

THE GAZETTE

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

Benelux news briefs

Town-hall meeting

A U.S. town-hall meeting is slated for Oct. 19, at the SHAPE Events Centre from 3:30 to 5 p.m. An information fair starts at 3:30 p.m., and the Q&A event starts at 4 p.m. There will be free activities for children.

You may post questions regarding quality-of-life issues via the U.S. National Military Representative, Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/usnmrtoshape>.

Resiliency Olympics

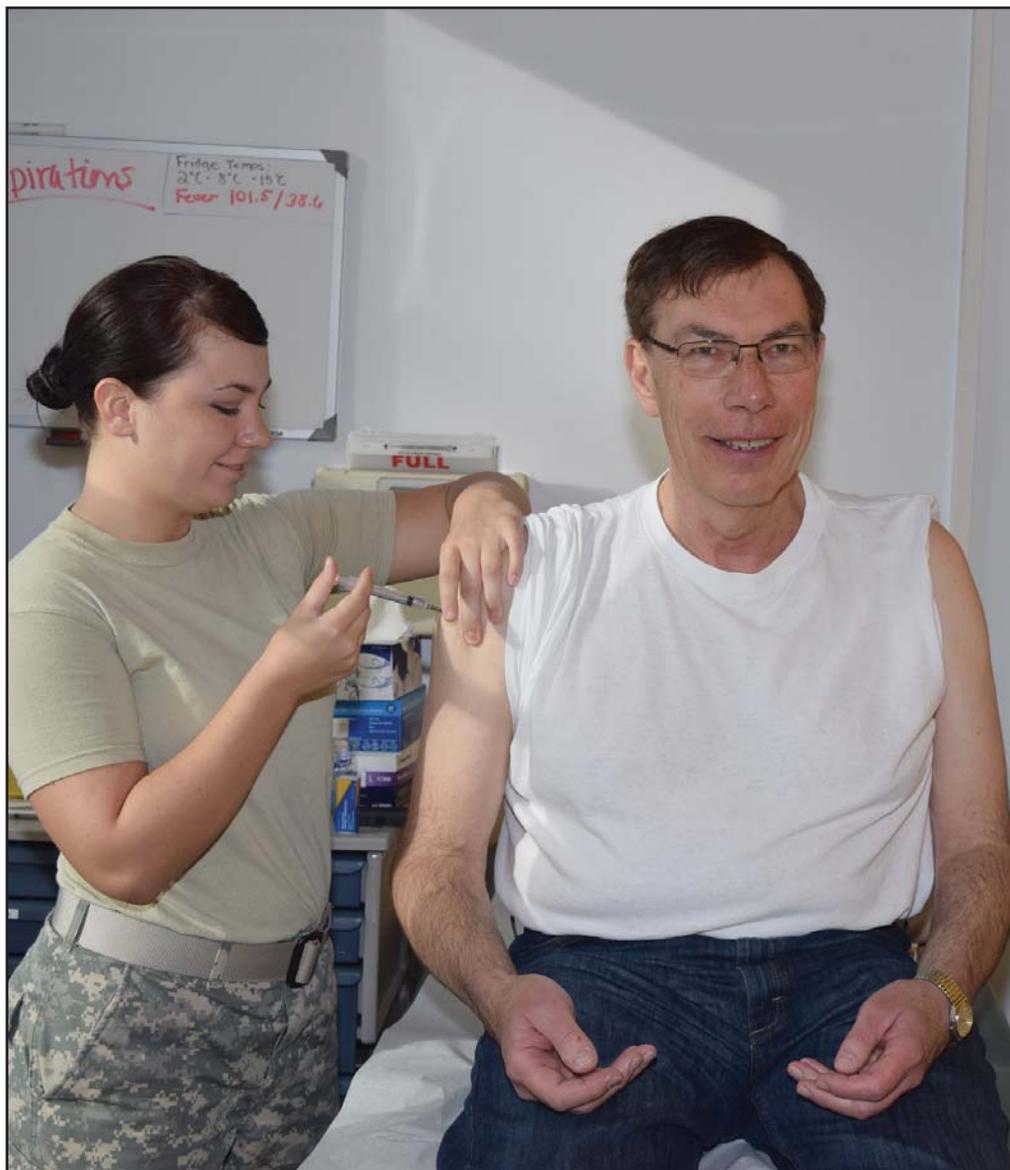
The suicide standdown resiliency olympic will be held Oct. 15 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Chièvres Air Base Community Recreation Center. There will be a variety of sports, games, briefings, etc.

OHA Survey

The Overseas Housing Allowance Utility Expenses Survey is being conducted through Oct. 31 for Belgium. While taking the survey is voluntary, maximum participation is essential as the Utility Allowance will be updated based on the results and will determine what Service members are paid at your location. Take the survey at <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/oha-util-oct.cfm>.

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This won't hurt

Army medic Spc. Ashley Ward administers a flu shot to retiree Dennis McCartney. Military retirees attended a retiree appreciation day at the SHAPE Healthcare Facility on Saturday, Oct 3. A time to meet with old friends and take advantage of services offered by the Veterans Administration, Army Community Services and many other groups. Retirees were able to renew or replace their identification cards and speak with the IMCOM-Europe retirement services officer to check and update their records. Col. Marty Vannatter, commander USAG Benelux spoke to the group and thanked them for their service. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

Tour de l'Eurométropole rolls through Chièvres



(clockwise) Jens Debusschere wins the La Louvière to Chièvres stage Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015, finishing the 164 km-four lap stage in 3 hours 46 minutes. • The peloton moves through with riders drafting to conserve energy. • Riders take a corner in downtown Chièvres. • Alexis Gougear was the overall winner of the 2015 Tour de l'Eurométropole with the only American in the race Caleb Fairly of Team Giant-Alpecin finishing 130th. (U.S. Army photos by Tim Clark)



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'I will bear true faith and allegiance'

On a picture perfect fall day, Capt. Jeffrey Paul conducts the reenlistment of Sgt. John Webb, Friday Oct 2, 2015, on Chievres Air Base. Webb plans to make the Army his career. "I want to hopefully stay in for life," Webb said. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

USAJOBS warns users of email phishing scam

If you receive an email from USAJOBS, the U.S. government's official employment website, asking you to revalidate your username and password, don't. It's a phishing scheme. Simply delete the email. No further action is necessary.

If you received that email and followed the instructions in the email or clicked any links in the email, you should immediately run a virus scan on every computer on your home network. Then, notify USAJOBS Support and the United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team.

If you received the email and followed the instructions in it or clicked any links in the email from a work computer, you should immediately notify your IT Department or Information Assurance Manager.

If you believe an email from USAJOBS is legitimate, instead of clicking on any imbedded links, visit the actual USAJOBS site and login to your account.

Protecting Your Home Computer

The Army Computer Emergency Response Team offers free antivirus software for Department of the Army personnel to use on home computers. You must access the verification site from a .mil computer and authenticate with your CAC and PIN.

10 tips to stay safe online

Protect your system

- Use anti-virus software.
- Protect home networks with firewalls.
- Password protect your wireless router and networks.
- Regularly download security updates and patches.
- Disconnect from the internet when not in use.

Protect yourself

- Back-up your computer regularly.
- Restrict access to your computer and accounts: sharing has risks.
- Delete emails from unknown sources.
- Regularly download security updates and patches
- Use hard to guess passwords and keep them private.

Protect your family

- Help your family check computer security regularly.



New look at AFCU

Andrews Federal Credit Union branch manager Josh Barrett and U.S. Army Garrison commander Col. Marty Vannatter cut a ribbon at the grand reopening ceremony Friday, Oct. 2, 2015 on Chièvres Air Base. A new teller line with half-wall partitions for more privacy and a fresh coat of paint give the credit union a fresh look. The new counters also have a teller station that is more accessible for customers in wheel chairs. The credit union now has the same look and feel of all the other AFCU branches. The renovations were done to enhance the member experience according to Barrett. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

Expand your creativity in SHAPE crafts classes

SHAPE Arts & Crafts offers a variety of craft classes and craft-themed birthday parties. To obtain more information or to make reservations for a class or party, visit the Arts & Crafts Center (collocated with SHAPE International Library in Building 307), send an email message to artsandcraftsshape@gmail.com, or call DSN 423-6049 or civilian 065-446049.

Birthday parties

SHAPE Arts & Crafts has a variety of crafts for children of all ages, such as bisque-painting and name signs. Also available, face-painting for birthday parties (€25 per hour) Fridays and Saturdays. You bring the food; SHAPE Arts & Crafts staffers provide the fun. Cost: €30 to reserve the room. Additional cost depends on the craft.

Floral design

You can create your personal flower composition using natural elements that are typical of the season at SHAPE Arts & Crafts on select Mondays from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. The next scheduled class is Apples-and-flowers centerpiece on Oct. 26. Cost is €30 [lesson €10 plus materials €20]. For a full list of classes, contact Arts and Crafts.

Photography

Learn how to use your camera to its fullest capabilities during four one-hour sessions Oct. 21 and 28, Nov. 4 and 11 from 7 to 8 p.m. The instructor teaches the basics of

composition and will help you take better family, travel and landscape photographs. Cost: €50.

Basic ceramics

During the four sessions of this course, you will learn all the basic skills you need to get started in ceramics Tuesday and Thursday mornings, €40 (materials extra).

Cake design

If you want to learn cake-decorating techniques, sign up for one or more of the following classes, which take place from 10 a.m. to noon: The next scheduled class is Halloween cake on Oct. 22. Cost: €30 (€15 lesson, €15 materials). For a full list of classes, contact Arts and Crafts.

Crystal jewelry-making

Regularly scheduled for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: €10 per lesson.

Patchwork

Tree skirt or tablecloth - three lessons Oct. 20, Oct. 26 and Nov. 10 from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. Cost: €36;

Christmas Runner - two lessons Oct. 21 and 28 from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. Cost: €24.

Oil painting

Try your hand at oil painting Oct 15 and 22 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. or from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost: €20 per session and €20 one-time fee for materials.

Energy saving tips

- Turn off the lights when not needed - Every light off saves energy.
- Use daylight as much as possible - Open blinds, shades and shutters.
- Switch off all appliances when not in use - They still use power in stand-by mode.
- Use energy-saving light bulbs - Replace your incandescent light bulbs by CFLs or LEDs.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Oct. 8 and 9

- **BOSS Movie Night** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts "Paper Towns" (PG-13) **Oct. 8** from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and "Ted 2" (R) **Oct. 9** from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the BOSS Movie Area on the third floor of Building 1. All movies are free. Space is limited so make your reservation soon at reservations3star@yahoo.com. For details, call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

Oct. 9

- **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: Chicken Wings, Potato Wedges, Spring Rolls, Chicken Tenders, Bread Sticks, and more. For more information, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

Oct. 15

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy an all you can eat taco bar 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Adults \$8; children, ages 12 and under, \$4. Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.
- **Dress for Success Workshop** at Army Community Service, USAG Benelux-Brussels Complex, Bldg. 4, 2nd Floor. This lesson will allow students to visually see various examples of dress and to determine the standard for dress in an interview, for a day on the job, and then to discuss alternatives such as "business casual", accessories, tattoos, piercing, and the like. For more information and to register call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02717-9783.

Oct. 17

- **Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Run/Walk** - For more information and to register, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 027-179667. Free tee shirts will be given to the first 50 adult registrants.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Apply now

- **School Meal Program** - CYSS at JFC Brunssum is taking applications for free/reduced lunch for the 2015-2016 school year. Contact CYSS for the application form. U.S. ID card-holders only. For details, visit CYSS Parent Central Services in Building H-602, or call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.
- **CYSS Programs** - The USAG Benelux-Schinnen CYSS School Age Center has several programs for children in the community. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card-holders. For more information, visit CYSS Parent Central Services in Building H-602 at JFC Brunssum, or call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.

Before- and After-School Program - This program is open to children in first through fifth grades.

CYSS half-day preschool - A part-time preschool program (with morning and afternoon sessions) is available for children, ages 4 to 5. Children entering the program must be at least 4 by Oct. 1.

Oct. 9

- **Concert by Phil Stacey** - The concert will start at 6:30 p.m. at the International Conference Center. Phil is best known for his role in the sixth season of American Idol in 2007, while still an active duty Sailor. In 2013, Phil Stacey's song 'Be Good To Each Other' was picked up to be part of the National Bullying Awareness Campaign. Free admission. For more information call the JFC Brunssum Chapel at DSN 364-2940 or send an email to: dgrismore@clubbeyond.org.
- **U.S. Military Retiree Appreciation Day** - All U.S. military retirees and their spouses are invited to attend the USAG Benelux-Schinnen U.S. Military Retiree Appreciation Day at the Community Activity Center in Building 38 on Schinnen from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions and provide information regarding TRICARE; health and wellness; banking services; dental; Department of Veterans Affairs, or VA, benefits; ID cards; and more. New this year will be a representative from Defense Finance and Accounting System, or DFAS, to answer retiree pay questions and audit retiree pay records. Also new, flu shots will be available as well as pneumonia vaccine for those age 65 and older, and shingles vaccine for those age 60 and older. If you would like to get any or all of the vaccines, phone in your name and age to civilian +31 (0) 45-5263475 so that the proper number of vaccines can be ordered.

Oct. 10

- **Fire Prevention Week event** - The Schinnen Host Nation Volunteer Fire Department will be in front of the AAFES PX main store at Schinnen from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Come and check out their fire truck, have a go with the fire hose or fire extinguisher, watch some demonstrations and get some valuable information and prevention education materials to help keep your family fire safe. For more information contact the USAG Benelux-Schinnen Fire Prevention Office at DSN 360-7230 or civilian 046-4437230.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY continued

Oct. 12 through Nov. 2

- **Winter snowboarding/skiing clinic open enrollment** for ages 6th grade through 12th at the CYSS on JFC Brunssum, Building H602. Clinic dates: Dec. 2, 9 & 16; Jan. 6, 13, 20 & 27; Feb. 3. Cost is \$280 paid at time of registration (incl. transportation, helmet, skis or snowboard, 2 hours of professional instruction). You must be registered with CYS services and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Contact CYSS Sports & Fitness for more information or details at DSN 364-4195 or civilian 045-5264195.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Oct. 9

- **SHAPE International Band annual Friendship Concert** will take place at the Royal Theater in Mons at 8 p.m. Tickets are available until Oct. 9. People who have access to SHAPE have to register online at <http://www.shape2day.com/whats-happening/shape-events/friendship-concert.aspx>, then pick up their tickets in Building 207, room 111A from 1 to 4 p.m. today and from 7 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday. People who cannot access SHAPE have to go to the Royal Theater in Mons from 1 to 6 p.m.

Oct. 10

- **Fire Prevention Week** - The 424th Air Base Squadron and the USAG Benelux Fire Prevention office will provide information on fire safety and the use of smoke detectors at the Chièvres exchange starting at 10 a.m..

Oct. 12

- **Concerts by Phil Stacey** - The concerts will start at 11:30 a.m and 6:00 p.m. at the SHAPE International Chapel. Phil is best known for his role in the sixth season of American Idol in 2007, while still an active duty Sailor. In 2013, Phil Stacey's song 'Be Good To Each Other' was picked up to be part of the National Bullying Awareness Campaign. Free admission.

Oct. 14

- **Writers Write Benelux** meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Community Activity Centre, Building 307. The Writers Write prompt group is an informal, nonjudgmental writing group. It encourages spontaneous writing, reading aloud of that writing (if you wish) and positive feedback about elements of the writing that "work" for the listeners. For more information call DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631.
- **Sponsorship training** will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Army Community Service, SHAPE, Bldg. 318. To register call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.
- **Share-A-Meal kickoff** from 3 to 5 p.m. at the SHAPE Carrefour. For more information email samatshape@gmail.com or go to <http://www.facebook.com/shapeshareameal>.

Oct. 15

- **Hispanic Heritage Month** - The USAG Benelux Hispanic Heritage Month event will be held in SHAPE International Library at 2 p.m. In addition to a display of Hispanic-themed items and biographies, already open to visitors at the library, attendees will be addressed by Sgt. 1st Class Jaime Aparicio, the first sergeant of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 39th Signal Battalion. The event will conclude with an ethnic food-sampling. Hispanic Heritage Month is observed Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.

Oct. 16

- **Fun For Kids** - Bring your bikes, trikes, scooters or skates to this free event 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. To find out more, call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.

Inside the gate

Columbus Day hours

Cash cage closure

The 266th Financial Management Center cash cage on SHAPE will be closed Oct. 12.

SHAPE clinic reduces services

The SHAPE Healthcare Facility will operate on a holiday schedule Monday, Oct. 12. Although most services will be closed, the following services will be available:

- Acute Care Walk-in Clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Healthcare Finder Window will be open for making

referral appointments.

- Physical Therapy Clinic will be open.

Commissary closure

The Chièvres Commissary will be closed Oct. 12 and 13 to celebrate Columbus Day since the Chièvres Commissary is normally closed Mondays.

AAFES on holiday schedule

The Chièvres Exchange will be open Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Brussels Exchange will be closed 12 October.

Travel the Benelux

Enjoy autumn color in the Benelux

by **Tim Clark**
 USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

The air turns crisp, morning mist rises along rivers, and markets fill with squash in various shapes and colors. Autumn sneaks gently into the Benelux, slowly turning trees shades of yellow, orange and red.

The Semois River cuts a serpentine path through a dramatic landscape of steep and forested hills in the Belgian provinces of Luxembourg and Namur. The roads that wind through the hills and valleys offer places to admire the spectacular scenery and panoramic views.

Dominated by a medieval fortress Bouillon straddles the Semois river and makes a good base for exploring the area. Overlooking Bouillon, which is the largest town in the Semois valley, Château-Fort de Bouillon stands on a rocky cliff overlooking the town. The château was once owned by the crusader knight Godefroid of Bouillon. This knight, one of the leaders of First Crusade, sold the château to the prince of Liège to finance the First Crusade.

In nearby Botassart, Le Tombeau du Géant (Giant's Tomb) so named because one of the bends in the Semois River seems to surround a coffin of gigantic proportions, a magnificent view of the river and hills awaits you.

Just outside of Brussels are two fantastic places to

enjoy the fall season: The National Botanic Garden of Belgium, located in Meise, has an extensive collection of living plants. The Hallerbos Forest in Halle, famous for its bluebells in the spring, has many hiking trails that take you through a beech forest.

Hoge Veluwe National Park in the province of Gelderland, the Netherlands has an 11-mile forest walk starting at the Hoenderloo entrance. If you look carefully, you might spot one of the 350 deer that inhabit the park.

You don't have to venture out to the countryside to see the splendor of autumn. Amsterdam's tree-lined canals, with the crimson and golden colors of the leaves reflecting in the water create a feeling of tranquility and enchantment in a city often crowded with tourists.

Leaves appear green due to chlorophyll, a pigment that allows plants to absorb energy from light. The arrival of cooler temperatures and shorter days signal trees to stop producing it. When this happens we can see the other colors in the leaves. The peak of fall-color change varies from place to place. It's still two to three weeks away in most places. It may be best to check with the tourism office in the area you want to visit for the current fall-color conditions.

Outside the gate



At the Giants Tomb, near Botassart, Belgium, the fall colors are just beginning their autumn show. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

Soignies celebrates Simpélourd

by **Tim Clark**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

A parade, a carnival and fireworks highlight the Soignies folklore celebration of Simpélourd. Always held the Saturday before the third Sunday in October this year, Oct. 17.

The parade kicks off 7 p.m. Saturday with a route from the train station to the town square. Watch for carabibis (caramel candies) thrown out to the crowd by Simpélourd and his friends. Bands, giants, folklore groups and city officials will be a part of the parade. Fireworks will follow the arrival of the parade at the Grand' Place. All weekend long, a carnival takes place in the Soignies town square.

It all started with a joke. Dating back to the 18th century, the festival began with a prank by a cobbler tired of his friends' gossip. He had the misfortune of marrying an unfaithful woman who betrayed and deserted him.

Instead of consoling him, his friends laughed and teased him, telling everyone he was too simple and dull to keep a wife. Simpélourd is a contraction of "simple" and "dull."

One night Simpélourd invited his friends over for dinner to take his revenge. He served a ham that looked real but was made of painted wood. After his prank, he served them a real ham, and the meal ended happily. His friends, however hadn't learned their lesson. Using a broom stick, pants and a shirt, they created a mannequin that looked like the cobbler. Laughing and shouting they took it out into the street. The commotion brought out the town's people who thought a real parade must be taking place.

On Tuesday evening, the festival will close, with the burning of an effigy of Simpélourd in the Grand' Place.



A statue of Simpélourd stands in front of city hall in Soignies.

Outside the gate

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Alsace Wine Route, Oct. 10 to 11**
- **Amsterdam with optional guided tour of Van Gogh Museum, Oct. 17**
- **Rotterdam, Oct. 24**
- **Harry Potter studio tour, Nov. 4**
- **Flanders Field WWI Tour of Ypres, Belgium, Nov. 7**
- **Carolus Thermen spa in Aachen, Germany, Nov. 14**
- **Paris: Moulin Rouge, Nov. 21**
- **Snow & Ice Sculpture Festival and medieval dinner in Brugge (Bruges), Nov. 28**
- **German Christmas markets overnight, Dec. 5 to 6**
- **Alsace Christmas markets overnight in Triberg**

im Schwarzwald (Black Forest), Dec. 12 to 13

- **Aachen and Monschau, Dec. 20**
- **Paris in winter, Dec. 28**
- **London New Year's, Dec. 30 to Jan. 1, 2016 (Register by Nov. 16.)**

SHAPE Travel Group - Call civilian 0470-876369.

- **A Day in Rotterdam, Oct. 20**
- **Antwerp and Red Star Line Museum, Nov. 19**
- **Cologne Christmas markets, Nov. 24**

Schinnen Trips & Tours - Call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **NFL Games at Wembley Stadium in London, Book your tickets now for Oct. 24 to 26 (Bills vs. Jaguars) and Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 (Lions vs. Chiefs).**
- **Express Trip to Paris, France, Nov. 21**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Oct. 9 to 18

- **German culture week "From Saint-Vith to Silly" in Silly** offers theater, bars, art, crafts, history and tourism. Find a complete program at <http://www.silly.be/loisirs/culture/culturel/evenements/201510semainegermanophone.pdf>.

Oct. 10

- **Flea market in Soignies (100 booths)** - On the parking lot at the train station, Chaussée de Mons from 2 to 9 p.m.
- **Flea market in Mons (100 booths)** - On Avenue des Guerites from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Oct. 10-11

- **Flea market in Laeken (200 booths)** - on Boulevard Emile Bockstael and neighboring streets from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days.
- **Medieval fest in Ecaussines** - Visit the medieval camp, both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., watch the re-enactment of a medieval battle at 4:30 p.m. both days at Château Cousin on Rue Bel-Air 40. Entrance fee is €6 per adult, €3 for children 6 to 12 years old and free under 6.
- **Babydays Bruxelles** - Get answers to all of your questions on babies at this fair held at Tour & Taxis, Avenue du Port 86 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Entrance fee is €9.50 per adult. Children under 12 years old get in free of charge. Get a €2.50 reduction voucher on www.babydays.be.
- **Discover creations from young artists in Mons (and Oct. 17-18)** - From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., walk the city streets and discover the paintings, photos, sculptures,... of 46 artists in 35 locations in the center of town.



Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.



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

Through Oct. 10.

- **British curiosa fair in Zeijen** - Held at De Oranjerie on Noorderstraat. Admission is free and the fair is open daily from 1 to 6 p.m.

Through Oct. 11.

- **Military Boekelo in Usselo near Enschede** on Broekmaatweg is an equestrian event with participation of the world top equestrians. Visitors can also visit the Military Fall Fair one of the Netherlands' largest country fairs. Open Oct. 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Oct. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Oct. 10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Oct. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. More info: www.military-boekelo.nl.

Oct. 9 to 11

- **The Jeker Jazz Festival in Maastricht** - Held at several locations in the center of town. Starts at noon.

Oct. 10

- **"Sensation Cheese" in Gouda** at Market Square is one of the best cheese fairs in the Netherlands. From noon to 4 p.m. visitors can eat, drink and taste the many cheeses and in the evening the Market is the scene of a large party. No admission fees.
- **Chocolate Festival in Hattem** in the center of the historic town. Open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Oct. 10, 17, 24 and 31

- **Antique & Curiosa Market in Roermond** at Kloosterwandplein from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oct. 10 to 11

- **"Kulinarisches Wochenende" (culinary weekend) in Burscheid, Germany** at Market Square in the center of town. Culinary specialties are the center of attention. Open on Saturday from 4 to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Kartoffelfest auf dem Neumarkt in Ibbenbüren, Germany.** Everything revolves around the potato at this festival. Enjoy the many culinary specialties. The event is both days open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Historic old crafts market in Kempen, Germany** with demonstrations and activities in the center of town.

Oct. 11

- **Römermarkt in Lengerich, Germany** is held in the center of town is a mix of art, action and food & drinks.
- **Art market in Düsseldorf-Eller, Germany** from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Gertrudisplatz.



Oct. 11

- **Volksmarch in Meslin-l'Eveque (Ath) for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from the square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Petit-Enghien for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs the school on Place 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Hautrage (St Ghislain) for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Grand'Place 44 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Onnezies for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue des Jonquilles 24 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Neufvilles for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue de la Gage 64 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Nethen for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from the farm on Chemin des 12 Bonniers from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Mons (400 booths)** - At Imagipark on Rue du Grand Large from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Hornu (200 booths)** - On Route de Mons (Cora) from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Farmers' market in St Ghislain** - On Place des Combattants from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- **Vintage market in Schaerbeek** - Vintage clothes, dinnerware, decorations,... from the 50s to the 90s at L'Os à Moelle on Avenue Emile Max 153 from 1 to 7 p.m.
- **5th annual Orchard fest in Binche** - From 8 to 11 a.m., breakfast (€6 per adult, €3 for children under 10 years old) with prior reservation at 0497/540955. As of 10 a.m., local products market (appels, juice, honey, cheese, beer, poultry, ...) at the school on Place des Droits de l'Homme.
- **Book fair in Bousval** - Bring the books for young and old that you want to donate or exchange at this fair held at the school on Avenue des Combattants 49 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Irchonwelz (Ath) for 35 km (or 5 km)** - Departs from 7:30 to 10 a.m. from the fest tent. Participating fee is €3.5. The family ride of 5 km is free of charge and will depart at 10 a.m.
- **Baby fair in Ath** - Secondhand books (0 to 3 yrs), clothing (0 to 12 yrs), baby equipment, etc. at Zoning des Primevères (Institut technique) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ongoing

Through Dec. 10

- **Brussels Museums Nocturnes** - Every Thursday evening from 5 to 10 p.m., at least seven museums will stay open to visitors. It is the ideal opportunity to (re)discover the cultural treasures of Brussels. Enjoy festive activities in 66 museums. Admission: 3€ per museum, 1,50€ for 25 and under. Some late-evening openings are free. More information at <http://brusselsmuseumsnocturnes.be/en/>.



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- **Spullen & Smullen" in Breda** The lifestyle and cultural market is located at Chassé Park on Parade, and has numerous stands with fashion, jewelry, design, interior, art, food, vintage and more. The event is open from noon to 10 p.m. No Admission fees.
- **Mill Fest in Brüggen am Niederrhein, Germany** held at and around the Brachter Mill on Brüggener Strasse. Visitors will find a filled program with lots of things to do and see. It all starts at 11 a.m. and ends around 6 p.m.
- **Marina market in Duisburg, Germany** on Johannes-Corputius-Platz at the city harbor is a combination of week market, art market and culinary market. The market is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Crafts & flea market in Kalkar, Germany** in the center on Market Square.
- **The Bokkemert in Valkenburg** is a traditional year market held in the center of town. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Michiel de Ruyter Day in Vlissingen** is a day filled with naval activities, boats, music and more at muZEEum on Nieuwedijk 1. Admission: €2. Open from 1 to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Reuver (Beesel)** - Held at De Schakel on Broeklaan 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Entrance fee is €2.50, children up to 12 years get in free of charge.



- **Volksmarch in Geleen for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Café De Heremiet on Kluis 48 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 20 km route and from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for all the other routes.
- **Volksmarch in Wijlre for 9, 12, 18 or 25 km** - Departs from Café a Gen Baan on Parallelweg 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. for the 25 km route, from 7:30 a.m. to noon for the 18 km route, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 12 km route and from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the 9 km route.
- **Volksmarch in Stramproy for 8, 13, 20 or 25 km** - Departs from Heyer Heufke on Lochtstraat 8a from 7:30 a.m. to noon for the 25 and 20 km routes and from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the 13 and 8 km routes.

Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.