season. Cost: 3- to 5-year-olds, \$20; 6- to 15-year-olds, \$40.
  - **CYSS Flag Football** - Enrollment for fall flag football runs through July 8. Practice will start on or about Sept. 20. The program is for youths, ages 10 to 15. Cost: \$40.

### Going on now

- **Summer Reading Program** - "Read for the Win with Froggy" at HQ JFC Brunssum Library **through Aug. 14**. This program is open to all U.S. and NATO ID card-holders in the Tri-Border Community. For more information and to register, call DSN 364-2469 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5262469.

### July 2

- **Independence Day celebration** - See page 5.

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

### Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camps** - To register for these camps, which run through Aug. 12, call SHAPE CYSS at DSN 366-6839 or civilian 065-326839.
- **Summer Reading Program** - Chièvres Library and SHAPE International Library will host a range of free activities for children that encourage and support a love of reading July 7 to Aug. 11. Children and teens may also read or listen to books of their own choosing, keep a log of their progress and earn prizes. Younger children may read with an adult, and books can be in any language. Participants can report on the books they've read anytime the library is open. Participants who reach their goals will win a Summer Reading Program T-shirt and other goodies. Weekly programs at the Chièvres Branch Library will be held Thursdays from 3 to 4 p.m. Participants will enjoy activities based on the theme, "Read for the Win!" Story Time and Craft is geared toward school-aged children, but all children are welcome. For information on SHAPE International Library's Summer Reading Program, call DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take a class that is offered by Brussels, Schinnen or SHAPE Army Community Service by video-teleconference at SHAPE ACS. To sign up, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824:
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### July 1

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## Movies at SHAPE Cinema

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

## 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>.

## Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

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

# Travel the Benelux

## Explore the fifth-largest city in the Netherlands

By Gemma Tirabassi

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Eindhoven is the fifth-largest city in the Netherlands. Known by locals as the « Lichtstad », the City of Light thanks to its connections with Philips, the multinational electronics corporation established there in the 1900's.

Located close to the northern-Belgian border, the name of the city literally means « End Yards ». The city of Eindhoven was a small town until a lightbulb manufacturing company arrived. The then-town saw its economy and its population grow to become a city. Its architecture is of modern style. The city is now known as the capital of the Dutch industrial design.

While there is plenty to see in Eindhoven, it is possible to see most attractions on foot or by bike. The best place to start a tour of Eindhoven is on the Markt, the market square. This is the heart of the city. As you wander to the south through the pedestrian area surrounding the Markt, you will end up at the Catharina square where the impressive Saint Catharina church stands. It was built in Neo-Gothic style. Close to it, Stratumseind street will welcome you to

party in its multiple bars and clubs.

The Dommel River crossing the city offers peaceful riverside paths with lots of bridges and green areas where you can observe nature or have a picnic. Genneper park and Stadswandelpark (city park) are two green spaces you must explore. One will amaze you with its watermills and exhibits relating to flora and fauna. The other will surprise you with more than 30 sculptures and monuments scattered in the park.

A street or two from its banks, you will find the City Hall square (Stadhuisplein). Just over the Dommel lies the modern Van Abbemuseum. Eindhoven's contemporary art hub is a must-see.

Another must-see is the Evoluon. It is an extraordinary building built by Philips in the shape of a starship. Formerly used as a museum, it is now an iconic place where entrepreneurs meet. Concerts, venues and theaters also take place.

Philips also built the Philips Stadium. Inside you will find a museum dedicated to the soccer team of the city, PSV Eindhoven. Guided tours

will tell you the 100-year story of one of the most successful soccer teams in Europe.

If reading about Philips makes you wonder who it is, the Philips museum will welcome you and answer all your questions. You will get to know how Gerard Philips started his business. You will have an overview of the company's success, most memorable products and expansion. English language guided tours are available.

On the artistic side, the Eindhoven museum will tell you how life was in the Iron and Middle Ages in North Brabant (Noord Brabant) Dutch province. The Inkiijkmuseum, literally meaning "look-in" museum is established in a former washhouse. The very little place hosts small exhibits viewed by the public from outside the building by looking through the windows.

There is so much more to visit and experience. The city is kept alive with many cultural events.

Check out the following websites to know all about it:

<http://www.local-life.com/eindhoven/guide>

<http://www.thisiseindhoven.com>.



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The van Abbemuseum in Eindhoven is an example of the city's architecture of modern style.

# Visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Belgium

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All around the world are cultural and architectural marvels.

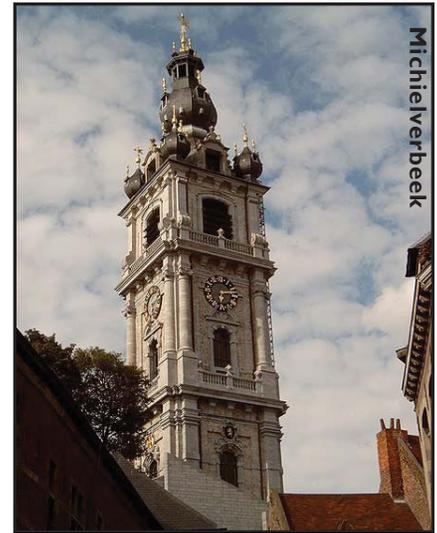
Many of these sites are recognized by the World Heritage Center, which ensures the management of the UNESCO convention on a daily basis. The center organizes annual session of the World Heritage Committee and its Bureau. The center is a source of advice to States Parties in preparation for site nominations, and is responsible for organizing international assistance from the World Heritage Fund, undertaking emergency actions when a site is threatened.

Additionally, technical seminars and workshops are organized by the center, updating the World Heritage database. Teaching materials are developed to teach awareness

among youth of the need for heritage preservation, and keeping the public informed of World Heritage issues.

Belgium joined UNESCO Nov. 29, 1946, and boasts 11 cultural sites, such as the Belfries of Belgium and France. Thirty-three belfries in Belgium (26 in Flanders and seven in Wallonia) showcase Roman, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture. "Notre-Dame" Cathedral in Tournai, built in the beginning of the 12th century, is another protected site. The cathedral is characterized being by a large Romanesque center of great dimensions, various sculptures and topped by Gothic style towers.

All other cultural sites can be viewed at <http://whc.unesco.org/fr/etatsparties/BE>.



Michielverbeek

The Belfries of Belgium and France make up a UNESCO World Heritage Area. Author Victor Hugo compared the Belfry of Mons to a teapot.

Outside the gate

## Upcoming organized trips

### Chièvres Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 361-6268 or civilian 068-276268.

- **Belgian Target Masters, July 9 (All NATO welcome.)**
- **Dinant Kayak Trip and Brewery Visit, Aug. 13**

### SHAPE Trips and Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

- **Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, July 5 to 9**
- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, July 9**
- **Durbuy and Namur with the Citadelle, July 13**
- **Paris, July 23**
- **Grottes de Han (Han Caves/Wildlife Park), July 27**
- **Xanten (Germany) with Archaeological Park, July 30**
- **Rhine River Cruise, Cable Car and Fortress, Aug. 6**
- **Rotterdam with Splashtour, Aug. 9**
- **Copenhagen (Denmark), Aug. 12 to 15**
- **Ghent with City Beer Discovery Boat trip, Aug. 20**
- **Notting Hill Carnival, Aug. 27 to 29**
- **Cochem, Germany, with medieval dinner in castle, Sept. 3**
- **Amsterdam with three-course dinner show, Sept. 17**
- **Paris with Secret Food Tour (optional), Sept. 24**
- **Carolus Thermen, Oct. 8**
- **Alsace, Oct. 15 to 16**
- **Flanders Field/World War I tour, Ieper (Ypres), Belgium, Nov. 12**

- **Lord of the Dance in Oostende, Nov. 19**
- **German Christmas markets (Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Frankfurt/Main and Aachen), Dec. 3 to 4**
- **Crete (Greece), Spa and Middelkerke (Belgium), all year**
- **Discount tickets to local attractions, such as Walibi, Aqualibi and Bellewaerde.**

### SHAPE Travel Group

Call civilian 0470-876369 for details.

- **Gouda and Kinderdijk, the Netherlands, Aug. 25**
- **Champagne in Epernay, France, Sept. 8**
- **Delft, the Netherlands, Sept. 15**
- **Blegny Mine and Liège, Sept. 29**
- **Lille, France, Oct. 6**
- **Monschau, Germany, and Spa, Belgium, Oct. 13**
- **Roermond, the Netherlands, Oct. 25**
- **Taste of Belgium, Nov. 15**
- **Cologne Christmas markets, Nov. 22**

### Schinnen Trips & Tours

Call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **Weekend Trip to the D-Day Landing Beaches, Memorials & Battle Monuments in Normandy, France, July 15 to 18 (Pay when you register.)**
- **Dutch Day Trip: Alkmaar, Zaanse Schans, Volendam, July 29**
- **Amsterdam, Aug. 6**
- **Regular Season NFL Game Washington Redskins vs. Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 29 to 31 (Pay by July 29.) Pickups at Schinnen and SHAPE.**



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**June 30**

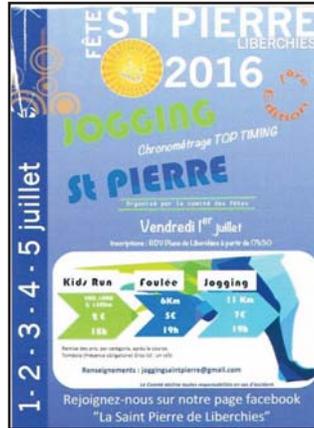
- **Historical cocktail party in Morlanwelz-Mariemont.** Located on Chaussée de Mariemont 100 at Musée Royal de Mariemont. A visit to the Egyptian exhibit and a cocktail party to close the evening. Open from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission: €7.

**June 30 to July 3**

- **Riding festival in Ghlin.** Located at the Hippodrome de Wallonie at Route de Wallonie 31a. Open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Free admission.

**July 1**

- **Jogging in Saint-Pierre de Liberchies.** Departs from at Place de Liberchies. Distance 500 - 1000 - 1500 m for children; 6 km and 11 km for adults. Open from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Participation fee: €2 to €7.



**July 2**

- **Walking trail in Bouffoulx,** departs from Rue Paul Pastur 175. Nature reserve on 12 km trail. Reservation required. Participation fee: €12.
- **Flea market in Hennuyères,** located on Rue de la Butte. Open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**July 2 and 3**

- **Monster Mania in Chièvres** will give you cascadeurs/stuntmen on wheels at Place Tongres Saint Martin on Rue de Leuze. Attractions include dueling monster trucks, motorcycles jumping cars and a blazing wall of fire. The human torch is only one of the many stunt professionals performing at this event Saturday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. Admission: adults, €15; children, €10. For details, visit <http://xtrem-production.com>.



**July 3**

- **Flea market in Jemappes,** located on Avenue Maréchal Foch 873. Open from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Lekkerbekkenmarkt in Peer,** Belgium, is a food-tasting event in the town center on market square with booths and food trucks offering all kinds of delicacies. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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**Through July 3**

- **Rose Festival in Arcen** will take place at Castle Gardens at Lingsforterweg 26. Visitors will see 250 kinds of roses and enjoy shows, workshops and demonstrations. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €15; children, ages 4 to 17, €7.50; children, ages newborn to 3, free admission.
- **Western Event European Cow Classes in Brunssum** will take place at T&C Western Stables at Akkerweg 7-11 with the European Championship team penning, cattle penning and ranch sorting as well as a western fair, fest tent, barbecue and live music. Open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free to visit. Admission to the fest evening July 2 at 8 p.m.: €6.
- **Amsterdam Roots Festival in Amsterdam** sets the tone for world music with solo artists and bands from all over the world. Performances are all over the city center.

**July 1 to 3**

- **Pasar Malam Asia in Eindhoven** is an Asian Year Market held at Beursgebouw with shows, demonstrations and food. Open July 1 to 2 from 1 to 10 p.m. and July 3 from noon to 7 p.m. Admission: €7.50; children, ages 11 and under, free.
- **Mystical Fantasy Fair in Heeswijk** will have Celtic, medieval and shamanic activities at Hoeve Weltevreden at Rukven 3. Open July 1 to 2 from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and July 3 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €5, children, ages 11 and under, free.

**July 2**

- **Conincx Pop in Elsloo** is a pop festival along the river Maas, starts at 2 p.m. Free admission.
- **Sheep Festival in Langbroek** will be held in the Oranjebuurt area on Prinsenplein. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission.

**July 2 to 3**

- **Afrikafestival in Hertme** takes place at the open-air theater on Hertmerweg. Musicians will perform a mix of African music, Afrobeat and jazz. Be sure to visit the African market and taste African food. For more information, visit <http://www.afrikafestivalhertme.nl>.
- **RosRock 2016 in Rossum** is a unique rock-festival held in the middle of an apple orchard. Bands from all over the world participate. For details, visit <http://www.rosrock.nl/site/>.
- **Ricarda Market in Bedburg-Kaster, Germany,** will be held in the old town center. The historic market is a combination of art market and culinary festival. Open July 2 from noon to 7 p.m. and July 3 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Home and Garden Fair in Hoensbroek** will be held at Castle Hoensbroek at Klinkertstraat 118. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €10.

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**July 3 continued**

- **Summer Dance Festival in Mons.** Located on the Grand'Place. Come dance to different styles of music: ragga, salsa, bachata, break dance, kizomba, kuduro, merengue and more. Open from 2 to 11:30 p.m. Free admission.
- **Mountain biking trail in Liberchies.** Routes are 15 to 45 km, with the 35-km and 45-km routes designed for those who want a more challenging ride. Departs from Place de Liberchies. Open from 8 to 11 a.m. Participation fee: €3 to €5.
- **Motorcycle ride in Lodelinsart.** Departs from Salle le Pavillon at Rue Albert Delwart 1. Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Participation fee: €5.



**Ongoing**



**Fridays through Sept. 9**

- **Roller Bike Parade in Brussels** – Rollers, bikes, longboards and freelines are invited to participate in this event. Departs from Place Poelaert, going to Hasselt and passing by Leuven. Open from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Free admission.

**Through October**

- **Treetop Adventure Trail in Tertre** will be held at Rue de la Hamaide 79. Three trails will be available for children, ages 7 and older, and for adults, too. Two trails will be available for children, ages 3 and older. Open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €9 to €19.



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**July 2 to 3 continued**

- **Castle Days Booischoot in Booischoot, Belgium,** is a country fair at Castle Ter Laeken at Ter Laeken 7 with hundreds of “green,” decor and lifestyle products, decorations, jewelry, art, curiosities and castle tours by Baron Ignace de Gruben. Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission: €5.
- **Days of the Open Cockpit in Lelystad** will be held at Aviodrome at Pelikaanweg 50. Visitors can look inside the normally off-limits cockpit of a Boeing 747, Saab Viggen, MiG-21 and Fokker 100 (among others). Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €17; children, ages 3 to 11, €15.
- **Medieval Festival in Medemblik** will be held at Castle Radboud at Oudevaartsgat 8. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €8; children, €5.
- **Food-truck and Harbor Festival in Mol, Belgium,** will be held at Zilvermeerhaven “Port Aventura” at Zilvermeerlaan 9. Open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Free admission.
- **Midsummer Fair in Zeijen** will offer decorations, accessories, garden-and-lifestyle products, live music and more at De Oranjerie at Noorderstraat 1. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €3, children, ages 11 and under, free.

**July 3**

- **Crazy Car Crash in Bentelo** will be held on Hagmolenweg/Bentelosestraat with a car-rodeo and a banger-race. Starts at 11 a.m. Admission: €8.
- **“Oud Limburgs Schuttersfeest” in Maasmechelen, Belgium,** is the largest meeting of Shooters’ (Schutterijen) clubs in both the Belgium and Dutch provinces of Limburg. More than 160 clubs participate in this folkloric and traditional event that takes place on the festival grounds. Starts around 11 a.m. Admission: €5; children, ages 12 and under, free admission.

**July 3, 5, 8 and 10**

- **Coronation Celebrations in Tongeren, Belgium,** are held every seven years in Belgium's oldest city. These celebrations include historic processions with a Madonna-and-child carved out of walnut circa 1475 and several relics as well as performances of the open-air theatrical production depicting the life of Christ and highlighting Mary’s role of being at his side at every major event in his life. More than 3,000 of the townspeople of Tongeren are involved in putting on the celebrations. Processions take place July 3 and 10 at 3 p.m. and July 5 and 8 at 7 p.m. Nighttime performances of the open-air play will be on Grote Markt (main square) at the foot of the Basilica of Our Lady and are on the same dates at 10:30 p.m. The procession and the play can be viewed for free; however, you must buy tickets for seats. For more information on tickets, visit <http://www.kroningsfeesten.be/en>.

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