

THE GAZETTE

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

Benelux news briefs

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To dial DSN to JFC Brunssum, you now have to dial 606244 followed by the last four digits of the extension.

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USAG Benelux MPs train

Sgt. Autumn Gebolys, USAG Benelux-Brussels MP, practices good posture while aiming at a target with a 9 mm pistol during a Law Enforcement certification at the firing range on Chièvres Air Base Tuesday, March 29, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Donovan Abrassart)

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IN MEMORIAM

WWII veteran passed away in Brussels



(Maj. Gen. (USA, Ret.) Charles (Chuck) and Mrs. Wilson at the 2013 Memorial Day commemorations, Neuville-en-Condroz American Military Cemetery.

The U.S. military affiliated community of Brussels and SHAPE/Chièvres mourn the death of Maj. Gen. (USA, Ret.) Charles (Chuck) Wilson on March 27 at 6:30 a.m. at the Edith Cavell hospital in Brussels, Belgium.

Wilson was born in Paris, Texas, June 15, 1924 and enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 19. A year later, in 1944, he was commissioned 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

During WWII, Wilson served as a C-46/C-47 pilot in the Pacific Theater. He was recalled to active duty in 1951 for the Korean conflict and eventually became a Command Pilot with over 5,000 hours.

Wilson further served in increasingly responsible positions, capitalizing particularly on his technical background, noting his Master of Science degree in aeronautics and astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1963.

From 1974 to 1978, Wilson served at SHAPE as Chief, Spec Projects Office, Static War Headquarters.

Upon his retirement in 1980, he came back to Europe and spent some time cruising the European rivers.

In 1990, he bought an apartment in Brussels and established his own local firm, European Engineer Consultants and became involved in local retiree affairs.

He raised money to repair U.S. monuments at the Normandy beaches, presided over the organizations and councils of U.S. military retirees in Europe to defend their privileges and benefits, and participated actively in the Memorial Day ceremonies to honor the 14,000 fallen in the three American cemeteries in Belgium.

In his 90th year, he led other U.S. WWII veterans in Belgium to meet with Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell, Jr. Commanding U.S. Army Europe, in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Wilson joined the American Legion Paris Post 1 in 2000 and transferred to the Flanders Field Post BE02 in 2014. He was one of three remaining WWII veterans living in Belgium. He is survived by his wife Andrée, sons Barry and Chuck and daughter Becky.

Funeral details for Maj. Gen. Charles (Chuck) Wilson:

Thursday, March, 31: 5 to 7 p.m. Visitation/Eulogy

Friday, 1 April: 11 a.m. Church Service

Friday, 1 April: 2 p.m. Crematorium

For additional information, contact the Commander, American Legion Post BE02 at +32 0479178539 or email flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com.

Wilson will further be given military funeral honors at the Arlington National Cemetery at a date yet to be determined.

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BRUSSELS ATTACKS

Human ties forged during tragedy

by Marie-Lise Baneton

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office



You've just landed after a long flight from South Carolina. You've picked up the keys to your rental car and while you're loading your luggage, you're thinking about your new job and wondering what life will be like for the next few years. The normal excitement of a new assignment.

Joe and Rose Castro had just left the desk of the rental car company and were fixing to leave Brussels International Airport on March 22 to join the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community. They had just stepped off the elevator to the garage to pick up the rental car. Suddenly, they heard the explosion. They remember the black smoke, the screaming and crying.

They did not realize what had just happened right away. "It took me a second to process," Joe said. While his wife started walking to the crowd, he led her in the opposite direction. "My military instinct told me to walk away from the crowd."

The couple were hoping to drive out of the garage but the Belgian military, who were securing the area, ordered them to move to safety outside, in the back area of the airport where they stood for approximately two hours while the emergency services were responding.

The car rental employee they had met minutes ago joined them. The 19 year old man, who had just been on the job for two weeks, immediately took care of them and offered assistance. "Florent De Deyn really went above and beyond expectations and we knew we were not alone," Joe said. "He even offered us to spend the night at his grandmother's house right outside of Zaventem if we couldn't get to our hotel in Mons," Rose added.

The couple also got to meet Brian Greenberg, an American from SHAPE, who was there picking up a new employee.

Greenberg and his new colleague Brandon Samuels offered the Castros a ride to Mons once the situation allowed them to leave. They also drove their new Belgian friend De Deyn back to his grandmother's house.

The Castros arrived at the hotel around noon, without any luggage. As soon as the hotel staff realized what they had just escaped from, they did everything they could to assist them. Through the whole time, Rose's priority had been to call her mother in Germany. The desk employee allowed her to use the hotel phone at no cost, offered them refreshments and basic necessities. "They were so apologetic for what had just happened," Rose remembers. "Even with the language barrier, they made every attempt to get us what we needed."

The Castros are also very grateful for the support they received from the garrison staff in general and from the directorate of human resources in particular, where Joe will be working in the military personnel division. "The support here was overwhelming. I'm ready to go to work to thank the team for what they did for us," he said.

Despite the tragic events they witnessed first-hand, they are enthusiastic about their new assignment. They are in-processing and house hunting. "You can't stop living or moving because of the fear. We are fortunate that we actually didn't get hurt and grateful for the support that Rose and I received."

The Brussels attacks were not only scenes of terror and violence – but also of friendship and solidarity. "We made friends for life on that day," Joe said.

Editor's note: This is the second in a series on the Brussels bombings.

For further information, see:

- <http://www.eur.army.mil/TravelSafe>
- <http://belgium.usembassy.gov>

For Benelux specific updates, see:

- <https://www.facebook.com/usagbenelux>
- <https://www.facebook.com/usagbeneluxbrussels.community>
- <https://www.facebook.com/TriBorderCommunity>

In case of an emergency, call:

- USAG Benelux Military Police: +32(0)68-275301
- USAG Benelux-Brussels Military Police: +32(0)2-7179769
- USAG Benelux-Schinnen Military Police: +31 (0)46-4437555
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- U.S. Embassy The Hague Operator: +31(0)70-3102209
- SHAPE Federal Police: +32(0)65-443334
- SHAPE International Military Police: +32(0)65-443333
- NATO Office of Security: +32(0)2-7071234
- JFC Brunssum International Military Police: +31(0) 45-5262616
- Belgian/Dutch Emergency: 112
- USAG Benelux On-Duty Chaplain: +32(0)475-793339
- Military Family Life Consultant: +32(0)497-653738

US, German Soldiers train together

story and photos by **Donovan Abrassart**
 USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

German Soldiers from the German Support Unit at SHAPE teamed up with U.S. Army Garrison Benelux MPs for a combined Alternate Pistol Qualification course Tuesday at the firing range on Chièvres Air Base.

The course was part of the Law En-

forcement Certification, a mandatory annual training for MPs and newly arrived Soldiers who take up their MP duties.

"It is important to get in contact with them (U.S. Soldiers) and to get familiarized with their equipment and techniques," said Sgt. Maj. Thomas Chwarelnik from the German Support Unit at SHAPE. "When we go to Iraq or Afghanistan, we have to work together and it is easier when we have trained together before."

The firers trained to shoot with a 9 mm pistol or Beretta M9 at a 25-meter E silhouette target.

Trainees shot a total 40 rounds of ammunition in standing (7 rounds), kneeling (13 rounds), crouching (10 rounds) and prone (10 rounds) positions.

Each time the firer has shot all his/her rounds in a shooting position, the instructor counts how many times he/she has hit the target and at the end, the trainee must have scored at least 24 to be qualified.

If the firer scores between 24 to 28, he/she is a marksman, between 29 to 35, he/she is a sharpshooter, and if the firer hits the target between 36 to 40 times, he/she is an expert.



1-Sgt. Eric Spaeth, USAG Benelux MP, loads the magazine of a Beretta M9, Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at the firing range on Chièvres Air Base. 2-Spc. Zachary Yahn, USAG Benelux MP, shows Hauptfeldwebel Florian Thellmann how to sight with an M9 Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at the firing range on CAB. 3- Oberstabsgefreiter Artur Lang looks at his target while Spc. Zachary Yahn, USAG Benelux MP, counts the

hits on the target Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at the firing range on CAB. 4-Sgt. Thomas Meyer USAG Benelux MP, shoots at the target in the standing position Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at the firing range on CAB. 5-Staff Sgt. David Ontiveros, USAG Benelux MP, counts how many times Sgt. Autumn Gebolys, USAG Benelux-Brussels MP, hit the target Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at the firing range on CAB.

Brussels community enjoyed Spring Fling



Courtesy photo



Courtesy photo



Courtesy photo

(Left) The Easter bunny played by David Coldwell, met with more than 30 children during the Brussels Spring Fling held on the USAG Benelux-Brussels installation, Saturday, March 26, 2016.

(Above middle) Part of Spring Fling was also the Egg Hunt. This year, eggs were not filled with candy but they each had a letter. Once the word Easter was formed, the children could exchange their letters for a bag of goodies. Each participant received an equal quantity of candy.

(Above right) Braden Hood had his picture made with the Eater bunny.

Deadlift competition held at the Chièvres Fitness Center



Courtesy photo

(From left, back row) Jeremy Allen, Andrew Morrison, Erik Ramirez, Christopher Thompson, Eric Spaeth, Barulio Bernal, Eli Beal.

(From left, front row) Dustin Vance, Tyler Goodman, M. Ciliberti, Laura Street, Meaghan Davis, John Porvins. (not shown in picture: Garret and Michelle Solven)

A deadlift competition was held March 26 at the Chièvres Fitness Center during which weight lifters from the SHAPE/Chièvres community competed against each other.

The overall winner was determined by the percentage of weight lifted in proportion to their body weight.

Overall Winners:

John Provins, lifted 445lbs at 2.56x his body weight.
Michelle Solven, lifted 295lbs at 1.73x her body weight.

Heavy Weight (numbers are times body weight)

Erik Ramirez 2.46
Michelle Solven- 1.73

Medium Weight

Jeremy Allen-2.15
Meaghan Davis- 1.20

Light Weight

Dustin Vance 1.97
Laura Street 1.19

The heaviest weight (515lbs) was lifted by Bernal Barulio who achieved a new personal best in the competition.

Things you should know when using electronic cigarettes

Special to the Gazette

Recently a USAREUR Soldier received burns on his hand and thigh when an electronic cigarette stored in the pocket of his uniform jacket ignited. The Soldier carried an extra battery and his car keys in the same pocket with an electronic cigarette (e-cigarette). It is believed that the metal keys came into contact with the spare lithium oxide battery or the exposed contact/charging pedestal of the e-cigarette and short circuited either one or both of them. This chain reaction ignited the battery and the electronic cigarette. The Soldier received immediate first-aid on site and was later transported to the Mannheim Burn Unit for further evaluation and treatment.

More than 2.5 million Americans utilize e-cigarettes and this number is growing rapidly. Twenty-five incidents of explosions and fire involving e-cigarettes were reported in the United States between 2009 and 2014. Of these, there were nine injuries including two incidents of serious burns. Most of the incidents oc-



curred while the battery was charging. Using power sources not approved by the manufacturer to recharge a lithium-ion battery or short circuiting the battery can result in explosions, flames, and fires.

Good to know

- Electronic cigarettes are prohibited in all Department of the Army occupied workplaces, except for designated smoking areas.
- Keep e-cigarettes and spare batteries from coming into contact with metal objects.
- Most accidents occur while the battery is charging.
- The shape and construction of e-cigarettes can make them more likely than other products with lithium-ion batteries to behave like "flaming rockets" when a battery fails.
- Lithium-ion batteries must be charged in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions.
- Keep e-cigarettes and their additives away from children and pets.
- Many e-cigarette users have suffered serious burns to the face, neck, throat, and lungs.

Confidential, 24/7 military crisis hotlines - How can they help?

Special to the Gazette

During stressful times many of us could use immediate reassurance and confidential support without having to figure out where to go for help or waiting for a counseling appointment. That's why a crisis hotline can be an essential resource for someone in emotional distress.

With a single call or click of a mouse, he or she can talk or chat confidentially cost-free with master level counselors trained to help people in crisis. Crisis counselors help those in crisis get a better understanding of the stressors they are facing and the steps they should take toward feeling better about their current situation or future outlook.

For crisis support in Europe, dial toll-free 00800-1273-8255 or DSN 118. Or, go to <http://www.militarycrisisline.net>, or <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/> and click on the confidential chat/help button.

Prefer to meet face-to-face?

The Military Family Life Crisis program provides short-term,

non-medical counseling support for a range of issues including: relationships, crisis intervention, stress management, grief, occupational and other individual and family issues.

Psycho-educational presentations focused on issues common to the military family including: reunion/reintegration, stress/coping, grief/loss and deployment are provided to commands, Family Readiness Groups (FRGs), Soldier Readiness Processing and other locations, as requested.

Support for these issues empowers individuals during the problem-solving process, increases individual and family competency and resilience in coping with the challenges of military life and ensures that these issues do not detract from operational readiness.

For SHAPE/Chièvres call 0497-653738; Schinnen 0031-629471920; Geilenkirchen 0049-15224210455.

Get crisis support help in Europe by calling toll free number 00800-1273-8255 or DSN 118.

Get crisis support help by chatting on line at <http://www.militarycrisisline.net> or <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/>

Get crisis support help by meeting face-to-face, call:

-in the SHAPE/Chièvres area: 0497-653738

-in Schinnen/Brunssum (the Netherlands): (0031)(0)629471920

-In Geilenkirchen (Germany): (0049)(0)15224210455

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Spring CO-ED Volleyball Tournament** - Submit adult team roster by **April 6** for the tournament to be held April 23-24. For information, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

March 31

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy the all-you-can-eat taco bar from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: adults \$10; children, ages 12 and under, \$5. (Alternate children's menu: hotdogs or chicken fingers.) Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

April 6

- **Children's story time "Growing Things"** at the Brussels Library from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. For children ages 3 to 10 and their parents. For information, call DSN 368-9791 or civilian 02/7179791.



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April 7

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy chicken parmesan and lasagna starting at 5:30 p.m. Cost: adults \$8, children, ages 12 and under, \$4. (Alternate children's menu: chicken strips with potato wedges - \$5.) Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **CYSS Archery/Blow Darts** - Open enrollment through April 22 for ages 9-18 years. Program operates May 4 through June 8 on Wednesdays from 4 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$130 paid at time of registration. Enroll at CYSS Parent Central Services with a valid health assessment. Call or visit PCS at DSN 364-4195 or +31 (0)45-5264195 to enroll or for more information. There are only limited spaces.

April 1

- **Mess Lords, celebrity chefs** - Presented by the Navy Entertainment and Armed Forces Entertainment at the Alliance Restaurant on JFC Brunssum, Bldg. 201 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a Mexican themed meal.

April 1-29

- **U.S. Army Combative Level 1 (Basic Combative) Course** - Mondays through Fridays from 6 to 8 a.m. at the JFC Brunssum Gym Main Hall. All are welcome to learn basic fighting skills at no cost. For more information, call +31 (0)45-5263890 or +31 (0)45-5263728.



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April 6

- **Anti-Abuse 5K Fun Run/Walk** - Come out to the Schinnen Fitness Center and show your support for an end to child abuse and sexual violence. Event starts at 9 a.m. For more information, contact DSN 360-7500/7218/7367 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437500/7218/7367.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Sign up now

- **U.S. Military Bowl football game** - The 424th Air Base Squadron will host its annual "U.S. Military Bowl" double elimination **April 23** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The 424th ABS Chièvres Family Organization will have food and beverages for purchase to raise money for future squadron events. The games are set to take place on the Chièvres football field behind the Chièvres Activity Center, and a trophy will be presented to the victor. To sign up to be a player on one of the teams, call
 - **Air Force** DSN 361-5333 or civilian 068-275333
 - **Army** DSN 361-5301 or civilian 068-275301
 - **Navy** DSN 423-7619 or civilian 065-447619.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY *Continued*

Sign up now

- **Annual Colorful Run** - Sign up prior to **April 6** for the run held April 8 on the SHAPE Track. Kids run will be from 2 to 4 p.m., adults run will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Sign up at the SHAPE Gym. Cost is \$5 for kids 5 to 18; adults pay €10.

April 2

- **Corn Hole tournament** - At the Chièvres Community Activity Center from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, call DSN 361-6268 or civilian 068-276268.

April 5

- **Bubble soccer** - At the Chièvres Community Activity Center starting at 5 p.m. To sign up as a team or for details, call Outdoor Recreation at DSN 361-6268 or civilian 068-276268.
- **Chièvres Library** is open from noon to 6 p.m.



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Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates – 2D movies: adults €6.50 and children 12 and under €3.75. 3D movies: adults €8.50 and children 12 and under €5.75. Visit <http://www.shape2day.com>, and click "Cinema Schedule" icon.

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

Adult admission is €6.5 (ages 12 and older) - Child admission is €3.75 (ages 11 and under). Check the web page at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146> for the movie schedule.

Inside the gate

Emergency numbers

Brussels

Any emergency - Dial 112
Brussels MP station:
DSN 368-9769
civilian 02-7179769

SHAPE/Chièvres

Any emergency - Dial 112
Chièvres MP station:
DSN 361-5301
civilian 068-275301
SHAPE Police Desk:
DSN 423-3333/4
civilian 065-443333/4

Schinnen

Any emergency - Dial 112
Schinnen MP station:
DSN 360-7555
civilian 046-4437555

Travel the Benelux

Thirteenth century hospital is one of Wallonia's major heritage sites

by **Jérémy De Leeuw**

USAG Benelux Morale, Welfare and Recreation Intern

What if, for one day, you could go back in time and see how a hospital looked like in the 13th century?

The hospital Our Lady with the Rose makes it possible. The religious hospital founded in 1242 by Alix de Rosoit, is located in the heart of Lessines, just a stone's throw away from Ath.

The hospital reflects the spirit of the age. At the end of the 12th century, hospitals started to mushroom across Europe to face the outbreak of diseases and epidemics fostered by the increase in population and the trade expansion. The Hospital Our Lady with the Rose, in the hands of nuns, was therefore intended to accommodate the needy who could not afford private medicine.

Back in the 13th century, the building was L-shaped comprising the present-day east wing and a part of the south wing. Today, the building represents a quadrilateral around the cloister and its small garden thanks to numerous extensions built between the 16th and the 18th centuries. The main facade, finished in 1664, underwent the baroque influence.

The hospital is famous for being one of the last remaining self-sufficient hospitals in the region.

It could boast a farm to feed the nuns and the patients, a mill driven by the Dendre river and even an icehouse in which a part of the garden produce could be preserved.

Wandering through the building, you will not only see paintings, antique furniture, statues and silverware, but also an authentic pharmacy that dates back to the 19th century and in which the so-called "helkiase", an effective drug treating skin diseases and ulcers, was produced. This remedy was sold as far as India and the United States. However, shortly after World War II, the sales ceased, probably due to the side effects of mercury contained in the product.

The museum also hosts exhibitions on a regular basis. The ongoing one is called "From Ambroise Paré to Louis Pasteur" illustrating the evolution of medicine and pharmacy from the 16th to the 19th century. The exhibition will be held until November 30.

If you want to learn more about the upcoming events, visit the website <http://www.notredamealarose.com>.



Courtesy photo

GPS address:

Place Alix de Rosoit
7860 Lessines

Opening hours:

Tuesday through Sunday: 2 to 6 p.m.
Closed on Mondays and holidays

Admission (with audioguide)

Adults: €9,5
Seniors: €8,5
Children: €4,5
Inhabitants of Lessines: €5,50
Students/ teachers/ S card/ unemployed: €7

Outside the gate

'Tompoes' - a typical Dutch pastry

by **Marêva Baudart**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office Intern

Tompoes, named after Admiraal Tom Pouce, is a Dutch variety of what is known as a Napoleon in the United States.

The rectangular pastry has a thick layer of pastry cream inserted between two thin layers of puff pastry, with a sweet layer of pink or white icing on top.

This Dutch iconic symbol abounds on local markets and is often served on special occasions.

Tompoes recipe for four:

- 1 cup of milk
- 1 vanilla bean (or 1 bag of vanilla sugar)
- 2 egg yolks
- 4 tablespoons of sugar
- 4 tablespoons of flour
- pinch of salt
- 1 sheet of puff pastry
- 1 egg, beaten

For the icing:

- 2 teaspoons of milk
- 3 tablespoons powdered or icing sugar
- 1 drop red food coloring or red berry juice

Heat the oven to 200 C (400 F). Grease a baking sheet. Cut the puff pastry sheet in four rectangular sections, place

them on the baking sheet and make some holes in the pastry with a fork. Brush with egg. Bake for 15 minutes until brown. Remove from the oven. Quickly and carefully pull the top from the bottom sheet. Set all eight pieces aside. Cool them down.

Get a sauce pan, boil the milk and add the vanilla sugar, steep for 15 minutes. Then mix the egg yolks with sugar, salt, and one tablespoon of flour. Stir until creamy.

Take two tablespoons of warm milk and stir into the egg yolk mixture, then add three tablespoons of flour.

Carefully stir everything into the pan, put it back on a low heat and stir until it thickens. Take off from the heat and cover with plastic. Let it cool.

Combine the powdered sugar and milk. Add the red food coloring into and stir into a thick icing.

Take four pieces of pastry and cover them with the custard filling. Cover the four other pieces of pastry. When done, carefully spread the pink icing on top: let it dry and your Tompoes is ready to serve.



Courtesy photo

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Medieval Dinner in Brugge (Bruges), April 2**
- **Efteling amusement park, the Netherlands, April 5**
- **Versailles, France, April 9**
- **Paris with Moulin Rouge, France, April 16**
- **Keukenhof Gardens and Gouda, the Netherlands, April 23**
- **Laeken Royal Greenhouses and Brunch at the MIM's restaurant, April 24**
- **Berlin, Germany, April 29 to May 2**
- **Amsterdam, April 30**
- **Poland: Polish pottery, Auschwitz, Krakow and Wroclaw, May 5 to 10**
- **Monet's House and Gardens, Giverny, France, May 21**
- **Dover Castle and Canterbury, Great Britain, May 28**
- **Asparagus Dinner and Cruise, Maastricht, the Netherlands, May 28**
- **Normandy Beaches and Mont St-Michel, June 5 to 8**
- **Paris, June 11**
- **Amsterdam, June 18**
- **Scotland, June 18 to 26**
- **London, June 25**
- **Disney Paris, June 29**

- **Legoland, July 1-3**
- **Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, July 5 to 9**
- **Durbuy and Namur with the Citadelle, July 13**
- **EuropaPark and Strasbourg, France, July 16 to 17**
- **Tour of the Harry Potter Studio's, July 18**
- **Copenhagen, Denmark, August 12-15**
- **Moulin Rouge, Paris, November 19**

SHAPE Travel Group

Call civilian 0470-876369 for details.

- **Highclere Castle (setting for "Downton Abbey"), April 4**
- **Veuve Clicquot Champagne, April 14**
- **Paris in the Spring, April 27**
- **Keukenhof Gardens and Scheveningen, May 3**
- **Versailles, May 19**
- **Honfleur and Calvados, May 26**
- **Arnhem, June 7**
- **Canterbury, June 23**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- **Family Day Trout Fishing, April 9**
- **Keukenhof gardens, April 23**
- **Weekend Trip to the D-Day Landing Beaches, Memorials & Battle Monuments in Normandy, France, July 15 to 18 (Payment due by May 6.)**
- **Regular Season NFL Game Washington Redskins vs. Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 29 to 31 (Payment due by July 29.) Pickups at Schinnen and SHAPE.**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

April 1 to 3

- **Provence market in Ath (30 booths)** offers catering and craft products from Provence from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Quai de l'Entrepôt. Admission: €1,50

April 1 to 29

- **Photo exhibition in Mons** will be held at Rue de Malplaquet 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. Free admission.

April 2

- **Flea market in Lessines (100 booths)** will be held on Rue des Quatre Fils Aymon from a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Leuze-En-Hainaut** will be held on Rue Pont Cure (facing the train station) from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Concert by Abdel Rhaman El Bacha and Suzanne Vermeyen in Attre** - "Printemps musical" (Musical Spring) will be held at the Château d'Attre on Rue du Château 8 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Admission: €30.
- **Mountain bike ride in Leernes** - Departs from Rue Abbaye d'Aulne 2 at 9 a.m. Proceeds go to cancer prevention and research.

April 2 to 3

- **Classic vehicle fair in Ath (200 booths)** will display cars, bikes, trucks, tractors, parts, documents and more. The fair will be held at the Zoning Des Primevères on Rue de l'Abbaye from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €4, including a drink.
- **Indoor night flea market in Jemappes (250 booths)** will be held at 873 Avenue Maréchal Foch from 4 to 11 p.m. Saturday and from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.
- **Volksmarch in Goutroux for 3, 7, 12 and 22 km** - Departs from Rue de Leernes from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Crafts market in Solre-sur-Sambre** will offer crafts and local products from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 26 Rue Pont Bara.

April 3

- **Repair café in Soignies** - Bring any object that is broken and get it repaired for free by volunteer technicians from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Cité Des Jeunes at Rue Henri Leroy 15.
- **Volksmarch in Isières for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km** - Departs from the square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Gozée for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km**. Departs from Rue de Marchienne 134 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ceroux-Mousty for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km**. Departs from the square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Dongelberg for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km**. Departs from Rue Felgaut 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Through April 3

- **Amaryllis display at the Beloeil castle** - Some 6,000 amaryllis flowers will be on display from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Rue du Château 11. Admission: adults, €10; children, ages 6 to 12, €4.50; children under 6, free.



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

April 1-2

- **Spring fair in Krimpen aan de IJssel** - At Streekmuseum Krimpenerwaard on IJsseldijk 312, the fair offers old crafts, curios, regional products and more. Open: April 1, 1 to 5 p.m. and April 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Apr. 1 to 3

- **Art fair in Heemstede** - Held at Sportplaza Groenendaal, Sportparklaan 16, fair displays paintings, statues, photos, ceramics, silver, glass, jewelry and lots more. Open: April 1, 7 to 10 p.m. and April 2-3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is free.
- **Ladies of Summer Fair in Venray** - Event especially for women at Evenementenhal, De Voorde 30. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €7.50; children (6-11) €4.50.

April 1-September 2

- **Cheese market in Alkmaar** - Cheese has been weighed in Alkmaar since 1593. Cheese carriers carry thousands of kilos of cheese from 'Waagplein' square to the weighing house. Cheese carriers can be seen in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon.

April 2 (and April 9, 16, 23, 30)

- **Small antique & curiosa market in Roermond** - Held at Kloosterwandplein in the center of town from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

April 2-3

- **Indoor antique, curiosa & retro fair in Oostmalle (BE)** - At Castle de Renesse, Lierselei 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €2.
- **Spring weekend in Wageningen** - Held in the center of town from 1 to 5 p.m. both days. Entry is free.

April 3

- **Spring market in Heeswijk** - Held around De Kilsdonkse Molen, Kilsdonkseweg 4-6. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. No entrance fee.

April 3 (and April 10, 17, 24)

- **Antique, art & curiosa market in Maastricht** - Held on Boschstraat from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Through May 16:

- **Keukenhof gardens near Lisse** - A wealth of spectacular floral displays planted in endless varieties among beautiful works of art. This year's theme is "The Golden Age, the era when Holland became wealthy through worldwide trade" Open daily 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ticket office closes at 6 p.m. Entry: €16; children age 4 to 11, €8. More info in English: www.keukenhof.nl.

Due to the current situation in Belgium, events have been limited.

Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.