

THE GAZETTE

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Benelux news briefs

MAS has new hours

Military Auto-source changed its office hours Jan. 5 and is now open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call DSN 360-7365 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4234125.

AAFES takes inventory

Schinnen Exchange retail facilities will conduct annual inventory Jan. 11 and 12:

- The Shoppette will be open Jan. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- The Shoppette, Main Store and retail portion of the gas station will be closed Jan. 12, but gas pumps will remain open.

Big sales this month

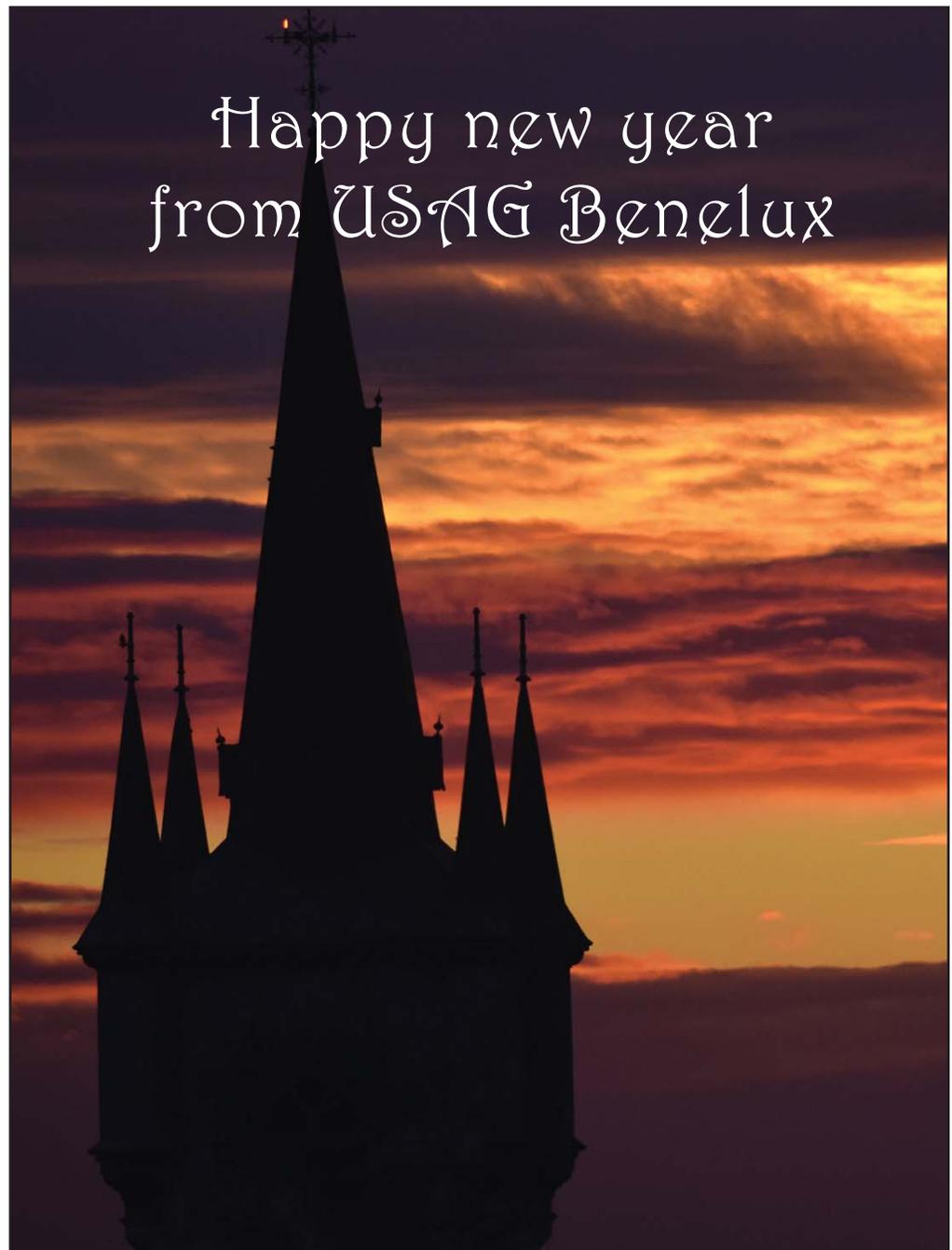
Belgium's winter sales are going on this month. Belgium's big sales ("solden" in Dutch, "soldes" in French) are only twice a year: Jan. 3 to 31 and July 1 to 31. If Jan. 3 or July 1 falls on a Sunday, the deals may begin the day before.

Benelux Flickr account available for viewing

Do you want photos of the last event or ceremony? Download them from the new USAG Benelux Flickr account at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/135840597@N02/>.

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Enjoy local scenery

The distinctive spire of St. Martin Church in Chièvres is set against a colorful sunset, captured in a photo taken in 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

Theater volunteers recognized for excellence

Special to the Gazette

SHAPE Performing Arts Centre

The SHAPE Performing Arts Centre and SHAPE Players staff celebrated Volunteer Excellence with their annual SHAPE Players Volunteer Awards Dec. 13 with an awards ceremony followed by a party for the Award Winning Volunteers and their families.

The Annual SHAPE Players Volunteer Awards began in December 2007 after receiving a cash award for competing in the American Association of Community Theatres (AACT) National Theatre Competition with their production of Arthur Kopit's WINGS.

The award money created an opportunity to thank supportive and invaluable volunteers who support the many programs of the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. Three additional wins at the AACT National Competitions has continued to fund this tradition that focuses thanks and elevates volunteers of the SHAPE Players and Performing Arts Centre for their contribution in

making the theatre productions and programs successful.

On Dec. 13, 20 volunteer members of the community were recipients of the 2016 Volunteer Awards, with tributes provided by the Performing Arts Centre staff and then presented with their awards by Col. Lee Flemming, the SHAPE Base Support Group commander, and Craig Larsen, the director of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

"The event is always heart-warming and touching – to hear the volunteers speak of their experiences and hear their gratefulness to their families who support their time and efforts to our programming." said Dan LaMorte the entertainment director of the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre, Performing Arts School and SHAPE Players.

LaMorte counted the award ceremony among his favorite events of the season.

"I love the opportunity to thank our stellar volunteers and celebrate their

contribution, which is incredible," he said. "I am a big fan of any event that allows our community at large to participate in a Morale Welfare and Recreation program that brings these same members joy and is a personal triumph for each individual."

In the eight con-



Col. Lee Flemming, SHAPE Base Support Group commander, tells the volunteers how valuable they are to the community during the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre 2016 Volunteer Awards Ceremony. (U.S. Army photos by Keith Houin)



secutive Volunteer Award Ceremonies, more than 150 volunteers have been celebrated for their contributions to the programs, productions and Performing Arts School activities.

This year's award recipients were Marie Carey, Shannon Egbert, Tracy Gittins, Jan Helsen, Shirley Houin, Trevor Johnson, Laurent Jouglet, Carlos Logan, Meg Long, John Manning, Mary Louise Manning, Damian Martin, Carol Parcell, Greg Parcell, Michelle Potkovic, Art Ross, Perlita Simmons, Jack Smits, Emily Ushko and Josh Wheelis.

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Increased police checks reinforce BOB message

Belgian law enforcement will be out in force at police checkpoints to enhance the BOB designated-driver campaign during the "Weekend Without Alcohol" Jan. 15 to 18.

The entire Belgian campaign revolves around the key message, "It is (We are) not half BOB," according to the website of the Fédération Bruxelloise Francophone des Institutions Pour Toxicomanes ("Brussels Francophone Federation of Institutions for Addicts" in English).

This year, targeted police checks have been organized to support and strengthen the BOB campaign message with its coaster-shaped logo found on billboards and other media from Nov. 27, 2015, to Jan. 25, according to the FEDITO website.

Because research shows that the combination of awareness/controls produces effective results, the number of breath analyses (that test blood-alcohol level) will be significantly increased during the "Weekend Without Alcohol" Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. to Jan. 18 at 6 a.m., according to FEDITO. During these checks, police will distribute "limited



The Belgian designated-driver campaign's coaster logo proclaims, "On n'est pas BOB à moitié" — "It is (We are) not half BOB." (Photo courtesy of one of the BOB websites, <http://jebobbe.be>)

edition" key rings commemorating 20 years of BOB.

During these intensive controls by the police, totally sober drivers will be offered one of the exclusive BOB bags containing many gifts and accessories to celebrate BOB's 20th anniversary.

Learn more at <http://feditobxl.be/en/2015/11/lancement-de-campagne-bob-dhiver-on-nest-bob-a-moitie>.

Who's Bob?!

"Bob" was introduced by the Belgian government in 1995. In Belgium, Bob is a person who sets a good example by not drinking and driving, according to the Dutch Word of the Day website.

Among other countries, the Netherlands introduced Bob, too.

Disposal of Christmas trees scheduled locally

Local cities have scheduled Christmas-tree pickup.

Soignies

The city of Soignies will proceed with the collection of Christmas trees using draft horses. The schedule will be as follows:

Jan. 9 - Center of Soignies (All streets in the area in or-

ange on the map at the link below will be covered.)

Jan. 11 - Naast

Jan. 13 - Casteau

Jan. 14 - Thieusies

Jan. 16 - Neufvilles, Chaussée-Notre-Dame-Louvignies and Horrues.

Since some of the streets won't be covered,

be sure to visit <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=zCaHLAn5VCic.kjXHbkm0qWc> to check whether trees will be collected on your street or to check for the closest location where you can drop off your tree, starting at 4 p.m. the day prior to the collection.

Mons

Christmas trees will be collected in the entire Mons area Jan. 11. You can put your tree on the sidewalk where you usually put your garbage bags, starting Jan. 10 at 6 p.m.

If your city isn't listed, call your city hall ("hôtel de ville" in French).

Digital Training Facility remains open during upgrade

The Digital Training Facility on Chièvres Air Base is upgrading its state-of-the-art equipment.

In Phase I (already complete), the DTF upgraded its printer/scanner/copiers to brand new Dell 82375dnf models.

In Phase II (current phase), the DTF

will upgrade its network capabilities for faster connections.

In Phase III (biggest phase), the DTF will upgrade all 34 workstations to including new personal computers, monitors and common access card, or CAC, readers.

The DTF will remain open throughout

the upgrades. The DTF is free for use to all U.S. military and civilians for all training needs, including video teleconference, or VTC, capability with individual microphones for participants.

For more information on the upgrades at the Digital Training Facility, call DSN 361-6104 or civilian 068-276104.

2015: The year in photographs



Staff Sgt. Jacob Kasarda puts on his gas mask during training on Caserne Daumerie Wednesday, March 4, 2015, in preparation for the IMCOM-E Best Warrior Competition. Kasarda and Spc. Shane Sital, both of USAG Benelux-Schinnen, were winners in the competition. (U.S. Army photo by Donovan Abrassart)



The NATO E-3A Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) LX-N 90443 climbs in the air after performing a touch-and-go landing under supervision of the 424th Air Base Squadron Control Tower on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium, Friday March 6, 2015. The E-3A component, NATO's first integrated, multinational flying unit is responsible for providing airborne surveillance, command, control and communication to NATO commanders around the globe. (U.S. Army photo by Visual Information Specialist Pierre-Etienne Courtejoie)



Georges Gabriel, a World War II veteran, salutes at the VE Day commemoration in Ath, Friday, May 8, 2015. At the beginning of WWII, Gabriel travelled from leper to Rouen and Cherbourg, France to Plymouth, England, to join the "Brigade Piron," composed of hundreds of Belgian Soldiers who escaped to Britain to fight with the Allies. The "Brigade Piron" trained in Britain and its first units arrived in Normandy on July 30, 1944. The brigade was also actively involved in the liberation of Belgium and the Netherlands and was incorporated into the 2nd British Army when it liberated Brussels, Sept. 4, 1944. (U.S. Army photo by Cis Spook)



Six to nine year old children from the USAG Benelux-Schinnen community start their egg hunt, Saturday, March 28, 2015, on JFC Brunssum. (U.S. Army photo by Rita Hoefnagels)



Waregem schoolchildren wave Belgian and American flags at Flanders Field American Cemetery as they sing "The Star Spangled Banner" as a part of Memorial Day ceremonies Sunday, May 24, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)



Crosses are decorated with Belgian and American flags at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery for Memorial Day Saturday, May 23, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)



American and Belgian Soldiers support Augusta Chiwy's funeral service. Combined U.S.-Belgian color guard and pallbearers participate in the Battle of the Bulge nurse's funeral service at the Mardasson Memorial in Bastogne, Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Donovan Abrassart)

2015: The year in photographs I continued



The City of Chièvres American Festival opening weekend kicks off with a 1940s-themed ball. The event brought Americans and Belgians together to have fun and improve relationships. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)



The fireworks at the USAG Benelux-Brussels 4th of July celebration were a spectacular sight. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)



Command Sgt. Maj. William L. Majors takes the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux flag from garrison commander Col. Marty Vannatter signaling his assumption of responsibility for the garrison enlisted force June 17, 2015 on Caserne Daumerie. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark) • (Below) Children sit on Santa's lap as they pose for one of mom's photos during the USAG Benelux-Brussels Winterfest Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Bernardo Fuller)



(Left) U.S. Army Department of Emergency Services fireman Didier Niset shows visiting children how a fire hose works as part of safety stand-down day. (U.S. Army Photo by Tim Clark.)



AFAP Action Council presents issues to commander

by Wallace Turner

USAG Benelux Army Community Service

The Benelux AFAP Action Council is scheduled to meet in March to further discuss the disposition of Army Family Action Plan issues that were presented to the USAG Benelux commander late last year.

Due to guidance from U.S. Army Installation Management Command (IMCOM) in September 2015, USAG Benelux was able to collect issues and concerns in ways other than the traditional Army Family Action Plan Conference to streamline and combine existing forums to collect AFAP submissions.

In the Benelux, the following community venues were used to gather issues for AFAP:

- town-hall meetings at Brussels and SHAPE;
- Tri-Border Integrated Delivery System, or IDS, in Schinnen; and
- Benelux AFAP web email.

The Benelux AFAP Action Council presented the six submitted issues to the garrison commander, Col. Marty Vanatter, during its Nov. 20 meeting for disposition. Made up of members from Brussels, Schinnen and SHAPE, the council meets semiannually to discuss submissions that can be opened or closed by the Benelux garrison commander.

The issues submitted for the 2015 AFAP Action Council were:

Hiring rules for federal employees on excepted appointments (Schinnen)

Scope: When family members or military spouses are hired overseas into federal employment, they are given excepted status instead of career-conditional status. When the family member's service member or Department of Defense civilian employee returns stateside, they are eligible for the Priority Placement Program, or PPP. If the service member or civilian retires, the spouse has no priority for hiring and must compete for jobs open to U.S. citizens. Due to the low number of "U.S. citizens" jobs, it leaves previously employed spouses with little chance to continue in federal service, even though they may have several years of experience and expertise in the respective career field. (Background: Military

spouses who are immediately appointable to a competitive-service position in the continental United States exercise their preference through registration in Program S of the DoD Priority Placement Program, according to the Army's Civilian Personnel Online website at <http://cpol.army.mil/library/permisss/6314.html>. They are only eligible for PPP if certain conditions exist, such as being a current federal career/career-conditional employee.)

Recommendation: Grant Excepted federal employees with at least three years' experience the ability to compete for federal jobs the same as career-status applicants.

Commander's response: Commander stated loss of experience to valuable member is a problem. Leave open — possible submission to IMCOM.

Subject-matter expert's comments: When Excepted family members have completed 50 weeks of service and, after that time, have earned Successful appraisals, they must out-process through the local Civilian Personnel Advisory Center to get a Standard Form 50/Request for Personnel Action to make them eligible for Career Conditional status.

Fuel-card privileges (SHAPE)

Scope: Not everyone arriving rents a vehicle for 30 days. Incoming personnel should be granted the ability to purchase a fuel card regardless of the length of their rental contract, as this helps to offset expenses incurred with a new assignment.

Recommendation: Individuals on orders should be granted the privilege to purchase a fuel card upon arrival. A 30-day rental contract shouldn't impede their ability to do so.

Commander's response: Will bring to the attention of base support group, or BSB, commander at Commanders Meeting

DoDEA ID card-issuance practices (SHAPE)

Scope: Department of Defense Education Activity, or DoDEA, teachers are required to renew their ID cards every three years. In addition to being time-consuming, it's a waste of resources.

Recommendation: For teachers assigned overseas, provide an indefinite ID card. This card would be turned in according to the teacher's orders or subsequent reassignment or retirement. This is a cost-saving method, as well as time-saving measure.

Commander's response: Tasked Directorate of Human Resources to open facility after hours to afford DoDEA teachers the opportunity to get ID cards without losing time during duty day.

USAG Benelux office hours

Scope: When I go from NATO to USAG Benelux during my lunch period, I am unable to conduct business. My lunch period is the only time I can go there.

Recommendation: Have the office manned during normal working hours. Additionally, if the office must close, post a return time on the door.

Commander's response: Will have responsible office publish new office hours throughout the Benelux.

Lack of trash cans (Brussels)

Scope: There currently aren't any trash cans for public use on the installation.

Recommendation: There need to be trash cans placed in the parking garages, lobby and entrances of each building. To ensure the cans are being used properly, they would need to be monitored.

Commander's response: Get with deputy garrison manager for Input.

DGM's input: Directorate of Public Works working issue.

Out-processing personnel

Scope: Out-processing specialist doesn't know where all locations are to properly assist customers. Clearing locations like SHAPE Village, Central Issue Facility, BSG, Military Library, SHAPE Club, don't apply to U.S. civilians. Many offices don't even look at ID or name to check records; they just stamp the paperwork.

Recommendations: Training for staff, have out-processing staff go through process so that they can better advise customers as well as eliminate unnecessary steps during the process.

Commander's response: Tasked to DHR to work with BSG to work solutions.

USAREUR iReport smartphone application now available for free download

The U.S. Army Europe counterintelligence division recently released a new smartphone application to facilitate the "If you see something, say something" reporting process for service members, civilians, contractors and family members in Europe, according to a news release from USAREUR Public Affairs.

"iReport was developed to take advantage of today's smartphone culture," said Bryan Eisenhardt, a USAREUR counterintelligence coordinator. "It is an application that we want everyone to have on their smartphone so they can quickly and easily report suspicious behavior."

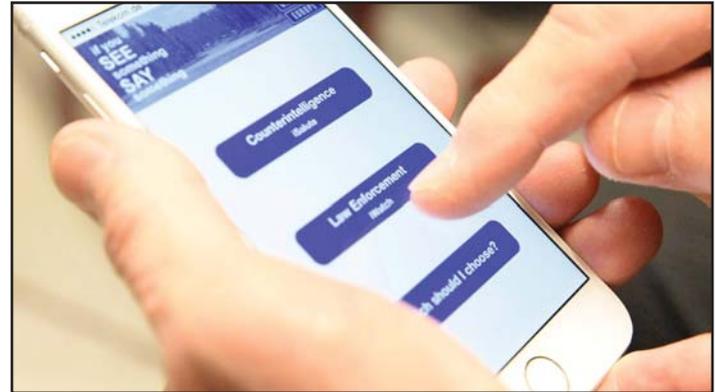
Eisenhardt also explained that the application can be used for reporting low-level suspicious activity about which authorities may want

to be informed.

The home page for the application offers two ways of reporting suspicious activity:

- Go directly to the U.S. Army counterintelligence division. Click this "radio button" to report when you have or witness suspicious encounters with unknown personnel who may pose a threat, witness a disregard for security practices, witness someone expressing interest in terrorist organizations or witness someone expressing hatred toward Americans or the U.S. government.

- Go directly to local law enforcement. Click this "radio button" to send a report if you "see suspicious or unusual activity," such as someone hiding in an odd area, someone who may be planning a potential threat or someone



The U.S. Army Europe counterintelligence division recently released iReport, a new smartphone application for service members, civilians, contractors and family members in Europe.

taking unauthorized photos of military bases or posts.

If you see immediate and escalating incidents, you should report these incidents to local and military police immediately, which can also be done by using the application or by simply calling the local authorities.

The U.S. Army Europe iReport application is available for free download, and USAREUR counterintelligence representatives encourage everyone to download it from the Apple App (application) Store, Google Play, or Microsoft Store, Eisenhardt said.

Eagle Scouts compete for American Legion scholarship

Eligible Eagle Scouts must apply to American Legion Post BE02 by Feb. 26 to be considered for "The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year." The Legion offers a national scholarship to the Eagle Scout who is selected.

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Three second-place scholarship awards will be given in the amount of \$2,500 each. The scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarships upon graduation from a state-accredited high school (public, parochial, military, private or home school) and must use the total award within four years of high-school graduation, excluding active military duty or religious mission.

For an application or for more information, visit <http://www.legion.org/publications/223495/eagle-scout-year-nomination-form-2016> or contact flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com.

Eligibility requirements

The nominee must:

- Be a registered, active member of a Boy Scout troop, varsity scout team, or Venturing crew chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron; or

- Be a registered, active member of a chartered Boy Scout troop, varsity scout team, or Venturing crew, and the son or grandson of a Legionnaire or Auxiliary member; and

- Have earned the Eagle Scout Award;
- Be an active member of his religious institution and must have received the appropriate Boy Scout religious emblem;

- Have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, scouting and community;

- Have reached his 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection; and

- Reside in the department to which he applies (Department of France for Benelux Eagle Scouts).

Those still in high school who reached their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified.

Other Legion youth opportunities

American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State are the premier programs for teaching how government works, while developing leadership skills and an appreciation of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. The deadline is March 31.

Only young men and women who have successfully completed their junior year of high school and who have at least one more semester remaining are considered.

Obtain applications and information from the high-school counselor or from the American Legion Post BE02 at flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com.

New legislation expands victims' rights

The Special Victims' Counsel, or SVC, program, designed to help victims of sexual assault, has been expanded, according to a recent article by the Army News Service. The implementation of an important committee has also been moved up to late February.

The SVC expansion and new legislation affecting sexual-assault policy -- and related court-martial procedures -- are part of the fiscal year 2016 National Defense Authorization Act.

The implementation date of the Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces, has been advanced to Feb. 23, said Col. Walt Hudson, judge advocate chief, Criminal Law Division, Army Office of the Judge Advocate General. This committee will advise the defense secretary on how well the department is doing in the investigation, prosecution and defense of allegations of rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault and other sexual misconduct involving members of the military.

NDAAs expanded both the categories of victims entitled to SVC services and the types of services that SVC provides:

- When SVC was first implemented two years ago, only active-component service members and their family members qualified for SVC, Hudson said. Now, Department of

Defense civilians may also be eligible for SVC.

- SVC attorneys are now authorized to assist victims with issues that arise outside the court-martial process, including filing inspector general and equal opportunity complaints, Freedom of Information Act requests, and congressional requests.

- The law codifies current practice for Army investigators, requiring that investigators and trial counsel must provide victims entitled to SVC notice of that right before questioning them or taking statements from them.

- With the assistance of an SVC, a victim in a sexual assault court-martial now has the right to appeal certain rulings made during pre-trial proceedings that affect a victim's privacy interests.

- The bill requires the defense secretary to establish baseline training standards for SVCs and to work with the services to provide guiding principles, performance measures and standards, and processes to evaluate the SVC program.

Several changes have also been mandated in the area of preventive measures, including improving prevention of sexual assault toward men as well as improving response to male victims.

Learn more by reading the article at <http://www.army.mil/article/159605>.

USAREUR launches overseas DOD hotline number

U.S. Army Europe recently established a new 24-hour Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention, or SHARP, hotline number for those in

DOD's European community.

This overseas telephone number links to the Department of Defense Safe Helpline: Sexual Assault Support for

the DOD Community.

The original telephone line that DOD members overseas used was a stateside number (001-877-995-5247), which is still available to overseas callers.

By dialing DSN 537-SAFE (7233) or civilian +49 (0) 611-143-537-SAFE (7233), DOD members who are overseas now have access via an overseas telephone number to DOD Safe Helpline services:

- Crisis intervention;
- Emotional support;
- Referrals to both military and civilian resources in the victim's area;
- Information on military reporting options (restricted versus unrestricted);
- Information for family and friends of victims; and
- Long- and short-term safety concerns.

The DOD Safe Helpline can also be reached online at <https://safehelpline.org>.

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Victim Advocate Hotlines

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Schinnen: +31 (0) 651-919119
DOD Safe Helpline: +49 (0) 611-143-537-SAFE (7233)

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY**Jan. 8**

- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community Fridays from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Recreation Night features games, cards, music and movies. Snacks and beverages available for purchase: crispy chicken tenders, daily homemade soup and potato wedges. For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

Jan. 12 to 15

- **Welcome, newcomers** - Brussels Army Community Service invites all service members, civilians and their families to participate in free newcomers events next week. Jan. 12: Supermarket Guided Tour is conducted from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Jan. 13: The deputy garrison manager's welcome and USAG Benelux-Brussels site brief start at 8:45 a.m. and are followed by a cultural acclimatization (information on local customs as well as basic French and Flemish), which ends at 12:30 p.m. Jan. 14: Hospital Guided Tour is conducted from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Jan. 15: Metro Madness (in which newcomers learn to use public transportation) runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meet in the ACS conference room in Building 4 half an hour before start time to get settled, get a snack or get ready to leave as a group for a tour, if applicable. Register by calling DSN 368-9783/9729 or civilian 02-7179783/9729.

Jan. 14

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy an all-you-can-eat taco bar from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Adults \$10; children, ages 12 and under, \$5. (Alternate children's menu: hotdogs or chicken fingers.) Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before by sending an email message to reservations3star@yahoo.com.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY**Register now**

- **Dress for Success** - Learn the do's and don'ts of dressing professionally and appropriately for an interview and your daily work environment at this employment class at the Schinnen Army Community Service Training Room in Building 39 Jan. 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.

Jan. 11

- **Grand opening of Alliance Restaurant** - Ciano Services International, the new caterer on JFC Brunssum, will debut its full range of options, including an all-day coffee and snack bar, breakfast, light lunch and full lunches at the Alliance Restaurant in Building 201. (Miner's Rest is closed pending demolition and reconstruction in the new wing of Building H106 and won't reopen for the duration of 2016.) Through Jan. 8, Ciano will conduct a "soft" opening of the Alliance Restaurant with light lunch service. To serve its customers with dietary restrictions, Alliance Restaurant will always offer a selection of vegetarian meals, and all of their non-pork dishes are prepared with halal meats, making their products suitable for Muslim customers. If you have any questions, call the Family Support Morale & Welfare Branch at DSN 364-2671 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5262671.

Jan. 13

- **Newborn Network** - Join Schinnen Army Community Service during this fun way to meet other parents, discuss becoming a parent, and bond with your baby through sharing and music. Part of the New Parent Support Program, this support group is designed for parents of children, ages newborn to 12 months. For more information or to register, call Schinnen Army Community Service at DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500.

Jan. 13 to 14

- **New Parent Support Home Visitor** - Part of the New Parent Support and Home Visitation Program, the New Parent Support Home Visitor will be available for office hours, hospital and home visits to all U.S. ID cardholders. To schedule an appointment, call Schinnen Army Community Service at DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500.

Jan. 14 and 15

- **Host Nation Orientation/Newcomers Tour** - Learn what you need to know from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Schinnen Army Community Service. All newcomers and spouses are invited to learn about your new community, including local customs, culture and language. Day one consists of briefings from local agencies, Dutch language and culture training. Day two, the group goes beyond the gate to learn and use the public transportation to visit points of interest in the community. For more information or to register for the Host Nation Orientation/Newcomers Tour, call Schinnen Army Community Service at DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437512/7500.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Jan. 11 and 12

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

Jan. 12

- **Interviewing Tips and Techniques Workshop** - Learn to ace any interview at this employment seminar at SHAPE Army Community Service from 9 a.m. to noon. Get tips on how to prepare for an interview, get into the right mind set, and convince potential employers you are a perfect fit for the position. To register, call DSN: 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Jan. 13

- **Résumé-writing Workshop** - Go to this workshop at SHAPE Army Community Service from 9 a.m. to noon to learn to prepare chronological, functional, hybrid and/or federal résumé while also learning to apply the knowledge, skills and abilities they've acquired in order to be marketable for the job they deserve. To register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.
- **Writers Write** - The Writers Write prompt group is an informal, nonjudgmental writing group that meets in SHAPE International Library from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Timed writings based on topics from various manuals, prompt websites, one's imagination and other sources are also featured. For details, call DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631.

Jan. 14

- **Martin Luther King observance** - The USAG Military Community will hold a cake-cutting and display in the Chievres PX food court from noon to 4 p.m. to commemorate the life of social activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A vital figure of the modern era, King played a pivotal role in the Civil Rights Movement. In sermons and speeches, King's voice rang out with a call for Americans to work toward a better tomorrow. His actions inspired men and women, young and old, in America and around the world.

Jan. 15

- **Movie Time at the Library** - Join us the staff of Chièvres Library, and watch a fun-filled, family-friendly movie from 4:30 to 6 p.m. (Contact the library at DSN 361-5767 or 068-275767 for the title of the film). Free popcorn and juice will be served. Children 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Fun for Kids** - Make sure you have your bikes, trikes, scooters, or skates from 5 to 7 p.m. to join other children at the Chièvres Community Activity Center. You can get together a game of pickup basketball or play on bouncy castles, too.

Inside the gate

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates – 2D movies: adults €7.50 and children 11 and under €4. 3D movies: adults €9 and children 11 and under €6. Check <http://www.shape2day.com> under "Morale & Welfare (MWB)" for the movie schedule.

Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English

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

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

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

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

Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Adult admission is €6.5 (ages 12 and older) - Child admission is €3.75 (ages 11 and under). Check the web page at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146> for the movie schedule.

Travel the Benelux

Mundaneum called 'Paper Google'

by **Tim Clark**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Outside the gate

An audacious idea: Gather and index all the published information in the world. You may think of Google or the Internet, but this visionary forerunner to the Internet was made of handwritten and typed index cards — 18 million of them filed using the Universal Decimal Classification, a system that expanded upon Dewey Decimal System.

The big idea of two Belgians, lawyer Paul Otlet and Nobel Peace Prize winner Henri La Fontaine, imagined a world that could be improved by collecting and sharing knowledge.

The Mundaneum was created from the Universal Bibliographic Repertory, a cross-referenced card catalog of published works started by Otlet and Fontaine in 1895. In 1919, the Belgian government gave the Mundaneum a home in Brussels' Palais du Cinquantenaire. After five years, the government rescinded its permission to use the space in order to put up an exhibit on the nation's rubber industry. The Mundaneum moved to a series of successively more

humble locations around Brussels, ending up in a former parking garage. It closed in 1934, but, undeterred, Otlet moved the Mundaneum to his home and continued his work.

Following the deaths of its founders, La Fontaine (1943) and Otlet (1944), the collection of information was largely forgotten and stored in a room of the anatomy building at the Free University of Brussels. The archives were unearthed in 1969 by Australian researcher W. Boyd Rayward, a student at the University of Chicago, who was writing a thesis on information science. Rayward went on to become a professor at the University of Illinois and, in 1975, published a biography of Otlet.

Often called the father of information science, Otlet, clearly a genius, also wrote about the subject in a brochure in 1906, in "The Aspects of the Book" he predicted that mankind would have cell phones that could receive information from any book.

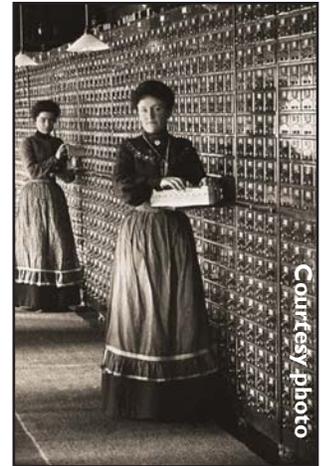
"Tomorrow, telephony will be wireless," Otlet wrote. "We shall witness a new

transformation of the book: Everyone will carry, in his or her pocket, a tiny little handset that will be tuned with the turn of a screw to the wavelength adopted by each emitting center."

He also predicted the videoconference in his 1934 book "Traité de Documentation," a treatise on the organization and dissemination of knowledge.

In 1984, the ownership of the collection was transferred to government of Wallonia. The move to Mons came in 1993 on the initiative of the minister of education of Wallonia at the time. The Mundaneum opened as a museum, on Rue de Nimy in the heart of the city in 1998.

Closed for a remodeling in 2014, the Mundaneum reopened in 2015. The transformation of the Mundaneum improved the conditions for preserving the archives and increased the services and exhibits available for visitors. Rows of wooden filing cabinets, filled with the original index cards, line the walls. One drawer of cards can be handled as part of one of the interactive displays



Courtesy photo

The Mundaneum in the 1900s and below today.

that explain the visionary work of Otlet and La Fontaine. The Mundaneum also houses collections and archives related to feminism, pacifism, and anarchism.

Wired magazine named the Mundaneum one of the "Top 100 Geeky Places to Visit" in 2009. Le Monde, a French magazine, dubbed the Mundaneum, "a paper Google."

With researchers now scanning the index cards and uploading them to the Internet, eventually you will be able to do what Otlet dreamed about: access all the world's information — at least what's in the Mundaneum — from anywhere.



Tim Clark

Essentials for your visit

Rue de Nimy 76

Mons, Belgium

Adults: €6

Students: €4

Open Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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Dutch femme fatale works both sides in WWI

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Refusing a blindfold, Margaretha Zelle stood in a muddy field on the outskirts of Paris, staring unflinchingly at the 12 Soldiers who would end her life. The sun glinted off a sword extended into the air. On command, the soldiers raised their rifles. As the sword descended, shots rang out, and she fell to the ground. The officer in charge came forward, pulled out his pistol and, at point blank range, fired a single bullet into her head. Convicted spy Mata Hari was dead.



Mata Hari wearing her dance costume in 1910.

Zelle was born in Leeuwarden, the Netherlands, in August 1876. A mail-order bride at 18, Zelle wasn't happy in her marriage to a Dutch army officer 21 years her senior, who was stationed in Java, Dutch East Indies.

"I was not content at home. I wanted to live like a colorful butterfly in the sun," Zelle said.

During her time in what is now Indonesia, Zelle had learned about native dances, and, after a divorce in which her husband retained custody of their daughter, Mata Hari moved to Paris in 1903 and became a dancer. She danced under the stage name Mata Hari and claimed she was a Java princess, which gave her an exotic allure. Having no inhibitions about displaying and flaunting her body, she became well-known for her sensual dancing.

Soon a sensation, Mata Hari gave performances for thousands of fans in Berlin, Madrid, Vienna and other

European capitals.

As her dance career wound down, she became a courtesan, having relationships with high-ranking military officers, politicians and others in influential positions in many countries.

With the Netherlands neutral during World War I, Zelle, a Dutch citizen, had free movement across national borders. Recruited by both France and Germany to be a spy, she was thought by many to be a double agent. Academics Pat Shipman and Julie Wheelwright each wrote a book on Mata Hari, and both cast doubt on her career as a spy.

"She really did not pass on anything that you couldn't find in the newspapers," wrote Wheelwright, author of "Mata Hari and the Myth of Women in Espionage."

Shipman had a different perspective.

"As she never had the slightest intention of spying for Germany, she felt no guilt or obligation to do any-

thing for the money she had accepted. She had always taken money from men," wrote Shipman, author of "Femme Fatale: A Biography of Mata Hari."

Others disagree. Formerly top-secret files from the British intelligence agency M15, released in 2014, show that Zelle was trailed by Allied surveillance officers across Europe before her arrest. A file dated May 22, 1917, states that she confessed to being a spy for the German Secret Service and had been paid 20,000 francs for her services.

Period accounts of her execution claim she was blowing a kiss to her lawyer or the firing squad when she was shot Oct. 15, 1917.

"This was going to be her last performance, and she was going to go out in style," Wheelwright said. "She was playing to the crowd, which is what she always did."

In Leeuwarden, Fries (Frisian) Museum devotes a room to its infamous native.

Outside the gate

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Amsterdam with the Heineken Experience, Jan. 16**
- **"The Nutcracker" Ballet, Brussels, Jan. 24 (Seats are limited.)**
- **Thermae 2000 in Valkenburg, the Netherlands, Jan. 30**
- **Malta, Feb. 5 to 10**
- **Rosenmontag Carnival in Cologne during school break, Feb. 8**
- **Paris with dinner cruise on the Seine, Feb. 13**
- **London with "Wicked" musical, Feb. 20**
- **Cooking class in Lille, March 12**

- **Oostende with Soul Legends, March 19**
- **Croatia with Venice and Slovenia, March 28 to April 6**
- **Berlin, April 29 to May 2**
- **Discounted tickets for many local attractions**

SHAPE Travel Group

Call civilian 0470-876369 for details.

- **Snow World, the Netherlands (transportation and four-hour ski pass), Jan. 19**
- **Trocs and Leuven (Louvain), Jan. 28**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- **Trips return soon.**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Through Jan. 9

- **Christmas at the Cathedrals in Mons** - Fairy show telling the story of Christmas is held at the Mons Sainte Waudru Collegiate Church at 5:15, 6:30 or 7:45 p.m. Tickets are available on site at €22, €17, €12 or €7. For more information and pre-sale tickets, visit at www.nocturnales.be.



Jan. 8

- **Presentation of the movie on Jurbise** - For a year, a team has been working on this movie showing all aspects of the town. Movie is at 6:30 p.m. at Rue du Moustier 8 and will be followed by a reception.

Jan. 9

- **New Year's concert in Ath** - By the teachers and students of the Ath Music Academy starting at 8 p.m. at the Palace on the main square. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.
- **Volksmarch in Enghien for 6, 12, 18, 25 or 30 km** - Departs from the school on Pavé de Soignies from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Small participation fee.



- **Fair for scale-model trains and accessories in Anderlues** - Held at Salle Jean XXIII at Rue des Bruyères 58 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission: €2.50.

Jan. 10

- **Volksmarch in Perwez for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from "Salle de la Posterie" on Avenue Wilmart from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Erquelinnes for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue du Port 37 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Horrues for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from the Place du jeu de balle from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Nivelles for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue Clarisse 10 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Sirault for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the sports center in front of the church on Rue des Déportés from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Jemappes** - On Avenue Maréchal Foch from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Hornu** - On Route de Mons (at the Cora store) from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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

Jan. 9 to 10

- **Air-cooled Winterfest in Rosmalen** will be held at Autotron, where visitors can enjoy the Volkswagen Beetle in all kinds of colors and measurements as well as the Volkswagen Microbus. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €15; children €5.



Jan. 10

- **Volksmarch in Ransdaal** for 10, 15 or 20 km - Departs from 't Wouves at Dorpsplein 14 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the 10-km route; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 15-km route and 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the 20-km route.
- **Volksmarch in Merselo** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km - Departs from Café Den Tommes on Grootdorp from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 5- and 10-km routes and from 9 a.m. to noon for the 15- and 20-km routes.
- **Venlo Rocks Festival in Venlo** - Event is held at De Zuidhoek at Emmastraat 65 and gives young bands the opportunity to perform. Hall opens at 3 p.m. with the first band performing at 3:30 p.m. Free admission.

Jan. 13 to 17

- **Vacation Fair in Utrecht** will be held at Jaarbeurs in the town center. You can stroll along the many different booths and get all the information you need to plan your next holiday. Open Jan. 13, 14, 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: €20.

Jan. 14 to 17

- **Dutch National Art Deco Fair in Den Haag** will be held at Grote Kerk at Rond de Grote Kerk 12. Enjoy art and design during the period of 1880-1980. Open Jan. 14 from 1 to 7 p.m.; Jan. 15 to 16 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Jan. 17 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €12.50.



Outside the gate

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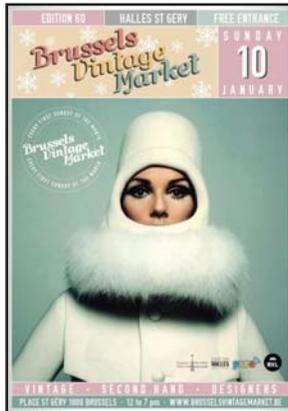
Jan. 10 continued

- **Children's flea market in Dour** - Children (accompanied by an adult) will be selling their secondhand toys, games, bicycle, sports items, books and clothing at "Eléphant Mocoœur" at Rue Maréchal Foch 16 from 2 to 5 p.m. Free admission.
- **Book fair in Le Roeulx** - At the Cultural Center at Rue de Houdeng 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free admission.
- **Brussels Vintage Market** - Held in Les Halles Saint Géry at Place Saint Géry 23 with secondhand clothing, accessories, daily items from noon to 7 p.m. Free admission.



Through Jan. 17

- **Exhibition "Mankind, The Dragon and Death. The Glory of St Georges" in Boussu** - The exhibition (including paintings, sculptures, drawings and illuminated manuscripts) shows how the iconography of St. George and the dragon has always been a powerful driver of the European imagination. At the MAC'S Grand Hornu site at Rue Sainte Louise 82. Open Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.mons2015.eu/en/man-dragon-and-death>.



- **Nivelles on Ice** - The ice-skating rink on Nivelles Grand Place will be open until Jan. 17 Wednesdays from 2 to 8 p.m., Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission: €5.



Jan. 14 to 17 continued

- **Interclassics & TopMobiel in Maastricht** for genuine car enthusiasts and others will take place at MECC. Each year, more than 15,000 avid motor-show spectators visit the greatest classic-car event in the Benelux region. Open Jan. 14 from noon to 8 p.m.; Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Jan. 16 to 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €20.



Ongoing

Through Jan. 17

- **Winter at the Dutch Open Air Museum in Arnhem** is being held at Hoeflerlaan 1. Visitors can see what daily life was like in the days of yesteryear. Learn what you would eat, how you would keep warm, how you would dress and more. Be sure to stop by the exhibition on the history of the circus/fairs in the Netherlands. Open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €16; children €11.

Through Jan. 31

- **Winter Efteling near Tilburg** is Efteling Amusement and Fairy Tale Park at its winter-fairyland best. Located in Kaatsheuvel on Europalaan, Winter Efteling offers good old-fashioned winter fun and special winter attractions, transforming it into a magical winter world with an abundance of twinkling lights and other mood lighting as well as ice-skating and bonfires. Experience the water show Aquanura, a colorful musical spectacle, against a dark winter sky. Open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; weekends from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €40. Learn more at <http://www.efteling.com/winterefteling>.



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