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Call for bloggers

The USAG Benelux is looking for bloggers for an upcoming historical program. For more information email usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil with 'interested in blogging' as the subject line.

Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive March 7 from 2:15 to 4:15 at Hangar #4 on Chièvres Air Base.

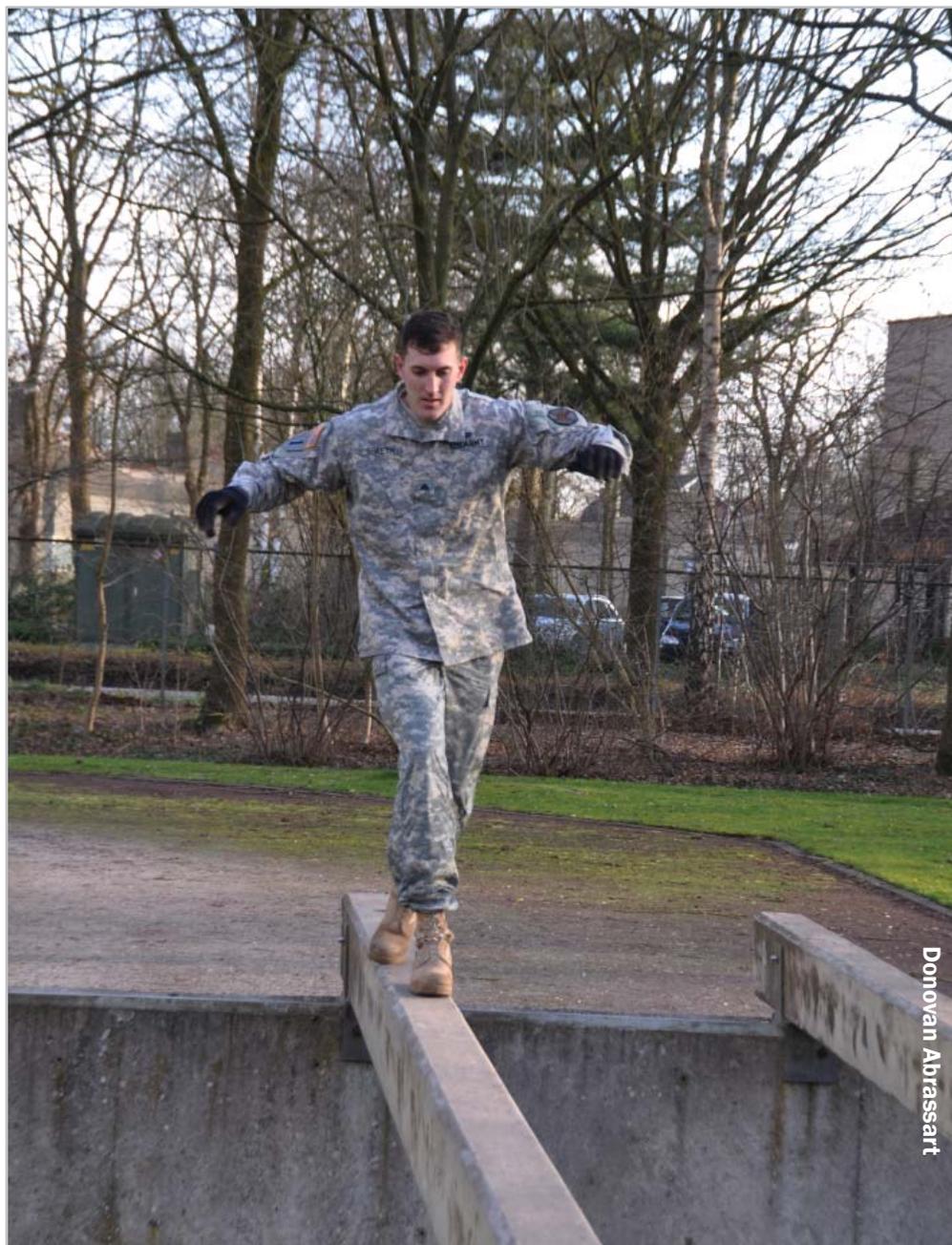
Hosting U.S. citizens

Family members of the B-17 Royal Flush crew are coming to Belgium for the 70th anniversary of the crash that occurred in a field in Silly April 13, 1944. Some of the 20 relatives are staying with Belgian families but members of the SHAPE/Chièvres community who are interested in hosting some of them can do so too. If you live in Silly or neighborhood and are willing to host one or several U.S. family members April 11-14, contact the USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office at DSN 361-5694 or civilian 068-27-5694.

Schinnen Pin Point Café

The new operating hours are:
 Mon-Tue from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Wed-Sat from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Sun from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Regular menu is every day from 11 a.m. until closing.
 Breakfast is served Mon-Sat from 9 to 11 a.m.

Soldiers compete to be the best



Donovan Abrassart

Sgt. Eric D. Spaeth runs over the beams at the obstacle course during the first USAG Benelux Best Warrior Competition. The competition was held at the Dutch NCO Academy in Weert, the Netherlands, March 3 and 4, 2014.

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Shouting Chôôôlette in the streets of Chièvres



Over 140 Americans from the SHAPE/ Chièvres community joined the local population in the traditional crossage game in Chièvres, Wednesday, March 5, 2014. Crossage is a game that is played in the streets on Ash Wednesdays only. For more than 500 years, residents of the city of Chièvres have played this game similar to croquet. Players use a mallet called "rabort" to hit a ball called "chôlette" toward a Belgian beer keg that serves as target (picture 5). Every time a player is ready to hit the ball, (picture 1 and 2) he shouts "chôlette" to let his surrounding know to pay attention. (Picture 3) Lisa Shattuck, Information security specialist at the USAG Benelux Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, is ready to hit the chôlette with her decorated rabort (picture 4) while other USAG Benelux personnel members look on. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook)

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Garrison and community celebrate Carnival



One of the most important local events in the Dutch Provinces of Limburg and Noord-Brabant is Carnival. For three days people will disguise themselves, go out and be very merry. Carnival is an intense celebration which ends on Ash Wednesday when Lent starts and everything is back to normal again for another year. Many clubs, associations and schools have their own prince and Carnival fest of USAG Benelux-Schinnen is no exception. By tradition these fests are ruled over by a prince and princess and visited by local authorities and Carnival associations. Schinnen's fest was held Friday, Feb. 28, in the Pin Point Café and Bowling Center at USAG Benelux-Schinnen and started at 2 p.m. with the proclamation of the prince and princess Carnival for 2014. (Top left) Dutch Prince Danny Janssen and American Princess Leslie Rainey receive the key of the base from Josh Cansler herewith giving them the "authority" for the duration of the party. (Left) Because the base is such a team player in these festivities each year, the Schinnen Carnival Association decided to come to the base in their royal float and invited the Schinnen Royal Couple to join them in a parade around the base. (U.S. Army photos by Rita Hoefnagels).



Read Across America

Col. Marvin Vannatter, USAG Benelux commander, reads to a sixth grade class at the SHAPE Elementary School February 28, 2014 for Read Across America. Community leaders, parents and other members of the community spent time in the classrooms reading to the students, discussing the book and even playing games based on what was read.

Strategic Priorities – A Ready and Modern Army

By Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell, Jr.
Commanding General U.S. Army Europe

Hello USAREUR Team,
 This month, as I continue to highlight the Chief of Staff of the Army’s strategic priorities, I want to focus on the readiness and modernization of our Army and how U.S. Army Europe supports both.

Right now the Army and USAREUR are in a time of transformation as we seek to reach our authorized end strength to meet the needs of the nation. As we transform, we must ensure that our actions enable us to build readiness and continue modernization for the future.

Here in USAREUR we have an exceptional opportunity to meet the CSA’s challenge of conducting tough, realistic, multi-echelon home station training utilizing our live, virtual and constructive capabilities to efficiently and effectively assure individual, leader and unit competencies.

Along with the forward presence of our maneuver and logistical support forces and our day-to-day relationships with allied and partner nations, our robust exercise program and use of the outstanding capabilities provided by the Joint Multinational Training Command, enables us to conduct realistic and innovative training and exercises. These events challenge us to improve our combined arms maneuver and wide area security capabilities, which play a key role in our readiness.

USAREUR is also well suited to make the best use of

current and emerging technologies. Our brigade combat teams are fully modernized and are incorporating the latest force structure changes such as the activation of engineer elements in the 2d Cavalry Regiment and 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. Enablers such as the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, 5th Signal Command, 66th Military Intelligence Brigade, and others, continually evolve to provide us the capabilities to maintain the strategic access we need. Additionally, the return of the M1A2 (SEP) Abrams Main Battle Tank and the M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle to USAREUR as part of the European Activity Set (EAS) along with other modernization efforts in our formations continue to provide state of the art, interoperable combat power in support of both assigned and rotational units.

Our ability to structure training events that include our joint and multinational partners provides an excellent opportunity for us to be both responsive to multiple combatant command requirements, while being adaptive to the wide range of contingencies posed by an increasingly complex security environment.

The USAREUR Team is ready, today and always, to face the challenges of an increasingly complex world. I am confident that we are not only meeting the CSA’s challenges, but leading the way with our agile, ready and modern force.

Strong Soldiers, Strong Teams.

In the spotlight

Glenn Quanbeck

Job

Chief, Regional Contracting Office, Brussels

Hobby

Glenn loves aviation and has been a pilot with the Air Force and a private pilot since 1987 but "I have always dreamed of flying for hours in one of its purest forms - no motor, just an air-filled wing overhead and many nylon lines connecting my harness/seat to the sturdy aerodynamic nylon fabric wing above." He originally became interested in paragliding while stationed at Aviano, Italy near the Dolomiti mountains. On the weekends, there were paragliders launching from a nearby Piancavallo mountain not far from where the Aviano F-16s share the airspace. Upon moving to SHAPE in 2008 and then to Brussels in 2011, he discovered a local Belgian paragliding school and enrolled in training. Since, he has flown in the Vosges mountains in south eastern France and most recently in Morocco. Glenn said he has come to realize that if you are interested in pursuing a goal, it's best to not assume that your goal activity is not an option where you are stationed. "Get out, research your interests on-line or by talking to others, and aim high towards getting out and involved by signing up for the activity."

Do you or someone you know have an interesting hobby? Let us know at usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil.





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Benelux Warrior Competition I Continued

The first USAG Benelux Best Warrior Competition took place March 3-4, 2014, in the Royal Dutch Military Academy in Weert, the Netherlands. There were four competitors, two in the NCO category, Sgt. Eric D. Spaeth and Sgt. Jacob A. Kasarda, and two in the Soldier category, Spc. Tyler S. Quota and Spc. Eduardo Jacome. Spaeth and Jacome were the winners and will continue on to the IMCOM-E Best Warrior Competition in April. All competitors were tested on a multitude of tasks including the Army Physical Fitness Test, Weapons Qualifications, a written essay and exam, SHARP and counseling tasks, searching a suspect, disassembling and assembling weapons, tactical combat casualty care, land navigation, reacting to CBRN hazards and interacting with the media. Additionally, the competitors went through an obstacle course and completed a 12 mile foot march. The BWC was planned, coordinated, and ran by Staff Sgt. Jessica Schramm and Sgt. Teneyck at the Dutch NCO Academy in Weert, the Netherlands.

(Picture 1) Capt. Scott N. Beckett, Headquarters and Headquarters Company's Commander and Sgt. Bryan R. Teneyck encourage Spc. Tyler S. Quota as he completes his push ups during the obstacle course. (Picture 2) Sgt. Eric D. Spaeth applies a tourniquet to a mannequin's leg.

(Picture 3) Spc. Eduardo Jacome climbs a wall with rope assist during the obstacle course.

(Picture 4) Spc. Eduardo Jacome is climbing bars during the obstacle course.

(Picture 5) Sgt. Jacob A. Kasarda flips a truck tire down during the obstacle course.

(Picture 6) Sgt. Jacob A. Kasarda is searching a subject role played by Spc. Cody Johnson.

(U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook and Donovan Abrassart.)



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Running a Home Business in Belgium

Special to the Gazette

In a military community, it is not uncommon for our spouses and family members to run or desire to run a small business from their home, for example, a home cleaning service or selling items on eBay for others. If you or your spouse is thinking of starting a home business here in Belgium there is some very important information that you need to be aware of. As anyone who has watched AFN for any length of time we have all heard about the status of forces agreement or SOFA. Those agreements cover Americans working for the government or government affiliates such as AAFES, who are overseas. The SOFA tells us what we can and can't do in a foreign country.

Unlike Germany, there is no bi-lateral SOFA or supplemental agreement between the U.S. and Belgium. The applicable agreement used is the 1951 NATO SOFA. Article II of the NATO SOFA requires U.S. personnel to respect host nation laws. Article X, paragraph 2 of the NATO SOFA provides that any profitable enterprise will be subject to taxation in the receiving state. Article XI, paragraph 7 of the NATO SOFA establishes that no customs exemption will be granted for a commercial activity.

What all of that means to us is under Belgian law, U.S. personnel cannot have both NATO SOFA status and be engaged in a commercial activity. U.S. dependents engaging in a commercial activity lose their NATO SOFA status and are immediately treated as an ordinary resident in Belgium. Please note that you will still retain most of your privileges as they come from your sponsor. This distinction between having NATO SOFA status or being considered an ordinary Belgian resident applies regardless of the type of commercial activity you are involved in (i.e., self-employment or employment with an off-post non government affiliated company) or where the business takes place (in US owned/leased housing or in privately leased housing or building).

When considered as an ordinary resident in Belgium:

1. This subjects the home run business or employment wages to all tax, visa and work permit requirements under Belgian law. You will also lose your Belgian Protocol ID card, and you will have to apply for a Resident Belgian ID card at the city hall of your local City (Commune).

2. You are not eligible to take a job with the U.S. Forces in Belgium. (i.e. AAFES, Commissary, or USAG Benelux).

If you or your spouse are thinking of starting a home business here in Belgium be sure and review the costs and benefits of running that business before starting it. Research the answers to the questions you have using the references below for specific questions and concerns.

References and useful links:

- a. American Chamber of Commerce in Belgium: www.amcham.be. This organization assists people starting a business activity in Belgium.
- b. Belgian VAT and Customs offices are located on SHAPE, Belgium: building 210.
- c. Visa, work permit issues: the Northern Law Center host nation attorney can provide basic information concerning visa and work permit issues.
- d. For forms and other information on working in Belgium, contact the Belgian Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Office at www.diplobel.be. Click on travel for forms and other useful documents.



Did you know that . . .

Army Emergency Relief has reciprocal agreements with the other Service Aid Societies? AER assistance is available at any of the 82 AER sections located on Army installations around the world. However, if you find yourself in a situation where you are not near an Army installation, AER has agreements with the Air Force Aid Society, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance. All can...and have processed AER assistance requests. Additionally, if you are not near any military installation, AER also has an agreement with the American Red Cross. Just call their 24 hour call center at 877-272-7337 and they can process your request

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U.S. town hall and info fair on SHAPE

The next U.S. town hall and information fair will be held March 18 at the SHAPE events center from 3 to 6 p.m. The townhall will start at 4 p.m. with information booths and family fun from 3 to 4 p.m. and from 5 to 6 p.m. Event is open to all U.S. service members, civilians and dependents. To apply for a booth, call the USNMR at DSN 423-4032 or civilian 065-44-4032. Applications must be submitted by March 4.

AFCU \$1,500 scholarship

Andrews Federal Credit Union is now accepting applications for one of the eight \$1,500 non-renewable scholarships for higher education and books. Any AFCU member or member's dependent pursuing a degree from an accredited college or university is eligible. Application forms are available online and in branches through April 25. All applicants have to be members or members' dependents with an Andrews Federal account in good standing as of Feb. 1. (If student is a member's dependent, the student does not have to have an account; parent/guardian must be the account-holder). Scholarship applications must be received no later than April 25 at Andrews Federal Credit Union, 5711 Allentown Road, Suitland, Md. 20746 by 4 p.m. via mail, 5 p.m. via branch-delivery or 11:59 p.m. via email. The 2014 scholarship application form is available at any branch or online at <http://www.andrewsfcu.org/scholarship2014>. Judges will not know the identities of applicants during the selection process.

CYSS SHAPE/Chièvres

Developmental soccer/baseball for ages 4-5 - Registration is open until March 14 for the season starting mid April and running 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 and running 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 and running through June. Cost is \$40.

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

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

Single European Payment Area

Effective immediately, all electronic payments across the Euro area should conform to the new SEPA standard. Community Bank customers can make SEPA payments online, by using Community Bank's Online Euro Bill Pay, and in the Schinnen Banking Center. As the European Commission has recently extended the SEPA transition deadline until August 1, Community Bank will continue until further notice to accept payments in the old, pre-SEPA format. However, it is recommended that customers switch to the new SEPA standard and start using the International Bank Account

Number (IBAN) and the Bank Identifier Code (BIC) for their payments as soon as possible.

SHAPE Arts & Crafts Center

Birthday parties - Book your birthday party at the Arts & Crafts Center, also available on Saturday. There are a variety of crafts for children of all ages such as bisque painting and name signs. You bring the food and they provide the fun. To book your party, stop by the Arts & Crafts Center on SHAPE, Bldg. 307, e-mail artsandcraftsshape@gmail.com or call DSN 423-6049 or civilian 065-44-6049.

Engraving - In the shop you can also find a variety of plaques, coins, badges with NATO symbol and a lot of other gifts that can bring joy to your colleagues, friends or families.

Swarovski Crystal Jewelry Making - The instructor will teach you how to create jewelry based on your personal taste.

Patchwork - Come and meet the instructor at Art & Crafts Center, Patchwork Studio, Bldg. 307, SHAPE Library. All courses are held in SHAPE.

For more information on the above, stop by the Arts & Crafts Center on SHAPE, Bldg. 307, e-mail artsandcraftsshape@gmail.com or call DSN 423-6049 or civilian 065-44-6049.

New AAFES hours in Schinnen

New AAFES hours of operation are as follows:

Express (Shoppette):

Mon from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tues-Fri from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sat from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sun from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Main Store:

Mon closed;

Tues-Sat from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

2014 CFC-O coin design contest

Submission deadline is March 15. Participants will create a 2014 CFC-O coin design that embodies the spirit of the campaign. The chosen design will be distributed to select contributors during the 2014 CFC-O this fall. For more information go to <http://cfccoverseas.org/>.

Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness Program

The Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness program (CSF2) launched a new social media platform, ArmyFit, for Soldiers, Army families and Army civilians to use in building their resilience and enhancing their performance. This online, self-development platform offers members of the total Army an opportunity to access tools and resources that will help them improve their physical and psychological strength in the areas of social, emotional, spiritual, family and physical fitness. For information go to <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/docs/DOC-131521>.

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

Greenpeace members protest against nuclear plant in Tihange

Over 40 Greenpeace members put up banners at the nuclear plant in Tihange, Belgium. Similar actions took place in other countries. Greenpeace wants to raise people's awareness about the risks of the aging nuclear plants in Europe. The organization reminds that in Belgium, three reactors were originally built for a 30 years activity. However they have been active for 39 years now, and it is the case of Tihange 1. According to the organization, the older the plant gets, the higher the risks are. It also said that extending the lifetime of those reactors will expose people more and more and that the consequences would be tremendous in case of a nuclear incident. For the green organization, the goal of these extensions is to increase the profit of the plant operators at the expense of the development of renewable energies.

Delft up in university reputation ranking

Delft University of Technology has climbed into the top 50 of the Times Educational university world reputation ranking. The ranking is based on the 'subjective judgement' of 10,500 academics from 133 countries worldwide and is a spin off from the organization's world university rankings. Delft, now 42nd place, is one of four Dutch universities in the top 100, which is led by Harvard, MIT and Stanford. In 2013, there were five Dutch institutions in the top 100, but Wageningen has since dropped out. Amsterdam is the second rated Dutch university, remaining in the 71-80 band. Leiden has dropped from the 61-70 band to 81-90. Utrecht has also dropped from the 71-80 band to 81-90. Seven of the 13 Dutch universities feature in the last edition of the Times world university ranking, which was published in October last year. Leiden was the top-rated Dutch university in 67th place and Delft was second, in 69th place.

Belgian soccer team prepares for Brazil

The "Red Devils", the Belgian national soccer team was playing Ivory Coast yesterday in a test match in preparation of the World Cup to be held in Brazil this summer. They were leading 2-0 after 50 minutes but finally were caught up in the very last minutes of the game. However, Marc Wilmots, the Belgian coach was satisfied with the overall results though the Belgians let the Ivory Coast score two avoidable goals. "It is part of the experience they need to build up before going to Brazil and that it is the purpose of those test matches," he said.

Dutch government sets new minimum prostitution age of 21

The clients of prostitutes who are found to be under the age of 21 risk a year in jail or a €20,000 fine, if draft leg-

islation sent to parliament by justice minister Ivo Opstelten becomes law. It is up to clients themselves to make sure the prostitute is over the age of 21. Opstelten is quoted as saying. 'I am leaving it to the prostitute and the customer to find a practical solution for this,' he said. 'For example, the prostitute could show the client her passport in such a way that only her photograph and date of birth is visible.' The new proposal replaces Opstelten's earlier plans to introduce an official prostitution register, which was rejected by the senate last year. Introducing a minimum age for prostitution will give local councils greater powers to check up on sex workers who officials suspect to be too young. They can also be fined, but this will not be the case if they have been forced into prostitution, Opstelten said.

Mother and daughter found dead in Spain

The corpses of a mother and her nine year old daughter were found in a rented house in Cádiz, Spain. A 52 year old man was immediately arrested as he was walking in the streets nearby with blood signs on his throat. The owner of the house discovered the bodies as he came to pick up the keys. Apparently the woman had her throat slit and her daughter was strangled. The alleged perpetrator is a Belgian citizen and seems to be the mother's boyfriend.

Three-quarters of local councils to make cuts

Three out of four Dutch local authorities expect to make spending cuts next year. Almost four out of 10 expect to run into financial problems because of the government's policy of decentralization - transferring responsibilities for home nursing and disabled care to local councils. They say the extra funds being made available by the government will not be enough to pick up the costs. This means cuts will have to be made in other areas, the councils say. Many councils are waiting to decide where to make spending cuts until after the March 19 local elections. Some are considering cutting spending on roads, reducing subsidies and closing a music school. Others may increase local taxes to make up for the shortfall.

Dutch diplomat flees Ukraine

Robert Serry, the Dutch diplomat and United Nations envoy to Ukraine has been forced to flee the country after being threatened by armed men in camouflage uniforms while in Crimea. Serry, a former Dutch ambassador to Ukraine, told CNN he hopes his experience 'serves as a reminder to all of how dangerous the situation has become'. He was in the country on behalf of UN secretary general Ban Ki-moon. Serry managed to get away after the men stopped the car he was travelling in and said they had orders to take him to the airport. Serry escaped to a nearby café and was eventually taken safely to the airport and leave the country.



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

7-9 March

- **Wine Fair in Anvaing** – Wine producers from various locations in France will be attending . A selection of Italian, Spanish and Portuguese wines will also be available. Fair will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the “Maison de Village” on Drève du Château. Entrance fee is €4 including a free drink.

7 March through 4 May

- **Display on Marguerite Bervoets in Mons** – Discover her role in the resistance during WWII but also her life as a little girl and a woman. At Salle Saint-Georges on the main square, next to the city hall from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays and from 2 to 8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.



Through 8 march

- **Arts & Crafts fair in Hornu** – This creative art fair will offer all you need to make your own jewelry, mosaic, leather items. Several workshops will also be held during the fair at Shopping Cora on Route de Mons 163. Open every day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

8-9 March

- **Flea market in Ganshoren** – Indoor flea market on Rue Georges Simpson, 34 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

9 March

- **Flea market in Anderlecht (80 booths)** – On Rue Ropsy Chaudron 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Market for 60s and 70s vintage items in Saint Gilles** – On Avenue du parc, 116 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea market in Woluwe-Saint-Pierre (120 booths)** – Indoor flea market on Rue René Declercq 20 from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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

7-9 March

- **On traXS in Utrecht** is a model railway fair held in the midst of life size trains at the Railway Museum on Maliebaanstation. It is a unique miniature world with the most beautiful railways in Europe. Open all days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €16, children 3 and younger are free. (Price includes entry to the museum).
- **Spring garden and home fair in Zwolle** - Get new ideas and professional advice for your garden and home. Fair is open March 7 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and March 8-9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the IJsselhallen. Entry is €8, children 11 and younger get free entrance.

7-10 March

- **Garden fair in Genk** - Held at Limburghal on Jaarbeurslaan 6, fair is open March 7 from 3 to 10 p.m. and March 8-10 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry is €9.50, children 14 and younger get free entrance.

through 8 March

- **French gourmet market in Detmold (GE)** - Dealers offer delicacies from the different French regions such as olives from Provence, foie gras from Gasconne; pastries from Brittany. Held in the center of town, open from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

8 March

- **Antiques & Curiosa Market Heusden** held on Burchtplein 5 in the beautiful fortified city.

8-9 March

- **Large indoor Flea Market in Den Bosch** at Brabanthallen. Open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Entry is €5, children 11 and younger – free entrance.
- **Easter Egg Fair in Lielvelde** at Herberg Erve Kots Museum on Eimersweg 4. You will find beautiful decorated eggs, each one a work of art. Artists from Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands will display their works. There are also demonstrations, culinary delicacies, decorations and more. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €3.



9 March

- **Knights Training in Limbricht** at Castle Limbricht, Allee 1. Knights train in the courtyard. The knights of the Four Quarters invite children to come and learn what knights do and train with them. Open noon to 4 p.m. Participation and entry is free.



9 March continued

- **Volksmarch in Hennuyères for 5, 10 or 20 km** – Departure is from Salle de la Butte on rue de la Butte from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Lens for 5, 10 or 20 km** – Departure is from the city hall on Place de la Trinité from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Anderlues for 5, 10 or 20 km** – Departure is from Rue du Douaire 40 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Hyon for 6, 12, 20 or 30 km** – Departure is from Place d’Hyon 15 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 30 km route, from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the 20 km route and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the 12 and 6 km routes.
- **Flea market in Ath** – At the Hall Ceva with some 120 booths from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. No entrance fee



Ongoing

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?pagelId=577>.

Through 26 April 2015

- **Expo 14-18: It's our history in Brussels** - At the Royal Army Museum on Parc du Cinquanteaire 3, daily from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:45 p.m. except Mondays. Admission is €12, children 6 to 18 pay €8, family package (2 adults and 2 children) are at €32.



9 March continued

- **A Lifestyle & Health Fair in Tessenderlo (BE)** is held at “de Griffel” on Hulsterweg 184 and has lots of attractive stands with many actions, clothing, jewelry, accessories, ceramics and lots more. No entrance fee and the fair is open from 1 to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Horst** – Indoor flea market at Merthal on Gasthuisstraat. Open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Entrance fee is €2.50; children under 12 have free access.

through 9 March

- **HISWA Amsterdam boat show at RAI in Amsterdam.** Looking for a new boat? Want tips? Interested in chartering a yacht? Or just want to breathe in all the luxury? Find all this and more at the Boat Show held at Europaplein in Amsterdam. Open: March 5-7 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and March 8-9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €15, youth 16 and younger get free entrance.

13-16 March

- **Artisanart in Laken (BE)** at Palace 10 of Brussels Expo, Belgiëplein 1 is an art fair with more than 100 participants displaying everything from furniture to jewelry and leather to paintings. Entry is €11, children (6-12) are €7. The fair is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

14-16 March

- **International Wine Fair in Aarschot (BE)** is held at Stadsfeestzaal, Demervallei 14. Winegrowers from France, Italy, Spain, Portugal and other countries participate and present their wines. Entry is €6. Open: March 14 from 5 to 10 p.m., March 15 from 2 to 8 p.m. and March 16 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **The Spring Easter Market in Bielefeld (GE)** held at Ravensberger Spinnerei has many participants offering all kinds of decorations, art, ceramics, fashion, jewelry and more. Open March 14 from 1 to 6 p.m., March 15 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and March 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €3.

Mark your calendar

19 April

- **Kennedy Mars** - 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, people around the world walked 50 miles/80 km to prove he was wrong.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Amsterdam with canal tour, March 15 (sign up before March 13)** - Come along with us for a day in Amsterdam where we begin with a canal tour to introduce you to some of the city's secrets. Spend the remainder of the day soaking up sites smells and tastes of this unique city. Whether you're an art lover, music lover or culture lover- Amsterdam has something just for you! The price with canal tour is Adults: €82, Child (4-12): €79, Child (0-3): €70. Price without canal tour is €70 per person. Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m., departs Brussels at 7:30 a.m., arrives at Brussels at 11 p.m., and arrives at SHAPE at midnight.



Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trips below call DSN 360-7561 or civilian

- **Paris, March 15** - Spend a day to shop, dine or take a city tour. Bus departs Schinnen at 4 a.m. and returns at 2 a.m. (Sunday). Cost is \$75 for adults and children.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below call civilian 0486/56.53.71

- **Creativa Craft Fair, Brussels, March 13** - Creativa is the fair for creative leisure. The fair has over 200 exhibitors displaying and selling everything you need for scrapbooking, jewellery making, patchwork quilting, card making, mosaics, cake decorating and more. Stock up on supplies for your existing crafts or find ideas for new hobbies. Price is €25, including entrance.



Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips & Tours

- **Dover Castle and Canterbury, March 22**
- **Maastricht, March 29**
- **Benidorm, Spain, April 5-15 (Deposit is due by February 10)**
- **Monet's Home and Gardens, April 12**
- **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**
- **Versailles, May 24**
- **Polish pottery, May 29 - June 1**
- **Normandy Beaches, May 30 - June 1**
- **London, June 21**
- **Stonehenge with Salisbury, June 28**
- **London, August 15-17**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Trout fishing, March 29**
- **Keukenhof Gardens, April 12**
- **Trip to Malgrat De Mar, Spain, April 18-27**
- **Miami Dolphins VS Oakland Raiders in London, 27-29 September**

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- **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

11 March

- **Money Management** - from 11 a.m. to noon at ACS Conference Room. If you feel you need a refresher course on how to manage your personal finances in areas such as financial goal setting, determining your net worth, improving your budgeting skills, basic banking, using credit wisely, ensuring you're insured and saving for your future then this is the class for you. For more information or to register, contact ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian 046-443-7450/7500.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

11 March

- **Women's History Month Observation** - The presentation will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the SHAPE Alliance Auditorium.
- **How to tame a temper tantrum** - Learn strategies and tips for coping when your child can't. Held from noon to 1 p.m. at the ACS play room on SHAPE, bldg. 318. To register call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-32-6824.

13 March

- **Dress for success wokshop** - Held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Dital Training Center on Chièvres Air Base. Registration is required. Call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-32-6824.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Through 31 March

- **2014 Spring Reading Program "Reading Around the World"** - Registration is now open. For more information, call DSN 368-9791 or civilian 02-717-9791.

Today

- **AFE Charlie's Angels Comedy Tour** - At the 3 Star Lounge as of 5:30 p.m. for dinner (Specialty Hot Dog Platters at \$5) and showtime at 7 p.m. Free tickets are available for pick-up at the Library and Fitness Center (18 + Mature audience).

15 March (Sign up by noon on March 7)

- **St Patrick's Day Ball** - The annual ball sponsored by the Irish Club of Belgium will take place at the Steigenberger Grand Hotel (formerly The Conrad) on Avenue Louise 71, 1050 Brussels. This charity event starts at 7 p.m. with a champagne reception and is followed by a five-star meal. After dinner there will be entertainment by "Damhsa" and D.J. Clutz. This year proceeds will support The Childhood Leukemia Unit in St.Luc University Hospital, Brussels. Tickets are at €80 for members of the Irish Club of Belgium and €95 for non-members. The event is strictly black-tie and only open to adults (minimum age of 18). Sign up by email at info@americanclubbrussels.org or by phone at 02-2195808.

Armed Forces Entertainment Presents

CHARLIE'S ANGELS COMEDY TOUR

Free tickets
available for pick-up at the Library and Fitness Center

18+ Mature Audiences

Thursday, March 6

3 Star Lounge

Doors & Dinner 5:30 PM

Showtime 7 PM

For more information DSN: 368-9680 or CIV: 02-717-9680

Dinner

\$5 Specialty Hot Dog Platters

Chicago style, bacon-cheddar, chili-cheese, and kraut
Plus a condiment bar!





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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/february-movie-schedule.aspx> for updates.

Mar. 7	4 p.m.	Robocop	PG-13	121 min
	6:45 p.m.	The Monument's Men	PG-13	126 min
	9:30 p.m.	Her	R	120 min
Mar. 8	4 p.m.	Endless Love	PG-13	103 min
	6:45 p.m.	Pompeii	PG-13	106 min
	9:30 p.m.	3 Days to Kill	PG-13	95 min
Mar. 9	3 p.m.	Non Stop	PG-13	106 min
	5:45 p.m.	Her	R	120 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

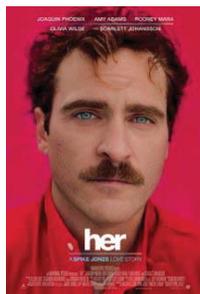
Check the schedule and purchase your tickets at : <http://kinopolis.be/nl/bioscopen/kinopolis-imagibraine>.

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.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/Movies-Brunssum.htm>.

Mar. 7	7 p.m.	Non Stop	PG-13	106 min
Mar. 8	4 p.m.	The Lego Movie	PG	100 min
	7p.m.	Son of God	PG-13	138 min



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