

THE GAZETTE

Benelux news briefs

Clinic shares health info

World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated around the globe Aug. 1 to 7 to encourage breastfeeding and improve the health of babies and mothers around the world.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month.

To find out more about these observances, contact Preventive Medicine at SHAPE Healthcare Facility at DSN 566-5336/5337 or civilian 065-325279.

Driving class offered

Benelux Safety Office will host an Intermediate Driver Training Course, or IDC, at Transportation Division on SHAPE in Building 220's Room 113 Aug. 10 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

The target audience for this one-time training requirement is Soldiers who are under 26 years of age.

This training reinforces individual responsibility, correct response to routine and emergency driving situations, and sharing the road safely with other road users.

To register, contact the USAG Benelux Installation Safety Office at DSN 361-6114 or civilian 068-276114.

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Honoring a World War Two hero

USAG Benelux Soldiers drape an American flag over Sergio Moirano's casket to honor the memory of his service to the United States of America while 1st Sgt. Delonica Boyce salutes prior to the funeral service held in Marchin, Belgium, Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Cis Spook)

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IN MEMORIAM

US World War Two veteran rests in Belgium forever

by **Marie-Lise Baneton**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Soldiers, U.S. Embassy officials and many Belgians paid the ultimate tribute to World War II veteran Sergio Moirano during his funeral service held in Marchin, east of Namur, Belgium, Wednesday, Aug. 3. The service was a mix of Belgian civilian protocol and U.S. military honors, as was the former service member's life.

Moirano was born in Chicago, Illinois, June 9, 1924, and joined the U.S. Army in 1943. From his initial assignment at Fort Dix, New Jersey, he was transferred to Camp Blanding, Fla. He arrived in England in February 1944 and was assigned to the 357th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division. He landed on Utah Beach on D-Day, just a few days before his 20th birthday.

Despite constantly being fired at, he kept moving forward at the enemy. He was involved in the hedgerow battles until he was wounded June 27 and sent to a hospital in the United Kingdom.

Upon recovery, he linked back up with his comrades in arms in the French Alsace Nov. 22, 1944. The division then reached

the Belgian Ardennes and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. After enduring weeks of terrible weather conditions, he was a victim of frostbite and was brought back to a hospital until the end of January 1945.

He was then assigned to the 518th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance Company in Liège and Huy, Belgium, where he met his wife-to-be, Renée Grogard, from Marchin, Belgium. In April 1945, he was sent to Neuwied, Germany, and was then transferred to the 920th Ordnance Base Depot Company in Woldeck. Because he was having side effects from frostbite, he was sent to the Mitchell Field State Hospital in Paris, France and later to the Halloran General Hospital, New York. Moirano would soon reunite with his family and return to civilian life.

He and Renée got married Dec. 6, 1947, in Long Branch, New Jersey, where they lived until 1972. The family then decided to settle in Belgium, where Moirano worked until he retired in 1985. Moirano was often seen in the Belgian Ardennes during formal commemorations of the Battle of the Bulge.

For his courage during World War II, Moirano received numerous military awards, to include the Combat Infantryman Badge, the World War Two Victory Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart. In 2015, he also was presented the French "Legion d'Honneur" (Legion of Honor) for his service in Normandy.

Moirano is survived by his wife, Renée; their son and daughter; grandchildren and great-grandchildren who are spread between Belgium and the States.



Sergio Moirano met with King Philippe, Queen Mathilde and Mayor Benoît Lutgen during the commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne, Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014. (Inset) Sgt. Sergio Moirano in the U.S. Army.



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Antiterrorism Awareness Month

Antiterrorism, force-protection officials remind community to maintain vigilance

Special to the Gazette

During August, U.S. Army Europe leaders are hoping to raise awareness of the terrorist threat by focusing on social media.

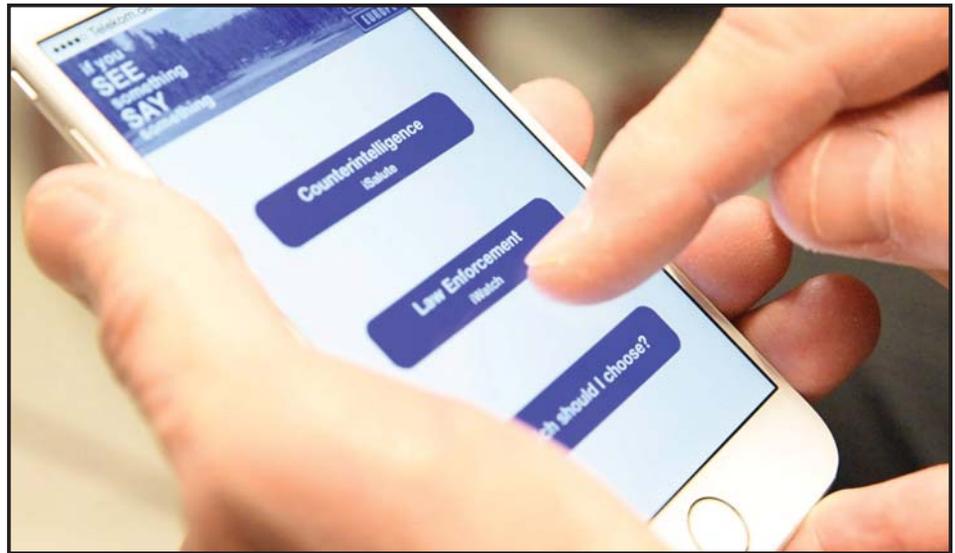
One of the Army's antiterrorism themes for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2016, the spotlighted theme "Focus on the use of social media for antiterrorism awareness and community outreach," includes the risks associated with terrorist use of social media as a tool for propaganda and recruitment, according to a July 27 news release from U.S. Army Europe Antiterrorism Division in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Antiterrorism is the defensive element of the nation's fight against terrorists through measures taken to detect, deter and defend against potential or actual terrorist plans or actions, according to Keith Horne, a force-protection specialist for U.S. Army Europe's Antiterrorism Division.

Horne said terrorism has always been a threat to the U.S. forces community, and perhaps a greater threat to military communities outside the United States. Service members could be in danger even when they aren't the terrorists' intended targets.

"There continue to be threats within Europe, and what is most important to understand is that terrorism can happen anytime and anywhere," Horne said. "Members of our U.S. forces community must continue to be aware of local threats and strive to maintain heightened awareness to detect terrorist activities."

One way that community members can maintain their awareness is to follow USAREUR's Antiterrorism Division on its Facebook and Twitter accounts at <https://www.facebook.com/StaySafeAntiterrorism> and <https://www.twitter.com/StaySafeEurope>. Both accounts are updated often with current and relevant force protection-related information.



Know who to report suspicious activities or behavior to. Use U.S. Army Europe's iReport website at <http://www.eur.army.mil/iReport> or mobile app to submit information to counterintelligence or law-enforcement officials. (Courtesy image)

"The month of August is popular for vacations for most of Europe," Horne said. "There will undoubtedly be higher numbers of travelers visiting popular tourist destinations throughout Europe and with that comes an increased potential for terrorist-related incidents."

Horne said he recommends that families have plans already identified and practiced, such as communications plans in the event families become separated, and that they have pre-determined rally locations easily understood by all members of the family.

There are many resources available to help service members and their families stationed in Europe stay safe.

Employees can register themselves and family members in order to receive community-specific messages and alerts via email, text messages or phone calls via the AtHoc system. Find links to self-register at <http://www.eur.army.mil/travelsafe/>. For news updates, listen to your local American Forces Network, or AFN, radio station at <http://www.afneurope.net/Benelux>.

Register any travel away from their

duty station with the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, or STEP. More information is available at <https://step.state.gov/step/>.

In the event of an incident nearby, use social media like Facebook's Safety Check to let loved ones know you are okay. Check in with your chain of command or supervisor in case there is an accountability check.

The Army's Ready Army website, www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/, provides families with targeted preparedness information so they can be informed, make a plan, build an emergency kit and get involved.

Know who to report suspicious activities or behavior to. To submit information to counterintelligence or law-enforcement officials, use U.S. Army Europe's iReport website, <http://www.eur.army.mil/iReport>, or mobile app.

Use mobile alerts to English language news sources in Europe such as CNN, BBC, or The Local to stay informed on the go. Follow your unit's or garrison's social-media presences for local updates.

FEGLI holds first open season in years

The Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program will conduct open season Sept. 1 to 30 in its first since 2004.

In August 2015, the Office of Personnel Management issued a Federal Register notice to announce an open season for FEGLI.

OPM determined that conducting an open season wouldn't introduce undue risk to the solvency of the program, and it is one method by which healthy individuals can be attracted to join the program.

Key information about this open season include the following:

- During September 2016, federal employees eligible for FEGLI can elect any coverage that FEGLI offers, including Option C coverage on the lives of eligible family members. Employees don't need to be currently enrolled in FEGLI to elect coverage during the open season. Open-season elections have no medical exam required and no health questions to answer.

- Elections made during FEGLI open season have a one-year delayed effective date. Coverage elected in the September 2016 FEGLI open season will be effective on

the first day of the first full pay period on or after Oct. 1, 2017, as long as an employee meets pay and duty-status requirements.

- Agencies will be responsible for processing open-season elections and providing information to employees on FEGLI open-season opportunities. For more detailed information, see OPM's Benefits Administration Letter dated March 17, 2016, at <https://www.opm.gov/retirement-services/publications-forms/benefits-administration-letters/2016/16-204.pdf>.

- OPM is also preparing to launch a FEGLI open-season website in the near future to provide more information on this event. However, in the meantime, you can visit the OPM Life Insurance page at <https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/life-insurance>.

For additional information and/or guidance, employees should contact their servicing Civilian Personnel Advisory Center:

Brussels and SHAPE/Chièvres at DSN 361-5628/5069 or civilian 068-275628/5069;

Schinnen (civilian-personnel liaison): DSN 458-6066 or +(49) 2451-632210.

Shuttle has implemented new schedule

SHAPE/Chièvres shuttle service has fallen under a new pickup/drop-off schedule since Aug. 1.

Most of the stops are earlier or later by one to eight minutes. Check the schedule for exact times.

In addition to pickup/drop-off times changing, the shuttle no longer stops

at Attre housing area or Lens housing area. The new shuttle-bus pickup/drop-off schedule is in line with Army Regulation 58-1, which prohibits off-base pickups and drop-offs to eliminate security issues.

New shuttle schedules have been posted at shuttle-bus stops since June,

and housing-area residents were alerted to the change that particularly affects them.

No shuttle service on weekends or Belgian/SHAPE holidays.

For assistance, call DSN 366-6332 or civilian 065-326332, or DSN 361-6342 or civilian 068-276342.

Benelux communities have job openings

Several jobs are open in Benelux military communities.

- **AAFES.** The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's Chièvres Main Store needs senior store associates in the Power Zone and stock-room workers in the Warehouse. Apply online at <https://www.applymyexchange.com>, or call DSN 361-5337 or civilian 068-275337.

- **AFCU.** Andrews Federal Credit Union is now hiring in its Brussels and Schinnen locations.

Schinnen has a teller position open while Brussels has a

branch manager position open.

Interested applicants may apply online at <https://www.andrewsfcu.org>.

- **Commissary.** Visit http://www.commissaries.com/inside_deca/HR/employment_opportunities.cfm.

- **SHAPE/Chièvres post office.** U.S. citizens can apply at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/438917900>. Local-national vacancies are announced at <https://wu.acpol.army.mil/eur/employment/ln/index.htm>.

**Americans can vote.
Wherever they are.**

**Find out about absentee voting at
DSN 361-5973 or
civilian 068-275973
<https://www.fvap.gov>**

FRENGLISH PAGE

Interns help US community with French touch

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

- A flat tire Un pneu crevé/"uhn pnoo creh vay"
- To repair the tire Réparer le pneu/"ray payr ay luh pnoo"
- To check the engine oil level Vérifier le niveau d'huile/"vayr if ee ay luh nih voh"
- To do the maintenance on the car Faire l'entretien de la voiture/"fayr lah(n) tray tee e(n) day lah vwah tchoor"
- To check the brakes Vérifier les freins/"vayr if ee ay leh frehn"
- To replace the filters Changer les filtres/"shahn zhay leh feel tray"
- To change the timing belt Remplacer la courroie de distribution/"rehm plah say lah cour wah deh dih stree byoo see oh(n)"

Word search

Here are some words in French related to the theme "garage" that you can find in the grid.

- galette/doughnut/"gah let"
- pneu/tire/"pnoo"
- roue/wheel/"hroo"
- équilibrage/balancing/"eh quee lee brahzh"
- cric/jack/"creek"
- clou/nail/"kloo"
- huile/oil/"wheel"
- frein/brakes/"frah(n)"
- phare/light/"fahrh"
- pression/pressure/"pray see oh(n)"
- batterie/battery/"bat ehrh ee"
- mécanicien/mechanic/"may kahn ee see oh(n)"
- moteur/engine/"moh tuh(r)"
- portière/door/"pohr tee ayr"

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Dialog: At the garage/Au garage

B: Good morning! I had a flat tire, and I would like to get it repaired.
 A: Good morning! I can have one of our mechanics work on it this afternoon.
 B: Yes, please. Should I leave the vehicle so he can mount the tire once repaired?
 A: Yes, after mounting it, we can do the balancing and alignment, if needed.
 B: At what time can I pick up the vehicle?
 A: It will be ready at 5 p.m.
 B: Thank you. I will rent a vehicle until then.
 A: We don't rent vehicles, but you can go across the street; there is a car rental agency.

B: Bonjour! J'ai eu un pneu crevé et je voudrais le faire réparer.
 A: Bonjour! Un de nos mécaniciens peut s'en occuper cette après-midi.
 B: Oui, merci. Est-ce que je devrais laisser le véhicule ici pour qu'il remette le pneu une fois réparé?
 A: Oui, après l'avoir monté, on pourra faire l'équilibrage et la géométrie si nécessaire.
 B: A quelle heure puis-je reprendre le véhicule?
 A: Il sera prêt à 17 heures.
 B: Merci. Je louerai un véhicule jusque là.
 A: Nous ne louons pas de véhicules mais vous pouvez aller en face; il y a une agence de location de véhicule.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camps** - To register for these weeklong camps, which run **through Aug. 26**, call Brussels CYSS at DSN 368-9535 or civilian 02-7179535.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Brussels Army Community Service, SHAPE ACS or Schinnen ACS by video-teleconference. To sign up, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783:
 - **Personal Finance** - You can have what it takes to be an effective money manager for your household. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **Aug. 10** from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
 - **Dress for Success Workshop** -Join the ACS Employment Readiness staff for an informative workshop on dressing appropriately. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **Aug. 11** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
 - **Lunch and Learn** - Learn about "Emotional Regulation: Learn to Manage Anger and Frustration More Effectively." VTC-projected from Schinnen ACS **Aug. 11** from noon to 1 p.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 for Story Time and crafts Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Aug 4, 5

- **Community Movie Night** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers sponsors free movies "Money Monsters" (R) Aug. 4 and "Keanu" (R) Aug. 5 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the BOSS Movie Area on Building 1's third floor. Make your reservation at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Call DSN 368-9768/9819 or civilian 02-7179768/9819.

Aug 5

- **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. For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822, or DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

Aug. 10

- **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.

Aug. 11

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - All-you-can-eat-pizza and salad will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Facility will be open until 10 p.m.) Cost: adults \$10, children, ages 12 and under, \$5. (Alternate children's menu available.) For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822, or DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camps** - Discover Europe with the School Age Center and Youth Center at JFC Brunssum **through Aug. 12**. Open to U.S. and NATO ID card-holders. Call DSN 606-244-3121 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121.
- **Ice-cream social** - Middle-school and high-school students can eat ice cream; play pool, pingpong or foosball; and rock out on guitar at Brunssum Youth Center **Aug. 15** from 3 to 6 p.m. However, parents must register their children first. Registration is free; just stop by ahead of time or call at DSN 606-244-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45526-3121/2023 and ask for a registration packet to be sent via email.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Schinnen Army Community Service, SHAPE ACS or Brussels ACS by video-teleconference. To sign up, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500:
 - **Personal Finance** - You can have what it takes to be an effective money manager for your household. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **Aug. 10** from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
 - **Dress for Success Workshop** -Join the ACS Employment Readiness staff for an informative workshop on dressing appropriately. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **Aug. 11** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
 - **Lunch and Learn** - Learn about "Emotional Regulation: Learn to Manage Anger and Frustration More Effectively." Given in person at Schinnen ACS **Aug. 11** from noon to 1 p.m.

Going on now

- **Summer Reading Program** - "Read for the Win with Froggy" at HQ JFC Brunssum Library **through Aug. 14**. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card-holders. To register, call DSN 364-2469 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5262469.

Aug. 10

- **Tea Time with Toys** - Parents with children, ages newborn to 3, can share tea and find support while children play with toys at Army Community Service from 1 to 2 p.m. Call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500.

Aug. 10 to 11

- **New Parent Support Home Visitor** - U.S. ID card-holders can schedule appointments for office hours as well as hospital and home visits by calling Schinnen ACS at DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Tickets on sale now

- **SHAPE Performing Arts Centre** - To find out more about the shows and auditions below, or stop by Building 207, or call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.
 - **Season tickets** - The SHAPE Players recently announced the 2016-2017 theatrical season: "All the King's Men" opening in September, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" opening in November, "The Lusty and Comical History of Tom Jones" opening in March and "Peter Pan" opening in May.
 - **Auditions** - The SHAPE Players will conduct tryouts for two plays **Aug. 8 and 9**: the political drama "All the King's Men" from 6 to 8 p.m. and the musical comedy "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" from 8 to 10 p.m.

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.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by SHAPE Army Community Service, Schinnen ACS or Brussels ACS by video-teleconference. To sign up, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824:
 - **Personal Finance** - You can have what it takes to be an effective money manager for your household. Learn about basic budgeting, buying insurance, optimizing your retirement plan, increasing savings and living within one's means. Given in person at SHAPE ACS **Aug. 10** from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
 - **Dress for Success Workshop** - Join the ACS Employment Readiness staff for an informative workshop on dressing appropriately. Given in person at SHAPE ACS **Aug. 11** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
 - **Lunch and Learn** - Learn about "Emotional Regulation: Learn to Manage Anger and Frustration More Effectively." VTC-projected from Schinnen ACS **Aug. 11** from noon to 1 p.m.
- **Summer Reading Program** - Last chance to get in on Chièvres Library and SHAPE International Library free activities for children before they end **Aug. 10 and 11**. Activities based on the theme, "Read for the Win!" will be held at Chièvres Library Thursdays from 3 to 4 p.m. Story Time and Craft is geared toward school-aged children, but all children are welcome. SHAPE Library's program takes place Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m.
- **CYSS back-to-school events** - CYSS will host mixers for students in grades 6 through 12 at SHAPE Youth Center. Parents must register their children before the students may attend. Registration is free; just stop by ahead of time or call DSN 366-6813 or civilian 065-326813 and ask for a registration packet to be sent via email.
 - **New Student Meet-and-Greet** - Newcomers and those who would like to welcome them are invited to a New Student Meet-and-Greet pizza party. Dig into a pizza pie **Aug. 12** from 6 to 8 p.m. and meet someone new.
 - **Back 2 School Dance** - Students in grades 6 through 12 can have fun with friends, old and new, at SHAPE Youth Center **Aug. 19** from 6 to 10 p.m. Young people can enjoy food, drinks, dancing and games.

Aug. 6

- **Back-to-School Bash** - The Benelux Community Gospel Service will sponsor the Back-to-School Bash at the Chièvres Community Activity Center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy bouncy castles, face-painting, crafts, games, snow cones, free food and drinks. Free backpack with school supplies will be given to first 25 children per grade for kindergarten through fifth grade. Open to all NATO ID card-holders. If you have questions, contact Chapel Staff at DSN 361-5381/5270 or civilian 068-275381/5270.
- **Corn Hole Tournament** - Meet new people and provide fun for the whole family at the Corn Hole Tournament at Chièvres Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental from 2 to 4 p.m. Corn Hole is a cross between a bean-bag toss and horseshoes. Never played? Use this as an opportunity to familiarize yourself with the game.

Aug. 10

- **CAB Social** - Enjoy free food at Army Lodging on Chièvres Air Base while you meet with garrison leaders and formulate questions to ask them. Feel free to contribute to this potluck meal, whose theme will be "The Best of Belgium." Everyone is welcome to this informal group designed for those who are in- and out-processing. Call DSN 423-7141 or civilian 065-447141.

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. Ticket sales begin 30 minutes prior to each showing. Films will start promptly. 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.

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 Netherlands like Dutch natives – by bike

by **Cis Spook**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office



There is no better way to tour the Netherlands than by bike. The Netherlands has the best cycling paths, and Dutch drivers are used to bicycles, which makes it a safe and fun way to enjoy the typical Dutch scenery.

No need to buy a bicycle or worry about transporting one; almost every village has a bicycle store where you can rent one for a couple of hours or for a day at very reasonable rates.

The Netherlands has a very organized network of bicycle paths. You have probably noticed the signs with a number in a green circle and a bicycle underneath (shown at right). The signs make up a bicycle network that you can follow and which connects to other routes. This way, it is easy to choose a route and to follow the directions.

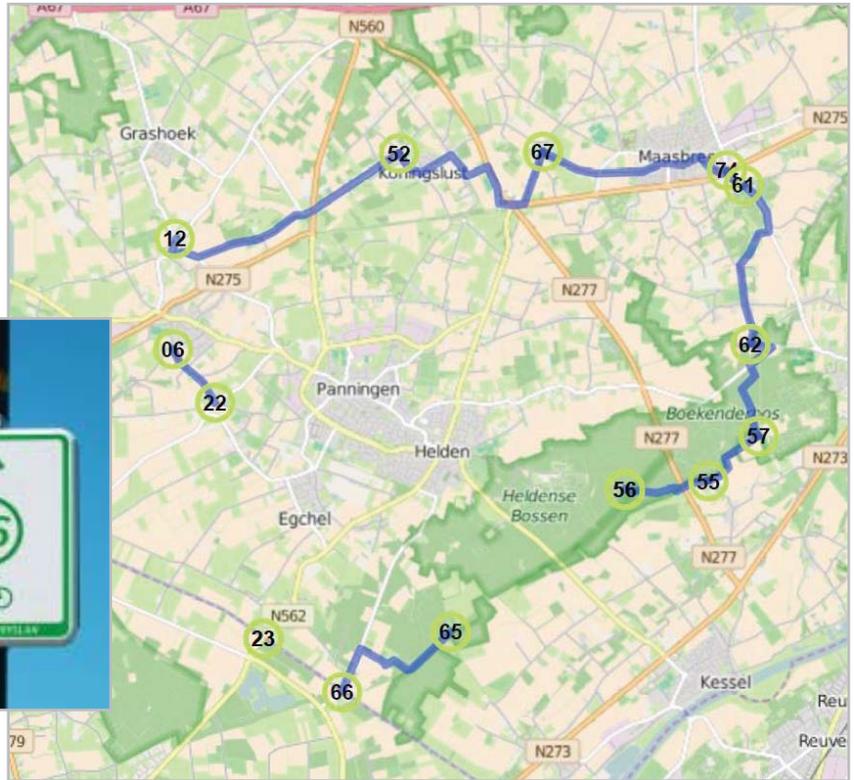
If you don't want to make a route yourself, check the website <http://www.fietsen.123.nl>. On their homepage, you can choose whether you want a bicycle route in the Netherlands or in Belgium (not all Belgian provinces have a bicycle network). Next to this option, you can select the province and hit "zoek fietsroutes" (search bicycle routes).

If you are located near Schinnen, select Limburg province, and you will see a large selection of routes of various distances.

As an example, if you choose the asparagus route "Peel and Maas" with a distance of 34 km.

The departure address of the route is mentioned on the right: Aan de Koeberg 3, Helden. Prior to departure, check "fietsverhuur in Helden" (bicycle rental in Helden) to find some options if you want to rent a bike.

To the left of the homepage, you will see the route with various numbers. These numbers, which are also listed below the route (see map and numbers on the right), are the numbers to follow. You can easily write them down before departing and follow each number until it connects to the next one. To be on the safe side, print out a copy of the route as well so that you can always locate where you are.



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Every route has its interesting sites. The asparagus route will go by the asparagus fields, and, during the asparagus season (mid-April to late June), many restaurants along the route will offer their asparagus specialties.

You can also easily plan your own route using the bicycle network. At <https://www.route.nl/routeplanner>, input the province, area, location or postal code and from there, you will see all the connection numbers from which you can choose. Make your route by clicking on each connection number and to the right, it will show the total distance. Just write down the numbers prior to departure, and explore the route you created.

Take a shorter route if you want to explore the villages you will be crossing, plan ahead if you want to check out other parts of the Netherlands. The options are virtually endless, and, except for the Limburg province, the Dutch countryside is flat, which makes it even easier to ride the bike.

Outside the gate

Mattentaart's medieval origins celebrated Sunday

Mattentaart, the pride and joy of Flanders, can be enjoyed year 'round in Belgium, but Mattentaart Day honors the celebrated tart every year on the market square in Geraardsbergen (East Flanders) on the first Sunday in August, which, this year, is Aug. 7.

After a meeting of the special mattentaart bakers guild, a big bakery stand opens on market square. You can buy the tart and watch demonstrations on how to make it. In the afternoon, musical performances are on the program.

The "secret" ingredient of "mattentaart," also known as "tarte au maton," is also the secret of its name.

In the Middle Ages when the mattentaart was first invented, the words "matte" and "maton" meant "curdled milk" in dialects spoken in Flanders, Germany and France. Curdled milk is the main ingredient of this pastry, and eggs, sugar and almonds are added to it. When making a mattentaart, be sure to factor in the extra time it takes to curdle the milk, filter it and let it rest overnight.

Protected by UNESCO, the "Geraardsbergse Mattentaart" is recognized by the European Union as a region-

al product and received the European PGI (Protected Geographical Indication) quality label in 2007. To be called "Geraardsbergse Mattentaart," the tart has to be produced in the area between the municipalities of Geraardsbergen and Lierde.

Traditional Mattentaart recipe for large pie pan

- 2.3 L (9 3/4 cups) whole milk
- 1.2 L (5 cups) buttermilk
- 4 eggs plus 1 extra egg for the glazing
- 235 g (8 1/3 ounces) sugar
- 1 teaspoon almond extract or 80 g (2 4/5 ounces) ground almonds
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 puff-pastry sheets

Bring the fresh milk to a boil in a pan. When it boils, immediately add buttermilk. Stir for about 15 minutes until the milk curdles. Take the pan off the heat, and drain the milk in a cheesecloth (or linen dishtowel) during the night to get the maton.

The next day, separate the egg whites from the yolks, and whisk the whites until they form peaks. Drain the curds from the cheesecloth, and put them into a bowl. Add yolks, sugar and almond extract (or ground almonds), and beat everything together using a whisk. Add the whipped egg whites to the mixture, and mix carefully until they are completely incorporated.

Preheat the oven to 225 C (435 F). Grease a pie pan with a little butter. Roll out one sheet of pastry dough, and line the pie pan with pastry. Add the filling, then cover with the other puff-pastry dough. Trim excess dough with a knife, and brush the top of the tart with egg yolk. Take a pair of scissors, and make an incision in the middle of the top layer. Bake for 30 minutes. Leave to cool, then eat it later the same day.



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.

- **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.

- **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 dinner show, Sept. 17**
- **Paris with Secret Food Tour (optional), Sept. 24**
- **Crete, Spa and Middelkerke, all year**
- **Carolus Thermen spa, Oct. 8**

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**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- **Family Day Trout Fishing, Sept. 10**
- **Largest Wine Festival in the World at Bad Durkheim Wurstmarkt, Sept. 17**
- **National Liberation Museum 1944-1945 and Battle of Arnhem ("A Bridge Too Far"), Sept. 24**
- **Washington Redskins vs. Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 29 to 31 (Pickups at Schinnen and SHAPE.)**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Aug. 5

- **Evening flea market in Isières (100 booths)** - Held on the square from 6 to 11 p.m.
- **Evening flea market in Silly (200 booths)** - On Rue du Marais and Rue St Pierre from 4 to 10 p.m.
- **Italian specialties market in Dour** - At "Anciennes Câbleries" on Voie du Prêtre (across from Colruyt) from 5 to 9 p.m. with fresh pasta, Italian wine, fruit and vegetables, and more.



Aug. 5 to 6

- **Annual sales in Saint-Ghislain** - Numerous sales in the downtown shops Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Food trucks will also be available.

Aug. 5 to 7

- **Annual flea market in Gembloux (350 booths)** - On Avenue de la Station and Avenue de la Faculté from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Aug. 6

- **Flea market in Audregnies (200 booths)** - On the square from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Brugelette (100 booths)** - On Rue Maurice Lelangue from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Evening flea market in Erquelinnes (150 booths)** - On the square from 5 to 11 p.m.
- **Flea market in Kain (365 booths)** - Held on Rue des Ecoles from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Aug. 6 to 7

- **31st edition of the Medieval Fest in Bouillon** - Get back to the Middle Ages and visit the medieval camp, watch the troubadours and the parade through town Saturday.

Various activities will also be held at the castle with a falconer's show and concerts. Events will be going on



Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m., ending with fireworks and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Activities in town are free of charge. At the castle, admission is €9 per adult and €7 per child.



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Through Aug. 7

- **"Bloem & Tuin 2016" in Nuenen**, the most versatile and blooming garden event in the Benelux, will be held at Gulbergen Estate near de Schoutse Vennen. Get ideas and merchandise for your home garden. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €12; children, ages 13 and under, free.
- **Wine Fest in Duisburg, Germany**, will be held on Königstrasse. Besides wine, the fest will offer a variety of culinary specialties as well as music and entertainment. Open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Aug. 4, 11, 18

- **Nostalgic market in Barneveld** will seem to take you back to Grandma's time. Travel to the town center for traditional crafts, traditional costumes and regional food as well as national and international folkloric dance groups. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aug. 5 to 7

- **Culinary festival in Bottrop-Kirchellen, Germany**, More than 100 chefs and helpers participate in this festival held on Johann-Breuker-Platz and offer about 50 culinary highlights for prices from €2.50 to €9. Wines and cocktails can be ordered as well. Open Aug. 5 from 5 to 10 p.m.; Aug. 6 from noon to midnight and Aug. 7 from noon to 10 p.m.
- **"Lepeltje Lepeltje Eindhoven" culinary festival in Eindhoven** will be held at Anne Frankplantsoen. It has food, culture, a market, live cooking, music and more. Open from Aug. 5 to 6 from noon to midnight and Aug. 7 from noon to 10 p.m.
- **Hamm kulinarisch in Hamm, Germany**, will be held in the town center on market square. This large culinary fest will offer culinary delicacies for reasonable prices. Open from Aug. 5 from noon to midnight; Aug. 6 from 11 a.m. to midnight and Aug. 7 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Castlefest near Lisse** is a medieval fantasy event that will be held in the gardens of Castle De Keukenhof at Keukenhof 1. The gardens are the location of a real medieval city where one can learn about daily life in the Middle Ages. Open Aug. 5 from 11 a.m. to midnight; Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. to midnight and Aug.7 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Find out more at <http://www.castlefest.com>.

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Aug. 6 to 7 continued

- **Flea market in Tubize (300 booths)** - Held on Rue de Mons from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Weekend of the night of the stars at the Pass in Frameries** - Starting at 10 a.m., various activities will be held and starting at 10 p.m., weather permitting, you can watch the stars until 11:30 p.m. Sunday, activities will close at 6 p.m. Free admission.

August 7

- **Volksmarch in Silly for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from the school at Rue du marais 16 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Thieusies for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the school at Rue de la Motte 15 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Thuin for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Drève des Alliés 120 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Open house at the farm in Mesvin** - Held at Ferme de Blanche-Pierre at Rue Brunehaut 149. Starting at 10 a.m., discover the farm and the animals. Local products will be on sale. Starting at 6 p.m., you can assist at the milking of the cow. Free admission.

Ongoing

Through Aug. 15

- **Bouglione Circus in Mons** will be located at the Imagix parking lot. Admission: €15 to €25. For more information, visit http://www.bouglione.mobi/fr_tarif_mons.php.

Through Sept. 4

- **Visit the Royal Palace in Brussels** - Visits are free of charge Tuesday through Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Access is from Place des Palais.

Fridays through Sept. 9

- **Roller Bike Parade in Brussels** invites rollers, bikes, longboards and freelines 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.

Through Sept. 11

- **Harry Potter exhibit in Brussels** - Open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Brussels Expo on Place de Belgique at Palais 2. Since 2009, the exhibit has traveled to Chicago, Boston, Toronto, Seattle, New York, Sydney, Singapore, Tokyo, Paris and Shanghai and drawn more than 3.5 million visitors. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://ticketmaster.be>.

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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Aug. 5 to 7 continued

- **Milan Summer Festival in The Hague** will be held at Zuiderpark. The largest Hindu open-air festival in Europe, this multicultural event will have varied forms of culture, sports and entertainment, a theme tent, rides and attractions, and fireworks. Open Aug. 5 from 4 to 11 p.m.; Aug. 6 to 7 from 1 to 11 p.m.

Aug. 6

- **Antique-and-curiosa market in Heusden** will be held on Burchtplein. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Schollenpop in Scheveningen/The Hague** will be held on Zuiderstrand at Houtrustweg 600. Schollenpop 2016 will be the 20th edition of this annual free pop festival. Opens at noon.

Aug. 6 to 7

- **Medieval Weekend in La Roche-en-Ardenne, Belgium**, will be held at Chateau Feodal on Ruedu Vieux Chateau with knights, archery, falconry shows and more. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €8; children, ages 3 to 12, €5.
- **Open Cockpit Days in Lelystad** will be held at Aviodrome at Pelikaanweg 50. You can climb into the cockpit of a Boeing 747, Saab Viggen, MiG-21 and Fokker 100. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €17; children, ages 3 to 11, €15.
- **Rose Fest in Rösrath, Germany**, will be held at Castle Eulenbroich at Zum Eulenbroicher Auel 19 with shows, demonstrations, music, food and more. Open Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €3; children, ages 13 and under, free.

Aug. 6, 13, 20 and 27

- **Antique-and-curiosa market in Roermond** will be held at Kloosterwandplein in the center of town. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Aug. 7

- **Market for traditional crafts and regional products in Opoeteren, Belgium**, will be held on Bosbessenplein and Fortstraat in the center of town. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Traditional-crafts market in Rupelmonde, Belgium**, will be held at Het Schellekeand on Oeverstraat and Nederstraat. Open from 2 to 7 p.m.

Aug. 9 to 14

- **Roman festival in Heilig Landstichting** near Groesbeek will be held at Museumpark "Orientalis" at Profetenlaan 2 with re-enactors, authentic crafts, demonstrations, Roman market and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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