

# THE GAZETTE

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

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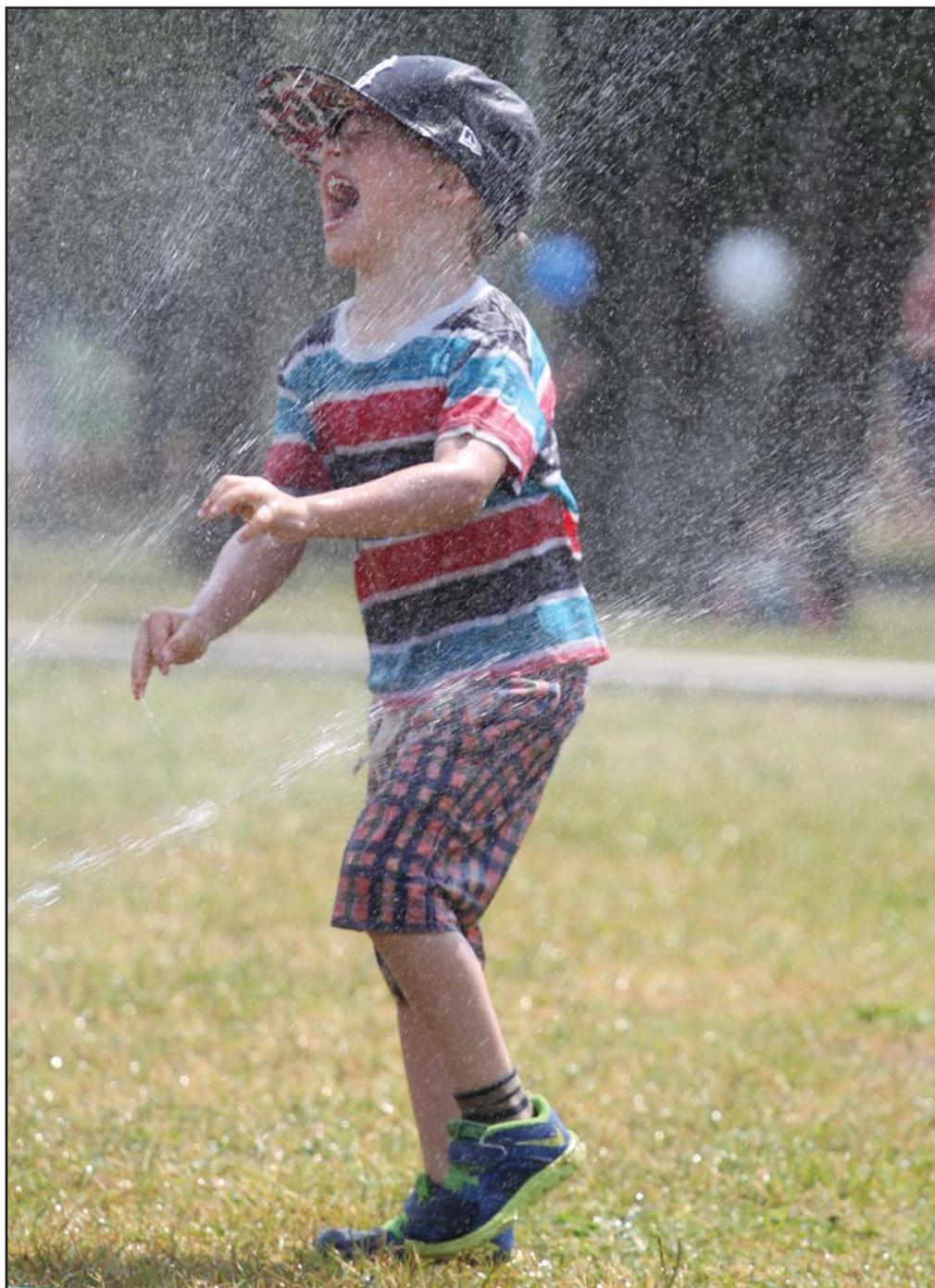
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Cason Polson cools off at the 4th of July celebration on SHAPE. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

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# Benelux celebrates Independence Day



Twins Cooper and Logan Vinyard, dressed in red, white and blue for the party in Brussels. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)



Mystic Roots entertains the crowd in Schinnen. (U.S. Army photo by Rita Hoefnagels)



Catalina Badea and Michelle Howarth of Blues Rock Karma performs at SHAPE. (U.S. Army photo by Keith Houin)



The Belgium American Contact members enjoyed the day at SHAPE. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)



Nico Leire and Josh Ball await the start of the sack race in Brussels. ( U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

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# Benelux celebrates Independence Day **continued**



The fireworks at the Brussels celebration were a spectacular sight. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)



A falcon made an appearance at Schinnen. (U.S. Army photo by Rita Hoefnagels)



Food was a main attraction. (U.S. Army photo by Keith Houin)



Families enjoy the day picnicking on the grass at Brussels. ( U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

# SHAPE clinic commander passes the flag

By Andrea Wales

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

The SHAPE Healthcare Facility held its change of command at the SHAPE Club July 2, allowing participants and attendees to take shelter from the European heat wave. The temperature outside neared 90 F, substantially above 72 F, the historical Brussels average for the day.

Outgoing commander Dr. (Col.) Donovan Green will be continuing his military career in his profession as an optometrist at Fort Hood, Texas.

Incoming commander Dr. (Col.) Thomas R. Husted comes to SHF from the Medical Corps Recruiting Office at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where, from 2013 to 2015, he was assigned to the Medical Recruiting Brigade as the first-ever physician assigned as the physician-recruiter liaison officer from the Medical Corps.

“Donovan’s command success is marked by multiple key events that have propelled SHAPE health clinic forward and included providing world-class health care,” said Col. James Laterza, the commander of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

He called Green “one of those commanders who has taken on every challenge we have put before him and excelled.”

Some items on Laterza’s list of Green’s extensive accomplishments were:

- successfully re-negotiating the SHAPE MEDCOM 20-year-old memorandum of agreement, the document that provides the framework for the operations, staffing and billing operations in the clinic, thus enabling the first billing-methodology change since 1995;
- leading the SHF team through the National Committee for Quality Assurance, or NCQA, accreditation process resulting in a Level II accreditation certifying SHAPE as a high-quality and safe organization for primary care; and
- attaining an astounding 95 percent patient-satisfaction score and increasing access to care by 25 percent in the Primary Care Clinic. “He can take pride in the fact that he is leaving a legacy and positive mark on this great community,” Laterza said.

Laterza introduced the incoming commander to the audience, using Husted’s qualifications.

A West Point graduate and board-certified family-practice physician, Husted has worked in clinical, administrative, academic and operational positions, Laterza said.

“The combination of experiences he possesses is a great fit for command,” he said.

Laterza mixed words of encouragement and praise when he spoke of Husted:

“In your new role as SHAPE clinic commander, you have a great mantle of responsibility, but one you are well prepared for,” Laterza said. “Command will challenge and satisfy you in many ways, and we know you will flourish.”

Green addressed the audience and thanked the many people



Dr. (Col.) Thomas R. Husted (left), the new SHAPE Healthcare Facility commander, takes the unit guidon from Col. James Laterza, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center commander at the change of command ceremony July 2, 2015 at the SHAPE Club. (U.S. Army photo by Pierre-Etienne Courtejoie)

who had helped him become the leader he is today, most notably his Soldiers.

“You are my true mentors, and, together, you have taught me more about perseverance, resiliency and purpose than I ever thought possible,” Green said. “Most importantly, you have taught me that, though officers make the decisions, Soldiers and NCOs make it happen!”



Dr. (Col.) Donovan Green, the outgoing SHAPE Healthcare Facility commander, gives his farewell address. (U.S. Army photo by Pascal Demeuldre)

Husted expressed the honor he felt for being singled out for the privilege of command and communicated his confidence in the people of SHAPE Healthcare Facility.

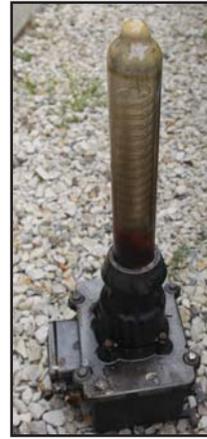
“I have watched the American Soldier as well as our international Allied soldiers in battle and am truly in awe of what they do. I know it sounds cliché, but they are my heroes,” Husted said, adding that the organization has been given the privilege of caring for them. “They deserve the absolute best as do their families who have also sacrificed so much, our retirees who have spent a career serving their nation, and all the beneficiaries at SHAPE who put their care in our hands.”

Husted said that the sacrifice of these Soldiers and others should be what motivates his team every day to provide the highest-quality health care for them when they walk through the door.

“I am committed to doing everything I can so that you can continue to provide that type of care,” he said.

# Airplane warning lights replaced on church

The steeple on St. Martin church in Chièvres stands high above the town, marked by two warning lights for pilots landing at Chièvres airbase. Like all light bulbs, they have to be replaced occasionally. Thursday, July 2, electricians replaced the bulbs on the church. (U.S. Army photos by Tim Clark)



# Telehealth brings long-distance specialists to you

**Special to the Gazette**

Telehealth is paving the way for the future of military medicine in Europe Regional Medical Command. Telehealth bridges the geographical distances between patients and specialty care providers, increases patient access to care, and supports mission readiness. This innovative approach to military medicine allows specialty care providers at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center to cross commands, countries, and continents to provide high-quality, patient-centered care to beneficiaries in Europe and elsewhere. Telehealth is the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to support long-distance, “real-time” healthcare.

LRMC established its Telehealth Program Office in January 2014 as part of the Defense Health Agency’s desired end-state to seamlessly integrate telehealth into routine patient care by the year 2020. Since its inception, LRMC Telehealth has continued to prove its relevancy and value within today’s military healthcare system in Europe by allowing a variety of LRMC medical specialists to treat patients at outlying Army Health Clinics in Belgium, Germany, and Italy all while decreasing the need for patient travel and reducing time away from work or school.

Video-teleconferencing technology coupled with advanced medical devices such as stethoscopes, otoscopes, and high-quality general exam cameras allow LRMC providers to look and listen in real-time to maximize the benefit of the telehealth visit. These and other medical devices have evolved telemedicine from a primarily Behavioral Health Era into a Comprehensive Specialty Care Era.

Telehealth nurses are specifically trained to conduct telehealth appointments and act as surrogates to assist in the examination for providers ensuring the best possible quality of care. “The LRMC Telehealth Program Office is nearing completion of a pilot program which employed a full-time telehealth nurse in three Army clinics,” said Erica Taylor, Nurse Director of the Telehealth Program, who hopes the successes seen in these locations will be a model for other clinics. However, all medical clinics currently supported by LRMC and BMMEDAC are able to conduct telehealth visits.

Pamela Slaughter and Sandrine Vansnick, Exceptional Family Member Program nurses at SHAPE Army Health Clinic,



*Ms. Erica Taylor, Nurse Director of the LRMC Telehealth Program, uses the telehealth cart otoscope to conduct a real-time tympanic membrane exam for Physician Assistant Steven Cain to evaluate on his own computer monitor and provide an appropriate plan of care.(Courtesy photo)*

currently support telehealth appointments for patients located at SHAPE in need of seeing a LRMC specialty care provider. “We support a variety of telehealth appointments for medical and surgical specialty care available at LRMC. The opportunity to use telehealth in our clinic has positively increased access to care for our patients,” said Slaughter.

What once may have required a patient to travel multiple times to LRMC may now be reduced to just one trip. “One of the greatest benefits of telehealth for our patients is saving them the four hour trip back and forth to Landstuhl, while still creating an environment where our patients feel like they are face-to-face with their providers,” said Vansnick. With the use of telehealth, most patients can complete their pre-operative and post-operative appointments in the comfort of their own clinic, and only need to travel to LRMC for their scheduled procedure.

“Telehealth essentially takes the outlying Army Health Clinics, with otherwise limited access to specialty care providers, and turns them into their own Regional Medical Centers,” said Taylor.

If you receive a referral for a healthcare specialist, ask your doctor or nurse about telehealth as an option, or call the LRMC Telehealth Program Office at DSN 590-4600 or Commercial line (+049) 06371-9464-4600.

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 Brussels: 101.7 FM – Chièvres 107.9 FM – SHAPE 106.5 FM and 104.2 FM  
<http://benelux.afneurope.net>

# Closures and relocations

## Netherlands Law Center

The U.S. Army Netherlands Law Center at Schinnen will be closed for all legal assistance services July 13 through 31. For claims assistance, please call the Northern law Center at SHAPE, Belgium at DSN 423-4061 or civilian +32 (0)65-444061.

Most other legal assistance requirements can be handled at the Legal Office on Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base. Call DSN 458-6058 or civilian +49 (0)245-1632235. Additionally, the Geilenkirchen Legal Office provides the following information to assist with Powers of Attorney: At <https://aflegalassistance.law.af.mil/lass/lass.html> clients can draft General and/or Special Powers of Attorney. Once the draft is complete, clients can send an e-mail with the tracking number to 470abs.ja@us.af.mil. The GK Legal Office is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have any questions regarding this announcement, please contact the Schinnen Legal Office at DSN 360-7688 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437688 prior to July 13.

## Postal ops relocates

Due to a required window renovation, postal operations at Brunssum is relocating to the Schinnen Postal Service Center through Aug. 10.

Customers may pick up their mail at Schinnen Mondays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Customers will be required to pick up their own mail unless they have provided written authorization (PS Form 3801).

Customers who are planning a vacation during that time should inform postal services to prevent accidental return of mail.

## TSC VI closes for training

The Training Support Center Benelux Visual Information section will be closed July 13 to 21 because its staff will be attending training.

VI provides the following services: photo studio, graphics printing and events/training documentation.

Plan accordingly, and be sure to schedule your appointments through the Visual Information Ordering Site at <https://www.vios-europe.army.mil>.

# Benelux Employment

## AFCU

Andrews Federal Credit Union has openings for full- and part-time positions at the Brussels branches. Visit the AFCU website at <http://www.andrewsfcu.org> for listings.

## AAFES

The Chièvres Army and Air Force Exchange is looking for laborers. Positions are temporary part-time work schedules. They are also looking for a food activity foreman regular part-time schedule. The Schinnen Exchange has a job opening for a regular part time schedule and for a senior store associate with intermittent time schedule. For more information on the above open positions, call DSN 361-5337 or civilian 068-275337.

## International Conference Center

The International Conference Center in Brunssum, the Netherlands is hiring. Applicants must complete the official JFC Application Form that can be downloaded from [www.jfcbs.nato.int/vacancies](http://www.jfcbs.nato.int/vacancies) (also attached above). Completed official application forms must be emailed to Civilian Personnel Branch at [recruitment@jfcbs.nato.int](mailto:recruitment@jfcbs.nato.int) no later than the closing date. Be sure to include the position title in the subject line of your email. ICC Steward position: Closing date: August 14.

## Schinnen Commissary

The Schinnen Commissary is NOW accepting applications for grocery baggers. Stop by the Commissary for more information.

# Emergency numbers

Any emergency - Dial 112

### Brussels

**Brussels MP station:**  
**DSN 368-9769**  
**civilian 02-7179769**

### SHAPE/Chièvres

**Chièvres MP station:**  
**DSN 361-5301**  
**civilian 068-275301**  
**SHAPE Police Desk:**  
**DSN 423-3333/4**  
**civilian 065-443333/4**

### Schinnen

**Schinnen MP station:**  
**DSN 360-7555**  
**civilian 046-4437555**

**Suicide hotline DSN 118 (\*2118 from SHAPE) or the toll-free number 00800-12738255**

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

### Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camp** - This day camp has a different theme every week and runs through Aug. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Brussels Summer Camps offer a wide variety of activities, clubs, service projects, field trips, special events and daily snacks. School Age Camp offers activities for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Middle School/Teen Camp serves youths in sixth grade through 11th grade. CYSS also provides before-camp care from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and after-camp care from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Find out more or register by stopping by Parent Central Services in Building 3 or call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651.

### July 10

- **Mystic Roots Concert** - Listen to this five-piece pop-reggae fusion band during a free concert at the USAG Benelux-Brussels Complex Top Parking Lot from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be available for purchase near the fest tent, starting at 5:30 p.m. Find out more at DSN 368-9768 or civilian 02-7179768.

### July 11

- **American Legion Auxiliary social** - The American Legion Post BE02 Auxiliary will hold its new-member potluck social from noon to 2 p.m. New members are invited to bring a friend, and anyone interested in the American Legion Auxiliary is welcome. Enjoy food, fun and games. Call civilian 048-3639765 for more information.

### July 14 to 17

- **Welcome, newcomers** - Brussels Army Community Service invites all service members, civilians and their families to participate in free newcomers events next week. July 14: Supermarket Guided Tour is conducted from 8:30 to 11 a.m. July 15: The deputy garrison manager's welcome and USAG Benelux-Brussels site brief start at 9 a.m. and are followed by a cultural acclimatization (information on local customs as well as basic French and Dutch), which ends at 12:30 p.m. July 16: Hospital Guided Tour is conducted from 9:30 a.m. to noon. July 17: 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 or civilian 02-7179783.

### July 15

- **Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families** - Sesame Street and the USO are bringing the Muppets to Brussels American School from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Watch Elmo, Grover, Rosita, Cookie Monster and Honker as they help Katie, a military kid moving to a new base. First come, first served: Seating is limited. To learn more about the Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families and for tour information, visit [www.sesamestreet.org/TLC](http://www.sesamestreet.org/TLC) and [USO.org](http://USO.org). Locally, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 027-179822.

### July 16

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy an all you can eat pizza buffet at the 3 Star Lounge from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: adults \$12; children, ages 12 and under, \$6. Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at [reservations3star@yahoo.com](mailto:reservations3star@yahoo.com).

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

### Register now

- **CYSS Soccer** - Register now for the September-to-October season. Cost is \$20 for 3- to 5-year-olds and \$40 for 6- to 15-year-olds. For more information, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.
- **CYSS Flag Football** - Register now for practice starting Sept. 19. Cost is \$40 for youths ages 10 to 15. For more information, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.

### July 14 and 21

- **Moving from Rage to Reason class** - Held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the ACS Conference Room. This two session training provides insight into how our brains can become hard wired to respond in anger and lead to rage that feels out of control. Learn skills to calm the rage and reclaim your ability to reason. For information or to register call DSN 360-7367 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437367.

### July 15

- **Understanding Insurance** - Held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ACS Conference Room. This lesson provides an overview on the basic types of insurance that we must have and develops participant awareness of the insurance that we do not need. We will define insurance terminology and explore the different aspects of insurance policies. We will develop skills in purchasing the best insurance for our money as well as increase our understanding of how the insurance process works. Join ACS in our conference room Bldg. 39. To find out more and to register contact civilian +31 (0)46-4437450/7500 or DSN 360-7450/7500.
- **Pre-departure Briefing** - Held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at ACS. If you are PCS'ing, separating or retiring - learn valuable information to help in your transition. For more information or to register, please call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437512/7500.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY continued

### July 15

- **Sponsor Training** - Held at ACS from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Find out what the responsibilities of being a good sponsor are and the local information that will make your job stress free. For more information or to register, please call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437512/7500.
- **PCS Financial Brief for Junior Enlisted** - Held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at ACS. PCS brief provides guidance on financial preparation and planning for a PCS move such as PCS checklist, entitlements, importance of planning your move in advance, the real and hidden cost of relocation and useful websites. For more information or to register, contact ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian + 31 (0)46-4437450/7500.

### July 16 and 17

- **Welcome, newcomers** - Learn what you need to know at Schinnen Army Community Service. All newcomers must attend the Host Nation Orientation on Day 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to learn local customs, culture, language and overview of Tri-Border services. On Day 2, meet at ACS to take the Newcomers Tour from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The group goes beyond the gate to learn and use the public transportation to visit points of interest in the community. Contact DSN 360-7218/7500 or civilian 046-4437218/7500.

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

### Register now

- **Vacation Bible School 2015** - SHAPE International Chapel presents "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power" **Aug. 8** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. An event for the entire family, this Saturday VBS allows parents to participate with their children. Sign up or volunteer at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/SHAPEKidsVBS/gpgs/home.aspx> or find "SHAPE International Chapel VBS" on Facebook.

### Through Aug. 6

- **Summer Reading Program** - "Read to the Rhythm" encourages reading throughout the summer months for patrons of all ages. Stop by the SHAPE International Library or Chièvres Library to learn more or call SHAPE at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631, or Chièvres at DSN 361-5767 or civilian 068-275767.

### July 10

- **Stuffed animal sleepover** - Join the SHAPE International Library at 6 p.m. for a story time with your favorite stuffed animal, then tuck them in for their library sleepover. Pick up your stuffed animal the next morning, Saturday, July 11 from 10:00 a.m. until 12 p.m., and enjoy a muffin breakfast while you look at the pictures of your stuffed animal's sleepover! For more information call DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631.

### July 13 and 14

- **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.

### July 15

- **Resume Writing Workshop** - Held from 9 - 11 a.m. at ACS. For more information call, DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824 .

### July 17

- **Wii game night** - Held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the SHAPE International Library. For more information call DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631.

### Register now

- **CYSS Youth Sports & Fitness Fall Start Smart Flag Football** - Register prior to **Aug. 21** for boys and girls 4 to 5 years old for the September-to-October season. Cost: \$20. To register, call Parent Central Services at DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.
- **CYSS Youth Sports & Fitness Fall Soccer Season** - Register prior to **Aug. 21** for age categories 6 to 7 years, 8 to 9 years, 10 to 12 years and 13 to 15 years for the September-to-October season. Cost: \$40. To register, call Parent Central Services at DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.
- **CYSS Youth Sports & Fitness Fall Start Smart Soccer** - Register prior to **Aug. 21** for boys and girls 4 to 5 years for the September-to-October season. Cost: \$20. To register, call Parent Central Services at DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.

**Have an event to announce?**

**Send it to [usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil).**

# Brussels expands pedestrian zone

by **Tim Clark**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

“For the past 40 years, Brussels has been known as a city for cars; now it must become a city for people,” said Pascal Smet, minister of Mobility and Public Works in Brussels.

Part of Brussels city center was closed permanently to traffic Monday, June 29, creating Europe’s second-largest pedestrian area after Venice.

The change will almost double the size of the zone in downtown Brussels from 28 acres to 50 acres. The biggest change is the conversion of Anspach Boulevard between De Brouckere and Fontainas to a pedestrian zone.

The plan has both critics and fans. Supporters claim the enlarged pedestrian zone will be of benefit to both tourists and local residents, making city center more attractive and

accessible. Several parking areas will be created around the zone.

Critics point out there is a pre-existing problem with traffic jams in the city, claiming that traffic congestion will only increase with roads closing. Officials from the motoring group Touring, who oppose the changes, fear complete traffic chaos in the inner city.

Extensive studies have been conducted in an effort to predict how people will adapt to the changes. City government officials expect more people to take public transportation, ride bicycles or walk. A pilot project at present, the expanded pedestrian zone will undergo an evaluation in the spring. Changes may be made to the pedestrian zone in the future.



Downtown Brussels has become more tourist friendly with the expanded pedestrian zones.

Outside the gate

## Upcoming organized trips

### SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Disney Paris, July 15**
- **Amsterdam, July 18**
- **Dolfinarium in Harderwijk, the Netherlands, July 23**
- **Paris, July 25**
- **Prague with Heidelberg and Nuremberg, July 26 to 29 (Register by July 23.)**
- **Bluewater Mall, UK, July 31**
- **Rhine River Cruise, Aug. 4**
- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, Aug. 8**
- **Fécamp - Etretat, Normandy, Aug. 12**
- **London, Aug. 15 to 17**
- **Medieval Dinner in Bruges, Aug. 22**
- **Wurstmarkt in Bad Dürkheim, Sept. 19**
- **London, Oct. 3**
- **Alsace Wine Route, Oct. 10 to 11**

### SHAPE Travel Group - Call civilian 0470-876369.

- **Tongeren Antique Market, Aug. 30**
- **The Best of Luxembourg City, Sept. 10**
- **London & Buckingham palace, Sept. 18**
- **Belgian Coast by Tram, Sept. 24**
- **Belgian Trappist and Countryside Tour, Oct. 6**
- **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.

- **Dutch Day, July 31**
- **Bernkastel-Kues, Germany: Wine Festival, Sept. 5**
- **National Liberation Museum 44-45, Sept. 26**
- **NFL Games, Book your tickets now for Oct. 3 to 5 (New York Jets vs. Miami Dolphins), Oct. 24 to 26 (Buffalo Bills vs. Jacksonville Jaguars) and Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 (Detroit Lions vs. Kansas City Chiefs).**

# Travel the Benelux

## Dinant: Experience Meuse river jewel

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

Outside the gate



*A saxophone, the church and the citadel icons of Dinant.*

The small town of Dinant enjoys one of the most beautiful settings in Belgium. Located on the east bank, this jewel on the Meuse is dominated by the Collegiate Church of Our Lady with its iconic onion-shaped dome and the Citadel on the impressive cliffs above the town. Home of Leffe beer and Adolphe Sax the inventor of the saxophone, Dinant is also famous for couques de Dinant, hard honey-based cookies.

The Church of our Lady is a fine example of 13th century Gothic architecture. Church of Our Lady features many large-colorful stained-glass windows.

The Citadel, built in 1820 on the site of earlier fortifications, played an important role in fighting the invading German troops in 1914. A magnificent view of the city and the river is your reward for climbing the 400 steps to tour the fortress. You can ride a funicular up or drive if you are not interested in making the steep climb.

Beer connoisseurs the world over know Leffe, one of Belgium's famous abbey beers. Brewed by the monks of the abbey of Leffe starting in 1240, today Leffe is produced industrially to meet international demand.

Adolphe Sax was born in Dinant in 1814 to parents who were both instrument makers and designers. He moved to Paris in 1841 to pursue his career in music. Sax patented the instrument that bears his name, the saxophone, in 1846. La Maison de Monsieur Sax ("House of Mr. Sax"), located in a building on the site where Sax was born takes visitors through the invention of the saxophone.

Made of flour and honey, the couques de Dinant are a sweet treat that's very hard to eat, so hard that they often

come with warning labels. Couques de Dinant come in many shapes and sizes with often very detailed patterns stamped into the treats. The cookies can best be enjoyed by dunking them in your coffee to soften them or by breaking them into small pieces and letting them melt in your mouth.

Many restaurants line the river, much fun can be had watching the waiters cross the busy road with full trays of food and drinks to serve patrons at the riverside tables. Cruise boats ply the Meuse river, another great way to view Dinant.



Dinant 5500  
From:  
Mons: 117 km  
Brussels: 105 km  
Schinnen: 149 km



### Freyr offers lovely gardens

Named after the Scandinavian goddess of beauty, Freyr is located 5 km south of Dinant. Owned by the Beaufort family since 1421, the Chateau has been classified as one of Wallonia's major heritage sites. The large formal garden in 18th century French style has hedge mazes and an orangery with 350-year-old trees that are taken inside in the winter.





Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

**July 9**

- **30,000th Last Post at the Menin Gate in Ieper** - Every evening since 1928, the Last Post has been played under the Menin gate memorial at 8 p.m. The Last Post was a bugle call played in the British Army to mark the end of the day's labors and the onset of the night's rest. In the context of the Last Post ceremony, it has come to represent a final farewell to the fallen at the end of their earthly labors and at the onset of their eternal rest. The 30,000th Last Post ceremony will be played July 9. The public will be able to follow the ceremony on a big screen on the market. The British Band of the Royal Engineers will also perform on the market from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m. The Last Post will be broadcasted at 8 p.m. on VRT (<http://www.canvas.be>).



**July 9-12**

- **Les Ardentes music festival in Liège** - Eighth edition of this electro-rock festival with a mix of international and local artists. For information, check <http://www.lesardentes.be>.

**July 10**

- **Local product market in Soignies** - On Place van Zeeland from 6 to 10 p.m.
- **Orientation trail in Uccle** - Trail is 4 to 6 km long and departs from Parc de Wolvendael on Rue Stroobant from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Accessible to adults and children above 12 years old.

**Through July 12**

- **Pick your strawberries from the field in Presgaux** - At the farm Briquet Jacques on Rue de la Naïe 13 from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1:30 to 6 p.m. everyday.

**July 12**

- **Volksmarch in Templeuve for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the school on Rue de Tournai 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Wavre for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Avenue de la Belle Voie 26c from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ligne for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from the school on Rue de la Brasserie 92A from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Gerompont for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the school on Avenue des Déportés 48 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Hornu (200 booths)** - On Route de Mons from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Flea market in Rouveroy (100 booths)** - On Rue Gabrielle Petit from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Steenkerque (450 booths)** - On the square from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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

**Through July 12**

- **Culinary Festival "Arnhem Proeft" in Arnhem** will be held at Musispark. Enjoy food from more than 25 participating restaurants, a food market, cooking demonstrations and music. Open July 9 to 10 from 5 p.m. to midnight; July 11 from noon to midnight and July 12 from noon to 10 p.m.

**Through July 14**

- **Gallic Town in Liege, Belgium**, is being held on Place Saint Paul, where about 40 booths offer their local products, such as ham on the bone, spit-roasted ham, paella, grilled fillet of duck, Savoyard tart, homemade ravioli, wine, beer, cocktails, brandy and more. The covered terraces allow you to consume your purchases on the spot.

**July 10**

- **Evening Market in Schoten, Belgium** with more than 150 booths offering clothes, jewelry, candy, leather, food and lots more is held on Kasteeldreef from 4 to 11 p.m. No admission fees.

**July 10 to 11**

- **Beer Brewers Festival in Lemgo, Germany** at Schlosshof (castle court) Brake with several breweries presenting their beer, food and live music.

**July 10 to 12**

- **North Sea Jazz Festival in Rotterdam** is one of the most renowned jazz festivals in the world and will be held at Ahoy. Get more information at <http://www.northseajazz.nl>.
- **Food Truck Festival "TREK" in Den Bosch** held at Paleiskwartier the area is changed into a large open air restaurant with many mobile small kitchens where food, drinks, live music, theater and art is combined. Visitors are treated to a variety of food delicacies from sushi to chicken and pastry to burgers. Admission is free and the festival is open all days from 4 to 10 p.m.

- **Historic Days of the Harbor in Coevorden** are held in the center of Coevorden with more than 100 participating historic ships, booths, old crafts, music, water shows, street theater, fair and lots more. Open all days from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**July 11/18/25**

- **Antique & Curiosa Market in Roermond** is held at Kloosterwandplein in the center of town from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**July 12 Continued**

- **Family bicycle ride in Maisières (20 km)** - Family bicycle tour for adults and children as of 5 years old with refreshment halfway. Departure is from Cité des Espinois from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Free of charge.
- **Bicycle ride in Ladeuze (Chièvres)** - Register at the fest tent, Rue Grande Drève from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. Participating fee is €2 for the ride only or €15 with a meal.
- **Local fest and flea market in Ladeuze (Chièvres)** - on Rue de la Liberté from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- **Visit the Tour Burbant in Ath** - Reminders of the city's military medieval architecture opens for visits from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Rue du Gouvernement. Cost is €3 per adult, €2.5 per child as of 5 years old.
- **Sidecars rallye in Obourg** - See the sidecars depart the Abbaye de St Denis, Rue de la Filature 4 as of 7 a.m. or early afternoon for their second tour.
- **Family Smile in Woluwe-Saint-Pierre** - Family Smile is



an event for the entire family with activities for young and old (bouncy castles, rides, trampolines, clowns, balloon sculptures, music and sports activities). At the Sports Center on Avenue Salomé 2 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €8.

**July 15-19**

- **Dour Festival in Dour** - Music festival also called "European Alternative Music Event" held since 1989. For additional information, check [www.dourfestival.eu](http://www.dourfestival.eu).

**July 17**

- **Afterwork in Soignies** - Meet new friends and have a drink to relax after work from 5 to 10:30 p.m. at "Parc en Face de la gare" Rue de la Station 96. No entrance fee.



**Through July 31**

- **Annual sales in Belgium**

**Through August 9**

- **Brussels Beach** - Urban beach at the Quai des Pénières near Place Saintelette with lots of activities for young and old. Beach is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays and from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays (closed on Mondays). For additional information, check <http://www.bruxelleslesbains.be>. Entrance is free of charge but some activities have a fee.



**July 11**

- **The Mud and Water Challenge in Maurik** held at EVM19, Eiland van Maurik. €17.50 Race distances are 5, 10 and 16 km. The first wave of participants starts at 10 a.m. followed by the next after 20 minutes. Participation costs €45. For more info go to [www.mudandwaterchallenge.com](http://www.mudandwaterchallenge.com).

**July 11 to 12**

- **Bospop in Weert** is a pop-, rock- and blues-festival held at Stienestraat/Rivierestraat and has participation of national and international bands. More info at [www.bospop.nl](http://www.bospop.nl).

**July 12**

- **The American Day festivities in Baarlo** is held on Hoogstraat and has many beautiful American cars on display; a parade at 10:30 a.m.; an American party with live music, starts at 1:30 p.m. and lots more. No admission fees.
- **"Spullen & Smullen" in Breda** is a fun lifestyle and cultural market held at Chassé Park. Open from noon to 10 p.m. No admission fees.
- **The Marina Market in Duisburg, Germany** on Johannes-Corputius-Platz at the city harbor is a combination of Week Market, Art Market and Culinary Market. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **An English Fair in Kerkrade** with all kinds of English products and delicacies is held in the Botanische Tuin (Botanical Garden) on St. Hubertuslaan 74. Admission is €4. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **The Magic Fair in Limbricht** held at Castle Limbricht, Allee 1 has 60 booths, music, theater, knights, witches and lots of magic. Open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission €6.50; children €2.50.
- **Bora Bora Ibiza Festival 1 in Loon op Zand** held on Experience Island (the Benelux' largest outdoor event location with beaches and water), Baan achter de Plakken represents everything the Spanish island of Ibiza has to show. It has fashion & lifestyle; beauty & wellness; music and more. Opens at 3 p.m. Admission is €17.50

**July 14, 21, 28**

- **Historic Market in Veere** will take place on the Historic Market Square in the center of town. Enjoy actors dressed in historic costumes, traditional crafts, antiques, jewelry, regional products and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**July 16 through 18**

- **Days of Fishery in Bruinisse** in the harbor and center of town offers fun for young and old. It has rides, fair, naval parade, live music, all sorts of delicacies to taste, games and lots more. Admission is free.

Outside the gate

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