

THE GAZETTE

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

Increased traffic stops

Chievres Air Base has experienced an increase of traffic related offenses, mostly speeding, failure to stop at posted stop signs and aggressive driving endangering our community members. Effective immediately, the Military Police will increase community traffic enforcement on post. DES is responsible for maintaining a safe and secure environment for our civilian work force, family members and service members. Violators may be subject to loss of on-post driving privileges and in some cases, barred from entry. Help us to help you keep our community safe by obeying traffic laws and respecting each other's safety.

Gate closure

Chievres Air Base gate 14 will be closed May 12.

Radar checks in Jurbise

The Belgian Police will be checking your speed May 16 in Jurbise on Rue d'Ath.

Call for bloggers

The USAG Benelux is looking for bloggers for the Trenches to Foxholes information and education campaign. For more information email usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil with 'interested in blogging' as the subject line usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil.

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Today is Victory in Europe Day. VE Day was the public holiday celebrated on May 8, 1945 (7 May in Commonwealth realms) to mark the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces. It thus marked the end of World War II in Europe. See page three for local events commemorating the event today and May 9.

Eagle Scout project nears completion at Brussels CYSS

Special to the Gazette

Patrick Hall is nearing completion of his Eagle Scout project at the Brussels Child, Youth and School Services facility

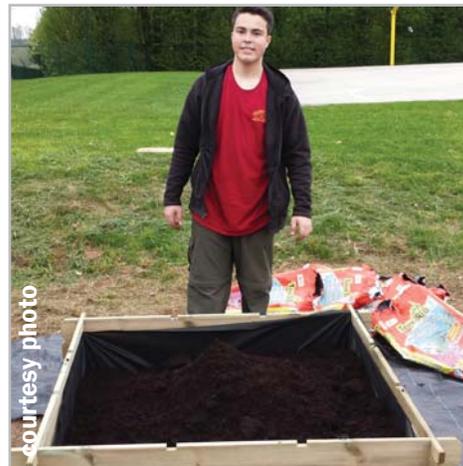
Patrick worked with the staff at the CYSS to plan a "Victory" Garden behind the new facility. Scouts of troop 457 partnered with CYSS youth to work on the project. Over the course of several weekends, seven planter boxes were constructed and installed on site for growing vegetables, and the remainder of the site was prepared as a pumpkin patch.

In executing the project, Boy Scouts gained valuable leadership experience while CYSS youth learned all about gardening. The vegetables from the garden could be used in preparing meals at the CYS facility, while the pumpkin patch can be a fall attraction. The installation of the garden is very near completion. Scouts are waiting on mulch delivery.

The Eagle Scout Service Project is the opportunity for a Boy Scout to demonstrate leadership of others while performing a project for the benefit of his community.

This is the culmination of the Eagle Scout candidate's leadership training, and it requires a significant effort on his part. A written plan must be submitted using the BSA Eagle Scout

Leadership Service Project Workbook and be pre-approved by the benefiting organization, the Scout Leader, the unit committee, and a district representative, before work on the project can begin. After the project is complete, the Scout will update the workbook where he will discuss the methods in which he provided leadership, ways in which the plan may have had to change and the benefits of the project to the community.



Patrick Hall shows off one of the planters for his Eagle Scout project.



BOSS volunteers at Ramstein

Benelux BOSS members and a patient of the 86th Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility participate in a trivia game on Ramstein Air Base, Germany, April 30, 2014. The facility began taking patients in 2003 from Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom and was set up to provide care for those who couldn't receive treatment at Aeromedical Staging Facilities and Mobile ASFs during those operations. Eight members of BOSS attended the trip to Germany, they also went to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center where they dropped off donated items for the lending closet and learned about the donation and lending closet program. Benelux BOSS is open to all single service members, including geographically separated members and international single service members. To join call the BOSS president at DSN 423-3892 civilian 065-443892 (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jose L. Leon)

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International angling club welcomes new members

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The SHAPE International Angling Club is open to military and civilian members of SHAPE and NATO organizations in support of SHAPE, and their dependants.

Full membership of the club is €130 per year. The fee includes the member's immediate family at no additional cost. For younger members, there is also junior membership and student rates for dependants who are in full time education away from SHAPE, details of which can be obtained from the club secretary.

SIAC offers all year-round coarse fishing in our well-stocked lake set in a beautiful and peaceful surrounding in a rented lake located near the village of St Denis, approximately 4 kilometers from SHAPE.

Species in the lake include carp, tench, bream, pike, wall-eye, roach, perch and rudd. Our aim is to cater for all anglers. With few exceptions, in the interests of conservation the SIAC

operates a catch and release policy, which is strictly enforced (except for walleyes). For those who like to fish during the hours of darkness, night fishing is permitted.

Newcomers to the sport will always find other club members ready and willing to offer advice and help on the best kind of tackle and bait to use.

In addition to fun and family angling, this thriving club also provides the opportunity for members to participate in organized matches.

As the lake is private, no state fishing permits are needed. New members are always welcome. Contact a committee

member for further details.

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Trenches to Foxholes

Today is Victory in Europe Day or V-E Day and ceremonies will be held in almost every town in Belgium. USAG Benelux will be participating in the following ones:



- In Chièvres, a ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. at the monument for the war victims
- In Brugelette, a ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the monument next to the church
- In Ath, a ceremony including a parade through town will be held starting at 6:45 p.m.
- In Mons, May 9 at 11 a.m., the 5th Fusiliers Battalion will host a VE Day ceremony at the military headquarters, Rue des Passages.

Halifax OW-M & Lancaster JI-C

On May 10, a ceremony will be held in Geraardsbergen to honor the crew members of two downed bombers that crashed on the town during World War II. The event starts at the city hall at 9 a.m. for a welcome and departure to the memorial location. A display and a military re-enactment camp will open at noon, a military band parade will go through town at 2 p.m. and an evening concert will conclude the event from 7 to 10 p.m.

Flanders Field grave adoption program

On April 9 The American Legion Post BE02 implemented the "Adopt-a-Grave" program at the Flanders Field American Cemetery in commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of the beginning of World War I. Since then, the graves of 270 American WWI Soldiers have been adopted by the citizens of Belgium. With the Memorial Day ceremony approaching, the project team is hoping to have the other 140 graves adopted. If anyone would like to adopt a grave, applications can be obtained from the cemetery office or by visiting the "Adopt-a-Grave" website at <http://www.sitemn.gr/adoptagraveflandersfield/>.



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Trenches to Foxholes

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts take over Normandy



SHAPE Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts joined more than 4,500 other Scouts and families for a trip to Normandy April 25 through 27, 2014 to participate in the largest gathering of Boy Scouts of America in Europe.(top). In addition to the typical scouting camping activities, Scouts and families visited monuments and museums to learn more about the history of the D-Day landing. Scouts and family members gather for a ceremony at the main camping site. (middle left) Ryan Papaioannou sits on a bulldozer at the St. Mére Eglise Airborne museum. (middle right) Emile Richoux and Wyatt Dunbar, Pack 325 Bear Scouts, manning the guns at Utah Beach. (left) Joe Morrison explains the Pointe du Hoc mission to his sons Andrew and John. (Photos courtesy of the SHPE Cub Scouts and SHPE Boy Scouts)

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Separation and divorce can be lengthy process

Special to the Gazette

Divorce is the legal process that terminates a marriage and allows the parties to remarry. While the divorce process is relatively straightforward, both parties must realize that a divorce will bring significant changes to their individual lives. Aside from the obvious emotional stress, significant physical and economic issues will arise if only because it is simply more expensive to maintain two households than one.

Separation Agreements

A separation agreement is a contract between the two parties that addresses such matters as property division, allocation of debts, spousal support, child custody, and child support. It can be as broad and comprehensive as you wish, or it can be simple and short. A separation agreement can simplify and speed up the process by resolving issues before filing for divorce. In fact, some states (e.g., New York) require a separation agreement before a divorce can be filed.

The separation agreement can divide all kinds of property, including real estate, such as a house or condominium; tangible personal property, such as cars, jewelry, and furniture; and intangible property, such as bank accounts, Individual Retirement Accounts, pensions, and insurance. You may also set out how you will file income-tax returns in your separation agreement. Generally, you and your spouse are free to divide your property as you wish in your separation agreement, subject to restrictions imposed by state law. You should, however, consider how a judge might divide your property if you and your spouse cannot reach an amicable agreement. Military-retirement income is divisible in a separation agreement or divorce decree, again subject to relevant provisions of federal and state law.

A separation agreement is, in effect, a contract between the two parties to the marriage: it is binding only between you and your spouse and has no effect on third parties. A separation agreement is not valid unless both parties sign the contract. You cannot force your spouse to sign a separation agreement. If your spouse fails to pay a joint debt for which he is responsible under the separation agreement, the creditor may demand payment from you. If you and your spouse reconcile or cohabit after the separation agreement is signed, the validity of the separation agreement may be void, and a court may refuse to honor it.

The Role of the Military

In the absence of a valid court order, or if your separation agreement does not state an amount of support, you are entitled to financial support from your military spouse. The amount is based on the Soldier's Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). If you are dual military and there are children in the household, the spouse who will maintain primary custody of the children until a divorce decree becomes final is entitled to BAH at the differential rate. (See Army Regulation 608-99, paragraphs 2-3 through 2-6. Other branches of the military have the following regulations regarding family support: Air Force—AFI 36-2906; Navy—MILPERSMAN ART. 1754-030; and Marine Corps—LEGALADMINMAN, Chap 15.) An attorney at Northern Law Center can help you ascertain how much

support you should expect or how much you will have to pay. Separation and divorce may change your pay entitlements regardless of whether you have children, so be sure to contact your servicing finance office and notify your chain of command immediately upon any change in family situation.

A separation agreement is not required for an Early Return of Dependents (ERD), although it is highly advisable. Often a letter from a professional, such as a lawyer, chaplain, or marriage counselor, will suffice to confirm with your command that you are having marital difficulties. Be aware, however, that granting an ERD is within the discretion of the command.

To state the obvious, one remains married until the divorce is finalized by judicial decree. Even after a separation agreement has been signed, service members remain subject to provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice that prohibit adultery. Adultery can also have adverse consequences on the financial settlement in your divorce decree depending on what state you are proceeding in.

Child Custody

Unlike property division and alimony, any agreement between you and your spouse is subject to review by the court using the "best interest of the child" standard.

The Divorce Process

Military attorneys cannot represent you in a civilian court. If you wish to have an attorney for divorce proceedings, it will be at your own expense. If your divorce is filed as uncontested, your state may have a pro se option. You will fill out and file all paperwork with the court. Both parties must agree to the division of all property and assets. If you choose to file uncontested, appearing pro se does not require an attorney, only that you pay filing fees. If one party contests the divorce or the division of assets, the divorce is no longer considered uncontested. Contested divorces typically take longer, cost more money, and almost always require the services of an attorney or mediator.

The amount of time a divorce takes will vary from state to state and even from court to court within a state. The first step in a divorce proceeding is to meet the filing requirements, which usually include residency and the grounds for divorce. Residency requirements can be as short as six weeks (e.g., Nevada), but are often six months to a year. If there is any dispute about child custody, then you may have to file in the state where the child has been living for the six months immediately preceding the divorce filing.

In a no-fault or uncontested divorce, it will usually not matter who files for the divorce. Some jurisdictions, however, charge no filing fees for military defendants, so it may be cheaper for the non-military spouse to file. In some states, filing fees are waived in whole or in part if the party filing falls below a certain level of income. If the divorce is being filed as fault-based (for instance, for adultery or for cruelty), the party alleging fault is usually the party who files for the divorce. Depending on what grounds you are alleging, there may be a required waiting

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Emergency numbers

Brussels

Any emergency - Dial 112

**Brussels MP station:
DSN 368-9769
civilian 02-717-9769**

Schinnen

Any emergency - Dial 112

**Schinnen MP station:
DSN 360-7555
civilian 046-443-7555**

SHAPE/Chièvres

Any emergency - Dial 112

**Chièvres MP station:
DSN 361-5301**

civilian 068-27-5301

SHAPE Police Desk:

DSN 423-3333/4

Civilian 065-44-3333/4

Suicide hotline

DSN 118 (*2118 from SHAPE) or the toll free number 00800-1273-8255

Get free and confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

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period before your divorce can be granted.

Once the petition for divorce has been filed, a copy is served on the other party. The other party is given a specified period to submit a response to the court. Once the other party files the answer, a trial date will be set. At trial, both spouses can testify and present evidence. Once each spouse has presented his case, the judge will decide whether to grant the divorce, how to split up the property and debts, what child custody or visitation will be awarded, and other issues involved in the case. In some states, there is a waiting period after entry of judgment before the divorce becomes final. The decree itself will state its effective date.

Northern Law Center provides confidential legal counseling regarding separation and divorce. Legal assistance attorneys are available to advise you on where you can file for divorce, what the possible consequences of a divorce are, how divorce will affect child custody, and to answer other questions you may have. Attorneys at Northern Law Center can also prepare a separation agreement for you, with legal assistance for your spouse from a different legal office in the Netherlands or in Germany. A legal-assistance attorney may not, however, represent you in court during any proceedings.

Remember, every case is different. This article is not a substitute for consulting an attorney. Call Northern Law Center at DSN 423-4868/civilian (32) 65 44 48 68 to make an appointment.

Protective equipment rules being strongly enforced

Gate guards on Chièvres Air Base and Caserne Daumerie have begun to turn away riders who are not wearing the proper protective equipment.

Helmets, eye protection, foot protection and protective clothing (protective clothing includes long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves or mittens made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material) will be worn while operating motorcycles, off-road vehicles, and all terrain vehicles on Army installations and all Soldiers at anytime on or off Army installations.

Additionally riders on Army installations in Europe will wear a vest, jacket, upper outer garment, or motorcycle clothing that incorporates fluorescent and highly reflective material at all times when operating or riding as a passenger on the vehicles. Soldiers must wear the reflective and fluorescent upper outer garment on and off post, regardless of local civilian requirements. Military uniforms, including Army physical fitness test wear that is designed to be reflective, do not meet this criterion.



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Soccer Tournament

The German National Soccer Team at JFC Brunssum is organizing the 34th International Soccer Tournament to include a delegations, ladies, youngsters and oldiers Cup, August 14-15. If you have a soccer team or if you are interested in participating, call DSN 364-3022/2964 or civilian 045-527-3022/2964.

Summer Theater Camp

Registration is open for Summer Theater Camp at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. This year's camp will be June 23 through July 26 and the production will be Willy Wonka. Cost is \$400 a child. For more information, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-44-3312.

CYSS Schinnen

Summer Basketball Camp - Open for grades 9-12. The camp will begin on June 24 and end Aug. 5. Practice will take place at the Schinnen Fitness Center every Tuesday beginning June 24 at 5 p.m. Both boys and girls will be given the opportunity to practice up on their shooting, passing, rebounds, and free throw skills during the camp. For more information call the Schinnen Fitness Center, at DSN 360-7561, civilian 046-443-7561 or email USArmy.Schinnen.IMCOM-Europe.List.Schinnen-FC@mail.mil.

Paid internships with CYSS

If you are a U.S. citizen between 15 and 18 years old, currently attending high school, if you possess and maintain a C grade-point average or better and are subject to the satisfactory completion of local police background checks, you are eligible to apply for a paid internship with CYSS Sports & Fitness. CYSS will offer a paid internship for 12 continuous work weeks once all goals are met with 15-18 hours of work during school weeks and a maximum of 40 hours during non school weeks. CPR training, first aid and child abuse prevention classes will be offered. If interested, call CYSS at DSN 423-5611 or civilian 065-44-5611.

SHAPE Arts and Crafts Center

Watercolor classes May 14 and 21. Classes are Wednesday

from 10 to 11:30 a.m. or Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. **For more information, 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.**

Brussels Education Center

The USAG Benelux-Brussels Education Center has changed its hours of operation to Mon-Thu 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., closed on Fridays. Reason for change is to better accommodate customers during lunch hour.

Brussels Fitness Classes

Yoga - Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 a.m. and Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Power Yoga - Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Shred - Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Indoor Cycling - Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

For more information on those classes, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-717-9667.

Gazette Spotlight

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

Military Spouse Appreciation Day Virtual Career Fair

Fair will be held May 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. at www.spousevirtualcareerfair.com.

Meet and interact with dozens of employers from all across the country, in one day, and from anywhere in the world with a computer and internet connection; build a profile; view and apply for jobs; chat live with recruiters; connect and network with other spouses; be entered to win great prizes by attending.

If you are interested in participating, you need to register prior to the event.

Did you know that . . .



A Budget Review could be the key to your financial peace of mind. Are you living from payday to payday, having trouble meeting monthly bills, being harassed by creditors, or hoping your paycheck reaches the bank before those checks you just wrote do?

The AER Form 57R is available on our website. ("Financial Assistance" - "Blank Forms") It can help you track where your money is going.

If you do need help, visit the nearest Army Emergency Relief Section where caseworkers can review your financial situation and suggest corrective actions.

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

9-10 May

- **Liège Jazz Festival** - More than 20 concerts in four venues in the Palais des Congrès. The prestigious event is an impressive gathering of Belgian and International jazz musicians that perform



all types of jazz, from classical to the most audacious. More information on <http://jazzaliegbe.be/accueil.php?langue=uk&annee=2014>.

- **Flower market in Anderlues** - Market will be at the school on Rue de Nivelles 161 from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday



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10 May

- **Bike ride for 43 or 70 km in Quaregnon** - Departure is from Place du Sud 5 as of 7 a.m. Participating fee is €3.
- **Nordic walking in Lens (5 or 7 km)** - Departure is from Etang des Gabions on Rue des Blanchisseries from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

10-11 May

- **Flower market in La Louvière** - On the square, Place Maugrétout and Boulevard Mairaux from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

11 May (Mothers' Day)

- **Volksmarch in Buvrinnes** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km - De-



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parture is from the school on Rue des Ecoles 9 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- **Volksmarch in Ormeignies** for 5, 10 or 20 km - Departure is from Rue du Vert Buisson from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Tertre** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km - Departure is from Rue Léon Laurent 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Silly** for 5, 10 or 20 km - Departure is from Rue Ville Basse 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Voksmarch in Auderghem** for 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 or 42 km - Departure is from Avenue de la Sablière 2 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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

9 May

- **Yoga Gives Back event in Maastricht** - Try different aspects of yoga and mindfulness at this special event in support of the sister aid project in India. Event is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Yoga-place, St Maartenlaan 36. Participating fee is €25.



10 May

- **The "Griet" Market in Amerongen** is a one day cultural and green event with art, green products, street artists and lots more held at the square across the Castle Amerongen.
- **Volksmarch in Halsteren** for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 or 40 km - Departure is from Café De Beek on Fabrieksstraat 14 from 7 to 9 a.m. for the 40 km route, from 7 to 10 a.m. for the 30 or 25 km route, from 8 to 10 a.m. for the 20 km route and from 9 a.m. to noon for the other routes.
- **Volksmarch in Etten-Leur** for 20, 30 or 40 km - Departure is from Café Hof van Holland on Van Bergenplein 41 from 7 to 9 a.m.

10-11 May

- **Eurofestival in Heel** - Yearly international festival at which over 25 youth bands are participating. Event is held at the Cultural Center Don Bosco on Mgr. Savelbergweg 100. For additional information, send an email to info@euro-festival.nl.
- **National Mill Day** - Throughout the Netherlands, several mills will be accessible and some owners will have side activities such as baking pancakes, small market, a bicycle route or kids activities. In general mills will be open for visits from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. but check the following website as not all mills are taking part in the event: <http://molens.nl>.





17-18 May

- **Welcome in Chièvres** - The city of Chièvres will open its doors to show all the city has to offer. Among the activities are:
 - visit the Degauquier farm in Huissignies or the "ferme du moulin" in Grosage,
 - visit the "Château du Jardin" in Tongre-Notre-Dame on Saturday and the Château of Tongre-Notre-Dame on Sunday.
 - visit the Rural Life Museum in Huissignies or the bread museum in Grosage,
 - join the bicycle group for a tour on Saturday at 2 p.m. or Sunday at 11 a.m. with a stop at the lock in Ladeuze for explanations,
 - enjoy the musical entertainments and the medieval camp at the Saint Jean Chapel.
 - USAG Benelux is participating in the event with a display on the history of Chièvres Air Base at the Chièvres city hall.

18 May (register now)

- **Annual 20 Km of Brussels** - The first run started in 1980 with 4,179 participants. Last year, 37,000 registered for the march, including King Philippe and a total of 121 nationalities. Run starts at the Parc du Cinquentaenaire at 10 a.m. For more information and registration, check <http://www.20kmdebruxelles.be>. Fee is €25.

Ongoing

Through 9 May

- **The Royal Greenhouses in Laeken** - The Greenhouses of the Royal Palace at Laeken open their doors. Entrance fee is €2.5. More information on opening days and hours at <http://www.monarchie.be/fr/actuel/agenda/archives/ouverture-des-serres-royales-de-laeken-printemps-2014>.

Through 24 May

- **The Kunstenfestivaldesarts in Brussels** is an arts festival presenting a selection of Belgian and international artists and their works. The Kunstenfestivaldesarts also runs a series of encounters and workshops aimed at putting the artistic project at the heart of the city and the people who live there. More information on <http://www.kfda.be/>.

Through 12 June

- **Musical spring in Silly** - Series of concerts at the Château de Morval on Rue de Morval 10. Concerts are Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 8 to 11 p.m. Price ranges from €5 to €25 or €120 for all concerts. Find more information on <http://www.printempsmusicalsilly.be>.

Through 26 April 2015

- **Expo 14-18: It's our history in Brussels** - At the Royal Army Museum on Parc du Cinquentaenaire 3, daily from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:45 p.m. except Mondays. Entrance fee is €12 and €8 for children 6 to 18 years. Family package is €32 (2 adults + 2 children). See also Belgian rail day trip specials on www.belgianrail.be.



Through 11 May

- **S.H.O.E.S. Head over Heels in Rotterdam** - Unique display on shoes at the Kunsthal from 1900 up to today.

11 May (Mothers' Day)

- **Annual Sales in Blerick (Venlo)** - Annual sales in the center of town from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market from the trunk of the cars in Reuver (Beesel)** - Event is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Bergerhofweg 1. Entrance fee is €2.
- **Flea market in Panningen (Peel en Maas)** - Indoor flea market held at J.F. Kennedylaan 211 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Spring Fair in Kerkrade** - Fair is held in the botanical garden Kerkrade on St. Hubertuslaan 74 with a large variety of plants, flowers and garden accessories from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entrance fee is €4, per person, children up to 12 years old get free entrance.

Ongoing

Through 18 May

- **Keukenhof Gardens near the town of Lisse** - This year the international flower exhibition has chosen "Holland" as its central theme with the focus on the tulip and its history. Keukenhof is open daily 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ticket office closes at 6 p.m. Entry is €15, children aged 4 to 11 pay €7.50. More information on <http://www.keukenhof.nl>



Rita Hoefnagels

Through 22 June

- **World Press Photo Display in Amsterdam** - Discover the best photographs of the year at the Nieuwe Kerk, Dam. Entrance fee is €10 per adult, €5 per child 6-16. Opening hours are daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Through 5 September

- **Cheese market in Alkmaar** - Cheese 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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SHAPE Trips & Tours

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- **Champagne for a day, May 10 (Mother's Day weekend)** - The trip starts with a guided tour of the Pommery Estate in Reims, followed by a tasting and opportunity to purchase champagne. Lunch will in Reims as well with opportunity to visit the Notre Dame de Reims cathedral where many French kings have been crowned. On the way to Epernay, there will be a stop at the Abbaye where monk Dom Perignon is buried. Departs Brussels at 7:30 a.m., departs SHAPE at 8:45 a.m. Arrives at SHAPE at 9:30 p.m. and at Brussels at 10:30 p.m. Price is €65.

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call DSN 360-7561 or civilian
0031-(0)46-4437561

- **Day Trip to Amsterdam, May 24** - Round trip luxury motor coach transportation (non-smoking). Coach departs Schinnen at 7 a.m., approximate arrival in Amsterdam 10 a.m. Coach departs Amsterdam at designated departure point at 8 p.m., approximate arrival back in Schinnen at 9 p.m. Price is \$49.



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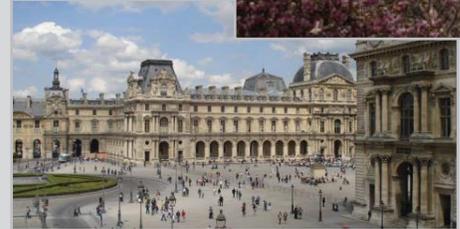
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For information on the trip below
call civilian 0486-565371

- **Versailles Palace & Gardens, May 22** - The Palace of Versailles, once the residence of French Royalty, is now a world famous chateau included in UNESCO's World Heritage list. It is one of the most beautiful achievements of French art and architecture. A self-guided tour will begin in the gardens where the visitors make their way past stunning topiary, fountains and mazes. Then visit the chateau to admire its wonderful interior including the famous Hall of Mirrors. For lunch the group can either eat in the picnic areas adjacent to the gardens or dine at the Café d'Orléans which provides ready-made meals and a take-away menu. In the afternoon the group will then enter the private estate and hamlet of King Louis XVI's wife, Queen Marie Antoinette. Cost is €55 for adults and €35 for those under 26 years of age.



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Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips & Tours

- **Paris, May 17**
- **Versailles, May 24**
- **Polish pottery, May 29 - June 1**
- **Normandy Beaches, May 30 - June 1**
- **Dutch Day, June 7**
- **German Castle Day, 14 June**
- **London, June 21**
- **Stonehenge with Salisbury, June 28**
- **7 Night Mediterranean Cruise, July 4-11**
- **Efteling theme park, July 12**
- **Prague, July 18-21**
- **London, August 15-17**
- **Peru, October 24 - November 3**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Disneyland Paris, June 7**
- **Express trip to Berlin, June 28**
- **Express trip to London, July 19**
- **Miami Dolphins VS Oakland Raiders in London, 27-29 September**
- **Cowboys VS Jaguars in London, November 8-10**

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- **Tongeren & the antiques market, June 1**
- **Fontainebleau Palace, June 5**
- **A day in Paris, June 19**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

13 May

- **Credit Score & Credit Reporting/What's myFICO Score?** - from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at ACS. If you want to improve your credit score, if you are planning to buy a car or home, if you are having financial problems or somebody denied you credit, if you think that you have been a victim of ID theft, if you are having problems with or need to renew your security clearance and/or just curious go to USAG Benelux-Schinnen ACS to get your free myFICO score. For more information or to register, contact ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian 046-4437450/7500.

16 May

- **Health and Fitness Expo**- from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in bldg. 298 at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen. For more information call DSN 458-3358/3322 or civilian +49-2451-99-3358/3322.

Register now

25-26 July

- **Run-a-thon Challenge** - The Tri Border gets ready for the run of a life time by hosting a 12 hour Run-a-thon Challenge. This event will be held at the JFC Sports Complex (Slag Heap). The run will begin at midnight on Friday and run until noon on Saturday. Sign your team up today. Individual sign ups are also welcome and will be placed on a team. For more information, call the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7561, civilian 046-4437561 or email: USArmy.Schinnen.IMCOM-Europe.List.Schinnen-FC@mail.mil.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

9 May

- **Morning 5k**- A 5k run will be held at the Chièvres Community Recreation Center immediately after the flags are raised. Runners should be in place no later than 6:30 a.m.

Get your ticket now

11 May (Tickets on sale until 9 May - limited quantities)

- **Mothers Day Brunch** - Enjoy an all inclusive buffet with a welcome drink, a continental breakfast buffet, a cold starter buffet, a main course buffet, cheese, desserts and drinks. There will also be a Kids Corner. The event will take place at the SHAPE Club from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Price is €28 for adults and €14 for children under 12. For more information, call DSN 423-4133 or civilian 065-444133.

14 May

- **The 5 Love Languages-Military Edition** - From noon to 1 p.m. in the ACS training room, bldg. 318 on SHAPE. To register call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.
- **Lunch & Learn Introducing a new Baby** - Bring your lunch and join the discussion group in the ACS Training Room, bldg 318, SHAPE from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-446824.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

8 May

- **3 Star Lounge dinner special** - Carne Asada (chicken or beef) served with rice and beans. Cost is \$9.95. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 027-179822.

9 May

- **Mother's Day cupcake decorating** - From 4 to 7 p.m. at the 3 Star Lounge. Cost is \$20. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 027-179822.

15 May

- **Asian Pacific Heritage Celebration dinner** - Roast pig served with rice, vegetables and fruit. Cost is \$11.95. For more information or to register, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 027-179822.

Community Roundup

<http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil>

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

May 9	4 p.m.	The Amazing Spider-Man 2 3D	PG-13	142 Min
	7:15 p.m.	Brick Mansions	PG-13	90 Min
	9:45 p.m.	The Quiet Ones	PG-13	98 Min
May 10	4 p.m.	Bears	G	77 Min
	6 p.m.	Captain America: The Winter Soldier	PG-13	136 min
	9:30 p.m.	Heaven is for Real	PG	100 min
May 11	3 p.m.	Rio 2	G	101 min
	5 p.m.	The Amazing Spider-Man 2 2D	PG-13	142 min

Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English: Only the British or American movies listed as VO (Version Originale or Originale 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>.

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