

# THE GAZETTE

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

## Benelux news briefs

### Frogger: Help frogs, toads cross roads

Frogs and toads migrate this time of year. Be aware that lots of frogs and toads will be crossing the roads at Schinnen Base.

Help protect these creatures by driving carefully.

For more information, call DSN 360-7238 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437238.

### English evening planned

Interns from the garrison are organizing an English evening in collaboration with the University of Mons.

The event, which is open to all, including Contact members, will take place April 13 at 8 p.m. at the Citizen Fox in the center of Mons at Rue de la Coupe 7.

This event will give Americans the opportunity to meet a range of Belgian adults and will benefit both Belgians and Americans.

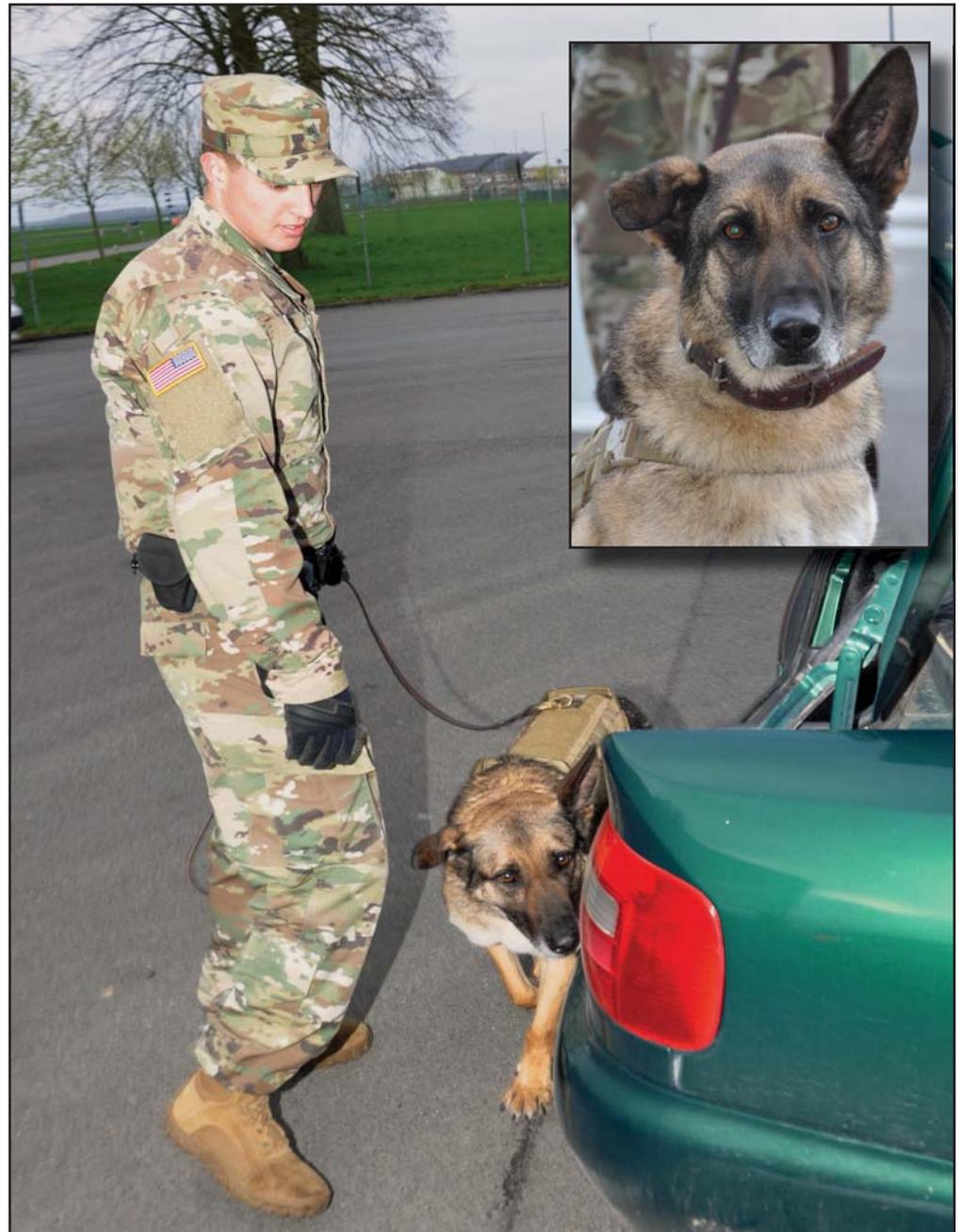
Belgians will get a chance to practice their English, and Americans will get a taste of Belgian culture.

Admission is free.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1263655620315572/>.

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### USAG Benelux MP, K-9 work security

Sgt. Thomas Meyer, USAG Benelux Military Police, and K-9 military working dog Meki inspect an incoming car on Chièvres Air Base Wednesday, April 6, 2016. (Inset) K-9 Meki stays alert as cars enter Chièvres Air Base. (U.S. Army photos by Donovan Abrassart)



**'Caped crusaders' heighten awareness**

Twenty-eight community members show their support for an end to child abuse and sexual violence by participating in the Awareness 5K Fun Walk/Run at USAG Benelux-Schinnen Wednesday, April 6, 2016. By wearing special "Stop Child Abuse" scarves pinned to their backs, the participants became "caped crusaders" against child abuse and sexual violence. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Schinnen fun runs don't track top male or female runner, or keep time. (U.S.Army photo by Rita Hoefnagels)

**Victim Advocate Hotlines**

SHAPE/Chièvres and Brussels:  
+32 (0) 476-762264

Schinnen: +31 (0) 651-919119

DOD Safe Helpline: +49 (0) 611-143-537-SAFE (7233)

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2. Get crisis-support help by chatting online at <http://www.militarycrisisline.net> or <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/>
3. Get crisis support help by meeting face-to-face. Call:
  - in the SHAPE/Chièvres area: 0497-653738
  - in Schinnen/Brunssum (the Netherlands): (0031)(0)629471920
  - in Geilenkirchen (Germany): (0049) (0)15224210455

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## BRUSSELS ATTACKS

## From Newark to Brussels, a never-ending trip

by Donovan Abrassart

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office



Ready to start a new chapter in their lives, just like any other Department of Defense employee and family on travel for a permanent change of station, Enrique Rivera; his wife, Liliana M. Evan Correa; and their son Juan Pablo Chaves Evan took off from Newark, New Jersey, at 8:20 p.m. March 21 heading to Brussels Airport.

On the other side of the Atlantic, Larry Young, USAG Benelux-Schinnen Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, was preparing to fulfill his role as sponsor and welcome his new colleague and family at the airport and escort them to the Netherlands, their new home country for the next three years.

At first glance, it looks like a simple PCS story; however, when the Rivera family's plane landed on the Brussels tarmac at 7:55 a.m. March 22, their journey was unexpectedly going to take another direction.

Three minutes after the landing, while the aircraft's wheels were still rolling on the tarmac, two bombs exploded in the airport.

They had just arrived in a city that was the scene of the deadliest terrorist attacks in Belgium's history, killing 32 people and injuring hundreds of others.

"Just as the plane was getting ready to pull up and connect to the gate, we were informed that we weren't able to leave the plane due to a situation at the airport," Rivera said.

The plane sat on the tarmac roughly an hour-and-a-half before crews told passengers what was going on.

"That was a scary moment for us because we were still on the plane and not at a secure point yet," he said.

The family was locked up in the plane for about an hour and a half – 90 long minutes during which they could see the stress and anxiety in other passengers' eyes as they were all nervously manipulating their phones trying to contact their families.

"Some people were crying, and many were on their phones trying to contact their loved ones in order to get some information about what was going on," Rivera said. "We just wanted to call our family members and tell them that we love them; however, we did not have an international plan in our cell phones to reach out to anyone."

When the plane lock-down was finally lifted and the family instructed to disembark, all senses were heightened: They knew there was always the risk of another attack.

"As a retired first sergeant from the United States Army, I told my family to stay close and to maintain a high level of

situational awareness merely by being observant," Rivera said. "I knew we were vulnerable for secondary attack."

At that point, this was not the end of their trip, a trip that had already been emotionally charged.

Another eight-hour waiting period was going to start for the family and hundreds of others in a hangar of the airport.

"The hangar was very crowded, and we were told not to leave," Rivera said. "The atmosphere in the hangar was really tense, and communication was very tough due to the security measures."

Since they were in a safer place then, the new priority for the family was to contact their loved ones to tell them they were safe and sound, but it was not an easy task.

However, contacting their family was not their sole pre-occupation.

They couldn't stop thinking of Young, their sponsor with whom they had not been able to make contact.

"We were worried for our sponsor, Mr. Larry Young, and we prayed that nothing had happened to him," Rivera said. "As I was walking around looking for answers, I bumped into Sgt. Maj. David Breitbach and his wife from SHAPE. They became our guardian angels and helped us leave the hangar and contact our sponsor."

Unknown to the family, Young had not been able to make it to the airport. He was blocked in a street perpendicular to where the explosion took place, and all the streets were secured and filled with ambulances and policemen.

At the end of the day, they started to see the light at the end of the tunnel. They finally managed to get hold of Young, and they made it to their hotel around 11 p.m. However, they still had to clear out another issue: They had no luggage.

The USAG Benelux-Schinnen community was not going to let them down.

Thanks to Young and Tony Untalan from USAG Benelux-Schinnen Army Community Service, the Spangdahlem American Red Cross issued \$125 in AAFES gift cards to each one of them for clothing. They also received a \$25 gift card from the Commissary to assist them with toiletries and other goods. In addition, they were able to borrow jackets and sweaters from ACS employees while they were waiting for their bags to be delivered.

"To the USAG Benelux-Schinnen community, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the warmth and gentle care provided to us these past days," Rivera said.

**Editor's note: This is the third in a series on the Brussels bombings.**

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# DOD survey values what you have to say

## Special to the Gazette

The Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Utility/Recurring Maintenance and Move-In Housing (MIHA) Allowance Survey is conducted by the Allowances Branch of the Defense Travel Management Office (DTMO) on behalf of the Department of Defense.

The utility survey is conducted annually, while the MIHA survey is conducted once every three years as part of a combined survey. This year, the combined survey for the Netherlands will be conducted at least through April. However, the Allowances Branch determines whether enough people have participated to make the survey valid. The survey is designed to collect utility/recurring maintenance and move-in expense data incurred by uniformed service members stationed overseas, who reside in private housing in the Netherlands and receive OHA.

The survey for Belgium is normally conducted in the October/November time frame.

### Your input matters

OHA is a valuable entitlement for members who are stationed overseas. You play a critical part as the data you provide will directly impact the Utility/Recurring Maintenance and MIHA allowances paid to members.

Your time and effort spent answering the survey questions will enable the Department of Defense to set equitable OHA

utility and MIHA rates. Officials ask that you make every effort to take the survey and report your expenses accurately.

Even if you are about to make a permanent change of station, or PCS, the information you provide will make a difference for incoming members and the same goes for the location you are going to (especially important for the MIHA portion of the survey). The costs reported by service members directly affect the utility and MIHA rates that will be implemented in the October 2016 time frame.

The USAG Benelux-Schinnen Housing Division will send out an email message with survey instructions and the survey link to all eligible military personnel carried in their housing database. If you didn't receive the email message, visit the survey link that is provided below.

This web link will remain active until the Allowance branch has determined that there have been sufficient participants for the survey to be considered valid.

If you didn't receive the email message, take the survey at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/ohaSurvey.cfm?ID=mar-utilmiha>.

For additional information, contact the housing specialist at USAG Benelux-Schinnen's Directorate of Public Works at DSN 360-7281 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437281, or visit Schinnen's DPW Housing Office in Building 18's Room 105.

# Army Emergency Relief campaign continues

## *AER assistance now open to all ranks*

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

The 2016 Army Emergency Relief campaign runs through May 15 with the goal of creating greater awareness of the benefits of AER as well as providing Soldiers the opportunity to help their fellow Soldiers, according to an AER news release.

The 2016 campaign theme is "Never Leave a Soldier in Need."

Over the last several years, AER has made significant changes to meet the needs of today's Army, adding new categories of assistance, expediting the assistance process and increasing grants by 30 percent, the news release said. In September 2015, AER made a policy change that allows all Soldiers, regardless of rank, direct access to AER assistance.

The Financial Readiness staff at Army Community Service helps administer



Army Emergency Relief.

"When you contribute to AER, what you're doing is helping a Soldier in need. Soldiers come to the aid of other Soldiers," said the manager of the USAG Benelux Financial Readiness Program, Mike Doorbal, citing an accident and a death in the family as two possible causes of financial strain for Army families.

The 2016 Benelux goal is \$15,000. Last year, AER gave out \$45,000 to Benelux Soldiers and their families, Doorbal said. In 2015, as a whole, \$71 million in AER loans and grants went out to 47,000 Soldiers and families, and \$9 million went for scholarships to 1,042 Soldiers and family members.

"The AER Campaign is special in that it is an Army program designed for Soldiers by Soldiers," said the manager of the ACS Lite Center in Schinnen, Tony Untalan. "Many Soldiers have either used or know someone who has used the program. The AER Campaign allows the Army program to continue the strong tradition of taking care of their own."

To find out more, call DSN 366-6804 or civilian 065-326804 in Brussels or SHAPE/Chièvres. In Schinnen, call DSN 360-7450 or +31 (0) 46-4437450.

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

### Register now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Schinnen Army Community Service or SHAPE ACS by video-teleconference at Brussels ACS. To sign up, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783:
  - **Lunch and Learn** - Learn about "Emotional Regulation: Learn to Manage Anger and Frustration More Effectively." VTC-projected from Schinnen **April 12** from noon to 1 p.m.
  - **Dress for Success Workshop** -Join the ACS Employment Readiness staff for an informative workshop on dressing appropriately. VTC-projected from Schinnen **April 14** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- **Mindfulness Meditation** - Take this introductory course and learn the basics of Mindfulness Meditation at Brussels Army Community Service in Building 4's Room 3-325 **April 20** from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Research has demonstrated that the daily practice of meditation improves sleep and reduces pain. Registration is required to ensure maximum of 15 participants. Call DSN 423-2658 or civilian 065-442658.
- **"Spring Cleaning" Community Yard Sale** - Kick-start your seasonal cleaning or pre-PCS clear-out at Brussels American School **April 23** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: space, \$5; table, \$5; bench, \$3. Register with full payment at Brussels Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental by April 18. Call DSN 368-9657 or civilian 02-7179657.

### April 8, 15, 22 and 29

- **Community Support Group** - Brussels Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program will facilitate a Community Support Group available to service members, family members and civilians who have been affected by the events of March 22 at the Zaventem Airport and the Brussels Maalbeek Metro station. The group will meet for discussion at ACS in Building 4 from noon to 1 p.m. The community support group will provide a safe and nonjudgmental environment for participants to discuss how recent events have had an impact on them. It will also provide relaxation and stress management techniques. The community support group won't offer clinical services; however, any participant requiring clinical services will be referred to Behavioral Health or support services within the community.

### April 14

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy barbecue chicken and ribs with baked beans and salad from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Cost: adults \$12, children, ages 12 and under, \$5. (Alternate children's menu: chicken strips with potato wedges, \$5.) Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

### Register now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Schinnen Army Community Service, SHAPE ACS or Brussels ACS by video-teleconference. To sign up, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500:
  - **Lunch and Learn** - Learn about "Emotional Regulation: Learn to Manage Anger and Frustration More Effectively." Given in person at Schinnen ACS **April 12** from noon to 1 p.m.
  - **Dress for Success Workshop** -Join ACS Employment Readiness staff for an informative workshop on dressing appropriately. Given in person at Schinnen ACS **April 14** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- **CYSS Archery/Blow Darts** - Open enrollment through **April 22** for youths, ages 9 to 18. Program operates May 4 through June 8 Wednesdays from 4 to 8 p.m. Spaces are limited. Cost is \$130 paid at time of registration. Enroll at CYSS Parent Central Services with a valid health assessment. To enroll or for more information, visit Parent Central Services or call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0)45-5264195.
- **Self-Defense Class** - Adults and youths, ages 13 and older, can learn self-defense techniques during this class at the Schinnen Fitness Center **April 23** from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call Schinnen Army Community Service at DSN 360-7500/7218 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500.

### April 7, 14, 20 and 27

- **Community Support Group** - In response to recent global events, USAG Benelux-Schinnen Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program will offer a support group to individuals looking for a safe environment to express their feelings and discuss their concerns. The Community Support Group will meet at Schinnen ACS from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, call DSN 360-7453 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437453.

### April 8

- **Ice Cream Social** - Celebrate the Month of the Military Child at the CYSS facility on JFC Brunssum from 3 to 6 p.m. Activities include bouncy houses, games, and arts and crafts. Children must be accompanied by parents. All military families are welcome. For details, call DSN 364-3121/2023 or +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.

### April 12

- **Mindfulness Meditation** - Learn the basics of Mindfulness Meditation in JFC Brunssum's West Chapel from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Research has demonstrated a number of health benefits that result from the daily practice of meditation, including increased physical relaxation and increased emotional regulation. Registration is required to ensure maximum of 15 participants. Call DSN 423-2658 or civilian +32 (0) 65-442658.

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

### Sign up now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Brussels, Schinnen or SHAPE Army Community Service by video-teleconference at SHAPE ACS. To sign up, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824:
  - **Lunch and Learn** - Learn about "Emotional Regulation: Learn to Manage Anger and Frustration More Effectively." VTC-projected from Schinnen **April 12** from noon to 1 p.m.
  - **Dress for Success Workshop** -Join ACS Employment Readiness staff for an informative workshop on dressing appropriately. VTC-projected from Schinnen **April 14** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- **Belgian Shooting Experience** - Join Chièvres Outdoor Recreation on a visit to a local gun club **April 16** from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or from 1:30 to 5 p.m. You'll have the opportunity to participate in skeet shooting and handgun target practice. Spaces are limited. Cost: \$60. To register, call DSN 361-6268 or civilian 068-276268.
- **U.S. Military Bowl football game** - The 424th Air Base Squadron will host its annual "U.S. Military Bowl" double elimination **April 23** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The 424th ABS Chièvres Family Organization will have food and beverages for purchase to raise money for future squadron events. The games are set to take place on the Chièvres football field behind the Chièvres Activity Center, and a trophy will be presented to the victor. To sign up to be a player on one of the teams, call
  - **Air Force** DSN 361-5333 or civilian 068-275333
  - **Army** DSN 361-5301 or civilian 068-275301
  - **Navy** DSN 423-7619 or civilian 065-447619.
- **Self-Defense Class** - Adults and youths, ages 13 and older, can learn to protect themselves using their minds and bodies. This class at the Chièvres Fitness Center has been rescheduled to **April 30** from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information and to register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

### Register for Month of the Military Child events

- **Month of the Military Child at CYSS** - Celebrate the Month of the Military Child at SHAPE's Building 503. Organizers encourage attendees to wear purple at the events below. Open to all CYSS-eligible youth in sixth through 12th grades. To register, call DSN 366-6839/6797/6812 or civilian 065-326839/6797/6812.
  - **CYSS Late Night: Parent vs. Youth Tug-of-War** - Compete to see who's the best at tug-of-war **April 14** from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Afterward, relax with complimentary cake and beverages.
  - **CYSS Late Night: Dinner and Family Game Night** - Play Family Double Dare **April 15** from 6 to 9 p.m. Come prepared to test your knowledge of trivia and compete in fun physical challenges.

### April 7, 14, 21 and 28

- **Community Support Group** - In light of recent global events, USAG Benelux Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program will offer a support group to individuals looking for a safe environment to express their feelings and discuss their concerns. The Community Support Group will meet at SHAPE ACS in Building 318 from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, call 065-326861/6824 or DSN 366-6861/6824.

### April 13

- **Mindfulness Meditation** - Ease the pressures of daily life by learning how to use Mindfulness Meditation in the Chapel Annex from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Research has demonstrated that the daily practice of meditation can improve concentration and mental clarity, reduce symptoms of stress and lower blood pressure. Registration is required to ensure maximum of 15 participants. Call DSN 423-2658 or civilian 065-442658.

### April 13 to June 1

- **Job-Ready Training** - Prepare for your first job, and explore career choices and post-secondary education options at SHAPE's Building 503 Wednesdays from 10:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open to youths in ninth through 12th grades. Lunch is provided. To register, call DSN 366-6839/6797 or civilian 065-326839/6797.

### April 15

- **Fun For Kids** - Make new friends at this free event. Bring your bikes, trikes, scooters or skates and join other children at the Chièvres Community Activity Center from 5 to 8 p.m. You can get together a game of pickup basketball or play on bouncy castles, too. Open to all who have access to Chièvres Air Base.

## Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates — 2D movies: adults, €6.50; children, ages 12 and under, €3.75. 3D movies: adults, €8.50; children, ages 12 and under, €5.75. Visit <http://www.shape2day.com>, and click "Cinema Schedule" icon.

## Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Rates — adults, €6.50; children, ages 11 and under, €3.75. For the movie schedule, visit <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146>.

# Travel the Benelux

## Leuven, far more than a university city

Story by Roxane Rasneur

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Intern

Outside the gate

Located 20 km away from Brussels in the Flemish Brabant, Leuven is one of the most beautiful cities in Belgium. Built next to the Dyle river, Leuven, often called the "Jewel of the river Dyle", has a rich cultural and architectural heritage. Particularly known for being a university city, Leuven houses the oldest Belgian university, the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KUL), founded in 1425. Today, more than one third of the inhabitants of Leuven are students. Spread all over the city, the buildings of the university greatly contribute to its beauty. Located on the Mgr. Ladeuzeplein, the Central University Library is one the most impressive buildings to visit. Destroyed by fire during World War I, the library and its tower were rebuilt in the 1920s in the Flemish Renaissance style. After visiting the library itself, you can also climb to the top of the tower (there is an admission fee) to have one of the best unobstructed views over the city.

From the Mgr. Ladeuzeplein, head for the Grote Markt (square), the heart of the city, to admire the majestic Gothic town hall. The building is a world-famous masterpiece of the flamboyant Gothic architecture. Its

construction started in the 15th century and lasted about ten years. Each façade is divided in three floors and is embellished by statues. In total, 236 statues have been sculpted. On the two rows of the ground floor, famous people, artists, scholars of Leuven are displayed. On the second floor, the statues symbolize the municipal privileges and the patron saints of the parishes. The upper floor's statues represent the Counts of Leuven and the Dukes of Brabant and those on the turrets are biblical figures. If you'd like to get inside the town hall, it's possible (there is an admission fee). Inside, you will discover a collection of paintings (17th - 19th century) and woodcarvings but also richly decorated Louis XIV, XV, and XVI living rooms.

On the other side of the square, you will find another Brabantine High Gothic building, Sint-Pieterskerk (Saint Peter's Church). It is the oldest church in the city and its belfry has been recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Inside the church, you can visit the treasury of Saint Peter's (there is an admission fee). The treasure consists of paintings and statues but also several gold and silver objects such

as relics, monstrances and chalices. The masterpiece of the treasure is the last painting of the Flemish Primitive painter Dirk Bouts, "Het Laatste Avondmaal" (Last Supper).

If you want to eat on-site, have a drink or just relax, the Oude Markt is the perfect place to be. All the restaurants and cafés are concentrated in this pedestrian area.

Before leaving Leuven, don't forget to go for a walk in the charming and quiet Groot Begijnhof on Schapenstraat. The Begijnhof looks like a small city with gardens, narrow streets, houses and convents in traditional brick and sandstone style. In 2008, it has been recognized as World Heritage Site by the UNESCO. Built in the 13th century, the Groot Begijnhof is one of the last biggest béguinages in the Flanders. In the 17th century, 360 beguines (unmarried, semi-religious women) lived there. Today, the Begijnhof is owned by the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and its students and professors live in these pleasant surroundings.

For more information about the visits, go to the tourism office at Naamsestraat 1, next to the town hall.



The town hall on the square



Sint Pieterskerk



Central university Library

# Delftware: iconic symbol of the Netherlands

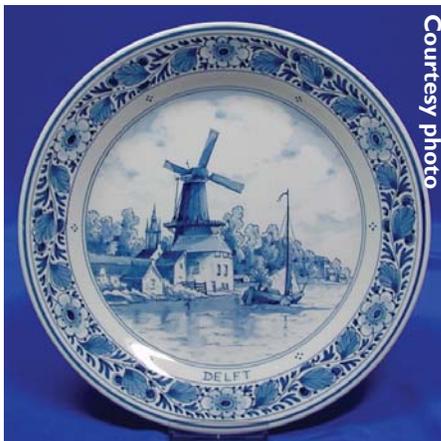
by **Marêva Baudart**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office Intern

Ranged from simple household items to fancy artwork, Delft Blue (Delfts blauw) is manufactured in and nearby Delft, a Dutch city in the province of South Holland.

The term 'Delftware' is frequently used to describe any blue-and-white hand-painted ceramic items, illustrated with typical Dutch patterns (tulips, windmills, landscapes, seascapes...) but the true Delftware is marked 'Delft'.

In the 16th century, because of the Spanish occupation and religious persecution, Flemish potters fled from Antwerp (Belgium) to Delft. There, they provided the origins of the Delftware industry. This creation is made from a clay mixture that is coated with a tin glaze after it has come out of the kiln.



Courtesy photo

At that time, ceramics were only available to rich people who would show off their blue-and-white collection.

From 1600 to 1800, Delft was one of the most important ceramic producers in Europe. At its peak, the city of Delft housed 33 factories. Unfortunately, throughout the centuries, Delftware plants had to close because of a lack of popularity.

The only Delftware factory remaining in activity today and respecting the traditional methods is the Royal Delft Factory (Koninklijke Porcelayne Fles).

For 400 years, the export of Delft blue products has represented an important cash infusion for the Netherlands making of Delft, the world-famous earthenware producer.

Outside the gate

## Upcoming organized trips

### SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Medieval Dinner in Brugge (Bruges), April 2**
- **Efteling amusement park, the Netherlands, April 5**
- **Versailles, France, April 9**
- **Paris with Moulin Rouge, France, April 16**
- **Keukenhof Gardens and Gouda, the Netherlands, April 23**
- **Laeken Royal Greenhouses and Brunch at the MIM's restaurant, April 24**
- **Berlin, Germany, April 29 to May 2**
- **Amsterdam, April 30**
- **Poland: Polish pottery, Auschwitz, Krakow and Wroclaw, May 5 to 10**
- **Monet's House and Gardens, Giverny, France, May 21**
- **Dover Castle and Canterbury, Great Britain, May 28**
- **Asparagus Dinner and Cruise, Maastricht, the Netherlands, May 28**
- **Normandy Beaches and Mont St-Michel, June 5 to 8**
- **Paris, June 11**
- **Amsterdam, June 18**
- **Scotland, June 18 to 26**
- **London, June 25**
- **Disney Paris, June 29**

- **Legoland, July 1-3**
- **Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, July 5 to 9**
- **Durbuy and Namur with the Citadelle, July 13**
- **EuropaPark and Strasbourg, France, July 16 to 17**
- **Tour of the Harry Potter Studio's, July 18**
- **Copenhagen, Denmark, August 12-15**
- **Moulin Rouge, Paris, November 19**

### SHAPE Travel Group

Call civilian 0470-876369 for details.

- **Highclere Castle (setting for "Downton Abbey"), April 4**
- **Veuve Clicquot Champagne, April 14**
- **Paris in the Spring, April 27**
- **Keukenhof Gardens and Scheveningen, May 3**
- **Versailles, May 19**
- **Honfleur and Calvados, May 26**
- **Arnhem, June 7**
- **Canterbury, June 23**

### Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- **Family Day Trout Fishing, April 9**
- **Keukenhof gardens, April 23**
- **Weekend Trip to the D-Day Landing Beaches, Memorials & Battle Monuments in Normandy, France, July 15 to 18 (Payment due by May 6.)**
- **Regular Season NFL Game Washington Redskins vs. Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 29 to 31 (Payment due by July 29.) Pickups at Schinnen and SHAPE.**



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**April 8**

- **Organ concert in Mons** - The organ inside Saint Nicolas Church dates back to 1792 and has been recently restored. Concert starts at 8 p.m. at Rue d'Havré 107. Free admission.
- **Evening mountain-bike ride, volksmarch and run in Erneuville** - Mountain-bike route for 15, 20 or 25 km; volksmarch or run for 5 and 10 km. Departure is between 7 and 9:30 p.m. Participation fee: €5 for mountain bike ride; €4 for volksmarch/run.
- **Gospel choir in Harmignies** - Held at the church on Chaussée de Beaumont from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission: €10. All proceeds go to the Télévie, a charity organization for cancer research.
- **Virtual organic food market in Ath** - Order organic local products online at <https://laruchequiditoui.fr/fr/assemblies/2652>, and collect your purchases at the Georges Roland school on Rue Hennepin from 6 to 7 p.m.



**April 8 to 10**

- **Garden fair in Enghien** - In the park of the Château (inside and outside) with plants, flowers, garden furniture, decorations and more, Open Friday from 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Admission: €7.40; children under 14, free admission.

**April 9**

- **Virtual organic food market in Jurbise** - Order your organic local products online at <https://laruchequiditoui.fr/fr/assemblies/7739>, and collect your purchases at "Centre Functional Move" at Route d'Ath 131 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- **Flea market in Cuesmes (60 booths)** - On Avenue Joseph Waters and Rue du Travail from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**April 9 to 10**

- **Scale model fair in Fleurus** - Held at "Salle du Vieux Campinaire" on Rue de Wangenies with model trains, cars and toys. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €3.

**April 10**

- **Flea market in Frasnes (100 booths)** - In the center of the village from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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**Through April 9**

- **Easter market in Essen, Germany**, will be held in the city center and on Kettwiger Strasse. This large market will have lots of art, decorations, traditional Easter pastries and more Easter delicacies. Open through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.



**April 9**

- **Fleet Day in Harlingen** will be held in the harbor (Zuiderhaven) and on Havenplein. It will have shanty choirs, food, a nautical market and more. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**April 9 to 10**

- **Spring festival in Bad Honnef, Germany**, will be held in the town center with lots of activities, a farmers market, car show and more. Open April 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; April 10 from 1 to 6 p.m.
- **Spring market in Delbrück, Germany**, will take place in and around Das Gastliche Dorf. "Garden and surroundings" is the theme of the market. Open Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €2.
- **Spring festival in Herdecke, Germany**, will be held in the center of town. Besides a large flower and garden market, visitors will find an antique and flea market there. Open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Antique and curiosa market in Vuren** will be held in and around Fortress Vuren at Waaldijk 29. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €2.50; children, ages 5 to 12, €1.
- **Antique, curiosa and art market in Wijk bij Duurstede** will be held in the historic center. Open April 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; April 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission.

**April 9, 16, 23, 30**

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

**April 10**

- **Marina market in Duisburg, Germany**, will be held on Johannes-Corputius-Platz at the city harbor. The market is a combination of week market, art market and culinary market. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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**April 10 continued**

- **Flea market in La Louvière (100 booths)** - On Place Maugretout from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Flea market in Lobbes (100 booths)** - On the Place des Bonniers from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Mons (350 booths)** - On Avenue du Grand-Large (near Imagipark) from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Nivelles (100 booths)** - On the square from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Free market in Ath** - Held at Salle Séquoia at Quai de l'Entrepôt 22. Bring what you no longer need from 10 a.m. to noon, and come make your choice from 2 to 6 p.m. among all items, free of charge. Each parent or child will get a ticket at the entrance for one free item.
- **Volksmarch in Moustier for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from Place Charles Lenoir 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Obourg for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the soccer field on Rue du Camp from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ophain-Bois-Seigneur-Isaac for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue des Combattants 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Repair Café in Ath** - Any broken item might be able to get fixed by volunteer repairmen from 2 to 5 p.m., at Quai de l'Entrepôt 22.
- **Télévie fundraising day in Soignies** - Among the activities: flea market starting at 7 a.m., motorcycle tour starting at 11 a.m., concert by the local band at noon and more at Parc Pater on Rue Pierre Joseph Wincqz.
- **Book fair in Le Roeulx** - Held at the Cultural Center at Rue de Houdeng 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Admission is free unless you want to sell your books (€4 per table).
- **Local products market in Molenbaix** - Held at the "Ferme (farm) du Grand Fresnoy" at Rue du Fresnois 4 from 1 to 5 p.m.
- **Family bicycle tour in Espierres-Helchin for 20, 36 or 50 km** - The bicycle tour starts between noon and 2 p.m. at the Michelsberg sports hall at Chaussée d'Audenaerde 77. Participation fee: €2; children under 12, €1 (includes description, apple, juice and insurance). When you make your reservation at <http://spiere-helkijn.be/nieuws/zondag-10-april-fiets-meedag>, consider renting electric bicycles.

**April 13**

- **Commemoration in Fouleng** - The 424th Air Base Squadron will provide support at the ceremony honoring the air crew of the Royal Flush at Rue de la Miraine 47. Ceremony starts at 10 a.m. The B-17 crashed in this suburb of Silly after being hit by anti-aircraft fire from German-occupied Chièvres Air Base April 13, 1944.



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**April 10 continued**

- **Art Market in Eersel** will be held in the garden of "De Acht Zaligheden" Museum at Kapelweg 2 and will offer traditional crafts, ceramics, paintings, glass and more. Open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €1.
- **"Brilon blüht auf 2016" in Brilon, Germany**, is an annual spring and year market that will be held in the center of town.

**April 10 to 17**

- **Art Breda in Breda** will be held on Chasséveld. Besides traditional art and antiques, this fair for art, design and antiques will also offer "modern" art and jewelry at the fair. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; special hours April 13 from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission: €15; youths, ages 12 to 17, €10; children, ages 11 and under, free admission.

**April 10, 17, 24**

- **Antique, art and curiosa market in Maastricht** will fill Boschstraat with antiques, artwork and curiosities. Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**April 13 to 16**

- **French Gourmet Market in Bochum, Germany**, will be held on Dr.-Ruer-Platz, where you will find all kinds of French culinary delicacies, such as olives from Provence; pastry from Bretagne, cheese from the Pyrenees and more. It's like browsing through a market in France.

**Ongoing**

**Through May 16**

- **Keukenhof Gardens near Lisse** shows floral displays planted among works of art. Open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ticket office closes at 6 p.m. Admission: €16; children, ages 4 to 11, €8.



**Through Sept. 2**

- **Cheese market in Alkmaar** is famous worldwide for its cheese, which has been weighed in Alkmaar since 1593. Cheese carriers carry thousands of kilos of cheese from "Waagplein" square to the weighing house. Cheese carriers can be seen in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon until the first Friday of September. You'll be surprised at how important cheese used to be and still is for the city of Alkmaar.

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