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Benelux news briefs

Credit union closes for Org Day

Andrews Federal Credit Union Chièvres will be closed Dec. 13 for Organization Day.

Members can withdraw cash from AFCU ATMs, both at the Chièvres branch and at the ATM in the SHAPE U.S. Post Office in Building 319.

AFCU members can access their account information, using Smart Connect Online Banking, Smart Mobile, and Smart Call.

SHAPE Library now open

The SHAPE International Library reopened Dec. 1 after having been closed for three weeks for the installation of new carpeting.

Gazette submissions

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Benelux community members take part in autumn activities

Buse Arici and Adriana Gaspar-Rivas, two of Alyce Childers' first-grade Dragons at SHAPE American Elementary School, measure the water displacement of a pumpkin Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014. First-graders from SAES, and first- and second-graders from the Canadian School celebrated the theme of "In a Fall Garden" with pumpkin activities. For other autumn- and Thanksgiving-related events in the Gazette,

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Geotagging, careless social networking could have you chatting with enemy

by **Sgt. Daniel Cole**
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LUCIUS D. CLAY KASERNE, Germany (Nov. 20, 2014) — One of the foundations of effective force protection is to always keep the bad guys guessing. Letting them know where you are and what you're doing is never a good idea.

These days, with smart technology in nearly everyone's pockets and social interaction keeping the global information highways buzzing, guarding your actions can be tricky.

Geotagging and "location-based social networking" are two technological and social-interaction challenges that specifically worry Army and U.S. Army Europe anti-terrorism experts.

Geotagging embeds geographic information into a photo or document's metadata that can be used to determine exactly where on Earth the photo was snapped or the document created. These location tools are often embedded in many of today's electronic devices, such as smartphones, tablets and personal computers. "Checking in" on Facebook is one example of a common application.

"By providing these bits of information when uploading geotagged photos or 'checking in,' we give our adversaries another piece of the puzzle to help them piece together the overall picture and give them the advantage," said Jessica Bittle a force-protection specialist for USAREUR's operations directorate. "By



limiting the available information, we try to remove that digital bull's-eye."

Experts in the social media division of the Army's Office of the Chief of Public Affairs call the metadata added to photos — and videos, documents and text messages — "the equivalent of adding a 10-digit grid coordinate to everything you post on the Internet."

The dangers, the experts say, are that these location-revealing functions allow potential bad guys to watch your movements and uncover patterns in your behavior; reveal the exact locations of places, such as your home or office, where you will be (or won't be); and help enemies to determine potential targets and classified locations.

"We face an array of adversaries who have a vested interest in learning about individuals affiliated with our military in hopes of finding that vulnerable target," Bittle said.

The social-media and security experts encourage people to disable this feature on their devices, or to review security settings so personal online information isn't too informative.

Of equal concern to the security experts is location-based social networking, which has spawned a growing number of applications to satisfy users' desires to let people know where they are. Several social-media sites even offer rewards or invite businesses or other organizations to offer incentives to users who "check in" at various locations. Others offer opportunities to hook up with old friends or meet and make new friends. Of course, these applications can also tell bad guys where you are or will be.

USAREUR anti-terrorism officials add a reminder that users should never discuss military or government information while using social-media sites.

To disable geotagging on most smart phones, check the general settings and look for a "location" tab and select the appropriate settings. A quick Internet search will turn up step-by-step instructions for disabling these features for specific sites and devices.

For more on this as well as information on a variety of force-protection, information-assurance and operational-security topics, visit USAREUR "vigilance" at <http://www.eur.army.mil/vigilance>.

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Benelux celebrates Thanksgiving



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(Clockwise from top) Kindergartners Daphnée Trépanier and Lee Gilliland-Davis wait patiently at their desks during an international Thanksgiving activity at SHAPE American Elementary School Thursday, Nov. 27, 2014. Kindergarten students hosted their friends from the German and British Schools. • Pvt. Oscar Hernandez and Pfc. Sarina Hendret fill up their plates at the U.S. Single Service Members Thanksgiving Dinner Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2014. The Benelux chaplains invited all U.S. single service members to the event at the SHAPE Chapel fellowship hall. • Luke Brunclik, 8, outpaces his mother, Linnea, in the Turkey Trot Fun Run Friday, Nov. 21, 2014, organized by the USAG Benelux-Schinnen Fitness Center in honor of Thanksgiving. First to cross the finish line was Sean Peterson, U.S. Coast Guard, but Luke's brother, Dixon Brunclik, 10, finished second with a self-reported time of 23 minutes, 64 seconds (24:04). Schinnen fun-run times aren't normally reported. Dixon said that soccer gets him into shape. • Michelle Saunders charges the finish line of the Turkey Trot put on by USAG Benelux-Brussels Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014. Saunders was the 10k runner-up with 56:00 behind Joby Bennett with 40:39. Hayden Pfefferkorn with 20:28 was the 5k-run champ. • In the foreground, Sandy Makowski and Evangel Hernandez run with Sophie Taminau during the Spartan Turkey Trot put on by SHAPE American High School Friday, Nov. 21, 2014. Spencer Johnson earned first place in the men's division, and Anna Kyle earned first place in the women's division.



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Trenches to Foxholes

Belgium commemorates 'Battle of Bulge'

Bastogne alive with re-enactors, '40s style

Join in the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of World War II's Battle of Bastogne Dec. 12 to 14.

In mid-December 1944, during the Ardennes offensive, the Germans moved west to break through a soft spot in the American lines, splitting it in two, and continued onward. Their breakthrough created a salient, or bulge, in the American lines, hence the name Battle of the Bulge.

The Germans' ultimate goal was to capture the Belgian North Sea port of Antwerp, the nearest deep-water port from which the Allies got their supplies.

The Allies prevailed because of American resistance around St. Vith on the northern shoulder of the Bulge and by American forces holding Bastogne on the southern shoulder of the Bulge.

Friday, Dec. 12

- **Sound and Light Show honoring the Texas Aggies:**

Mardasson – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 13

- **Bastogne Perimeter Walk:** Centre sportif - Departs between 8 and 9:30 a.m. 37th annual. Registration starts at 7 a.m.

- **Patriotic Parade:** Grand'rue – 2 p.m. Wreath-laying ceremonies at Patton and McAuliffe's monuments.

- **Nut Throw:** Balcony of the town hall – 3:15 p.m. In the presence of their Majesties the King and Queen of the Belgians.

- **Tribute to the Veterans:** Salle Jean XXIII – 4:15 p.m. Presentation of Commemorative Medals.

- **Sound and Light Show:** Mardasson Memorial – 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.

- **Free Entertainment** starting at 5:30 p.m. Grand'rue will be restricted to pedestrians only until 11 p.m. Play the game, citizens! You are invited to take part in Saturday's activities in the civilian attire of the 1940s.

- **Static Re-enactment:** Display of military vehicles and equipment on the Grand Rue and Quartier Latin.

- **Games of the Past:** Games of the era presented by an entertainer.

- **Musical Entertainment:** Barrel organ, singers and musicians.

- **Window Displays:** Works on the Battle of the Bulge theme.

- **Makeover workshops:** Hairstyles and makeup of the 1940s.

- **Ball:** Music and atmosphere of the 1940s.

Sunday, Dec. 14

- **Religious Service:** Noville Church – 10 a.m. Wreath-laying ceremony at the 'Enclos des Fusillés' after the service.

- **Dedication of the Desobry Monument:** Rue Desobry, Noville – 11 a.m.

- **Static Show:** Cobru/Recogné – 1 p.m. Re-enactment of the battle.

- **Parade of WWII Military Vehicles:** Grand'rue – 3 p.m.

- **From Texas to Bastogne. Texas Aggies Go to War:** Van Geluwe Section – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A display paying tribute to American Soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

Getting around Bastogne

If you are traveling to Bastogne, be sure to get a traffic plan from <http://www.bastogne.be/publications/divers/70e-anniversaire-de-la-bataille-des-ardennes/plan-mobilite.pdf>. Below is a translation of the map text.

Saturday, Dec. 13

Access to the city center will be blocked off from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. If you're driving, use one of the parking lots available and follow Déviation (detour) signs.

Free transportation by bus will be available between the different parking sites and the city center.

Note that Parking Area No. 2 is a backup parking and free transportation will only be available from there once all the other parking lots are full.

Parking area No. 6 will open at 7 p.m., and Parking Area No. 8 will open at 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 14

Be aware that access points to Foy, Cobru and Noville will be blocked off during the re-enactment of the battle in Recogné and Cobru. However, visitors may park on the road between Foy and Cobru. Free transportation by bus will be available to take visitors to the re-enactment site from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Free transportation by bus will also be available between the train station, Gare du Nord (Pépinière), and the re-enactment site from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

During the Military Vehicles Parade, the Grand'Rue in Bastogne will be open for pedestrians only from noon to 6 p.m.

Throughout the weekend

- **Military Book Fair:** 'Salle vitrée' of the Seminary. Authors will be present for book signing. Sale of the sole commemorative stamp of the liberation of Bastogne. Open Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 6 p.m. Book signing Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m.

- **Bastogne Barracks:** Rue de La Roche 40. Display at "Cave McAuliffe," visit of the vehicle restoration center, display and parade of World War II vehicles, booth of the Belgian army's "2e régiment de Chasseurs Ardennais," Desert Storm display, military memorabilia and model aircraft/vehicle fair. Free access. Open Friday, Dec. 12, from 1 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 14, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- **Christmas Market:** Place McAuliffe. More than 45 booths. Enjoy music. Santa Claus will visit Saturday and Sunday. Free access. Open Friday, Dec. 12, from 4 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 13, from 4 to 11 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 14, from noon to 7:30 p.m.

Trenches to Foxholes

Next week in World War history (Dec. 7 to Dec. 13)

World War I

1914

Dec. 8 - The Battle of Falkland Islands occurs as British Navy warships destroy the German squadron of Adm. Graf von Spee in the South Atlantic off the coast of Argentina. Von Spee and two sons serving in his squadron are killed.

Dec. 10 - The French begin a series of attacks in the Artois region of northern France and Champagne in the south. Hampered by a lack of heavy artillery and muddy winter conditions, the French fail to make any significant gains, and both offensives are soon suspended.

1915

Dec. 11 - The first president of the new Chinese republic, Yuan Shih-kai, who came to power in the wake of revolution in 1911 and the fall of the Manchu Dynasty in 1912, accepts the title of emperor of China.

1916

Dec. 7 - Romania concludes an armistice with the Central Powers due to the demise of Imperial Russia, its former military ally.

Dec. 9 - The British, led by Gen. Edmund Allenby, capture Jerusalem. The British enter the Holy City under strict instructions from London on how not to appear disrespectful to the city, its people or its traditions. Allenby enters Jerusalem on foot, and no Allied flags are flown over the city. Muslim troops from India are dispatched to guard the religious landmark, the Dome of the Rock. This ends four centuries of its control by the Ottoman Empire.

1917

Dec. 10 - After three years of war, during which there had been no Nobel Peace Prize awarded, the Norwegian Nobel Committee awards the 1917 prize to the International Committee of the Red Cross. From the outbreak of the war, the Nobel Committee had decided not to award its annual peace prize, stating officially that there had been no worthy candidates nominated.

1918

Dec. 13 - Woodrow Wilson arrives at Brest, France, and travels to Versailles. There, he heads the American delegation to the peace conference seeking a definitive end to the war. The visit marks the first official visit by an American president to Europe.

Although the president's political opponents criticize his European visit as a sign of egotism, Wilson works tirelessly to orchestrate an agreement that would encourage a lasting peace in Europe. Wilson also leads the effort to establish the League of Nations to seek diplomatic solutions to future conflicts.

His hopes for a "just and stable peace" are opposed by the other victorious Allies, and the final treaty, which calls for stiff war reparations from the former Central Powers, will be regarded with increasing bitterness in Germany in the years to come. President Woodrow Wilson is awarded the 1919 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to bring peace to Europe.

World War II

1940

Dec. 9 - Two British divisions, half of them composed of Indian troops, attack seven Italian divisions in Egypt. Overwhelmed, the Italian position in Egypt collapses.

1941

Dec. 7 - Japanese warplanes bomb the U.S. naval base at Oahu Island's Pearl Harbor. Despite initially objecting to war with America, Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto believed that if Prime Minister Hideki Tojo was determined to go to war, it was Japan who had to make a pre-emptive strike. Yamamoto, who studied the devastating November 1940 British attack against the Italian fleet at Taranto, plans and leads the sneak attack against the United States. Approximately 360 Japanese warplanes launch from six aircraft carriers, reinforced by battleships, cruisers and destroyers. The first dive-bomber is spotted over Pearl Harbor at 7:55 a.m. local time. It is followed by 200 aircraft, which decimate the American ships anchored there, most of which are only lightly manned because it is Sunday morning. Eighteen U.S. ships are destroyed, sunk or capsized. More than 180 planes are destroyed on the ground and another 150 are damaged. American casualties total more than 3,400, with more than 2,400 killed. The Japanese lose fewer than 100 men.

Dec. 11 - Adolf Hitler declares war on the United States, bringing America, which had been neutral, into the European conflict. The bombing of Pearl Harbor surprised even Germany. Although Hitler had made an oral agreement with his Axis partner Japan that Germany would join a war against the United States, he was uncertain as to how the war would be engaged. Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor solved that problem.

1942

Dec. 13 - Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels records in his journal his contempt for the Italians' treatment of Jews in Italian-occupied territories. "The Italians are extremely lax in their treatment of Jews. They protect Italian Jews both in Tunis and in occupied France and won't permit their being drafted for work or compelled to wear the Star of David."

1943

Dec. 12 - Eighteen RAF Mosquito aircraft attack Essen, Germany, while nine RAF Mosquito aircraft attack Düsseldorf, Germany.

1944

Dec 9 - The U.S. Army Air Forces establish the 509th Composite Group for atomic-weapon delivery.

- While defending a position at Faenza, Italy, Capt. John Blunt, 22, of the British Lincolnshire Regiment uses anti-tank guns, Bren light machine guns and a 2-inch mortar to drive back the enemy. Later he turns another attack, blazing away with a Bren from the top of a tank. His conduct will later earn him the Victoria Cross. He is killed the next day by shellfire.

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

Make connections at ACS

by **Linda Celaj**

USAG Benelux Army Community Service

The holidays are an especially difficult time for those serving America abroad; it's a season during which the pain of missing family and other loved ones is even more acute.

Each one is a parent, a sibling, a child, a spouse, a friend and an American. Others appreciate their service, draw inspiration from their commitment and sacrifice, and express their gratitude for all that they do for the nation, protecting others from harm and defending the liberties that Americans hold dear.

Spouses who are geographically separated because of mission requirements can get help at USAG Benelux Army Community Service by joining the Hearts Apart Club.

Hearts Apart offers support for waiting families by linking family members with other families who are left behind because of the sponsor's mission requirements. ACS provides a supportive group setting for activities, opportunities to learn about available resources and

to network with each other during the absence of their sponsors. The ongoing contact of a supportive group and/or a friendly gathering seems to offer the greatest comfort of those separated from their loved ones.

Hearts Apart offers opportunities for connecting with old and new friends. It also provides information and quality support to waiting family members, ensures that the family is supported while the Soldier is away and can provide supportive fellowship, education, referral and assistance.

Being a waiting spouse can be challenging.

ACS offers various services — such as briefings, relocation literature, support groups and video teleconferencing — through Soldier for Life Launch, for those who would like to see and talk to their deployed spouse.

Let ACS make your experience as a waiting spouse a positive one: Use all available ACS services and programs.

Hearts Apart meets locally

USAG Benelux Army Community Service offers the Hearts Apart Club for spouses who are geographically separated because of mission requirements.

Hearts Apart provides a group environment where spouses can learn what the community has to offer them.

The SHAPE chapter meets at the Army Community Service Training Room on SHAPE in Building 318 Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. The next Hearts Apart gathering takes place Dec. 11.

The Schinnen chapter meets once a month at AFNORTH International School. For more information, contact DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31-46-4437269/7500.

Brussels Army Community Service offers Hearts Apart on request. For details, contact DSN 368-9729 or civilian 02-7179729.



Courtesy Photo

Keeping in touch with loved ones while they are deployed or otherwise geographically separated from family because of mission requirements is challenging, and any communication you do share may feel like it's not enough. Hearts Apart offers connections with people going through similar trials.

Wintertime blues hits some people hard

Certain SAD symptoms different than depression

by Joe Etherage, M.D.

Chief of Behavioral Health, SHAPE Healthcare Facility

When I was a child in Hawaii, I went to school in shorts and bare feet. I didn't own a sweater. Shaved ice was the closest thing to snow I'd see until my late teens.

I've since lived in Boston, London and Washington, D.C., and spent the past eight years living in the cloudy Pacific Northwest (think "Twilight") before moving to SHAPE last year, yet I've never really become used to the gray skies and the cold. This week I was talking with a Shapian from a colder climate about the change in season.

"Fall is officially here." I said somberly.

"I know, isn't it wonderful?" he replied, a broad smile on his face. "The crisp clean air, the leaves changing color, getting out the winter wardrobe, skiing . . ."

For many at SHAPE the change of season, dropping temperatures and shorter days bring comfort, a feeling of familiarity. For others, like myself, they bring a keen appreciation for days

with clear weather and blue skies. For some, though, the change of season leads to a significant drop in mood.

If you think that you might be in the last group, watch for these symptoms:

- Persistent sadness
- Increased appetite with weight gain (Weight loss is more common with other forms of depression.)
- Increased sleep (Too little sleep is more common with other forms of depression.)
- Less energy
- Difficulty with concentration
- Loss of interest in work or other activities
- Sluggish movements
- Social withdrawal
- Unhappiness and irritability.

Seasonal depression symptoms commence or intensify with the shorter days of fall and winter, and remit as daylight hours lengthen in spring.

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD), also called the wintertime blues or winter

depression, varies in prevalence. In the United States, rates vary by latitude, with a northern, colder weather state like New Hampshire having a rate of 9.7 percent and a sunny, southern state like Florida reporting a rate of 1.4 percent. The prevalence rate in Europe is less than half of that in North America. However, though there are exceptions, nationally reported rates of winter depression generally increase the further from the equator the country is located.

Should you seek help for winter blues? Consider the impact that the depressed mood is having on your life. Decreased social contact, problems with relationships related to mood change, and difficulty meeting work and home responsibilities are all indications that it's time to address winter depression. If this is the case, you can contact your primary care provider to discuss your concerns.

Treatment for SAD is similar to treating depression. It includes medication, talking therapy and, for some, the use of a lightbox, which provides the opportunity for exposure to high-intensity light.

Shifting to an earlier bedtime and earlier awakening can be beneficial for some. Increased activity can be especially helpful; there is extensive evidence of the benefit of exercise in treating depressed mood.

For those not accustomed to living in a colder climate, consider reaching out to others from northern latitudes in the SHAPE community and ask for their advice on staying active in spite of the cold weather.

If you find your mood dropping along with the mercury, take an inventory of the impact of that change. If the winter blues are having a negative impact on your life, push yourself to remain active and consider seeking care. While you might not embrace the coming of winter, you can certainly find ways to beat back the winter blues.



A 30 kHz bright-light therapy lamp or a light box can be used to treat seasonal affective disorder. This therapy lamp provides 10,000 lux at a distance of 25 cm.

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Brussels puts on Winterfest

The USAG Benelux-Brussels community presents Winterfest today. It all begins at 4:30 p.m. with Santa's Workshop at the 3 Star Lounge, where there will be pictures with Santa as well as arts and crafts. The fun moves outside at 6 p.m. for the Christmas tree-lighting ceremony and Christmas carols at the flagpole by the gazebo.

While you're at the 3 Star Lounge for Santa's Workshop, enjoy a variety of soups and a sandwich bar at Family Dinner. Make your (required) reservation at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Cost: Adults \$8, children 12 and under, \$4. Doors open for Family Dinner at 4:30 p.m., and it ends at 7:30 p.m.

SHAPE ACS holds open house

SHAPE Army Community Service welcomes the SHAPE/Chièvres community to its open house in Building 318 Dec. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SHAPE ACS offers an opportunity for you to familiarize yourself with ACS programs. In addition, USAG Benelux community agencies will be on site with information about programs and services offered to service members, families, civilians, retirees and surviving families.

New-Parent Support Program activities and Playroom will be open. You can enjoy the festive atmosphere, which includes photos with Santa, food, music, attendance prizes and a door-decorating contest for the agencies in Building 318. Visitors are welcome to walk around the building and cast their votes for the doors they like best.

For information, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Christmas market to be held at SHAPE this weekend

An Italian Christmas market will be held at the SHAPE Events Centre Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Browse through handcrafted Christmas gifts, and consider stopping by food concessions for Italian favorites like lasagna.

New Year's Eve: Get tickets now

The SHAPE Club's Ballroom will be the site for a New Year's Eve Party, "The Galactic Wars," from Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. to Jan. 1, 2015, at 4 a.m. To learn more about this special evening, call DSN 423-4133 or civilian 065-444133.

SHAPE holds tree-lighting ceremony

The SHAPE community invites you to share the familial warmth of the holiday season during a tree-lighting ceremony in front of the SHAPE main (headquarters) building Dec. 9 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The SHAPE International Band will play holiday melodies, and the Canadian School Choir will sing.

The Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Air Force Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, will address the crowd, and the mayor of Malmedy, Jean-Paul Bastin, will say a few words and present a gift to the SACEUR. Breedlove and the mayor will share tree-lighting honors.

At 5 p.m., a reception will be held in the HQ cafeteria.



An archive photo of Santa's Workshop 2013 gives you an idea of what's in store at Chièvres Air Base Friday, Dec. 5, 2014.

Santa's Workshop set up at Chièvres

Get a jump start on the holidays by visiting Santa's Workshop at the Chièvres Community Activity Center Dec. 5 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Santa will make a special appearance so that everyone can take photos with him, and children can make holiday cards at craft tables. Local Girl Scouts will sing Christmas carols.

Prizes to the winners of the 2014 Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or MWR, Holiday Art Contest will be awarded. All submitted artwork will be on display for everyone to admire. To find out more, call DSN 361-5589 or civilian 068-275589.

GK puts on tree-lighting ceremony

Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany, will host a tree-lighting ceremony and so much more at the Geilenkirchen Air Base Multipurpose Room Dec. 18 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Visit Santa's Village and the Christmas market, and enjoy live music as well as food and drink.

For details, call GK Airman & Family Readiness Center, or A&FRC, at DSN 458-6015 or civilian 024-51633791.

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Register now for ACS tour of holiday markets in Valkenburg caves

Don't miss this trip to "Christmas Town Valkenburg" Dec. 12 from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ride the train to Valkenburg to explore the Christmas caves. A walking tour of the market will lead you through an illuminated Christmas cave with impressive mural carvings and lots of vendors with shopping delights. Cost for train and market entrance. For more information or to register, call Schinnen Army Community Service at DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437500.

Orphans' dreams will come true, but party help needed

The children of "La Fermette," the local orphanage in Ath, will have their wishes granted by USAG Benelux patrons. The orphans submitted their Christmas wish list (two wishes per child), and USAG Benelux exceeded its goal of granting one wish per child. All the gifts on the list have been spoken for and are awaiting arrival at the USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office for delivery to a party at the Community Activity Center Dec. 17 at 2:30 p.m.

If you'd like to help with party setup or to contribute cookies, candies or beverages, contact the USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office at DSN 361-5694 or civilian 068-275694.

Tickets on sale now for Christmas brunch at SHAPE

Enjoy a leisurely Christmas brunch at the SHAPE Club Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. The buffet will be stocked with continental-breakfast items, and there will be a cold starter buffet, main-course buffet and sweets. Cost includes a welcome drink and a free beverage station.

Children can enjoy Kids Corner with Magic Morgan.

Cost: Adults €28, children under 12, €14. Ticket sales end Dec. 11.

Contact the SHAPE Club by calling DSN 423-4133 or civilian 065-44 4133, or sending an email message to info@shapeclub.be.

Exchange's extended holiday return policy gives shoppers peace of mind

To make gift giving easier, the Army & Air Force Exchange service is extending its return policy for items purchased from Nov. 1 to Dec. 24, according to a news release from its corporate headquarters in Dallas.

The Exchange's standard policy allows returns anywhere from up to 15 to 90 days of purchase with a sales receipt. The holiday return/exchange policy extends these terms through Jan. 31, 2015.

Refunds with sales receipts are processed as forms of payment (cash for cash, credit for credit card). Refunds without sales receipts are processed as Exchange gift cards.

Shoppers can also return items purchased through <https://shopmyexchange.com> at their closest brick-and-mortar Exchange.

For more information about the extended refund policy, shoppers can visit customer service at their nearest Exchange.

Customs pamphlet eases holiday mail rush

Mailing packages stateside from Europe involves many prohibitions, restrictions and import duty rules. U.S. personnel can avoid the pitfalls by getting the "Know Before You Go" pamphlet from a military customs office, according to a press release by Robert Szostek, USAREUR Office of the Provost Marshal Public Affairs.

"Many people do not know that Customs and Border Protection may fine you at least \$100 if you mail meat or any meat products to the States," said Scott Sanner, U.S. Department of Agriculture adviser at the U.S. European Command Customs and Border Clearance Agency (CBCA).

Banned products include canned meats, pâté, salami, sausage and soup mixes containing meat. It is also illegal to mail handguns, alcoholic beverages and a whole list of other items to the United States. Other articles may need special import permits.

A customs declaration must be fixed to every parcel going to the States and falsifying it is a federal crime. "You must also realize that foreign-made goods sent to the United States may be subject to the payment of duty," said Mike Dean, director of the CBCA. "Even if you mail the items to yourself or buy them in a military exchange, the recipient may still have to pay duty and the customs user fee," he explained. U.S. residents may receive up to \$100 worth of foreign-made goods per day, but have to pay duty on the total value of gifts exceeding that amount.

The "Know Before You Go" pamphlet is available at any military customs office and online at www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/kbyg/gifts.xml.

Holiday postal news

In order to help customers with their holiday mailing, SHAPE and Chièvres post offices will have extended hours through Dec. 19 –

- Parcel Pickup: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (an additional hour per day)
- Postal Finance (items to mail): 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (an additional hour per day)
- Mail by appointment (SHAPE only): 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mailing deadlines

Overseas postal officials recommend the following dates for mail to the United States to arrive by Dec. 25 –

- Priority parcels, First Class letters and cards: Dec. 10
- Priority Express Mail: Dec. 17.

Check your mail regularly to free up space for holiday cards, letters and yellow slips that announce that you have a package. Helping to keep the mail room uncluttered makes it faster for mail-room employees to locate new packages for you.

Packing tips

Avoid using warped boxes. These can cause loose structural integrity and are crushed more easily by shifting mail.

- Be sure to use padding and cushioning.
- Use ample newspaper, foam, plastic bubble sheets and cotton.

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Co-ed Venturing crew for youths starts up at SHAPE

Come to the first-ever meeting of a new crew through the co-ed Boy Scout program, Venturing, at the SHAPE Pizza Bowl Dec. 10 at 5 p.m.

Venturing is a youth-development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 13 and have completed the eighth grade, or age 14 through 20 years of age, according to the BSA website at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Venturing.aspx>. Venturing is designed to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

Don't miss the great opportunities that are offered through Venturing, such as camping, high-adventure activities and other social gatherings.

Cost: \$30 per youth for application and BSA charter fee; \$24 per adult.

For details, contact scoutingmembership@gmail.com.

Job opening at AFCU

Officials at Andrews Federal Credit Union would like to hire a new part-time teller at the Brussels branch. The job is listed on the AFCU website at <http://www.andrewsfcu.org>. Once on the website, just click on the "Career Opportunities" link at the top left of the screen. After you are taken to the Career Opportunities Center page, click on "Employment Listings."

Open season for FEHB ends Monday

Federal Employees Health Benefit, or FEHB, Open Season runs through Dec. 8.

A link to FEHB 2014 Open Season information is posted on the Army Benefits Center-Civilian website at <http://www.abc.army.mil>, under the "Announcements" section.

DeCA offers scholarships

Applications for the Scholarships for Military Children Program's 2015-2016 school-year awards become available starting Dec. 15 at commissaries worldwide or on the Internet at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>, according to a Defense Commissary Agency news release.

An applicant must be a dependent, unmarried child, younger than 21 — or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university — of a service member on active duty, Reserve or Guard member, retiree or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty, or survivor of a retiree.

Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 13, 2015. Packages must be hand-delivered or shipped via U.S. Postal Service or other delivery methods, not emailed or faxed.

Applicants and their sponsors must be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

For more information, students or sponsors should call Scholarship Managers at 856-616-9311 or email them at militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com.

American Legion holds speech contest

The American Legion sponsors its annual oratorical contest directed toward high-school students, and youths from all over the Benelux will compete at Brussels American High School. Jan. 24, 2015. Registration is now open.

The recurring theme is "A constitutional speech contest." Speaking subjects must be on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with some emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to the government. There are two speeches, with the first being an eight- to 10-minute prepared speech, followed by a three- to five-minute assigned speech.

The American Legion Post BE02 is sponsoring the first stage of the contest at the community level. Young orators who succeed in the Flanders Field post contest can go on to compete in the department (normally a state) and national contests.

Freshmen through seniors from the three schools in the USAG Benelux and SHAPE communities and the three International Schools are invited to participate in this year's contest.

Young orators earn some of the most generous college scholarships available to high-school students. More than \$138,000 in scholarships can be awarded each year. The overall national contest winner earns an \$18,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$16,000, and third gets \$14,000.

Competition begins at the American Legion post level and advances to a department (Europe) competition.

If you have any questions or would like a registration form, contact the American Legion Post BE02 at flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com

Closing date extended for CP29 developmental assignments

The Department of the Army Installation Management Career Program has extended the closing date to Dec. 5 for positions through the CP29 Developmental Assignment Program with a second-quarter start date.

The length of these positions is 60 or 90 days, and the assignment locations are worldwide. Previous applicants need not reapply.

DAP is a competitive professional-development opportunity open to CP29 careerists who have demonstrated exceptional character, commitment and leadership potential. Selectees will be matched with a developmental assignment (up to 90 days in length) within another Installation Management functional area and/or location that will help them gain skills and experience necessary to make greater contributions within the Installation Management profession. The CP29 DAP is operated under the guidance of the Chief, Functional Chief Representative (FCR), Office of the FCR and Chief, Career Program Manager CP29 Proponency Office.

Read more at <http://cpol.army.mil/library/train/catalog/ch03cp29.html>. You can also learn about it at Army Career Tracker at <https://actnow.army.mil/wps/myportal/act/CareerResources/CareerPrograms/CP29>.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Dec. 4

- **Local products market in Obourg** - Meet local producers while discovering and tasting their products at the Abbey of Saint-Denis at 4 Rue de la Filature. Open from 5 to 9 p.m. Admission is free.
- **Brussels Museums late opening** - Explore at least five museums every Thursday (through Dec. 19) from 5 to 10 p.m. accompanied by a program of special activities, including guided tours. Get details at <http://www.brussel museumsnocturnes.be>.



Dec. 5 to 7

- **Wine and catering fair in Leuze-En-Hainaut** at the town hall on Avenue de la Résistance 1. Open from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Admission fee is €3.
- **Christmas market in Havré** at the Château. Open Friday from 6 to 11 p.m., Saturday from 2 p.m. to midnight and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €1.50.
- **Christmas market in Feluy** at the Château fort. Open Friday from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Dec. 6

- **Christmas market in Ath** at the House of the Giants at Rue de Pintamont 18 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Christmas concert in Bois-De-Lessines** at the Church on the square from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Dec. 6 to 7

- **Christmas market in Beloeil** in the center of the village. Open Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Mons** (100 booths) at the Lotto Mons Expo on Avenue Thomas Edison. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €3.

Dec. 7

- **Christmas market in Lens** at the town hall at Place de la Trinité 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Flobecq** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs from Rue de la Crête 32 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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

Through Dec. 7

- **Winter Fair in Rotterdam** is held at Ahoy 1. This indoor fair offers everything you need for the coming holiday season. Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission: €13.50. Read more about it at <http://www.winter-fair.nl>.

Dec. 4 to 7, 11 to 14 and 18 to 21

- **"Romantic Christmas Market" in Langerwehe-Merode, Germany**, is one of only two occasions each year when the Castle Merode is open to the public. The Prince and Princess von Merode open the Flemish Renaissance castle for a traditional Christmas market. Open Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 2 to 10 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 8 p.m. Admission Wednesday to Friday is €6.50 and on the weekend €7; children (6 to 16) €2.

Dec. 5 to 7

- **Christmas Village in Aubel, Belgium**, is where you can find gastronomic delights in the center of town on Place Nicolai. Open Dec. 5 from 5 to 11:30 p.m.; Dec. 6 from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dec. 5 to 7, 12 to 14, 19 to 21

- **Christmas Market in Monschau, Germany**, is located on the romantic square in the picturesque center of town. Open Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dec. 6

- **Christmas Market in Den Ham** at the historic village center is also the stage for a play in which 200 villagers take part. The play is set in 1726 and tells us from a time in which the Netherlands was troubled with all kinds of murdering and thieving gangs. Open from 1 to 8:30 p.m.

Dec. 6 to 7

- **Christmas Art and Crafts Market in Mönchengladbach, Germany**, is held at Castle Rheydt Museum at Schlosstrasse 508. Open both days from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dec. 6 to 7, 13 to 14

- **Christmas Market in Mesch** near Eijsden is held at De Laathof Farm on Langstraat. Admission is free. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 6 to 7, 13 to 14, 20 to 21

- **Christmas Market in Bad Homburg, Germany**, is held at Landgrafenschloss (castle). Open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Dec. 7

- **Clothes Outlet Fair in Genk, Belgium**, in Limburghal at Jaarbeurslaan 6 is where one can buy designer clothes at reduced prices. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €3.



Dec. 7 continued

- **Volksmarch in Ophain-Bois-Seigneur-Isaac** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs from Rue de Sart Moulin 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Cour-Sur-Heure** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs from Rue Saint-Jean from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Jemappes** at Avenue Maréchal Foch 873 from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m. (200 booths)

Ongoing

Through Dec. 30

- **Christmas village in Liège** - In the heart of the city, 160 decorated wooden cottages form a magical Christmas village throughout the month of December. Read more at <http://www.villagedenoel.be/en>.



Through Jan. 4, 2015

- **Brussels Christmas Market "Winter Wonders"** - Market with some 230 booths, fairground, ice-skating rink and sound-and-light show takes place on the Grand'Place, around the Bourse (stock exchange), Place de la Monnaie, Place Sainte-Catherine and Marché aux Poissons weekdays from noon to 10 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Trenches to Foxholes

Through Dec. 24

- **Exhibition "Regards croisés sur la Guerre 14-18" (Perspectives on World War I) in Ath** on Rue de Pintamont 18 Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends from 2 to 6 p.m.

Through Jan. 5, 2015

- **Exhibition "Tournai, August 1914. A city plunged into the war" in Tournai** at the Military History Museum at Rue Roc Sainte Nicaise 59-61. Open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m.

Through April 26, 2015

- **Expo 14-18: It's our history in Brussels** - At the Royal Army Museum at Parc du Cinquantenaire 3, daily from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:45 p.m., except Mondays. Admission: adults €12; children 6 to 18, €8. Family package is €32 (two adults and two children). You can look into day-trip specials on Belgian rail at <http://www.belgianrail.be>.



Dec. 7 continued

- **Gent Militaria in Gent/Sint-Denijs-Westrem, Belgium**, is a fair for the exchange, purchase and sale of military accoutrements, such as helmets, medals and so forth. It is held at Flanders Expo at Maaltekoeter 1. Open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: €5.

Dec. 9 to 14

- **Christmas at Castle Middachten near the town of De Steeg** is a rare treat. The castle is decorated for Christmas and opens its doors to the public. A Christmas market is held in the castle's outbuildings. Open from noon to 8 p.m. Admission: €15; children (4 to 12) €7.50.

Ongoing

Through Dec. 23

- **Christmas Market in Oberhausen, Germany**, is held in and around Europe's largest mall.

Through Dec. 24

- **Christmas Show (Kerstshow) in Schimmert** is held at Lupa Outdoors Vijvercentrum Limburg on Op de Bies 70. Visit <http://www.vijvercentrumlimburg.nl>.

Through Dec. 30

- **Magical Maastricht in Maastricht** celebrates the season with several Christmas markets centered around the theme. Sparkling with lights, the historical city center offers many attractions. Read more about it at <http://www.vvmaastricht.nl/download/magisch-m-folder2014.pdf>.

Through Jan. 5, 2015

- **Valkenburg: Christmas Town in Valkenburg** offers an unmatched festive experience. Learn more at <http://www.kerststadvalkenburg.nl/en>.

Dec. 5 to Jan. 4, 2015

- **Winter Dream in Gent, Belgium**, offers a Christmas market, ice-skating rink and many more winter activities on Sint-Pietersplein. Open Monday through Friday from 1 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. In addition to those hours, the Christmas market on and around Sint-Baafsplein is open Dec. 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Dec. 25 to 30 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dec. 6 to 28

- **Christmas in Antwerp, Belgium**, is the place to be in the month of December if you want winter fun. There is an ice-skating rink at Grote Markt as well as a Winter Village with lots of booths with gluhwein (mulled wine) and other winter delicacies and Christmas articles at Groenplaats. Open Monday through Thursday from noon to 9 p.m.; Fridays from noon to 11 p.m.; Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sundays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24 and 31 from noon to 6 p.m.; Dec. 25 from noon to 9 p.m. and Jan. 1, 2015, from 2 to 7 p.m.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE

For information on the trip below,

call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

Christmas Market Overnight: Nürnberg, Rothenburg and Cologne, Dec. 13 to 14 - Experience three of Germany's finest Christmas markets. The tour begins in Nürnberg, where more than 180 booths will tempt you with their traditional German wares, spiced gingerbread (Lebkuchen), fruit loaves, baked goods and sweets, handcrafted toys, ornaments, candles and crafts.

The next day, it's off to Rothenburg ob der Tauber to spend the day strolling through the cobblestone streets of Rothenburg's market where you experience 500 years of unchanged holiday traditions. Don't miss "snowball" pastry or a bag of roasted chestnuts.

The last stop is Cologne where you can explore the seven sprawling markets around the city center and browse through booths with locally made handicrafts, mulled wine and culinary delights.

Departs from SHAPE at 6 a.m. and from Brussels at 7 a.m. Arrives at Brussels Sunday, Dec. 14, at midnight and at SHAPE Monday, Dec. 15, at 1 a.m.

Cost: single occupancy €200 per person; double/twin occupancy €175 per person; triple occupancy €160 per person; child (newborn to 15) €110 per person when sharing a room with fully paid adult, up to two children and two adults per room.

Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trip below,

call DSN 360-7561 or civilian

0031-(0)46-4437561.

Express Shopping Trip to London, Dec. 13 - You will have at least nine hours of free time to explore one of the world's capitals.

Departs from Schinnen Dec. 13 at 3 a.m. Coach departs from London at 9:30 p.m. local time. Arrives back at Schinnen Dec. 14 at approximately 6:30 a.m. Included in tour price: round-trip coach transportation. Register with full payment at the Trips and Tours office in Schinnen. Cost: \$89 per person.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below,

call civilian 0486-565371.

Paris Lights and Moulin Rouge, Dec. 9 - Wander the streets of Paris, take a sightseeing tour or do some Christmas shopping. Take in the window displays at Galeries Lafayette or the view from the top of the Arc de Triomphe. Visit the Christmas market on the Champs-Élysées where you can pick up unique gifts.

This year, the SHAPE Travel Group has added an optional performance at the Moulin Rouge during a rare matinee.

As the group leaves Paris, the bus will drive down the Champs-Élysées so passengers can have one last look at "The City of Light."

Cost: €35 for transportation. Add-on options available: €101 for matinee with half bottle of champagne or two drinks; €148 for matinee with lunch.

Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips & Tours

- **Aachen and Monschau Christmas Markets, Dec. 20**
- **Paris in Winter: Paris Day Trip, Dec. 27**
- **New Year's Medieval Dinner in Brugge (Bruges), Dec. 31**
- **Amsterdam with optional tour of Anne Frank House, Jan. 24, 2015**
- **Day trip to Centro Shopping Center in Oberhausen, Germany, Jan. 31, 2015**
- **Croatia with Venice and Slovenia, April 6 to 15, 2015 (10 days round-trip)**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **More trips will be added soon.**

SHAPE Travel Group

- **Strasbourg Christmas Market (Christkindelmärk), Dec. 16**



- **Maasmechelen Outlet Shops & Alden Biesen Castle, Jan. 15, 2015**
- **Luxembourg City and Bernard-Massard Winery, Jan. 22, 2015**
- **Soufflenheim Pottery, France, Feb. 5, 2015**
- **London with Wicked (optional), Feb. 11, 2015**
- **Spa, Belgium, Feb. 25, 2015**
- **Netherlands: Volendam/Edam/Marken, March 5, 2015**
- **Reims, France, and Champagne Tasting, March 19, 2015**
- **Trier with Winery Tour, April 15, 2015**
- **Polish Pottery and Giethoorn, April 24, 2015**
- **Rhine In Flames, May 2, 2015**
- **Giverny, France, May 7, 2015**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Dec. 4

- **Winterfest** - For details on holiday events, see pages 8 and 9.

Dec. 12 to 13

- **Welcome, newcomers** - Brussels Army Community Service invites all service members, civilians and their families to participate in free newcomers events next week. Dec. 12: The deputy garrison manager's welcome and USAG Benelux-Brussels site brief start at 9 a.m. and are followed by a cultural acclimatization (information on local customs as well as basic French and Flemish), which ends at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 13: Metro Madness (in which newcomers learn to use public transportation) runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meet in the ACS conference room in Building 4 half an hour before start time to get settled, get a snack or get ready to leave as a group for a tour, if applicable. Register by calling DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Dec. 9

- **Ten Steps to a Federal Job** - Take this employment class from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Schinnen Army Community Service to learn the ins and outs of applying for a federal job. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.

Dec. 9 and 10

- **VA benefits adviser** - A benefits adviser will visit ACS (Building 39) on Schinnen Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon to talk about Department of Veterans Affairs benefits. To schedule an appointment, call DSN 364-3475 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263475.

Dec. 10 and 17

- **Scream-Free Marriage** - Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program offers this relationship-techniques class from 1 to 3 p.m. in the ACS Conference Room on Schinnen. Don't be concerned if you missed the Dec. 3 class because the Dec. 10 class starts with a short review. Call DSN 360-7367/7453 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437367/7453.

Dec. 12

- **ACS tour of holiday markets in Valkenburg caves** - For details on holiday events, see pages 8 and 9.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Dec. 5

- **Santa's Workshop** - For details on holiday events, see pages 8 and 9.

Dec. 8 to 9

- **Host-Nation Orientation** - Army Community Service is inviting all service members, civilian employees and their family members to learn about the SHAPE/Chièvres community and all it has to offer. During the two-day orientation, you will learn about Belgian customs and basic French. You will also go on a cultural city tour and tour a Belgian hospital as well as sample traditional Belgian cuisine and learn how to shop on the economy. The group will also learn how to use public transportation and visit the Ste. Waudru Collegiale in Mons. Meet at the ACS conference room 15 minutes earlier than the start time of 8:30 a.m. Contact ACS at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Dec. 9

- **SHAPE tree-lighting ceremony** - For details on holiday events, see pages 8 and 9.

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates — 2D movies: adults €7 and children 11 and under €4. 3D movies: adults €9 and children 11 and under €6. Check <http://www.shape2day.com/cinema.aspx> for the movie schedule.

Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English:

Only the British or American movies listed as VO (Version Originale or Originele Versie) will be in English.

Plaza Art - Rue de Nimy 12, 7000 Mons (next to the main square). Visit <http://plaza-art.be/index.cgi?p=Grille>.

ImagiBraine - Boulevard de France, 1420 Braine l'Alleud. Check the schedule and purchase your tickets at: <http://kinopolis.be/nl/bioscopen/kinopolis-imagibraine>.

Kinopolis - Boulevard du Centenaire 20, 1020 Bruxelles. Take a look at movie listings at <http://kinopolis.be/fr/cinemas/kinopolis-bruxelles>.

Movie at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Adult admission is €5 (ages 12 and older) - Child admission is €3 (ages 11 and under). Check the new web page at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146> for the movie schedule.