

# THE GAZETTE

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## Benelux news briefs

### Report AFN decoders

AFN decoders checked out from the 470th Air Base Squadron in Geilenkirchen may experience loss of service due to the three-year registration expiring.

To restore the free service provided or to prevent loss of service, send the UA and TID number from the back of the decoder to 470abs.afn.decoder@us.af.mil.

Questions can be directed to DSN 458-6021 or civilian +49 (0) 2451-632227.

### Grandma's Attic closed

Due to remodeling issues, Grandma's Attic in Chièvres will remain closed through March.

### Bike shop closed

The Freeride Bike Shop at JFC Brunssum will be closed through April 4 for renovations.

### Stores have new hours

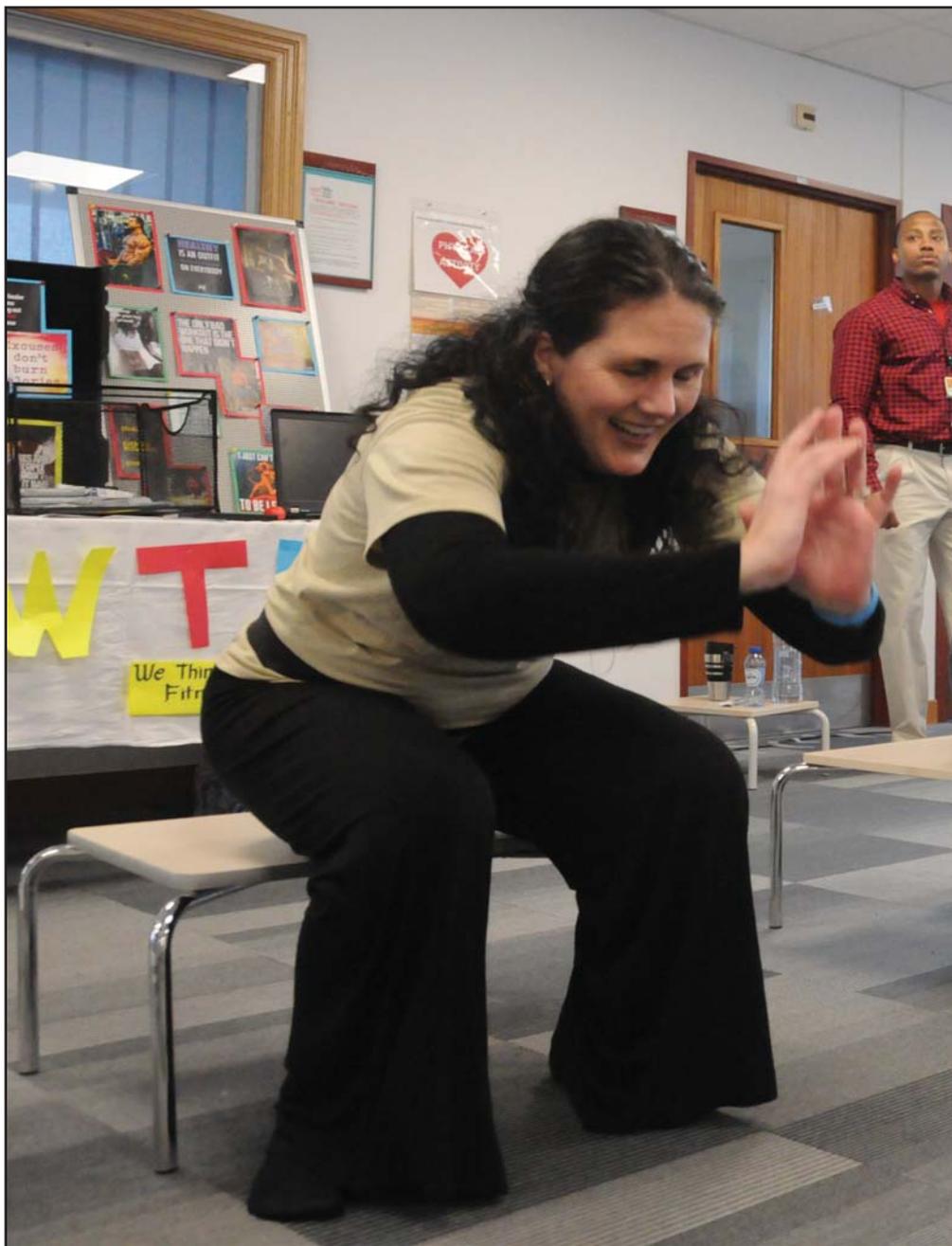
The Schinnen Exchange Troop Store and Express have revised their operating hours. These hours are different than those previously announced.

Both facilities will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Mondays.

Express will also be open Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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### Healthy Heart Event gets community moving

Michele Kibler participates in the exercise challenge during SHAPE Healthcare Facility's Healthy Heart Event Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016. A ribbon-cutting ceremony before the event officially opened the newly remodeled areas of the clinic. (U.S. Army photo by Keith Houin)

# All good things come to an end, so did our internship

by **Pauline Chevalier**

USAG Benelux Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security intern

You may have come across us on Caserne Daumerie or at SHAPE. We are Julie, Margaux, Pauline and Roxane from the Faculty of Translation in Mons, Belgium. We were interns at USAG Benelux during the month of February.

Professionally, culturally and linguistically speaking, the internship was really enriching, though it was short.

First of all, our immersion in a professional environment was the most valuable aspect, and each one of our supervisors contributed to our well-being within the organization.

We enjoyed fulfilling every task that we received, whether it was translation, interpretation or writing. It was challenging, but it made us progress.

“From the first day we arrived here, we felt really integrated in the team,” says Roxane Rasneur, intern at the Public Affairs Office. “They trusted us and gave us important tasks and projects to manage. They were always available for us. If we ever had a doubt or a question about something, they always made the time to answer and help.”

We also appreciated working in an American military environment. We loved to share the Belgian culture with our colleagues.

However, “doing an internship at the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux was like discovering a new world whose conventions and inner workings can, at first, seem mysterious to an uninitiated European civilian,” says Julie Anicotte who worked with the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation at SHAPE. “Army acronyms, which are so common, form a language of their own.”

Finally, we all came here to improve our English skills.

“Over the last four weeks, I welcomed the customers and helped them when I could,” says Margaux Warnotte, intern at the Housing Office. “I was able to practice English with Americans, which is the best way to learn a language.”

“The 'Garrison Intern Program' is a fantastic initiative,” says Perry Yoshimiya, Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. “Garrison personnel have the opportunity to interact, teach, mentor, coach and be taught by some very intelligent and highly motivated young interns. The interns get the unique opportunity to interact with American and Belgian employees on a daily basis, strengthening their English language skills

while getting inundated in American culture in an actual work environment, which will help them prepare to enter into their future workplace. A ‘win-win’ situation for everyone.”

We also had the chance to develop a project to help American newcomers better integrate in Belgium. We are glad to contribute to a service that should make their transition easier.

As part of the project, we have created a survey that you are free to take until March 15. The survey will help us better understand your needs and concerns when you come to Belgium. The survey is available at <http://www.questionpro.com/t/AL4xFZTsSS>.

There was also a part of fun in the internship: crossage.

Some of us had the opportunity to learn some of the local tradition Feb. 10 as many Americans joined the local population in the streets of Chièvres to play crossage.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for everything you taught us. And don't worry, though four of us have already left, four other interns will stay until the end of April. That will give you another chance to interact with them if you haven't already.



Roxane Rasneur (left) and Maréva Baudart work on a story for the Gazette, Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Both are interns in the Public Affairs Office. Rasneur finished her internship Monday but still volunteers; Baudart will continue her internship until the end of April as will Adeline Durot at USAG Benelux Brussels, Alessio Stincheddu at American Forces Network and Jérémy De Leeuw at Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. (U.S. Army photo by Keith Houin)

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# USNMR sponsors town hall, info fair

The U.S. national military representative, or USNMR, will sponsor the upcoming U.S. Town Hall and Information Fair at the SHAPE Events Centre March 10.

Information fair starts at 3:30 p.m. and town hall at 4 p.m., followed by a question-and-answer session.

Meet with community leaders and agencies to ask questions and receive information. Open to all U.S. service members, civilians and their dependents. Food will be available for purchase. Free children's activity center will be available.

NMRs help with information exchange, liaison and coordination between alliance nations and the SACEUR and SHAPE, according to <http://www.shape.nato.int>.

To find out more about this event, call the USNMR at DSN 423-4032 or civilian 065-444032.



## Schinnen ACS sets up shop at PX

Staffers from Army Community Service spent time at the Schinnen PX Friday, Feb. 26, 2016, to promote some of their current programs and newest technology, including video-teleconferencing capability. ACS also kicked off the campaign for Military Saves Week in February and Army Emergency Relief fundraising. (U.S. Army photo by Fons IJbelaar)



## African Market serves up fun

Awa Traore serves African cuisine during the Black History Month African Market at the SHAPE Events Centre Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016. More than 100 people visited the market, where 18 vendors offered merchandise and services. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Alpha Alpha Theta Zeta Chapter, otherwise known as the Belgium Zetas, put on the event. (U.S. Army photo by Keith Houin)

# Benelux youth wins regional speech contest

## Special to the Gazette

American Legion "Flanders Field" Post BE02

The American Legion "Flanders Field" Post BE02 hosted the annual Department of France's Oratorical Contest at Brussels American High School Feb. 20.

The Department of France is equivalent to state level in America. The subject matter of the contest is always some aspect of the U.S. Constitution. At the Department of France level, the contestants must give prepared speeches, then, after a break, give impromptu speeches on a topic.

First-place winner Austin Muraille, a Flanders Field Post BE02 senior at the International School of Brussels, was awarded \$500. He had won the Flanders Field Post BE02's Oratorical Contest in January and also won first place at the

Department of France level last year.

Second place went to John Casey Jr., a Kaiserslautern Post GR01 junior at Ramstein High School, who won \$250. Third place was awarded to Juliana Saunders, a David Chavez Post GR1982 junior at Ansbach High School, who won \$100.

"I believe it was a tough job to pick a winner when all three contestants were superb; I applaud the judges for their efforts," said Joseph Schram, commander of Flanders Field Post BE02.

Serving as judges were:

- Joseph Rees, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection attaché at the U.S. Mission to the European Union and at the U.S. Embassy to the Kingdom of Belgium;
- Retired Sgt. 1st Class Lyndon Hud-

son, the vice commander of the American Legion's Department of France;

- Helen Patton, a granddaughter of Gen. George S. Patton of World War II;
- Lt. Col. Garrett Jones, the deputy chief of the Office of Defense Cooperation Belgium-Luxembourg; and
- Staff Sgt. Bernardo Fuller, a broadcast journalist with AFN Benelux.

The Oratorical Contest offers an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership skills, the history of America's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of what's involved in American citizenship.

"I'm a proud Army brat, and I've grown up around patriotism and patriots my entire life," Muraille began.

Muraille's prepared speech was inspired by the upcoming presidential election and the power of American college students to affect its outcome, he said in a radio interview with AFN Benelux.

"In a sense, it's an attempt at reminding ourselves that defending the Constitution is important, but we can't be the ones that threaten it," Muraille said.

He goes on to compete in the American Legion National Oratorical Contest in Indianapolis where he will compete against 50 other contest winners in April.

The overall national contest winner gets an \$18,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$16,000, and third gets \$14,000. Each department (state) winner who is certified into and participates in the national contest's first round receives a \$1,500 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship.



Sgt. Dani White/AFN Benelux

Austin Muraille, John Casey Jr. and Juliana Saunders wait for the judges to decide the winner of the American Legion Department of France's Oratorical Contest at Brussels American High School Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016.

## Juniors, develop leadership: Apply now for Girls State

The American Legion Auxiliary will accept applications for its 2016 Girls State program through March 31.

In this chaperoned program at Salisbury University in Maryland June 18 to 25, young women can run for of-

fice, learn public speaking, draft and debate legislation, and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government.

The American Legion Auxiliary will cover the cost of both transportation and the camp.

Many colleges and universities offer scholarships or admission preference to Girls State attendees.

Only young women who are currently completing their junior year of high school and who have at least one more

semester remaining (including home-schooled youths) will be considered.

Talk to a high-school counselor, or contact American Legion "Flanders Field" Post BE02 at [flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com](mailto:flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com).

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

### Make reservations now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - You can now take classes that are offered by Schinnen Army Community Service or SHAPE ACS by video-teleconference at Brussels ACS. For more information or to sign up, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783. The following classes are VTC-projected from Schinnen:
  - **Ten Steps to a Federal Job - March 10** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  - **The Five Love Languages - March 14** from 9 to 11 a.m.

### March 3, 4

- **BOSS Movie Night** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts free movies "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2" (PG-13) **March 3** and "Our Brand is Crisis" (R) **March 4** from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the BOSS Movie Area on the third floor of Building 1. Space is limited so make your reservation soon at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

### March 4

**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: crispy chicken tenders, daily homemade soup and potato wedges. For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

### March 5

- **American Legion** - The American Legion "Flanders Field" Post BE02 will conduct a general meeting at the USAG Benelux-Brussels Community Conference Room at 10 a.m. The public is invited to attend the meeting to see how the American Legion is living up to its motto, "Making a Difference," in the local community. For more information, contact flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com.

### March 7

- **Grand opening of coffee café** - The Upper Room Café officially opens its doors from 6 to 8 p.m. The new gathering place is located in the Chapel offices on the second floor of Building 2. Specializing in espresso and custom coffee drinks, the café offers free coffee and noncoffee beverages served up with conversation. This chapel ministry is run by volunteers, and coffee, food and other supplies are donated by the community to offer a place of fellowship and a cup o' joe. To find out more, call DSN 368-9708 or civilian 02-7179708, or visit <https://www.facebook.com> and search for "The Upper Room Cafe." In the drop-down menu of choices, look for a logo that was made from a coffee stain left by the bottom of a coffee cup.

### March 10

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

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

### Sign up now

- **Shamrock 5K Run/Walk** - Wear green and run away those winter blues at the free Shamrock 5K Run/Walk **March 17** from 9 a.m. to noon, starting at the Andre Bruls Fitness Center in Schinnen. Run begins at 9:15 a.m. Water and fruit will be available. To register, call DSN 360-7561 or civilian +31 (0) 464-437561.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - You can now take classes that are offered by Schinnen Army Community Service, SHAPE ACS or Brussels ACS by video-teleconference. For more information or to sign up, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500. Now being offered:
  - Ten Steps to a Federal Job** - given in person at Schinnen ACS **March 10** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  - The Five Love Languages** - given in person at Schinnen ACS **March 14** from 9 to 11 a.m.
- **Mandatory transition classes** - Several classes offered through the Soldier for Life/Transition Assistance Program, which are open for registration, are mandatory for separating and retiring service members. To register or for more information about SFL/TAP, call DSN 364-3475 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263475.
  - **Department Of Labor Employment Workshop (DOLEW)** - In this three-day workshop at the JFC Brunssum Library **March 7 to 9** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., learn the skills needed to make your transition to civilian life successful, including effective job search, résumé-writing and interviewing techniques.
  - **Veterans Affairs (VA) and Disabled Transition Assistance Program (DTAP) Briefings** - Find out the latest on VA policies, benefits and eligibility from the people who know at the JFC Brunssum Library **March 10**. VA Briefing is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and DTAP Briefing is from 2 to 4 p.m.
  - **Personal Financial Planning for Transition** - Help ensure a strong financial future with financial-management tools you'll gain at the Schinnen Army Community Service Conference Room **March 11** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### March 8 to 10

- **7 Habits of Highly Effective People** - Take this seminar at Geilenkirchen Chapel Annex from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register, contact DSN 458-6015 or civilian +49 (0) 2451-633791, or 470abs.dpf2@us.af.mil.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY continued

### March 11

- **Black-and-White Charity Event** - The JFC Brunssum International Club will hold its adults-only charity event at the JFC International Conference Center. Doors open at 7 p.m. Guests can come dressed in anything black and white, from James Bond to the Lone Ranger. Includes music by a live band as well as a disc jockey. The ticket includes a welcome beverage and photo as well as a buffet dinner. The event will also have activities, such as a "Casino Room" (not a cash casino, just for fun and games). The French Delegation will provide a champagne bar. Tickets are on sale for €35 each. Proceeds will go to international charities approved by the club. For details on ticket sales, contact [usadelegate@gmail.com](mailto:usadelegate@gmail.com).

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

### Tickets now available

- **"The Lucky Spot"** - The SHAPE Players present Beth Henley's play "The Lucky Spot" at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre in Building 207 **March 3, 4 and 5** at 7:30 p.m. The curtain goes up on matinee performances **March 6** at 3 p.m. This play is rated PG-13 for some thematic elements and language. "I still believe in love!" is the tag line. Cost: adult, €16; student, €8. For more information, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312.

### Sign up now

- **Shamrock Shuffle** - This 5k event for St. Patrick's Day, **March 17**, starts behind SHAPE Main Gym at 4:15 p.m. (An additional free children's fun run around the track near the Green Gym starts at 4:20 p.m.) All proceeds will go toward making SHAPE American High School prom affordable. Race T-shirts will be available for the first 150 people. Call DSN 366-6930 or civilian 065-446930. Cost: 5k, €10, includes T-shirt.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - You can now take classes that are offered by Brussels, Schinnen or SHAPE Army Community Service by video-teleconference at SHAPE ACS. For more information or to sign up, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824. The following classes are VTC-projected from Schinnen:
  - **Ten Steps to a Federal Job - March 10** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  - **The Five Love Languages - March 14** from 9 to 11 a.m.

### March 5

- **Spring Bazaar, Craft Fair and Flea Market** - This event will offer merchandise and food for sale in the International School Cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds go to SHAPE American School's sophomore class. For more information, call DSN 366-6930 or civilian 065-326930.
- **SHAPE Cinema special event** - Alliance Auditorium will show an international premiere of a New York Film Festival Grand Prix winner, "PTSD: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder." A question-and-answer session with Jason Lopez, the lead actor (named Best Actor at New York Chelsea Film Festival); Cedric Godin, the film director; and a panel of service members will take place after the show. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show time is at 8 p.m. Tickets for this adults-only event are on sale now at the Pizza Bowl bar. Cost: €5.

### March 10

- **U.S. Town Hall and Information Fair** - This event begins at 3:30 p.m. at SHAPE Events Centre. (See page 3.)

### March 17

- **Food-handler training** - SHAPE Healthcare Facility offers this training at 2 p.m. in the second-floor conference room in the Washington, D.C., wing (yellow wing). The course is designed for all family readiness groups, Group 2 activities and volunteer groups that intend to sell food at 2016 SHAPE Morale and Welfare Branch/Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or MWB/MWR, events and functions at SHAPE and USAG Benelux facilities. To register for this date or any of the eight other dates, call DSN 566-5336 or civilian 065-325336.

## Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates — 2D movies: adults €7.50 and children 11 and under €4. 3D movies: adults €9 and children 11 and under €6.

### Theaters near SHAPE/Chievres 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.

# Travel the Benelux Mons' major symbol is worth a visit

Story by **Marêva Baudart**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Intern

Located in Mons, the heart of the old County of Hainaut, the Saint-Waudru Collegiate Church is one of the most magnificent brabantine Gothic churches in Belgium. The Catholic Church was built between the 15th and 17th centuries and is listed as a part of Wallonia's Major Heritage. It took more than 200 years – from 1450 until 1686 – for the works to be finished. In 1450, the canons of the chapter of St. Waudru decided to build a new Gothic church. These women dreamed of erecting a 190 meter high tower and laid the cornerstone in 1549. However, due to the destruction caused by the French siege in 1691, the tower saw no end. As a Mons saying goes: “C'est comme la tour de Sainte-Waudru, on n'en verra jamais le bout” (It's like the tower of Saint Waudru, you'll never see the end of it).



Courtesy Photo

Statue sculpted by Jacques du Broeucq

The inside is as spectacular as the outside. The church contains many paintings, manuscripts, collections of goldsmith's works and works of the sculptor and architect Jacques du Broeucq from Mons.

Do not hesitate to visit the Saint-Waudru Collegiate Church which is open all year round from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Monday through Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Sundays. The admission is free of charge.

Guided visits for groups (at least 10 people) are organized by the Mons tourism office.

To book a group visit, you may call +32 (0) 65 33 55 80 or (0) 65 35 34 88.



Courtesy Photo

Exterior of the Saint-Waudru Collegiate Church

The Collegiate church is named after Waudru, the patron saint of Mons (Waltrude in English). Waudru, born in the 7th century, was married to Vincent Madelgaire, the Count of Hainault. The couple agreed to separate: Madelgaire, known today as Vincent, founded a monastery in Hautmont and later in Soignies. As for Waudru, she became a nun and founded her own convent which became the church centuries later. She was canonized by the vox populis and is celebrated each year on April 9, date of her death. She is invoked against the plague and her shrine is kept in the collegiate church.



Courtesy Photo

Interior of the Saint-Waudru Collegiate Church

# The creator of Art Nouveau is Belgian

**Story by Roxane Rasneur**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office Intern

Victor Horta (1861-1947), Belgian architect and designer, is the leader of the Art Nouveau.

Born in Ghent, he discovered his passion for architecture in 1878 during an internship at the architect and designer Debuysson's workshop in Paris. There, he learned about new pictorial movements like impressionism and pointillism but also about new construction materials: glass and steel.

In 1880, Horta returned to Belgium and registered at the Academy of Fine Arts of Brussels. A brilliant student, Horta caught the attention of his teacher, Alphonse Balat, who was the architect of King Leopold II. Balat and Horta worked together to design the Royal Greenhouses of Laeken. Horta later took part in many competitions, won several prizes and built many houses. In 1893, the first Art



Courtesy Photo

Stairway of Hotel Tassel, Brussels, designed by Horta

Nouveau building the Hotel Tassel was built. The same year, the Autrique House, a transition work which represents an important stage in Horta's architecture, was also built. Horta became the creator of Art Nouveau and made the headlines all over Europe. The construction of a lot of houses and hotels in Brussels was entrusted to Horta like the Solvay Hotel, the Hotel van Eetvelde and the House and workshop of Horta which are now recognized as UNESCO World

Heritage Sites.

Horta's style is very particular and original. Each building or object is unique. The architect draws his inspirations from nature and uses plant-like forms and curves in his creations of wrought-iron balconies, round windows, glass roofs and frescoes using iron, glass, wood and marble.

Outside the gate

## Upcoming organized trips

### Outdoor Recreation

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 368-9657 or civilian 02-7179657.

- **Duvel Brewery Tour, March 19 (All NATO welcome. Sign up by March 14.)**

### SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Cooking class in Lille, March 12**
- **Oostende with Soul Legends, March 19**
- **Paris, March 26**
- **Croatia with Venice and Slovenia, March 28 to April 6**
- **Medieval Dinner in Brugge (Bruges), April 2**
- **Efteling amusement park, April 5**
- **Versailles, April 9**
- **Paris with Moulin Rouge, April 16**
- **Keukenhof gardens and Gouda, April 23**
- **Berlin, April 29 to May 2**
- **Amsterdam, April 30**
- **Poland: Polish pottery, Auschwitz, Krakow and Wroclaw, May 5 to 10**
- **Monet's House and Gardens, May 21**
- **Dover Castle and Canterbury by ferry, May 28**
- **Paris, June 11**

- **Amsterdam, June 18**
- **Scotland (Edinburgh, Aviemore, Loch Ness, Glasgow), June 18 to 26**
- **Disney Paris, June 29**
- **Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, July 5 to 9**
- **Durbuy and Namur with the Citadelle, July 13**
- **Discount tickets to local attractions**

### SHAPE Travel Group

Call civilian 0470-876369 for details.

- **Trier, March 10**
- **Beer, Cheese and Chocolate, March 22**
- **Highclere Castle, April 4**
- **Veuve Clicquot Champagne, April 14**
- **Paris in the Spring, April 27**
- **Keukenhof 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.

- **Express Trip to Paris, March 19 (Trip has sold out; however, you can call to be put on a waiting/stand-by list.)**
- **Keukenhof gardens, April 23**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

**March 4**

- **Contact event in Attre** - Held at "La Grange aux Vins" at Rue d'Ath 26 in Attre, the event will start at 6:30 p.m. for wine tasting followed by a meal. While registration for the meal is complete, you can still join for the wine-tasting event. Free admission, but drinks are pay-as-you-go (€2 or €3 per glass). The event is attended by Belgians and Americans who want to get to know each other while doing fun activities.

**March 4 to 6**

- **Carnival in Tournai** - See the page 8 of the Feb. 11 edition of the Gazette or check online at <http://www.carnavaldetournai.be> for more information.

**March 4 to 12**

- **Ladies Fair in Nivelles** - Fashion, beauty and well being will be the themes of this fair held at the Shopping Nivelles at Chaussée de Mons 18 Monday through Thursday and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Open Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Free admission.

**March 5**

- **Indoor flea market in Nivelles (60 booths)** - At Faubourg de Mons 1 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Flea market in Soignies (90)** - On Rue de Cognebeau from 12:30 to 8 p.m.
- **Flea market in Leuze (80 booths)** - On Rue Pont de la Cure, near the train station, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**March 5 to 6**

- **Indoor flea market in Gérompont (150 booths)** - At Avenue des Déportés 48 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Horse Fair in Mons** - Fair for everything related to horses, ponies and donkeys at the Lotto Mons Expo at Avenue Thomas Edison 2 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: adults €8; children €4.

**March 5 to 7**

- **Carnival in Stavelot** - Carnival is highlighted by the "Blanc Moussi" (clad in white). Beginning Sunday, the Blancs Moussis wander the streets of the town putting up their irreverent posters. In the afternoon, they shower the crowds with confetti while flogging them with inflated pork bladders. For more information, visit <http://www.laetare-stavelot.be>.



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

**Through March 5**

- **Paard (horse) Hardenberg in Hardenberg** at Evenementenhal at Energieweg 2. This horse-related event offers a unique mixture of fair, sports, shows and entertainment. Admission: €8; youths, ages 12 to 17, €6; youths, ages 16 to 11, €4; youths, ages 15 and under, free admission.

**March 3 to 5**

- **Historic year market in Bochum, Germany**, will be held at Jahrhunderthalle. Europe's largest indoor year market offers what seems to be a trip back in time with all kinds of nostalgic rides, attractions, food and more. Open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: €12.50 (includes rides and attractions all day); children who are 80 cm and up, €9.50; children smaller than 80 cm, free admission.

**March 4 to 6**

- **Garden Fair in Winterswijk** will take place on Morsestraat. You will find everything to beautify your garden. Open March 4 from 2 to 10 p.m. and March 5 to 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €6; children, ages 15 and under, free admission.
- **Spring Easter Market in Bielefeld, Germany**, will be held at Ravensberger Spinnerei at Listerstraße 21. Many vendors will be offering all kinds of decorations, art, ceramics, fashion, jewelry and more. Open March 4 from 1 to 6 p.m.; March 5 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; March 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €3.

**March 5 to 6**

- **Easter Market in Bad Oeynhausen, Germany**, will be held in the garden of Museumshof on Schützenstrasse. Open March 5 from 1 to 5 p.m. and March 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Easter Market in Kleve, Germany**, will be held at Landwirtschaftszentrum Haus Riswick. This annual market is a must to visit when you are looking for traditional Easter products, art and culture. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €2; children, ages 13 and under, free admission.
- **Kampeerbelevenis in Heinenoord** will be held at Campolife at Langeweg 1a (industrieterrein Boonsweg). "Experience Camping" is a fair for the camping enthusiast. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission.



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**March 5 to 13**

- **Eurantica in Mechelen** - One of the largest fine art and antiques fair held at Nekkerhal-Brussels North at Nekkerspoel Borcht 1. Open weekdays from 2 to 7 p.m. and weekends from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission ranges from €15 to €20.

**Through March 6**

- **Batibouw fair in Brussels** - International fair for building, renovation and decoration at Place de Belgique 1. Open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Special hours March 1 and 3 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, visit <http://batibouw.be/en/practical-info>.

**March 6**

- **Flea market in Strépy-Bracquegnies (45 booths)** - On Parking Euro Spart from 1 to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market in Laeken (75 booths)** - At Rue de Molenbeek 122 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Woluwe-Saint-Lambert (270 booths)** - On Place Saint Lambert from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Flea market in Wezembeek-Oppem (80 booths)** - At Chemin au Bois 9-11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Flea market in Boussu (60 booths)** - At Rue du Moulin 74 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Auderghem** - On Place Pinoy from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Repair Café in Soignies** - Take your broken kitchen appliances, bikes, garden tools, computer or other and get help from a volunteer technician to get it repaired. At Cité des Jeunes at Rue Henri Leroy 15 from 2 to 6 p.m. Free admission.
- **Volksmarch in Hennuyères for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from Salle de la Butte on Rue de la Butte from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Secondhand children's toys and clothing in Ath** - At Rue des Ecriniers 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: €5.
- **Volksmarch in Lens for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from Place de la Trinité from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Genval for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Salle le Mahiermont at Rue J.B. Stouffs 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Brussels Vintage market** - With secondhand designer clothing, accessories and decorations, this market is held at Halles Saint-Géry on Place Saint Géry from noon to 7 p.m.

**March 6 to 8**

- **Carnival in La Louvière** - The first gathering with the Gilles on Sunday is at 11:15 on Place de la Baille. At 5 p.m., the procession departs, and at 7 p.m. is the final gathering on Place Lagneau. On Monday, various carnival entertainment will be going on in the streets of downtown La Louvière at 2 p.m. On Tuesday afternoon, Gilles will be dancing in the streets.

Outside the gate



**March 5 to 6 continued**

- **Easter Egg Fair in Wassenaar** will be held at Hotel van der Valk at Zijdeweg 54. You will find decorated eggs, each one a work of art. Top artists will showcase their creativity through eggs. Open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €5.



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- **Asian Market (Pasar Malam) in Rijswijk** will take place at Broodfabriek at Volmerlaan 12. Open from noon to 10 p.m. Admission: €9; children €4.

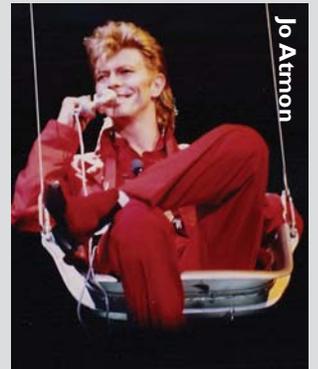
**March 10 to 13**

- **Indoor Brabant in 's-Hertogenbosch** will fill the Brabanthallen with equestrian sports. The best riders from around the world will show their skills during the 49th edition of Indoor Brabant. For details, visit <http://www.indoorbrabant.com>.

**Ongoing**

**Through March 13**

- **David Bowie display in Groningen** has an extended run at the Groningen Museum at Museumeiland 1. The display showcases more than 300 items from David Bowie, a musical performer who changed the face of modern music. These items include handwritten songs, costumes, photos and albums. Open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., plus late-night Fridays from 6:15 to 10 p.m. Admission: €23; students, ages 17 to 18, €15; children, ages 6 to 16, €3.



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**March 26**

- **Kennedy Mars in Sittard** started as a way to prove that the townspeople still had what it takes. In a 1963 speech, President John F. Kennedy said that, as a result of modern affluent society, "nobody can walk 50 miles within 20 hours anymore." After this statement, many people all over the world walked 50 miles/80 km to prove him wrong. In Sittard, this volksmarch has become an annual event named the Kennedy Mars, which starts and finishes in Sittard. Visit <http://www.kennedymars.org>.

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