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Cis Spook

Lt. Col. Tracy Patterson, Commander 309th Airlift Squadron, pays tribute at the memorial honoring the crewmembers of the Susan Ruth B17 that crashed at Macquenoise, Feb. 8, 1944. Patterson, along with the Color Guard members (left to right) Senior Airman Tanner Atwood, Master Sgt. Daniel Alo, Tech Sgt. Mathue Snow and Staff Sgt. Jason Tyson, joined members of the Belgian American Foundation and patriotic associations, Sunday Feb. 5, 2012

Fallen **Continued**

By Cis Spook

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

U.S. Airmen from Chièvres Air Base, Belgium joined members of the Belgian American Foundation and patriotic associations to pay tribute to fallen World War II U.S. Airmen and Soldiers at Macquenoise and Monceau-Imbrechies, Belgium Sunday.

Macquenoise is the crash site of the B-17 Susan Ruth. On Feb. 8, 1944 the Susan Ruth was hit en route to a bombing of Frankfurt, Germany.

Two of the 10 aircrew were killed during the crash.

While trying to make their way back to the allies three of the aircrew were captured and executed by the Nazis in Saint-Remy.

As the 309th Airlift Squadron honor guard presented the colors, Lt. Col. Tracy Patterson, 309th commander addressed the attendees.

"As we reflect on what happened here, we should not only recognize the tragedies of war, but also the positive effects of what standing up to Nazi aggression eventually brought to the world," said Patterson. So many friendships have been, and will be developed because of events like the one we're attending today. Think about the friendships that have been created on this crash site."

After the ceremony at Macquenoise the commander and color guard went a few miles away to the memorial at Monceau-Imbrechies which honors the 12 Soldiers who died on the first day of the liberation of Belgium, Sept. 2, 1944.

"I know that throughout my military career and beyond, I will remember these moments, as they will be forever engraved in my heart," Patterson said.



Lt. Col. Tracy Patterson, Commander 309th Airlift Squadron, pays tribute at the memorial in Monceau-Imbrechies, Belgium honoring the first U.S. Soldiers killed during the liberation of Belgium on Sept. 2 1944. Patterson along with the Color Guard members (left to right) Senior Airman Tanner Atwood, Master Sgt. Daniel Alo, Tech Sgt. Mathue Snow and Staff Sgt. Jason Tyson, joined members of the Belgian American Foundation and patriotic associations, Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012.

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Tax Center opens to community members

Cpt. Sandra L. Ahinga, Chief Client Services (left) and Col. Ralph Tremaglio, Staff Judge Advocate cut the cake during the grand opening of the Chièvres Tax Center. The center offers free federal and State income tax preparation and filing services to eligible military and civilian members of the SHAPE / Chièvres community.

The Chièvres Tax Center located at the food court is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 7 p.m., except on USAREUR holidays.

The SHAPE Tax Center located in Bldg. 318 is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Brussels Tax Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To make an appointment at any of the three tax centers call DSN 423-4906 or civilian 065-44-4906.

Beware of the risk of gum disease

By Lisa Young

U.S. Army Public Health Command

Clean and healthy teeth and gums are more important than for just an attractive smile. Gum diseases are serious infections that can lead to tooth loss. Unfortunately the beginning stages of gum disease are not painful and often go unnoticed. Many people develop gum disease to a varying degree in early adulthood due to hormonal changes that persists depending on the health of the teeth and gums. Gum or periodontal disease begins when the bacteria in plaque, the sticky colorless film that is constantly being formed on the teeth, causes the gums to be infected and swollen. If the plaque is not removed, it turns into a hard deposit called tartar that is trapped at the base of the tooth and irritates the gums.

The mildest form of periodontal disease is gingivitis. It often occurs when a person does not brush and floss his or her teeth adequately, or have regular cleanings with the dental hygienist. The symptoms of gingivitis are not usually painful. They include:

- Bleeding gums, particularly when teeth are brushed
- Bright red gums
- Gums that are tender when touched but otherwise painless
- Swollen gums
- Shiny appearance to gums

This form of gum disease is reversible with professional treatment and good oral care.

If left untreated, gingivitis can progress to periodontitis which occurs when the plaque and bacterial infection grows below the gum line. Over time, the toxins produced by the bacteria stimulate an inflammatory response in the body so that the tissues and bone that support the teeth are broken

down and destroyed. As the disease progresses the gums separate from the teeth and the spaces between the teeth and gums deepen and eventually more gum tissue and bone are destroyed.

The risk of periodontal disease is increased by:

- General illness
- Poor dental hygiene
- Pregnancy, due to hormonal changes that increase gum sensitivity
- Uncontrolled diabetes
- Misaligned teeth, rough edges of fillings, and ill-fitting braces, dentures, bridges or crowns
- Certain medications, i.e. phenytoin, birth control pills, heavy metals

The goal of treatment for periodontal disease is to reduce inflammation. The teeth are cleaned professionally by a dentist or dental hygienist with various devices to loosen and remove the plaque and hard tartar from the teeth. Teeth cleaning at least twice a year and possibly more often is required to keep the build-up of plaque off the teeth. This is followed by careful oral hygiene on a daily basis. Antibacterial mouth rinses may be recommended in addition to frequent tooth brushing and flossing. Special tools such as certain toothpicks or floss, antiplaque toothbrushes and tooth paste, water irrigation, or other devices may also be suggested by the dentist for people who are particularly prone to plaque deposits. To prevent the reoccurrence of periodontal disease, strict oral hygiene must be maintained for a person's whole life.

For more information about gum disease, go to:

American Dental Association, www.ada.org or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth>.

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News From The School Liaison Officer

With the increase of lunch prices at the School Cafeteria this month, now would be a good time to see if you qualify for Free and Reduced-Price Lunches for your children.

All U.S. families (of all ranks and family size) attending the DoDDS schools are invited to complete an application for Free and Reduced-Price (.40 cents per meal) Lunches for the current school year. This program can help you save money, while your kids enjoy a hot meal at the Brussels American School or SHAPE American Elementary/High School cafeterias each school day. Please contact the School Liaison Officer (SLO) at slobenelux@eur.army.mil for an application and additional information. The SLO can also be reached at DSN 423-5635 or civilian 065-44-5635 at SHAPE, or DSN 368-9670 or civilian 02717-9670 in Brussels.

AFCU OPENS 2012 Scholarship Program

Andrews Federal Credit Union announced the opening of its 2012 Scholarship Program. Eight \$1,500 non-renewable college scholarships are available to students who are Andrews Federal members or dependents of members in good standing as of February 1.

Applicants must be accepted to or enrolled in an accredited college or university. In addition to the application, applicants must write an essay on either the necessity of gaining and maintaining financial security or on their plans to reach their short-, medium, and long-term goals. The deadline for receipt of applications is April 27.

Scholarship applications and instructions are available in Andrews Federal branches or can be downloaded at www.andrewsfcu.org/scholarship2012.

Food Handlers Food Safety Course

SHAPE Health Care Facility, Department of Preventive Medicine, is offering a Basic Food Handlers Food Safety Course for all participants of SHAPE Group 2 Activities, US FRG's and Volunteer Groups, or anyone in the SHAPE/Chièvres community who intends to participate in community cooking activities. The course will be held in the SHAPE Health Care Facility, 2nd Floor Conference Room on the fourth Thursday of the month from 3 to 5p.m.

Courses will run February through October 2012. A certificate will be presented upon completion which is valid for one year and covers participation in events on SHAPE and Chièvres. For more information and to book a place for attendance contact DSN 423-5952/5043.

Get ready for Crossage

Crossage will be on Feb. 22 from noon to sunset in Chièvres. The game can be compared to croquet or golf as players aim toward one target per round. Crossage has become very popular in Chièvres and many Americans have joined the tradition

over the years. The city of Chièvres is blocked off to all traffic and no parking will be allowed as this game is played on the streets. Teams compete among each other as they try to hit the beer kegs with their wooden mallet and ball in as few hits as possible. The entire course covers a total of 29 beer kegs. For military interested participants, have your unit representative contact USAG Benelux HHC at DSN 361-5288 or civilian 068-27-



Rabot and Chôlette

5288 or 0475-753915 by Feb. 5. For civilians, contact DSN 361-5433 or civilian 068-27-5433. The participating fee is €3, which covers the insurance. The cost for a wooden mallet (rabot in French) and ball (chôlette in French) is €30. All payments must be made by registration deadline.

To become King or Queen of the Chièvres Crossage, register with the Chièvres Tourist office at 068-64-5961 in order to compete. The competition will be held Feb. 17 at the Vaudignies school, Salle Polyvalente Rue des Ecoles at 7 p.m. and will consist of several precision tests guaranteeing lots of fun. For the first time, this contest is open to non Chièvres residents.

DD-214's are now on-line

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following web site for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's on-line at www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records. This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use this new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the on-line web site.

Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center mail room and processing time.

Donations to SHAPE International Library

The SHAPE International Library regrets that it can no longer take donations from patrons. The library has neither the storage space nor the staff to process the large number of donations.

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Employment Opportunity

Andrews Federal Credit Union is looking for individuals who want to advance their careers with a progressive full-service local financial institution. European branches are located in Belgium, Netherlands and Germany. The following positions are available.

Brussels Branch located at USAG Brussels

-Branch Manager (Full-time)

-Senior Teller (Full-time)

-Teller (Full-time)

-Member Service Representative (Part-time)

Chièvres Branch at Chièvres Air Force Base

-Senior Teller (Full-time)

-Member Services Representative (Full-time)

Schinnen Branch at USAG Schinnen

-Member Services Representatives (Two Full-time Positions)

For these and other positions or to apply online, go to www.andrewsfcu.org. All applicants must have a U.S. Passport with logistical support. Andrews Federal Credit Union is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CYSS Survey

CYSS is conducting their annual Outreach Services Survey. The results of this survey will help improve the CYSS services. The survey is accessible until Feb. 29 and is completely anonymous. Check www.surveymonkey.com/s/JZH3LV2.

Big Easy Blast Camp

Register now for the camp held Feb. 20-24 at the School Age Center. The schedule is as follows:

Monday: A trip down Bourbon Street

Tuesday: A taste of Creole

Wednesday: Big Easy Bowling

Thursday: Jazz Off

Friday: Mardi Gras Parade

For additional information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

CYSS Baseball

Registration is open through Mar 16 for ages 6 to 12. Fee is \$45. Season is from March through June. For more information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

Education

University of Maryland University College

University of Maryland University College Europe (UMUC Europe) announces registration for the Spring 2012 Online Mid-Session for graduate and undergraduate students. Registration is open now through Feb. 12, with classes beginning Feb. 13. Undergraduate students this spring can enroll in a specially-

offered course to gain valuable knowledge about the basics of homeland security in HMLS 302 Introduction to Homeland Security, study modern history in HIST 392 History of the Contemporary Middle East, honor Black History Month in ENGL 364 African American Authors from 1900 to present, and much more. Graduate students can begin or continue working toward a master's degree in counseling, education, psychology, management, information technology, and more. To view the complete online schedule for spring, go to www.ed.umuc.edu/schedule. With award-winning distance education programs and the ultimate flexibility of on-site and online classes catered to military lifestyles, UMUC Europe has been helping servicemembers, their families, and civilians achieve their goals by putting students first since 1947. To learn more about registration, academic programs, financial aid and more, contact a local UMUC Europe field representative, visit www.ed.umuc.edu, or call UMUC Europe at DSN 314-370-6762 or civilian +49-(0)6221-3780.

University of Phoenix

For information on the programs offered, stop by the USAG Benelux Education Center, Bldg. 212, Room 113 or call DSN 423-4645.



Sunday worship service schedule

SHAPE/Chièvres area

9 a.m. - Catholic Mass at SHAPE Chapel

10:15 a.m. - Anglican service at SHAPE Chapel

11:45 a.m. - Contemporary Protestant service at SHAPE Chapel

For additional information, contact the Chaplain's Office at DSN 361-5381.

Jewish Community Liaison: contact DSN 423-4938

Muslim Community Liaison: contact DSN 368-9814

Catholic Daily Mass

Wednesday and Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at the SHAPE Chapel.

As of Feb. 6, daily mass will be Monday through Friday at 12:15 p.m.

Brussels area

10:30 a.m. - Protestant service at Chaussée de Louvain 13, St. Stevens Woluwe.

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By Cis Spook
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Economy in recession

Belgium is once again in an economic recession. The Belgian National Bank recorded negative growth during the past two quarters. The news that the Belgian economy is in a recession is not a surprise. It follows a warning from the International Monetary Fund, the IMF. Recessions can last up to 18 months and form part of the normal economic cycle of ups and downs. Belgium was last in recession in 2008 following the global financial crisis. Fears of a depression seem somewhat premature. There is no official definition, but it may be defined as a recession lasting more than three years or a sharp shrinking of the economy of around 10%.

What's new in February?

As of the beginning of this month, a couple of increases have occurred:

- the price of tickets for public transportation have gone up by an average of 3%.
- the price of a pack of cigarettes has gone up by 10 cents.
- Belgium's biggest brewer AB InBev has announced it will increase the price of its products by 5.5% as of March.

Numerous job losses in Belgium

- The electronics company Nokia Siemens Networks is reducing its personnel members. A total of 127 jobs out of 298 jobs in Belgium will be lost. The company's

sites at Diegem (Flemish Brabant) and Braine l'Alleud (Walloon Brabant) are to close completely, while 69 jobs are to be cut at the Nokia Siemens Networks' factory at Herentals in Antwerp province. The job cuts are part of a worldwide restructuring program that will mean 17,000 jobs being cut in an effort to save 1 billion euros.

- Bekaert, a steel wire manufacturer, is cutting 600 jobs at its Belgian plants. The company's Belgian workforce is being cut by a quarter. A total of 387 jobs will be cut at the plant in Aalter over a two-year period; a further 100 jobs will be lost at the technology center in Zwevegem where an additional 50 blue collar jobs are at risk and 70 jobs will be lost in Ingelmunster.

-Crown Cork, the packaging company in Deurne, is to close its factory with the loss of 300 jobs.

Harsh winter conditions

Belgium is living in harsh winter conditions since a week. Last week the temperature dropped to -20 degrees Celsius (-4 degrees Fahrenheit) in Vielsalm in the province of Luxembourg. The Belgian Red Cross has opened several centers to welcome the homeless in Brussels. These centers provide the homeless people with a warm meal and a place to sleep. A total of more than 300 people died due to the cold in Central Europe where temperatures dropped to -30 degrees Celsius (-22 degrees Fahrenheit).

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Through 15 February

- **Exhibition "Horta, a lost world" in Brussels** on Chaussée de Haecht 266. Open Wednesdays through Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. Entrance fee ranges from €3 to €6. More information on www.autrique.be/index/home/0/en (page in English).

Through 19 February

- **Indios no Brasil exhibition in Brussels** at the Royal Museum of Art and History at the Parc du Cinquantenaire 10. Exhibition on Brazil's indigenous population. Open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information on <http://europalia.be/programme/expositions-12/article/indios-no-brasil>.

Through 4 March

- **Fernand Schirren's (1872-1944) paintings exhibition in Brussels.** Exhibition is held at the Royal Museum of Fine Arts on Rue de la Régence 3. Open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except on Monday. Entrance fee ranges from €5 to €8. More info on www.fine-arts-museum.be/site/EN/frames/F_expo.html.

Through 18 March

- **Flower exposition "The Magic of the Orchid" in Brussels.** The exposition will be held in the National Basilica of Koekelberg on the Parvis de la Basilique 1. Open every day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and from 1 to 7 p.m. on Sundays. Price ranges from €2.5 to €8. More information on www.basilicakoekelberg.be/documents/events-items/orchid-exposition.xml?lang=en (page in English).

6 and 10 through 12 February

- **Batimons (Building fair) in Mons** at the Lotto Mons Expo on Avenue Thomas Edison from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

9 through 12 February

- **Affordable Art Fair Brussels in Brussels** at the Tour et Taxis. More info on www.affordableartfair.be/content/home_en.

11 February

- **Volksmarch in Châtelineau** for 4, 7, 12, 20 km. Departure is at the Ecole des Frères on Rue Chif 42 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Malonne** for 10 and 18 km. Departure is from the Sports center St Berthuin on Route de la Navinne at 2:30 p.m. Showers and bike-wash available.
- **Flea market in Ath** on Place à Baudet from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (60 booths)

11-12 February

St Valentine's Flea market and antiques fair in Nimy at the town hall on the Grand'Place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (20 booths)

11 through 19 February

- **Home Trends Show in Charleroi** at the Palais des Expositions from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Entrance fee is €6.

12 February

- **Volksmarch in Linkebeek** for 4, 7, 13, 21 km. Departure is from the Salle "Glidenhuis" on Rue de l'Eglise 31 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Meslin-l'Evêque** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from the Rue Centrale 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Longueville** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from the Salle communale on Rue de la Station from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Tilly** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from the Rue Général Mellier 20 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Farciennes** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from the Rue Albert 1er 175 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Lobbes** for 5, 10, 20 km + orientation march for +/- 8 km. Departure is from Rue des Ecoles 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Soignies** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from Rue Henri Leroy 15 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Tournai** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from the Chaussée de Lille 198 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Heverlee** for 16, 25, 35, 45, 55, 65 km. Departure is from the sports center H. Hart on Hertogstraat from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available. Participating fee ranges from €2.5 to €4.5.



12 February continued

- **Mountain bike ride in Thuin** for 20, 30, 40 km. Departure is from the soccer field on Zoning des Waibes from 8:15 to 10:30 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available. Participating fee ranges from €4 to €5.
- **St Valentine's flea market in Braine-Le-Comte** on Rue des Postes 101. Wine, beer and snack bars. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. 5,000 visitors last year. (150 booths)
- **Flea market in Woluwé Saint-Pierre** on Rue René Declerc 22 from 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (120 booths)
- **Flea market in Ath** on the Place de la Libération from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (50 booths)

17 February

- **Volksmarch in Feluy** for 4, 6, 12 km. Departure is at the Salle de la Maison du Peuple on Grand'Rue from 2 to 7 p.m.

17 through 26 February

- **Anima 2012 in Brussels.** International Animated Film Festival of Brussels at the Flagey Center on Place Sainte Croix 4. Over 100 films in competition. More information about prices, schedule, films, etc. on www.animafestival.be.
- **Jacques Stotzem concert in Soignies** at the Salle Victor Jara on Place Van Zeeland 31 at 8 p.m. Jacques Stotzem is a Belgian acoustic guitarist. Price in €12. For bookings and information, call civilian 067-347426.

17 through 19 February

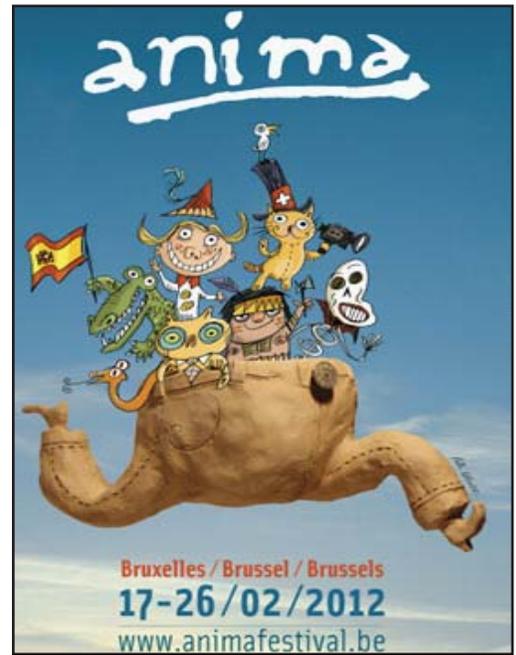
- **Flea market, antiques and collectors fair in Kain** on Rue du Follet from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entrance fee is €6. (150 booths)

18 February

- **Volksmarch in Jumet** for 4, 6, 12, 25 km. Departure is at the local school on Rue Edouard Anseele from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Flea market in Langemark** at the sports center on Kerkenstraat from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

19 February

- **Volksmarch in Ghlin** for 4, 7, 12, 20, 30 km. Departure is from the I.P.E.S. on Rue du Temple from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Auderghem** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from Lutgardiscollege on Avenue de la Sablière 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Feluy** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from the Maison du Peuple on Grand'Rue from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Montignies-Sur-Sambre** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from Rue des Cartiers 6 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Beloeil** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from the sports center of the local school on Rue de Mons 45 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Schaffen** for 10, 25, 40, 50 km. Departure is from the sports center De Vleugt on Vleugstraat from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Price ranges from €2,50 to €3,50. Bike-wash and showers available.
- **Mountain bike ride in Froidchapelle** for 15, 25, 40, 50 km. Departure is from the sports center on Rue des Arzières 10 at 8 a.m. Price is €5. Bike-wash and showers available.
- **Run & bike in Jurbise** for 2 km (run) - 11 km (mtb) - 1 km (run) and 4 km (run) - 23 km (mtb) - 2 km (run). Departure is from the Police Academy on Route d'Ath 25-35 at 10 a.m. for 2-11-1 distances and at 12:30 p.m. for 4-23-2 distances. Showers and bike-wash available. Price ranges from €8 to €12.5.
- **Collectors fair in Froyennes** at the Foyer Saint-Eloi on Rue des Réfractaires from 9 to 12 a.m.
- **Flea market in Langemark** at the sports center on Kekenstraat from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Strépy-Bracquegnies** on the Vielle Place from noon to 7 p.m. The flea market is organized to raise money for sick children of the Tivoli hospital in La Louvière.



Laurent Dussaussois



CARNIVAL IN BELGIUM



Events & Happenings

11 February

- **Carnabruxelas in Brussels**, at Tour & Taxis on 86c Avenue du Port. Brussels will dance on the Brazilian rhythm for a Rio-like carnival. Starts at 9 p.m. Entrance fee is €15 and €1 for children aged 12 or less.

17-19 February

- **Carnival in Bastogne – Pat’Carnaval**
 - Feb. 17, Opening Night. Free concert at 10:30 p.m.
 - Feb. 18, Children’s day. Entertainment for kids starts at 2:30 p.m. Enthronement of the carnival prince at 10:30 p.m.
 - Feb.19, Traditional carnival parade downtown Bastogne starts at 2 p.m.

18 February

- **Carnival in Basècles**
 - Procession leaves the Grand Place at 2:30 p.m. and parade in the streets of the city. Gathering for the kids at 4:30 p.m. on the Grand Place. Final gathering and fireworks on the Grand Place at 10:00 p.m.
- **Carnaval in Ghlin**
 - Procession heads towards the Grand'Place at 3:45 p.m. From 8 to 9 p.m. final gathering and fireworks.

18-21 February

- **Carnival in Malmedy, known as Cwarme**
 - Feb. 18, at 10 a.m., the ‘Grosse Police’ announces the beginning of the festivities all over the city. The folkloric parade leaves Place Albert I at 4 p.m.
 - Feb. 19, Dance of the Haguète (main character of the carnival) at 1 p.m. on Place Albert I and departure of the carnival parade with 2,500 participants at 1:30 p.m. Final gathering at 6:30 p.m. on Place Albert I.
 - Feb. 20, Role-playing day starts at 11 a.m. with satirical shows on moving stages and actors’ parade.
 - Feb. 21, Starting at 2 p.m., the carnival societies go around town all afternoon. At 7 p.m., burning of the Haguète on Place Albert I, symbolizing the end of the winter.

17-25 February

- **Carnival in Amay**
 - Feb. 17, Procession downtown starts at 2:30 p.m. with more than 1,000 participants.
 - Feb. 19, Procession starting from the Delhaize's parking lot.
 - Feb. 20, Costume ball and animations for children downtown at the sports center.
 - Feb. 25, Fireworks on the site of the Roman Tower, on Rue de l’Industrie.

19-21 February

- **Carnival in Binche** - This world famous carnival, now on the UNESCO world heritage list, dates back to the 16th century.
 - Feb. 19, Colorful day where the future Gilles wear fancy costumes. Parade starts at 3 p.m. from the Place Eugène Derbaix
 - Feb. 20, Children’s day. On Monday, the fest is traditionally more private, gathering the locals who will go from pub to pub and from pub to friends house dancing on the streets. At about 3 p.m., the youth gather and dance to the music of the drums heading to the Grand’Place. At about 7 p.m., they all watch the fireworks.
 - Feb. 21, Fat Tuesday. Only on Tuesday, the “Gilles” are allowed to wear their Gilles costume. The day starts in the very early hours with the dressing after which they will go from house to house. At about 7 a.m., they gather at the train station. At 8:30 a.m., reception at the City Hall. The Gilles wear their traditional mask. Parade starts at 3 p.m. on Avenue Charles Deliège and heads to the Grand Place. The Gilles wear their impressive hats covered with ostrich feathers (if weather allows) and offers hundreds of oranges. Torchlight procession and final gathering on the Grand Place around 7:30 p.m.

20 February

- **Carnival in Jemappes** - Carnival parade for children from 3 to 11 p.m. with the participation of the local giants and folkloric and musical groups.

CARNIVAL IN THE NETHERLANDS

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Carnival or Fashing is an important local tradition in Southern Netherlands as well and this year it is celebrated Feb. 19-21. It is an intense 3 days long celebration before a 40 days lent (which ends with Easter). Shops in Limburg and parts of Germany will close while pubs and bars will stay open until at least 3 a.m. The streets will overflow with Carnival revelers and parades.

If en route to USAG Schinnen and a parade is in progress, park the car and enjoy the festivities. But remember to be safe and don't drink and drive! The parades at Schinnen are Feb. 20 and 21 between 1 and 5 p.m. and could delay access to the base.

Aachen, Cologne, Düsseldorf and other cities in Germany stage parades, called "Rosenmontag Zug", Feb. 20. They all start around noon. Aachen also has a Children's parade Feb. 19.

12 and 19 February

• *Carnival in Sittard*

- Feb. 12, children's parade starts at 1:33 p.m. Feb. 19, main parade starts at 12:55 p.m.

18 February

• *Carnival in Landgraaf*

- Feb 18. children's parade starts at 12:30 p.m. in Heggenstraat.

18-20 February

• *Carnival in Brunsum*

- Feb. 18, children's parade. Feb. 20, main parade starts at 1:40 p.m.

• *Carnival in Hoensbroek*

- Feb. 18, children's parade starts at 1:11 p.m. Feb. 20, main parade starts at 1:11 p.m.

• *Carnival in Kerkrade*

- Feb. 18, children's parade. Feb. 20, main parade starts at 11:11 p.m.

• *Carnival in Maastricht*

- Feb. 18, children's parade starts at 2:11 p.m. Feb. 19, main parade starts at 1:33 p.m. Feb. 20, family parade starts at 2:33 p.m.

18-21 February

• *Carnival in Heerlen*

- Feb. 18, children's parade starts at 1:33 p.m. Feb. 19, main parade starts at 12:11 p.m. Feb. 21, lighted parade (illuminated) starts at 8:11 p.m.

19 February

• *Carnival in Margraten, Nuth, Oirsbeek and Spaubeek.*

19-20 February

• *Carnival in Geleen*

- Feb. 19, main parade starts at 1:50 p.m. Feb. 20, children's parade.

20 February

• *Carnival in Roermond*

- Main parade starts at 1:11 p.m.

20-21 February

• *Carnival in Schinnen*

- February 20, main Parade. Feb. 21, children's Tuesday.

19-21 February

• *Carnival in Valkenburg*

- February 19, children's parade starts at 3:11 p.m. Feb.20, main parade starts at 1:11 p.m. Feb. 21, illuminated parade starts at 8 p.m.

Many towns in Limburg have besides the parades also other Carnival activities on-going such as brass band contests. In Maastricht for instance the Prince Carnavil and his retinue will hold a reception at the city's train station Feb. 18, 1.11 p.m. At 1:55 p.m. they will march to the Market Square where the Prince will lay a wreath at the statue of "t Mooswief" (Cabbage Woman). There's also a Carnival brass band contest Feb. 21, 2:11 p.m. on the Vrijthof in the center where the end of Carnival will also be conducted which begins 11:55 p.m.

Other towns have a Carnival brass band contests. Sittard has one on Feb. 20, 3 p.m. at the Market Square. On Feb. 21, also in Sittard at 2:11 p.m., groups of costumed people give out oranges to kids and adults who yell: "APPELSIENE, APPELSIENE" (oranges, oranges).

SHAPE Trips & Tours

For information on the trips below,
call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-44-3884.

- **Beer, Chocolate and Diamonds in Brugge, February 11.** - The day in Brugge begins with a visit to Choco-story, the Chocolate Museum, where you will discover the history of chocolate. Then off to Halve Maan Brewery for lunch along with a complimentary beer. Trip continues with a visit to the Diamond Museum then some free time to stroll around Brugge and enjoy its beautiful architecture and canals. Price is €80 per person. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. Departs Brussels at 8 a.m. returns Brussels at 7 p.m. and SHAPE at 8 p.m.
- **Lisbon, February 18-21** - See the Tower of Belem and Jeronimos Monastery, the Alfama with its narrow streets and flowered squares, the Barrio Alto with its multicultural atmosphere and the Moorish São Jorge Castle, Sintra with its 19th century romantic architecture and the Palacio nacional. Enjoy some free time to listen to the sounds of Fado music or bar-hop through vibrant cobbled lanes at night. Price is €920 Single, €800 Double/twin, €785 triple, €655 child (0-9 with two paid adults in double room). Departs SHAPE at 3:30 a.m. on Saturday and returns at 1 a.m. on Wednesday.
- **Disneyland and Disney Studios Paris, February 22** - Come experience the happiest place on earth with thrilling rides and fantastic shows. An action packed fun-filled day that is sure to satisfy the whole family. Prices: € 105 Adults, € 105 Youth, 3-11, € 55 Children 0-2. Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m., returns SHAPE at 9:30 p.m. Departs Brussels at 5:30 a.m., returns Brussels at 10:30 p.m.
- **Snow World, February 24** - Spend the day at one of the World's largest indoor ski resorts with five wide slopes (520 meters long), professional ski lift and fresh snow. For equipment, visit the Outdoor Recreation building 201 or call 065-44-5380. Price: adults €70, children (4-12) €64, children (0-3) €35. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns at 7 p.m. Departs Brussels at 6 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m.
- **London, February 25** - Experience the day in London and visit Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, Museums, and the West End theater district. Price: €70. Departs Shape at 5:30 a.m. and returns at 1:30 a.m. on Sunday. Departs Brussels at 4:30 a.m. and returns at 2:30 a.m. on Sunday.
- **Amsterdam and Van Gogh Museum (optional), March 3** - Spend the day in Amsterdam, walk the town along the canals or visit the Anne Frank House. Visit the Van Gogh Museum (optional). Prices: Van Gogh Museum included €50 (17 years and overs), €40 (under 17) ; Amsterdam only is €40. Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m. and returns SHAPE at midnight. Departs Brussels at 7:30 a.m. and returns Brussels at 11 p.m.
- **Medieval Dinner in Brugge, March 10** - Experience a medieval evening in Brugge with a festive banquet, a dozen attractions, medieval costumes and music, delicious food and drinks. Get transported back to 3 July 1468 as Charles the Bold and Margaret of York invite you to the wedding feast enlivened by jesters, minstrels and dancers. There will be also sword fighting, falconry, flame swallowing, a witches' dance, jousting, parrot shooting and more. Prices: €92 adults, €65 youth (11-14), €45 children (6-10), €35 children (0-5). Departs SHAPE at 1 p.m. and returns SHAPE at 1 a.m. on Sunday. Departs Brussels at 11:45 a.m. and returns Brussels at 2 a.m. on Sunday.



Amsterdam, March 3

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trips below,
call civilian 065-336560

- **Cooking Class, Horta Museum and Chocolate Factory, February 9** - Six places left - Start the day with a guided tour of the Horta Museum followed by cooking classes at the "Mmmmh! Cooking School". Price is €98.
- **Maastricht Mardi Gras, February 19** - Spend the day in costume in the middle of parades and fun-filled carnival celebrants. Price is €15.

6 January

- **Military Council of Catholic Women** - Meets each Monday at 10 a.m. at the SHAPE Chapel in the Annex and at 7 p.m. at SHAPE Bldg. 353. There is watchcare available in the morning by reservation. MCCW reflects a visible presence of Christ to military communities by fostering and nourishing women to spirituality, leadership and service. Join us for bible study (materials provided) and fellowship. For information call DSN 423-6019 or civilian 065-44-6019.
- **Stroller Time** - Meets on Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m. at the ACS, Bldg. 318, SHAPE. Bring your child and stroller for a walk on the SHAPE path. For more information contact the ACS at DSN 423-5324.
- **New Winter Studies** - Meets at the SHAPE International Chapel on Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. Childcare is provided. For information, e-mail to pwoc.shape@gmail.com.
- **Protestant Women of the Chapel International** - Meets at the SHAPE International Chapel on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Childcare is provided. For information, email to pwoc.shape@gmail.com.

7 January

- **Preschool Story Time** - Every Tuesday from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. for stories, finger plays, songs. There is no fee for this program. For more information, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets on Tuesdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at SHAPE Chapel Annex Classroom. Members support one another's 12 Step recovery program and freely share their AA story with newcomers. Family members, friends, and anyone interested in AA are welcome to attend. For a recorded message with telephone contact numbers, call 0494-058137. For English speaking meetings in Brussels and throughout Europe see the website www.aa-europe.net.
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8 February

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- **Infant Massage Class** - Meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the SHAPE Healthcare Facility second floor conference room. Expectant mothers and mothers with newborns and older infants are welcome. Mats and oils are provided. No pre-registration is required. Open to all U.S., NATO and SHAPE ID cardholders. Call WIC Overseas DSN 423-5971 or civilian 065-44-5971 for more information.
- **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults classes** - Meets each Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. For more information, contact the parish coordinator at DSN 423-6019 or civilian 065-44-6019.
- **The Five Love Languages** - The USAG Benelux Advocacy Program meets from 12 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at ACS 1st floor training room bldg. 318. For information call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.
- **Bingo at Warrior Zone** - Doors open at 5 p.m., starts at 6 p.m. Open to all US and SHAPE (green) ID Card Holders at least 18 years. Mini cover-all jackpot: Apple I Pad. Cover-all jackpot: Flat Screen TV. For more information call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-27-5643.

9 February

- **Teen Mass and Meal** - Meets Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at the SHAPE Chapel.
- **Army Family Team Building** - Meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at ACS bldg. 318 to discuss types of communication, assess your ability to communicate effectively, explore barriers to communication and develop strategies to improve your communication skills. For information call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

10 February

- **Rosary Warriors** - Meets every Friday at 9:15 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to pray the rosary. For more information, contact the parish coordinator at DSN 423-6019 or civilian 065-44-6019.

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15 February

- **Page turners Book Discussion Group** - Meets at 5:30 p.m. at SHAPE International Library to discuss *Swamp-landia!* by Karen Russell. No registration required. For information call DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631.

16 February

- **The Illuminati** - Meets at 4:30 p.m. at SHAPE International Library to discuss *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs. No registration required. For information call DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631.

- **Breastfeeding Support Group** - Meets from 10 to 11 a.m. at the SHAPE Healthcare Facility second floor conference room. For information call DSN 423-5971 or civilian 065-44-5971.

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Through 23 March

- **Annual Weight Loss Challenge** - The weight loss challenge is specially designed to educate you on the importance of proper nutrition for weight loss and optimum health. At the end of the 12-week program the top 2 individuals with the greatest percentage of lost pounds and the top 2 with the greatest percentage of lost inches will be awarded prizes. For more information, contact the USAG Brussels Fitness Center at civilian 02-717-9667.

7 February

- **Brussels Library Closed** USAG Brussels is conducting mandatory employee training on Feb 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. During training, the Brussels Library will be closed and front door services will have limited manning. If you have questions, call DSN 368-9627, civilian 02-717-9627.

13 February

- **Grand Opening of the USAG Brussels Education Center Office** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the USAG Brussels Education Center new relocated offices in Bldg. 4, top floor. Learn about testing services, spousal tuition assistance, free French conversation classes, innovative education opportunities and possible F2F courses at USAG Brussels. For more information, call DSN 368-9704 or civilian 02-717-9704.

15 February

- **10 Steps to a Federal Job** - If you are looking for a job with the Federal Government, visit the Army Community Services from 9 a.m. to noon at the conference room, Bldg. 4. Get an overview of the process from start to finish, learn the ten steps of applying for a job from a certified trainer, including exploring the different agencies, analyzing job announcements, keywords, KSAs (knowledge, skills and abilities), etc. For more information, call DSN 368-9783/9735 or civilian 02-717-9783/9735.

19 February

- **Brussels Library Closed** Due to temporary staffing levels the Library will be closed Feb. 19. For more information please contact the USAG Brussels library at civilian 02-717-9705 or DSN 368-9705.

22 February

- **Ash Wednesday Service** will be held on February 22 at 4 p.m. in the USAG Brussels Chapel. For more information call DSN 368-9747 or civilian 02-717-9747.

CONSIGNMENT SHOP

The Brussels consignment shop located on USAG Brussels is now open late night the last Wednesday of each month. The shop is open from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. for shopping and consignments. For questions, please contact the shop at brusselsconsignmentshop@gmail.com.

FITNESS CLASSES

All classes are held at the USAG Brussels Fitness Center in Bldg. 3 and are free of charge. For more information, call 02-717-9667.

- **Body Shop** - Sessions are at 1 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- **Yoga** - Every Monday, Wednesday at 10 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6:35 p.m. and every Friday at 10 a.m.
- **Yoga-Flo** - Every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m.
- **Zumba** - Every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m.
- **Body in Motion** - Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:15 a.m.
- **Zumba Toning** - Every Saturday at 11 a.m. and every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:35 p.m.

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