

THE GAZETTE

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

Command Climate Survey

If you have not provided your opinion on the USAG Benelux human relations climate, you still have the opportunity to do so today at <https://www.deocs.net/user4/login/login.cfm>. For questions, contact DSN 361-5235 or civilian 068-27-5235.

3-Star Lounge

Due to a staffing shortage, the USAG Benelux-Brussels 3-Star Lounge will close temporarily. Only certain special events to include the AFE Charlie's Angels Comedy Tour scheduled March 6 will be held at the 3-Star Lounge. For additional information, call DSN 368-9680/9753 or civilian 02-717-9680/9753.

Pin Point Cafe

The new operating hours of the USAG Benelux-Schinnen Pin Point Cafe are:
 -Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 -Wednesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 -Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Breakfast Monday through Saturday is from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and regular menu from 11 a.m. until closing.

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ATMs in Belgium

According to Banca Monte Paschi, a software system change to many ATMs in Belgium has made the machines incompatible with U.S. issued ATM cards that do have the imbedded chip. This includes the Euro ATM's on SHAPE at the bank and near the Carrefour.

What's for breakfast?



Keith Houin

Ryan Papaioannou prepares pancakes for the Scout Sunday pancake breakfast at the SHAPE chapel, Sunday, February 2, 2014. The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts fed more than 300 people a free pancake and sausage breakfast.

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Tax centers open in the Benelux area

The following tax centers are open through April 15 in Chièvres, June 13 at SHAPE and June 16 in Schinnen with the following opening hours:

- SHAPE Bldg. 318, Room 207, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **The official grand opening ceremony will be Feb. 7 at 11:30 a.m.**
- Chièvres PX Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. For an appointment at SHAPE/Chièvres call DSN 423-4906 or civilian 065-44-4906.
- Brussels Bldg. 4, Room 316. Open on Tuesday. For an appointment at Brussels, call DSN 423-4868 or civilian 065-44-4868.
- Schinnen: Bldg. 37. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Simple returns may be done on a walk-in basis. Complex returns may be dropped off with a follow-up appointment. For information or appointment call DSN 360-7688/7691 or civilian at 046-443-7688/7691.

Each tax preparer is certified by the IRS and the staff has access to extensive resources both in the IRS and legal offices throughout Europe. They are well prepared to handle your taxes and if they don't know the right answer to your question, they'll find it.



Sgt. Edward Shin, USAG Benelux-Schinnen's youngest Paralegal Non Commissioned Officer, cuts the cake during the official opening of the Tax Center at Schinnen, Monday, February 3, 2014. Last year, the staff prepared over 250 federal returns and more than 60 state returns. Those returns brought back over half a million dollars in refunds to the members of this community. Since the service is free, community members saved a total of almost \$62,000 in estimated tax preparation fees.



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Strategic Priorities

A Globally Responsive and Regionally Engaged Army

By Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell Jr.

Commanding General, U.S. Army Europe

As many of you know I've been highlighting Gen. Raymond T. Odierno's strategic priorities, and the one I want to discuss this month is one that our Team excels at. Our ability to be globally responsive and remain regionally engaged on a daily basis is the reason why the U.S. Army maintains a forward presence here in Europe.

First, let's review our globally responsive force. As we downsize, transition, and then sustain a smaller, but ready and capable Total Army, we can more efficiently provide joint and combined forces with expeditionary and enduring land power for the range of military operations. This then allows us to feature unique competencies such as operational leadership, mobility, command and control, and theater logistics at all echelons.

Maintaining a responsive force posture and effective network of installations and capabilities here in Europe serves to protect U.S. interests and those of our Allies. That's why, by 2017, our leaner and more agile force will be comprised of about 30,000 Soldiers concentrated in seven communities.

Second, as a regionally engaged Army in Europe, we build trust, develop relationships, and gain access through the rotation of conus-based forces, multinational exercises, mil-to-mil engagements, coalition training and many other opportunities. Many of these events happen at our own Joint Multinational Readiness Center (JMRC), the only combat

training center located outside of the continental United States. Here are just a few examples, by the numbers, of how USAREUR remains regionally engaged everyday:

- Over 60,000 U.S. and Allied Soldiers train at JMRC annually
- Over 20,000 Allied and partner nation personnel have participated in USAREUR led exercises since 2005
- 26 of the 49 nations contributing to the coalition forces of the International Security Assistance Force are NATO Allies from Europe
- Over 1,000 personnel from 26 countries developed counterinsurgency intelligence, analysis and operational skills with the assistance of USAREUR personnel and facilities.

In addition to those engagements, as we look towards the future, operations post-ISAF give this command the opportunity to look at staying regionally engaged in more creative ways, to include computer simulation. We are also able to use other NATO members' facilities through the great relationships and interoperability developed over the years.

I'm proud of the hard work, professionalism and commitment of our Team to remain a globally responsive and regionally engaged force.

Strong Soldiers, Strong Teams!

Emergency numbers

SHAPE/Chièvres

Any emergency - Dial 112
 Chièvres MP station
 DSN 361-5301
 civilian 068-27-5301
 SHAPE Police Desk:
 DSN 423-3333/4
 Civilian 065-44-3333/4

Brussels

Any emergency - Dial 112
 Brussels MP station:
 DSN 368-9769
 civilian 02-717-9769

Schinnen

Any emergency - Dial 112
 Schinnen MP station:
 DSN 360-7555
 civilian 046-443-7555



Did you know that . . .

Effective January 1, Sergeants and above can apply directly to AER for assistance?

After conducting a world-wide assessment in 2013, and consulting with Army leadership, Army Emergency Relief decided to implement the change.

Previous policy only allowed Sgt. 1st Class and above the direct access.

For more information, contact your nearest Army Emergency Relief Office.

Soldiers Helping Soldiers for 72 Years
www.aerhq.org

Combined Federal Campaign Overseas coin design contest

Special to the Gazette

The Combined Federal Campaign Overseas is encouraging all DoD employees and their family members to take part in the 2014 CFC-O coin design that embodies the spirit of the campaign. The chosen design will be distributed to select contributors during this year's campaign.

Submissions are due by March 15 and the criterias of the design are as follows:

- Designs should honor the generous spirit of DoD contributors and depict the theme: **Give because you care.**
- The year "2014" and the name "Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas" must appear in the design.
- The design must fit on a round coin with 1¾ inch diameter.
- The colors to use are red, white and blue as solid colors only, no gradients as they cannot be replicated accurately

with enamel fill. Any negative space without a color will be background color of the coin.

- Designs should be submitted as a .jpg or .pdf file to cfcoc@cfcoverseas.org.

By submitting a design, the artist verifies that their design is original work and gives permission for its use by the CFC-O on the coins. Additionally, the submitter consents to the reproduction of the design and its use by the CFC-O in various applications, which include, but are not limited to: campaign materials, publicity releases and electronic reproduction on the CFC-O website and social media sites. There will be no monetary remuneration for use of the winning design.



Army accidents continue downward trend

By Julie Shelley

U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

Following the Army's safest year on record, accidental fatalities fell once again during the first quarter of fiscal 2014, according to data recently released by the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center.

Overall, accidental deaths declined 21 percent from the first quarter of fiscal 2013, due largely to significant drops in private motor vehicle accidents. Historically, PMV mishaps have been the No. 1 accidental killer of Soldiers.

"We're obviously very pleased with that news," said Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Edens, director of Army Safety and commanding general, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center. "With so many extended holidays in the first quarter, there's always a chance we'll see a spike in driving fatalities. It's an encouraging sign that Soldiers are increasingly taking personal responsibility for their safety off duty."

On-duty deaths remained relatively stable with last year's figures, although Army Motor Vehicle accidents were up for the first time in several months. Three Soldiers died in HMMWVs, all while conducting home station training.

"The numbers are still pretty low, but we want to get a handle on the issues now to prevent these type accidents

from becoming a trend," Edens said. "We have more Soldiers at home station now than we have had in years, and AMVs are part of nearly every training activity. Leaders should be paying close attention to factors like speed, the environment and restraint system use every time a crew gets ready for a vehicle mission."

Command Sgt. Maj. Leeford C. Cain, USACR/Safety Center, said noncommissioned officers will continue to play a critical role in keeping their Soldiers safe, whether on or off duty.

"NCOs are our first line of defense for safety," he said. "They should be showing their Soldiers how to manage risk, first through standards enforcement on the job and then by example off duty."

With spring just around the corner, both Edens and Cain urged leaders to focus their safety programs on the season's hazards, predominantly motorcycle accidents and drowning.

"Water-related fatalities rose 225 percent during fiscal 2013," Edens said. "We have a moral and professional imperative to make sure that number goes down this year."

For more information on Army safety, visit <https://safety.army.mil>.



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Register now for Crossage

The golf-like sport of Crossage takes place March 5 starting at noon in the streets of Chièvres and surrounding villages. The city of Chièvres will be closed to all traffic and no parking will be allowed. Teams compete against each other as they try to hit the kegs with their wooden mallet and chôtelette in as few as possible hits. The entire course covers a total of 29 kegs. Cost is €32 for a wooden mallet and ball and €3 for insurance. The payment and registration deadline is Feb. 25. Call DSN 361-5433 or civilian 068-27-5433 or 0496-876938 to register.

SHAPE Business Center

Feb. 11 at 11 a.m., the SHAPE MWB will open the SHAPE Business Center in the Community Activity Center, Bldg. 307, next to the SHAPE International Library. This new service will meet your business needs to include black & white/color photocopying, printing, international shipping, faxing, scanning, CD burning and laminating. The SHAPE Business Center is open Tuesday - Friday from 1 to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and can be reached at DSN 423-4254 or civilian 065-44-4254, email at shapebusinesscentre@gmail.com.

Off-post housing update

The Department of Defense no longer sponsors the Automated Housing Referral Network. Installation Management Command Europe housing officials want to remind customers that the Off-Post Housing website at <http://www.imcom-europe.army.mil/OPH> has an accurate list of available private rental housing listings that are managed by the local housing offices. The units listed on AHRN may no longer be available or customers may be liable for paying a finder's fee. For more information about finding off-post housing, contact your local housing office.

Ration cards

The purchase of TVA-free wine, sparkling wine and Champagne in the RIS and Carrefour will not be possible without a ration card, effective immediately. Ration cards are provided by the RGN Section. All entitled sponsors (Green SHAPE ID card with number ending in "00") or their dependents are required to pick up their wine ration cards from Bldg. 210 Room 105. Operating hours are Mon-Thu from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m. and Fri from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information contact DSN 423-8350/5405 or civilian 065-44-8350/5405.

Sembach Soccer Officials Clinic

Officials classroom Instruction - Feb. 19-21 at 10 a.m. at IMCOM-E Headquarters, Sembach Kaserne, Bldg. 111, Room 153. To register for the clinic contact DSN 475-7576 or civilian 09641-837576.

Soccer Practicum Tournament - Feb. 22 at 9 a.m. at Sembach

Fitness Center, Bldg. 105. To register for the tournament contact DSN 493-2087 or civilian 0631-3406-2087.

Free entry for the first six teams. Open to ID cardholders aged 18 and over and not in high school. If possible, bring a whistle, a uniform and a set of cards on first day of clinic.

Girl Scouts Cookies Sale

The SHAPE Girl Scouts will be selling cookies from February 7 through March 7, during the week at the Silver Spoon, Carrefour and U.S. Post Office and on the weekends, at the PX and Commissary where the scouts will have their booth.

CYSS Schinnen

Rock Climbing Clinics (limited spaces) - Enrollment is open through Feb. 14 for age group 10-18. The classes will be held on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 8 p.m. from Feb. 26 through April 30 at the Rocca Indoor Facility. Participation fee is \$130. Enrollment is at CYSS Parent Central Services, JFC Brunssum, Bldg. H 602. For more information call CYSS at DSN 364-4195 or civilian 045-526-4195.

Baseball - Enrollment for 3-15 years old is open until Feb. 28 for the April 15 to June 3 season at CYSS Central Parent Services in Brunssum. For details call civilian 045-526-4195. There are limited spaces and you must be registered with CYSS and have a valid health/sports assessment at the time of enrollment. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID Card Holders.

CYSS SHAPE/Chièvres

Developmental soccer for ages 4-5 - Registration is open until March 14 for season starting mid April through June. Cost is \$20.

Developmental baseball for ages 4-5 - Registration is open through March 14 for season starting mid April through June. Cost is \$20.

Baseball for ages 6-7, 8-9, 10-12 or 13-15 - Registration is open until March 14 for season starting March through June. Cost is \$40.

Soccer for ages 6-7, 8-9 or 10-12 - Registration is open until March 14 for season starting March through June. Cost is \$40.

Softball for girls ages 10-12 - Registration is open until March 21 for season starting March through May. Cost is \$40.

Ski Week Camp@SAC "Lego Mania" - Register now for the camp to be held March 3-7 for first to sixth grade.

For more information or to register for the above classes/camp, call DSN 423-5612/5611 or civilian 065-44-5612/5611.

COLA survey

The COLA is evaluated on a regular basis. In order to determine where and at what percentage service members purchase goods and services on the local economy, they are invited to fill out the COLA survey. To do so, go to <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/lps-belgium.cfm>. The survey will be available until March 7.

Have Something for the Gazette?

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Benelux News is a compilation of translated news stories from regional media sources

11 year old child attacked by 11 dogs

Last weekend, an 11 year old girl was attacked by 11 dogs. The young girl was riding her bike with a friend with the intention to go picnicking when they were stopped by three dogs that started barking at them. One of the girls was so scared that she tried to shelter behind a fence when she was attacked by eight other dogs coming from nowhere. The girl was rescued by a young couple that was passing by and was alerted by the dogs' barking. The couple first thought it was just dogs fighting but when they noticed a little blond head among them, the man jumped out of his car, grabbed a wooden stick and pushed the dogs away from the girl. Another driver helped him bring the girl to a doctor who send them to the nearest hospital given the severity of injuries. The other girl who was accompanying the victim and who had run away to seek help is safe and sound. The victim has undergone a first surgical operation and will spend at least a week in an intensive care unit before going through several months of reeducation. Her body, with the exception of her face that she had the reflex to protect with her arms and hands, is covered with dogs' bites. The eleven dogs have been killed by the owner who apparently had already had issues with the authorities.

Plastic shopping bags

Charging shoppers 10 cents for a plastic bag and pointing out the benefits of reusing them has a significant impact on customer behavior, the Dutch retail council said on Tuesday. "The combination of a financial contribution and clear communication about the impact of plastic bags on the environment has led to shops handing out fewer bags," the council said. The trials encouraging people to take their own bags shopping led to a reduction in plastic bag usage of up to 77%. High street stores Blokker, Hema and Kruidvat took part in the experiment.

Belgian beer is rated best beer of the world

Ten Belgian beers are in the 2013 top 100 of the best beers in the world. The ranking was established by the American Web site Ratebeer. Among the top 100 are Belgian beers that already competed in past years' ranking such as the Westvleteren 8 and 12, the Rochefort 10 and the St Bernardus 12. This year, the Westvleteren 12 won first step of the podium. Belgium is also the only country to place so many beers in the top 100.

American ICF International buys Belgian Mostra

The American ICF International, a leading provider of consulting services and technology solutions to government and commercial clients, has bought Belgian Mostra for an undisclosed amount. The company offers end-to-end, multi-channel communications solutions to assist government and commercial clients. ICF already has consulting contracts with the EU and Mostra's clients include most of the 33 EU Commission's Directorate Generals, the

European Parliament and the Council of the EU - Mostra for instance hosts and maintains the EU's huge Europa.eu internet site.

Dutch security service collected info

The Dutch security service was responsible for collecting information from about 1.8 million telephone calls and text messages at the end of 2012 and in early 2013. Domestic affairs minister Ronald Plasterk mentioned in October the Americans were behind the tapping, after the revelations were first published in German magazine Spiegel. However, in a two paragraph briefing Plasterk and defense minister Jeanine Hennis recently said the information had been gathered by the Netherlands itself. The information was collected in the interest of counter-terrorism activities and military operations abroad, the briefing stated. The information was then shared with the U.S. The revelations are painful for Plasterk because of his October statement as he did not know at the time it was his own information. Parliamentarian Gerard Schouw said he wants to know why it is necessary to collect information about 1.8 million phone calls. "How many terrorists does the minister think are walking around the Netherlands?" he commented. "This is out of all proportion." he added. A spokesman for Plasterk told the data traffic which had been monitored was not phone calls or text messages between Dutch mobile phones, as had been implied last year. Instead the information was gathered from satellite and radio-based phone calls, messages and e-mails, the paper says.

Ford Genk

According to the labor union FNV Allies, nearly 3,000 people will soon start working in the Dutch car manufacturing plant NedCar in the Dutch city Born. The news brings hope to the Ford Genk employees, who will be out of work at the end of 2014 when the Genk factory closes. Borns is less than 40 kilometers from Genk. The NedCar factory is in Dutch Limburg and has been owned since 2012 by the industrial group VDL, which will start producing Mini's there for BMW.

Freddy Heineken may not have been a Heineken

A new biography of the founder of the Heineken beer empire, Gerard Heineken, states his grandson Freddie was not a blood relation. Biographer Annejet van der Zijl claims Freddy, who turned Heineken into a global brand and died in 2002, was actually the grandson of family friend Julius Petersen, who was his grandmother's lover for years. Freddy's grandmother Mary Tindal married Petersen, a prominent figure on the social circuit and close friend of the Heinekens after Gerard's death in 1893. Drive Van der Zijl says Freddy was well aware of his ancestry and this gave him the drive to roll out the Heineken brand world wide.



This column includes events within close distance to Chièvres, SHAPE, Brussels

7-9 February

- **Batimons** - Fair to get information on building, renovating, decorating at the Lotto-Expo on Avenue Abel Dubois in Mons from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. all three days. Entrance fee is €4 (free if registered via website <http://batimons.be>).
- **Antiques market in Kain (Tournai) (150 booths)** - At Rue du Follet 2b from 2 to 7 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

7-10 February

- **The Affordable Art Fair in Brussels** held at Tour &



Taxis, Halenlaan 86C has affordable art in a large variety. Open Feb. 7 from noon to 10 p.m., Feb. 8-9 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Feb. 10 from noon to 6 p.m. Entry is €13; children 15 and under - free entrance. More information at <http://affordableartfair.com/brussels>.

8 February - 11 January

- **SAX200 in Brussels** - 2014 is the 200th anniversary of Adolphe Sax's birth, best known for inventing the saxophone. The Musical Instruments Museum celebrates with an exceptional exhibition Sax200. Besides telling you everything about the saxophone, the exhibition also covers his other inventions such as saxhorns, saxotrombas and even medical instruments. More information on <http://www.mim.be/sax200-exhibition>.



8 February

- **Volksmarch in Châtelaineau** for 4, 7,12 and 20 km. Departure is on Rue Chif 42 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

9 February

- **Volksmarch in Feluy** for 4, 6,12 and 18 km. Departure is on Rue de Familleureux from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



This column includes events within close distance to Brunssum and Schinnen.

February 6-9

- **Book Festival in Maastricht** - If you like books or crafts, visit the festival at the MECC, Forum 100 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. No entrance fee.

February 7-12

- **Boot Holland in Leeuwarden** is a fair for water sports enthusiasts held at WTC Expo on Heliconweg 52. This attractive fair opens the water sports season in the Netherlands and has many boats, ships on display as well as all kind of accessories, navigation apparatus, clothes etc. For more information go to <http://www.boot-holland.nl>.



February 8

- **Volksmarch in Mheer** for 18 km. Departure is on Burgemeester Beckersweg 5 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Volksmarch in Wijk en Aalburg** for 2.5, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 km. Departure is on Maasdijk 113-115 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the 2.5 and 5 km routes, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 10 km route, from 9 a.m. to noon for the 15 km route and from 9 to 11 a.m. for the 20 and 25 km routes.

February 8-9

- **The Historic Year Market in Bochum (GE) (also on Feb. 15-16)** held at Jahrhunderthalle is Europe's largest indoor year market and open only on Saturday and Sunday. It is a trip back in time with all kinds of nostalgic rides, attractions, food and more. Open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry is €12.50 (includes rides and attractions all day); children €9.50. Children smaller than 80 cm have free entrance.





9 February continued

- **Volksmarch in Meslin-L'Evêque** for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km. Departure is on Rue Centrale 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Soignies** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on Rue H. Leroy from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Through 9 February

- **Brussels Ice Magic** - Following a successful stop in Paris, the International Festival of Ice Sculptures 'Ice Magic' will be visiting Brussels for the first time, in the Place des Palais. Open every day from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and until 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For more information and to book tickets online, go to http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/minisite-brusselsicemagic/content/21811/brussels-ice-magic.do.
- **Brussels Skyliner** - An 85 meter high steel tower will be installed in Brussels. It will give you a full panorama of Brussels, stretching as far as 12 km in every direction with a trip lasting five, seven or nine minutes. The price is €8 for adults, €5 for children and €24 for a family pack (two adults and two children). More information on http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/culture/67510/brussels-skyliner.do.

Through 10 February

- **Annual Vacation Fair in Brussels** - at Brussels Expo, Belgiëplein 1. This year Peru is hosting the fair with the themes: golf, diving, walking and biking. The fair spreads over 4 halls with in hall 4 - France; hall 5 - Europe and the Mediterranean; hall 6 - Benelux and hall 7 - faraway places. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €8.

Through 2 March

- **Will Eisner, from the spirit to the graphic novel** - Retrospective of American artist Will Eisner (1917-2005), the creator of "The Spirit" (1940). More information on <http://www.comicscenter.net/en/exhibitions/the-great-temporary-exhibitions/will-eisner-from-the-spirit-to-the-graphic-novel>.

Through 9 March

- **The Gille going topsy-turvy in Binche** at the International Carnival and Mask Museum on Rue du Saint Moustier 10. The exhibition presents the history of the Gille; it shows the Gille today, in Binche but also elsewhere. The exhibition presents objects of art which give the Gille the status of an icon. More information on <http://www.museedumasque.be/en/page.php?pageId=577>.

Mark your calendar

February 22

- **In the Footsteps of the 82nd Airborne Division** - The historical march follows the steps of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment from Bra through Trou-de-Bra, Derrière le-Thiers, Les Villettes, Pont-de-Villette, Floret and back. Hot soup will be served in Les Villettes and gluhwein at the end. Certificate are presented to participants. Departure from Bra at 9 a.m. Registration fee is €6.



February 8-9 continued

- **Jewelry Fair in Arnhem** with all kinds of jewelry, beads and workshops held at Eusebiuskerk on Kerkplein 1. Open Feb. 8 from noon to 5:30 p.m. and Feb. 9 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Entry is €5; children 11 and younger get free entrance.

February 9

- **Volksmarch in Tilburg** for 5, 13, 23, 40 km. Departure is on Vijverlaan 2 at 9 a.m. for the 40 km route and from 9:15 to 11 a.m. on the other routes.

- **Hobby and computer fair, Disc and CD fair and photo fair in Antwerp** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Antwerp Expo on Jan Van Rijswijcklaan 191. Entrance fee is €6 and children under 12 get free entrance. The fee gives access to the three fairs.



- **Antiques & curiosa market in The Hague (Kijkduin)** at Op de Boulevard, Passage and Het Plein from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **Verwenbeurs (Indulge Fair) in Malden** - Enjoy a day out at Cultureel Center Maldensteijn on Kerkplein 8. The fair has a beauty square, a yum-yum square, workshops, fashion shows and more. Entry is free and the fair is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Mark your calendar

Register now for the Kennedy Mars held April 19 in Sittard. To register go to <http://kennedymars.org>. In a 1963 speech, John F. Kennedy said as a result of the modern affluent society, "nobody can walk 50 miles within 20 hours anymore". After this statement, many people all over the world walked 50 miles/80 km to prove he was wrong. In Sittard, the Kennedy Mars has become an annual event.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

For information on the trips below,
call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-44-3884

- **Paris, February 15** - The day is yours to explore the many museums, shops, restaurants and parks. Price is €53. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m., departs Brussels and 6 a.m. Returns to SHAPE at 11:30 p.m., returns to Brussels at 00:30 a.m.



Notre Dame Cathedral

Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trips below
call DSN 360-7561 or civilian
0031-(0)46-4437561

- **Paris, March 15** - For details on this trip, please contact the Schinnen Trips and Tours.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trips below
call civilian 0486/56.53.71

- **London, February 13** - Trip includes transportation to and from London. Registration for the optional matinee has closed. Arrival is around 10:30 a.m. and you will have all day to visit Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, take a boat tour on the Thames, go to the Tower of London, take a ride on the London Eye, tour the newly refurbished Tate Museum or shop in the world famous Harrods. Price is €45.



Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips & Tours

- **Vietnam, February 28 to March 9**
- **London, March 1**
- **Disneyland Paris, March 3**
- **Amsterdam with canal tour, March 15**
- **Dover Castle and Canterbury, March 22**
- **Maastricht, March 29**
- **Benidorm, Spain, April 5-15 (Deposit is due by February 10)**
- **Keukenhof and Gouda, April 18**
- **Hans caves and safari park, April 19**
- **King's Day Amsterdam, April 26**
- **Rhine in Flames, May 3**
- **Champagne, May 10**
- **Paris, May 17**
- **Polish pottery, May 29 - June 1**
- **London, June 6**
- **Stonehenge with Salisbury, June 28**
- **7 Night Mediterranean Cruise, July 4-11 (Deposit is due by February 28)**
- **London, August 15-17**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Trout fishing, March 29**
- **Trip to Malgrat De Mar, Spain, April 18-27**

SHAPE Travel Group

- **Breendonk Memorial, February 20**
- **Creativa Craft Fair, Brussels, March 14**
- **Polish Pottery Outlet & Utrecht, March 21**
- **Nivelles & St. Feuillien, March 25**
- **Champagne in Epernay, April 24**
- **Keukenhof & The Hague, April 29**
- **Strasbourg, May 8**
- **Versailles Palace & Gardens, May 22**
- **Tongeren & the antiques market, June 1**
- **Fontainebleau Palace, June 5**
- **A day in Paris, June 19**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

7 February

- **Parent education Workshop "Easy to Love, Difficult to Discipline"** - Held from noon to 1 p.m. at the CYSS Youth Center, Bldg. H-602 at JFC Brunssum. Learn seven skills of discipline to help build a more connected family. Learn how to understand your child's behavior and quick tips to get your child to do what you want. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders. For more information, call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian (0)45-526-3121/2023.

11 February (and 18 February)

- **Scream free Parenting** - From 1 to 4 p.m. at A&FRC on NATO Airbase Geilenkirchen, Germany. This three-part workshop provides effective parenting tools and guidance on parenting techniques to improve your relationship with your child. For more information call DSN 458-6015 or civilian (0)2451-633791.
- **Checkbook & ATM Management** - From 11 a.m. to noon at ACS. Learn the importance of having a bank account. We will examine the different types of financial institutions and bank accounts and the ways to access your account through ATMs and Debit Cards. For more information or to register, contact ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian (0)46-443-7450/7500.

14 February

- **5k Sweetheart Fun Run/Walk** - Show time is at 7:30 a.m. and run starts at 7:45 a.m. outside the Schinnen Fitness Center. Water and fruit is available and entry is free of charge. For more information call DSN 360/7561 or civilian 046-443-7561.
- **"A Taste of Soul"** - Event is hosted by the Geilenkirchen African American Heritage Committee in celebration of African American Heritage from noon to 2 p.m. at the GK NATO Multi-Purpose Room, Bldg. 298. Free lunch (Soulful Southern Cuisine), live entertainment, historical commentaries and a special guest speaker. Open to all U.S. & NATO ID card holders.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

7 February

- **MWR Bingo** - As of 7 p.m. at the SHAPE Club, Pathfinder room. For more information, call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-27-5643.

8 February

- **Valentine's Day** - From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., create jewels, key rings, heart puzzles, buy presents for those who are dear to your heart at the SHAPE Events Center.

11 February

- **Grand Opening of the SHAPE Business Center by SHAPE MWB** - Event will be at 10 a.m. in the Community Activity Center, Bldg. 307, next to the SHAPE International Library. (See Community Briefs section for additional information on this new service).

11, 18, 25 February

- **Great Dates Connect** - If you are looking for a fun and meaningful way to connect with your spouse or partner, join for a series of four Great Dates from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Daumerie Chapel. Date one includes a free Italian dinner and date four includes a free salsa dancing lesson. Registration is required at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-32-6824.
- **Successful toilet training** - Learn some tips and strategies for successfully potty training your toddler from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the New Parent Support Program Play Room, Bldg. 318, SHAPE. For more information, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-32-6824.

13 February

- **Kids' Book Club** - Meets at 4:30 p.m. at the SHAPE International Library for children in elementary school (second to sixth grade). The group will discuss *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. Registration is not required and there is no fee for this program. For more information or to reserve a copy of the book, call DSN 423-5631, civilian 065-44-5631 or email mwr.shape.library.info@us.army.mil.
- **Surprise your Valentine** - Come to the Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg. 307, SHAPE from 10 a.m. to noon and meet Pina, flower arrangement instructor for a special gift to your Valentine. Price is €25 material included.
- **Healthy Heart Day** - From 9 a.m. to noon at the SHAPE Health Facility, get your heart checked and get various information related to heart related issues.
- **Dress for Success Workshop** - Learn how to make the right first impression from 9 a.m. to noon at the digital training facility, Bldg. 20104, Chièvres Air Base. Registration is required at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-32-6824.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

7 February

- **Women Self Defense Seminar** - From 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the USAG Benelux-Brussels Fitness Center. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-717-9667.
- **School age Sweetheart Dance** - Enjoy food, music and entertainment from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the School Age Center, Sterrebeek Annex. Book today at USAG Benelux-Brussels CYSS at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651.

12 February

- **Veteran's Administration (VA) Benefits Briefing** - Held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the ACS classroom, Bldg. 4 second floor. The briefing highlights all benefits, discusses eligibility requirements and provides actionable steps to applying for the specific benefit. For more information or to sign up, call DSN 366-6296 or civilian 065-32-6293.

15 February (Registrations are due by noon on Feb. 12 at the latest)

- **Chocolate Workshop** - Held at 2:20 p.m. at Zaaäär Chocolates, Chaussée de Charleroi 125 at 1060 Brussels. The workshop will begin with a short demonstration by an experienced chocolatier, followed by an opportunity to create your own chocolate bars and truffles. Cost is €25 for members and €30 for non-members. To register, email at info@americanclubbrussels.org.

23 February (Registrations are due by noon on Feb. 19 at the latest)

- **Het Anker brewery tour** - Join the American Club of Brussels for a tour of one of the oldest breweries in Belgium. The visit begins at 10 a.m. at the brewery on Guido Gezellelaan 49 in 2800 Mechelen with a one and half hour tour of the brewery combined with a tasting. The tour is followed by a three course lunch in the brasserie. Price is €35 for member, €13 for kids of members and €45 for non-members adults and €20 for non-members kids. To register, call civilian 02-2195808 or email info@americanclubbrussels.org.

Movie schedule at the SHAPE Cinema

Rates: 2D movies are €7 for adults and €4 for 11 years and under; 3D movies are €9 for adults and €6 for 11 years and under. Movies are subject to change. Check <http://www.shape2day.com/cinema.aspx> for updates.

Feb. 7	4 p.m.	Saving Mr. Banks	PG-13	125 min
	6:45 p.m.	47 Ronin	PG-13	127 min
	9:30 p.m.	Grudge Match	PG-13	113 min
Feb. 8	4 p.m.	The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug 2D	PG	160 min
	7:30 p.m.	Labor Day	PG-13	118 min
	9:45 p.m.	American Hustle	R	138 min
Feb. 9	3 p.m.	Walking with Dinosaurs 3D	PG	120 min
	5:45 p.m.	47 Ronin	PG-13	127 min
Feb. 12	4 p.m.	The Legend of Hercules 2D	PG-13	130 min
	7 p.m.	47 Ronin	PG-13	127 min

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). Check the schedule at: <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. Check the schedule at <http://kinopolis.be/fr/cinemas/kinopolis-bruxelles>.

Movie schedule at the JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Adult admission is €5 (ages 12 and older) - Child admission is €3 (ages 11 and under). Check <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/brunssum/htm> for updates.

Feb. 7	7 p.m.	Ride Along	PG-13	99 min
Feb. 8	4 p.m.	The Nut Job	PG	85 min
	7 p.m.	Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit	PG-13	105 min
	9:45 p.m.	The Monument's Men	PG-13	126 min
Feb. 9	3 p.m.	Walking with Dinosaurs 3D	PG	120 min
	5:45 p.m.	47 Ronin	PG-13	127 min