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Driving Class

An intermediate driver's class for Soldiers under 26 years of age will be held April 25 from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Bldg. 220, room 113 on SHAPE.

Breastfeeding Support

The next Breastfeeding Support Group meeting is on Wednesday, April 18th 10:00 – 11:00 in the SHAPE Healthcare Facility second floor conference room. Are finding yourself breastfeeding in a bottle feeding culture? Want to meet other nursing moms? Feeding concerns are discussed in a supportive environment with a certified Lactation Consultant. All pregnant and breastfeeding mothers are invited to attend.

USAG Brussels CYSS

USAG Brussels CYSS is looking for volunteer coaches for the upcoming spring sports season. For more information see the Brussels community roundup section.

AFCU employment

Effective immediately: Andrews Federal Credit Union is offering career opportunities. More information in the community brief section.

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U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Daniel Alo, 309th Airlift Squadron firefighter, demonstrates firefighting personal equipment to local Belgian children at the Chièvres Air Base fire station, Tuesday, April 10, 2012.

Brussel's Scouts hold Blue and Gold Banquet

Special to the Gazette

Cub Scout Pack 457 hosted their annual Blue and Gold Banquet on March 25 at the Brussels American School. The Pack celebrated the 102nd year of Scouting and used the event to acknowledge Scout Achievements from their hard work, advance Scouts to the next level and to recognize and thank all of the volunteers who have supported the Pack throughout the year. The Blue and Gold Banquet also serves to inspire Scouts, parents and others to continue to actively support Scouting. The Transatlantic Scouting Council also gave a short presentation on Friends of Scouting and the support the program provides to all Scouts in Europe. The potluck dinner featured some culinary creations to include Swedish meatballs, pulled pork and a variety of salads. Each Scout also brought a Scouting themed cake to serve as desert. After dinner, honored guests judged the cakes that Scouts decorated, with an American Flag themed cake winning top honors.

Special guests included: USAG Chaplain (MAJ) Darin Olsen, Mr. Andy Pfefferkorn who was instrumental in helping Scouts prepare their Pinewood Derby Cars, Mrs. Prioetto BAS 3rd Grade teacher, Mr. Schumaker BAS 5th Grade teacher, Mrs. Friedhoff BAS 1st Grade Teacher, and Mr. Joris Serval of the Zaventem Fire Brigade who have supported Scout visits to their Station. Pack 457 would like to thank all those in the Brussels and Brussels-American Community who have helped and supported Scout activities; Scouting would not be possible without their support. If you or someone you know is interested in Scouting or volunteering in the Brussels area, please contact scoutmasters@troop457.be.



Wolf Den Scouts bring the US and Belgian flags forward at the opening of the banquet.

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Missoula Children's Theater's own Calida Davis (behind the children) and Katie Murk (in the foreground) teach a group of raccoons rehearse for a performance of Little Red Riding Hood, JFC Brunssum Alliance Theater, April 4, 2012.

Schinnen hosts Missoula Children's Theater

By Tom Budzyna
USAG Benelux Public Affairs

The Missoula Children's Theater made their first stop of their 2012 European tour in the Benelux region where more than 34 local community children performed the European fairy tale "Little Red Riding Hood" in the JFC Brunssum Alliance Theater here April 5.

The Missoula Children's Theatre was hired by the U.S. Army's Installation Management Command to support Child, Youth and School Services at installations worldwide. Since 1972, they have taught developmental life skills to more than a million kids through performing arts and theatrical productions. Under the leadership of Cofounder Jim Caron and Executive Director Michael McGill, 65,000 children in nearly 1300 communities in all 50 U.S. states and 17 countries will participate in an MCT International Tour residency this year.

Missoula Children's Theater's next stop on this European tour is Rota, Spain, April 9 to 13 then in Germany at Baumholder April 16 to 21, Hohenfels April 23 to 28, Grafenwoehr April 30 to May 5, and Garmish May 7 to 12.

Their first performance April 5 features children from the tri-border military community who live and work on NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany; or NATO Headquarters JFC Brunssum or U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen in the Netherlands.

The Missoula Children's Theater production of "Little Red Riding Hood" features a cast of raccoons, forest shadows,

three little pigs and a wolf gang.

There's also Brother, Baby and Robin Hood; Ranger Rooney, and of course, Little Red Riding Hood being played by the tri-border's own Ashlie Pannell.

The performance is guided on stage by the Big Bad Wolf and co-director Calida Davis with her colleague and co-director, Katie Murk orchestrating music and back-stage traffic. Davis and Murk are from Montana and have been working with the Missoula Children's Theater for four years.

"Missoula Children's Theater likes to take a typical or traditional story and give it a twist. We typically cast between 50 and 60 kids, so the large military bases in Europe can get ready for a great show in their community," Davis said.

"We've enjoyed such great support from USAG Schinnen's Child & Youth Services and everyone here. It's been great," Davis said.

"Going overseas to put on productions has its own challenges to it, but certainly its own adventures as well," Murk said.

Murk, whose studies included experience as a teacher on a U.S. military base in Germany, was hiking with Calida Davis this year when they got the call offering the opportunity to take the Missoula Children's Theater on the road again across Europe.

Obviously, they both decided to accept another adventure.

"I learned while teaching in Europe that kids overseas have such unique opportunities and challenges and the Missoula Children's Theater offers some wonderful chances and something very different from the norm," Murk said.

The Chief of Staff of the Army concludes tour of European Theater

The Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Ray Odierno, and his wife, Linda, concluded their tour of the European Theater April 6.

Odierno visited units throughout the U.S. Army in Europe and addressed the importance of maintaining a versatile U.S. presence in Europe, one that fosters training with its allies and adhering to his principles of prevent, shape, and win.

"It's about having the right mix of capacity, modernization and readiness," Odierno said. "Having a force forward in Europe that's working with our allies' - one that has the right capabilities, has the right characteristics, and modernization readiness levels - help us to let people know we still have a force forward. That helps us quickly launch into other parts of the world."

"We will continue to shape the environment in AFRICOM and EUCOM, as well as, CENTCOM. Units in USAREUR can help us to do this. That's what building partner capacity is

about," Odierno said. "It's about combination of exercises at all levels...building military-to-military, Army-to-Army relationships with many nations."

During his tour of the European Theater, Odierno had the opportunity to observe V Corps' Mission Readiness Exercise.

"The training areas we have with the Joint Multinational Training Command in Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels gives us the capability to train and maintain a significant amount of readiness that will enable us, if necessary, to win dominantly and decisively on the battlefield," said Odierno.

Over the past decade, the U.S. has worked closely with allies and partner nations in Europe.

"It is important for us to continue to train and work with our allies. Being able to work with them to solve security problems around the world," Odierno said. "It's important for us to stay engaged with them so we have the right structure here on the ground that will allow us to do that."

CSA discusses Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and during a tour of the European theater, the Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Raymond T. Odierno sat down for a podcast with U.S. Army Europe April 3 and discussed the Army values and sexual assault and harassment prevention.

Odierno said that sexual assault and sexual harassment, "...are inconsistent with our values. It's not consistent with the trust we expect to have between Soldiers. As part of the Army profession, it really is about our values, our moral and ethical values. It is also about what I consider to be the basic component and fundamental foundation of the profession, which is trust."

Through the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program, the Army can reinforce its commitment

to eliminate incidents of sexual assault and sexual harassment through awareness and prevention, training, victim advocacy, reporting and accountability.

USAREUR remains committed in this effort to eliminate incidents of sexual assaults and educate Soldiers, civilians and Family members through intervention, prevention and reporting procedures.

"It is important during this month that we reflect on this and we try to do everything we can to ensure that all Soldiers, male or female, feel comfortable serving," Odierno said.

Sexual assault and harassment are incomprehensible and it's something that is inconsistent with our values and ending this misconduct is a responsibility that belongs to all of us, and I am confident in our efforts to do so, Odierno said.

Month of the Military Child Activities

On SHAPE:

10-13 April

- **Story time** read by parents at the Child Development Center

13 April

- **Purple Up** - Wear purple to support and thank the military children.

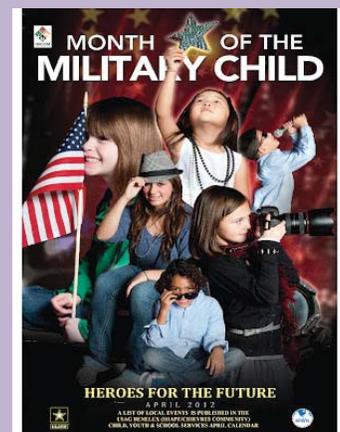
20 April

- **Bring a Friend Friday** at the School Age Center
- **SAC & MST Girls Pajama Party** from 7 p.m. to midnight
- **MST Smart Girls Lock In** from midnight to 9 a.m.

27 April

- **Bring a Friend Friday** at the School Age Center
- **Ballet recital**

For more information on the above events, contact the Child Development Center at DSN 423-4810/5616/5617/5618 or civilian 065-44-4810/5616/5617/5618 or the School Age Center at DSN 423-5980/6079 or civilian 065-44-5980/6079.



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AFCU Employment Opportunity

Effective immediately, Andrews Federal Credit Union is offering the following career opportunities in area branches:

- Chièvres Branch at Chièvres Air Force Base, Belgium:
 - Member Services Representative (Two Full-time Positions)
 - Senior Teller (Full-time)
 - Teller (Full-time)
- USAG Benelux, Brussels Branch, Belgium:
 - Branch Manager (Full-time)
 - Member Service Representative (Two Part-time Positions)
- Schinnen Branch, The Netherlands:
 - Member Services Representatives (Two Full-time Positions)
 - Teller (Full-time)
- Chièvres Air Force Base and Benelux Region:
 - Member Services Representative/Teller Floater (Full-time)

10th annual Make A Wish 24 hours 11-12 May

Starts at 4 p.m. If you want to volunteer, be a food vendor or participate contact DSN 423-5325.

Army Traffic Safety Training Program

- MSF Experienced Rider Course at the classroom Bldg. 134, CAB / Range Training April 26 (1 day / 8 hours), June 21 (1 day / 8 hours), September 20 (1 day / 8 hours)
- Intermediate Driver Course (under 26) at the classroom Bldg. 220, SHAPE. For all Soldiers under 26-years-old, including non-drivers, April 25 (2.5 hours), July 25 (2.5 hours), October 24 (2.5 hours)

Registration for all courses will close ten calendar days prior to the scheduled training. For MSF program information and course visit www.imcom-europe.army.mil/webs/sites/staff_org/safety/atstp/index.html. To enroll in a course, online registration is mandatory at https://apps.imcom.army.mil/AIRS/usg_disclaimer.aspx. For further assistance, call the USAG Benelux Safety Office at DSN 361-1470.

Education

University of Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma is now accepting applications for Master of Arts in International Relations. This is an accelerated class and program format with on-site and online classes available. No GRE requirement. For more information, call DSN 423-3654 or civilian 065-44-3654 or via email at apshape@ou.edu. You may also stop by Bldg. 212, room 109 on SHAPE.

University of Maryland University College Europe

Many financial aid awards are available for new students beginning this Spring 2012 Session 2. The \$700 UMUC Europe New Student Scholarship is a one-time \$700 award toward the cost of tuition and books, meant to help students get started in pursuing their educational goals. View the eligibility requirements and apply at www.ed.umuc.edu/financialaid. For more information, visit www.ed.umuc.edu, or call UMUC Europe at DSN 314-370-6762 or civilian (0049)6221-3780.

CYSS

Earth explorers 2-6 April - Register now, spaces are limited. For information contact DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

Spring break field trips - Grades 7-12

- April 11: Serpentarium Blankenberg beach. Departs 8 a.m. and returns 6:30 p.m. Fee is \$30.

Soccer - Registration is open through April 16 for ages 4-5. Fee is \$20. Season is from April through June. For information call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

The following sessions are open through March 30:

Gymnastics - Session is from April 16 through June 15 for children aged four and up. Fee is \$80.

Karate - Session is from April 16 through June 15 for children aged six and up. Fee is \$160.

Tae Kwon Do - Session is from April 16 through June 15 for children aged five and up. Fee is \$180.

Swim - Session is from April 16 through June 15 for children aged four and up. Fee is \$80/\$90.

Piano I - Session is from April 16 through June 15 for children aged six and up. Fee is \$140/\$160.

Piano II - Session is from April 16 through June 15 for children aged 3.5 to 12. Fee is \$160/\$180.

Ballet - Session is from April 16 through June 15 for children aged 3.5 and up. Fee is \$80/\$128/\$144.

French - Session is from April 16 through June 15 for children aged 5 and up. Fee is \$90.

For information on the above sessions, call Parent Central Services at DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

USAG Benelux (SHAPE/Chievres Community)

U.S. Army Child, Youth & School Services

MWR

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun.....

Calling all Girls from 1st through 12th Grade!!

Come join us GIRLS at the SHAPE Youth Center on Friday, 20 April, from 19:00 - 24:00.

We will hang out and do fun "Girl Stuff"
Nail polish, Homemade Face Masks, Truth or Dare,
Girl Movies and of course Pizza and Pink Cup Cakes!

Sign-up at Parent Central Services, Bldg 503
Space is limited so HURRY....
Cost: \$20.00
Sorry, No boys allowed!!!! Girls RULE!!!!

PAJAMA PARTY!!!

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As of April 1 in Belgium

- Gas and electricity prices cannot increase between April 1 and December 31. This ban on the indexation of energy prices is one of several government measures aimed at reducing gas and electricity bills for Belgian consumers.
- As of this day, employers will have to pay increased social contributions for employees taking early retirement. The measure is intended to discourage early retirement. The size of the rise is linked to the age of the employee. Contributions for those aged 50 and 51 will double, but also for older employees there will be a significant increase.

April 1 joke in Leeuwarden, NL

The Mayor of Leeuwarden said he will do all he can to ensure the makers of the fake sea mine are tracked down. On April 1, a mine was discovered on the city's canal which led to the establishment of a safety perimeter, residents being warned to keep windows and doors closed and explosive experts to be sent on site. The mine turned out to be made of polystyrene. The emergency services considered from the start the mine may have been an April 1 joke but they did not want to take any risks.

Brussels Jazz Orchestra plays in New York

The Brussels Jazz Orchestra Band is playing six nights in a row at the Blue Note Jazz Club in New York attracting large crowds. Belgian Toots Thielemans plays at the Blue Note every year; the Brussels Jazz Orchestra is the second Belgian band to play there.

German pension for Belgians

Almost 2,500 Belgians receive a pension from Germany as they or their deceased husband fought in Hitler's army during the Second World War. At one time this figure is thought to have been as high as 38,000. Those who served in Hitler's army receive between 425 and 1,275 Euro a month from Germany, whereas those who had to perform forced labor by the Nazis only receive an average of 50 Euro a month.

Public transportation in Brussels at a standstill

A staff member of the Brussels local transport company MIVB was killed while at work on Saturday. The man received a blow to the face as he was attending the scene of an accident in which a MIVB bus was involved. The blow was inflicted by a friend of the car driver who has been arrested. Public transportation in Brussels remains at a standstill in protest against the problem of growing violence. Bus, tram and metro services in the capital are only expected to return to normal after a meeting between the unions, the management and the Minister of Interior.

Dutch company invents flying car

A Dutch company claims to have invented a flying car after carrying out test flights at an airbase in the Netherlands a couple of weeks ago. Some €6 million was invested in the car, called PAL-V, so far and the company is now looking for more investors to take it to the production stage. The managing director of this vehicle based on a gyrocopter hopes it will be on the market at the end of 2014. Drivers will need both a driving and a flying license. Two weeks ago, another Dutchman claimed to have invented wings which allowed him to fly like a bird but that turned out to be a hoax.

Microsoft moves European Distribution

Software giant Microsoft is moving its European distribution operations from Germany to the Netherlands because of a patent dispute with Motorola on the video compression method H.264. The courts are due to rule on April 17 and that could lead to a sales ban in Germany. It is not clear yet why Microsoft chose the Netherlands and where the location is going to be. Other patent disputes are going in Germany in which Apple, Samsung and HTC are involved. These cases may also lead to a sales ban on the German market.

Schmallenberg virus

The Schmallenberg virus which causes malformations and stillbirths in sheep and cattle, has been identified on 284 farms in Belgium and 220 farms in the Netherlands. The virus has been named the Schmallenberg virus after the German location where it was first identified on November 18, 2011. The number of cases in Germany has risen to 1,061. It is related to a group of viruses known as Orthobunyavirus, which are usually found in Asia, Africa and Australia and do not transfer directly to humans.

Police officer killed at Belgian road block

Last Thursday in the Luxembourg province, a car drove straight into a police road block at full speed, killing a young police officer. Police had been pursuing the suspects from France and had set up a road block to stop them. The car was later found in nearby woods. Two suspects have been apprehended, two others are still on the run.

Injured Libyans to be treated in Belgium

Some 120 Libyans that were seriously injured in the conflict that led to end of Colonel Gaddafi's regime are to receive specialist treatment in Belgian hospitals. The Libyans are unable to receive the care they need in their own country. All those to be treated sustain gunshot wounds. The first patients will arrive from Libya next week. All medical and other costs incurred will be paid by the Libyan government.



This column is events within close distance to Chièvres, SHAPE, Brussels.

Through 17 April

- **Brussels International festival of Fantasy Thriller & Science-Fiction Films** – during the two weeks, over 150 movies will be shown, the majority of them as previews. The majority of the movies are shown at Tour & Taxis on Avenue du port 86 in Brussels but some will also be shown at Plaza Art, Rue de Nimy in Mons. For a detailed schedule, check www.festivalfantastique.org/festival/.

Through 20 May

- **Painting exhibition “Per Kirkeby and the forbidden paintings of Kurt Schwitters”** in Brussels at the Fine Arts Museum BOZAR on Rue Ravenstein 23. Closed on Monday, open the other days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and to 9 p.m. on Thursday. Entrance fee is €10. More info on www.bozar.be/activity.php?id=11527&lng=en.

Through 3 June

- **Exhibition “Dinner’s Served! From Field to Plate”** - An exhibition that asks today the questions for tomorrow with a rich scenography. A multi-modal museography: graphic frescoes, audiovisual productions, exceptional items, photographs, electro-mechanical interactive displays, windows of discovery, tactile monitors etc. Contemporary art works mark out the exhibition halls. More information on www.expo-atable.be.

Through 11 June

- **Paintings Exhibition in Tournai at the Fine Arts Museum on Enclos Saint-Martin.** You’ll have the opportunity to admire 100 paintings from Manet to Monet, Seurat or Van Gogh, among others. Open every day from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. except on Tuesday. Price ranges from 1 to €2.5.

Through 1 July

- **Display “Stanley Kubrick, Photographer” in Brussels,** Musées royaux des Beaux-Arts de Belgique on Rue de la Régence, 3. The display is showing the first creative works of Stanley Kubrick. Opening hours are Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

12-15 April

- **Balkan Trafik Festival in Brussels at the Center of Fine Arts on Rue Ravenstein.** – Balkan Trafik is back this year with a 6th edition of scintillating music from south-eastern Europe: brass bands from Serbia and Romania, the clarinetist Ivo Papasov (the Miles Davis of the Balkans), the accordionist Roberto de Brasov (the king of Carpathian swing), the energetic rock of Jericho, music cafes with rembetiko, manouche and sevdah, and the Band of Gypsies supergroup. And a chance to get to know the Balkans better through films, workshops, and gastronomy. More information on www.bozar.be/activity.php?id=11230&lng=en.



This column is events within close distance from Brunssum and Schinnen

14-15 April

- **Keukenhof Gardens** near the town of Lisse shows an unprecedented wealth of spectacular floral displays planted in endless varieties among beautiful works of art. This year the international flower exhibition has chosen “Poland – Heart of Europe” as its central theme. The Keukenhof is open daily 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ticket office closes at 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €15; children age 4 to 11: €7. More info in English: www.keukenhof.nl.



Through 15 April

- **The “Anno Dazumal” Year Market** – at LVR-Freilichtmuseum Kommern in Mechernich (GE) has all kind of amusement and activities from the 19th century through the sixties in the 20th century. Entry: €5.50; children – free entrance.

14-15 April

- **Dutch Museum Weekend** - you can visit more than 500 museums in the Netherlands free of charge or for half price.
- **Spring Fair at Middelburg Estate** in the beautiful recreation area of Bussloo near the town of Voorst (NL) with all kind of spring items, shows, demonstrations and more. Open: Apr. 14, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Apr. 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



13 April

- **Night mountain bike ride in Borchtlombeek for 25 km.** Departure is on Kerkstraat 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bike-wash available.
- **Commemorative ceremony at Fouleng** starting at 10 a.m. Ceremony is supported by the 309th Airlift Squadron and honors the crew members of the Royal Flush, a B-17 that crash in a field in Fouleng. Six crew members were killed when the airplane exploded; three crew members managed to parachute safely to the ground and evaded capture with the help of the Belgian Resistance. A couple of local witnesses of the crash will be attending the ceremony.

13-15 April

- **Garden Fair in Enghien** – At the Park of the Château d’Enghien, some 250 garden experts will be present with plants, trees, garden furniture, decoration and much more. Open Friday from 2 to 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

13 April - 6 May

- **Royal Greenhouses in Laken (entrance on Avenue du Parc royal) open to the public.** Open from 8 to 10 p.m. on 13 April. Then the opening schedule will be as followed: from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Tuesdays to Thursdays; from 1 to 4 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. on Fridays; and from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Closed on Mondays. Entrance fee is €2.50 per adult and free of charge for all under 18 years old.

13 April

- **Night mountain bike ride in Rillaar for 25, 47, 62 km.** Departure is on Kortakker from 4 to 9 p.m. Showers and bike-wash available. Price ranges from €4 to €6.
- **Royal Greenhouses in Laken (entrance on Avenue du Parc royal) open to the public.** Open from 8 to 10 p.m. on 13 April. Then the opening schedule will be as followed: from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Tuesdays to Thursdays; from 1 to 4 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. on Fridays; and from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Closed on Mondays. Entrance fee is €2.50 per adult and free of charge for all under 18 years old.
- **Dinner with Belgian Winemakers in Brussels** – Meet some Belgian winemakers at the Tram Museum on Avenue de Tervueren, 364B. in conjunction with the Belgovino fair starting at 6:30 p.m. Get a preview visit of the Belgovino fair followed by a three course menu prepared by Lionel Rigolet from “Comme chez Soi”. The wines served will be wines made by the Belgian producers. Cost is €86 per person, including access to the Tram Museum, the visit to the Belgovino fair, wine tasting, meal and drinks. To book go to www.brus-selicious.be.

14 April

- **Volksmarch in Baudour for 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50, 60 km.** Departure is from the sports center in the communal parc from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on 5 and 10 km, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 20 and 25 km, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on 40 and 50 km and from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on 60 km. Participating fee is €0.75.

14-15 April

- **Orchid Display in Rochefort** – At the cultural center on Rue de Behogne 5, numerous varieties will be on display. Opening hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both days. Entrance fee is €5 per person; children under 12 years old get free entrance.
- **“Puces Madame”** – Second hand, vintage and collections at the Abbaye de Floreffe from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. Some 80 booths will offer second hand clothing, hats, jewelry, collector items such as dolls, to name a few.
- **Open Garden at the Château de Lassus, Hameau du Molinel 39 at Blandain.** Exceptional opening of the Château’s gardens from 2 to 6 p.m. both days. Entrance fee is €2.50 per person, children get free entrance.



- **Medieval Weekend in the center of Oef-fet (BE)** with street vendors, craftsmen and minstrels gathering for a medieval market with colors, flavors and music from that period, demonstrations of old crafts, falconry, and lots more. Open: April 14, 12:30 to 8:30 p.m. and April 15, 12:30 to 9 p.m.



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15 April

- **Ehe Amstel Gold Race** - is a professional cycle race for men and women which starts at 10 a.m. in Maastricht (NL) and finishes in the center of Valkenburg (NL) around 6 p.m.

15-22 April

- **Art & Antiques Fair** at Brabanthallen on Diezekade in ‘s Hertogenbosch (NL) also known as Den Bosch is the oldest antique fair in the country and has vendors from Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €15.

18-22 April

- **Art Cologne 2012** is a large art fair held at Die Messe on Messeplatz 1 in Cologne (GE). Open daily from noon to 8 p.m. Entry: €20. More info: www.artcologne.de.



- **Gathering of Playmobil toys passionates in Seneffe** – Second gathering including a fair with German, French and Belgian vendors on Place Penne d’Agenais. Open on Saturday from 1:30 to 6 p.m.; Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Free of charge.

15 April

- **Flower Market in Braine-le-Comte** – Flowers, trees, vegetables, bulbs will be available at this market on the Grand’Place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Télévie event in Soignies** (all proceeds go to the “Télévie” organization that helps the research on leukemia and cancer.) Of the activities scheduled:
 - Flea Market as of 6 a.m. on Place Verte and Place Van Zeeland.
 - Concert as of 11 a.m. on Place Verte/Place Van Zeeland
 - Singers Recital as of 1:30 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Quenast for 4, 8, 12, 20 km.** Departure is on Rue du Croly 11 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participating fee is €0.75.
- **Volksmarch in Deux-Acren for 5, 10, 15, 20 km.** Departure is Rue de la Station at the hall “Au Marichau” from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Longueville for 5, 10, 15, 20 km.** Departure is on Rue Arthur Libert from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Sart-Dames-Avelines for 5, 10, 15, 20 km.** Departure is on Chemin Bruyère du Coq from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Buvrines for 5, 10, 15, 20 km.** Departure is on Rue de la Cornette from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Marcq-Labliau for 5, 10, 15, 20 km.** Departure is on Rue de Lekkernay 19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Blaton for 5, 10, 20 km.** Departure is on Rue de Basècles 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Obourg for 5, 10, 20 km.** Departure is from the soccer field on Rue du Camp from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Rillar for 25, 47, 62, 78 km.** Departure is on Kortakker from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available. Price ranges from €4 to €6.
- **Mountain bike ride in Perwez for 30, 45, 55 km.** Departure is on Rue des Maronniers at the sports center from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available. Price ranges from €4 to €6.
- **Mountain bike ride in Tangissart for 15, 30, 50 km.** Departure is on Rue Notre Dame from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Showers and bike-wash available. Price is €6.
- **Bike race in Tangissart for 73 km.** Departure is on Rue Notre Dame at 8 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available. Price ranges from €10 to €12.
- **Belgian wine fair Belgovino** in Brussels on Avenue de Tervuren 364b at the Musée du Tram from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Price is €10.
- **Book and Paper Market** at the Château de Trazegnies with books, cartoons, postcards, posters. Open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Visit the “Tour Burbant” in Ath** – Monthly guided visits of the military fortification that dates back to 1166. The Tour Burbant is located on Rue du Gouvernement. Visit is at 3 p.m. Entrance fee is €3 per adult; €2.50 per child.

18-22 April

- **The Brussels Design Market** is a flea market exclusively devoted to design from the fifties through the eighties of the 20th century. Open: Apr. 21, 2 to 6 p.m. and Apr. 22, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The market is located at Gare Maritime à Tour et Taxis Avenue, Picard 11 in Brussels (BE).



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Tour Burbant

SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Versailles, April 14** - Tour the palace and royal apartments and the many fanciful gardens, original fountains, and other magnificent buildings on this grand estate. Take lunch in one of the many cafes on the grounds or even do some shopping in the town beyond. Price is €60 Adult, €40 Children (0-17). Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns SHAPE at 10 p.m. Departs Brussels at 6 a.m. and returns Brussels at 11 p.m.
- **Keukenhof, April 21** - The first stop will be at Gouda, the cheese capital of the Netherlands. After lunch, visit Keukenhof, the tulip capital of the world. Spend the day admiring flowers displays, strolling through the gardens and photographing beautiful sceneries. Keukenhof is one of the most beautiful places in the world. Prices: Adult €50 Youth (4-11) €43 Child (0-3) €35. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and Brussels at 8 a.m. Returns Brussels at 10 p.m. and SHAPE at 11 p.m. Price includes entrance to the gardens.
- **War Horse/London overnight, 24-25 April - only 2 Seats Left** - Experience "War Horse", the sell-out production at the New London Theatre. There are only 15 seats available for this winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Play. In this production, life-sized puppets depict a journey through history, as a young man embarks on an odyssey to find his beloved horse during World War I. After your theater experience explore the attractions of London: Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Tower Bridge, and the West End theatre district. Prices: €265 pp single, €215 pp Double/Twin, €180 Children (3-12) (when accompanied by 2 full paying adults). Departs SHAPE Tuesday at 6 a.m. Returns SHAPE Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. No Brussels pick-up.
- **Dover Castle & Canterbury, 28 April** - Have a view of the White Cliffs of Dover while crossing the English Channel. Visit the castle, its grounds and secret war tunnels. The trip continues to Canterbury where you can see the Cathedral, Canterbury Tales and many other attractions. Price: €75 adult, €70 child (5-15), €55 child (0-5). Departs SHAPE Saturday at 5:15 a.m. Returns SHAPE Sunday at 1 a.m. Departs Brussels at 4a.m. Returns Brussels at 2 a.m.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trips below call civilian 065-336560

Travel Group members are available every Wednesday and Friday
from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Foyer of the SHAPE Library, Bldg. 307.

- **Le Creuset and Champagne, April 17** - Visit Le Creuset factory outlet in France. Spend a couple of hours in Reims to tour the cathedral then head to the Pommery champagne house for a guided tour. Price is € 35.
- **Delft & Keukenhof, April 26** - Tour the Royal Delft Factory to see how the beautiful blue and white porcelain is made. After some shopping and lunch, tiptoe through the tulips in Keukenhof. Tour and entrance to Keukenhof are included in the price of €45.

Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trips below
call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031-(0)46-4437561

- **Keukenhof, April 21** - Visit the Netherlands' world famous Keukenhof Gardens near the town of Lisse (NL) and enjoy an unprecedented wealth of spectacular floral displays planted in endless varieties among beautiful works of art. This year, the international flower exhibition has chosen "Poland - Heart of Europe" as its central theme. In the 15th century, the area where Keukenhof is located was still unspoiled nature and part of the estate of Jacqueline of Bavaria, Countess of Holland. She used the lands for hunting and her kitchen staff gathered herbs there - the Dutch name 'Keukenhof' means kitchen garden. Prices: Adult €59 Youth (4-11) €55 Child (0-3) €45. Assigned seating on first-come & pay basis. Register with full payment by April 13 at the Trips & Tours office located inside the Andre Bruls Fitness Center in Schinnen.

The recurring events are now posted on the USAG Benelux website under "The Gazette Extra" at <http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/sites/local/pages/gazette/GazetteExtra.pdf>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

16 April

- **CYSS Summer Camp Registration** - Registration for CYSS Summer Camp that runs from June 18 to Aug. 24 begins for families currently enrolled at the School Age Center. Registration for the remainder of the community will begin May 2. Sign-up at Parent Central Services, SHAPE Bldg. 503 Mon- Fri 09:00-12:00 (appointments only) and 13:30-17:00 (walk-ins welcome). For info call Parent Central Services DSN 423-5612 or civilian, 065-44-5612 or School Age Center DSN 423-6079 civilian 065-446-079.

17-18 April

- **Family Readiness Group Conference** - Join FRG leaders, volunteers and the Commander to discuss FRG 101, regulations and fundraising, FRG Best Practices, Community Resources and more at the Chapel Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Limited childcare is available on a first-come, first-serve basis, to include after school care. Contact ACS at DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

20 April

- **Take Back the Night** - The Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) Campaign activity "Take Back the Night 5.5K Run" starts in the SHAPE Library parking lot at 3:45 p.m. with the opening remarks by Command Sgt. Maj. Allan K. Fairley. Registration and t-shirt pick up starts at 3 p.m. Each participant will receive a free t-shirt while supplies last. This activity is held in order to raise awareness and promote the prevention of sexual violence.
- **Zumba Fitness Party** - At the SHAPE Events Center from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Come dressed in your flag colors. Price is €5 in advance, €10 at the door. More information at www.facebook.com/ZumbaWithNandN.

21 April

- **Family Fun Night** - Enjoy skating, games, bouncy castle and Patriot dinner special at the Chievres Community Recreation Center from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$3. Skate rental is \$5.

26 April

- **Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony** - Hosted by ACS, the event will be from 2 to 3 p.m. at the SHAPE Club.

30 April - 1 May

- **Transition counselor institute phase one** - The purpose of the course is to prepare education and installation professionals to recognize and address transition concerns that impact the mobile military child. Registration and breakfast from 8 through 8:30 a.m. Institute training from 8:30 a.m. through 4 p.m. at USAG Benelux Youth Center Ballroom, Bldg. 503 SHAPE. Participants will have the opportunity to earn educational credits in the form 1.2 CEU's for \$25.00 and/or 1 hour of graduate credit Texas A&M-Central Texas for \$175.00, payable at the completion of the training. Limited seats available. For more information call civilian 254-953-1923. To register for the training visit www.MilitaryChild.org and click on the training tab.

Community Roundup

This event is open to all US and SHAPE (green) ID Card Holders 18 years of age and older.

Doors Open: 1700
Play Begins: 1800

Individual Game Card: \$5.00
Pack of 10 Game Cards: \$40.00

Mini Jackpot:
\$5 + purchase of 10 Game Cards

Jackpot:
\$7 + purchase of 10 Game Cards
Purchasing a 10-Pack of game cards provides eligibility for purchase of the Jackpot and Mini-Jackpot.

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Wednesday
11 April

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Jackpot
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Apple i-Pad 2

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL
DSN 361-5643 or CIV (068)27-5643





BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

- **Late Fridays** - The Youth Center will remain open until 9 p.m. on Friday evenings. Come and enjoy free food and special events such as movies, games, tournaments, team activities and trips for youth grades 6-12th. Youth must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services. For more information, call DSN 364-3008 or civilian 0031-(0)45-526-3008.

24 April

- **Employment Opportunities** - Join us Tuesday, April 24 in the Schinnen ACS Conference Room for two courses that will help you in your job search. From 9 to 10:30 a.m. you'll learn to write more effective resumes highlighting and marketing your knowledge, skills and abilities in Employment Resume Writing. The following Interviewing Skills Course from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. will cover preparing for an interview, answering tough questions and how to convince potential employers that you're the perfect fit. For information and to register call 0031 (0)46-443-7500.

25 April

- **Heinsberg Hospital Tour** - Touring the maternity/obstetrics ward of local hospitals is an important way for pregnant women and expectant fathers or birth partners to prepare themselves for the big day. Tour addresses admitting procedures and your childbirth concerns. Meet at 6 p.m. in the Heinsberg Hospital lobby. For more information, call the New Parent Support Program at DSN 360-7335 or commercial 0031- (0)46-443-7335 .

26 April

- **Volunteer Recognition Ceremony** - Volunteers will be recognized in the following categories: military, civilian, youth, sponsor, family member, volunteer family. For more information, contact the Army Volunteer Coordinator at DSN 360-7451 or civilian 0031-(0)46-443-7451 or the Air Force Volunteer Coordinator at Geilenkirchen at DSN 458-6015 or civilian 0049-2451-63-3781.

BRUSSELS

CLINICS

The clinic will be closed on April 12 (exercise - no service).

The Brussels Dental Clinic will be closed April 12 and 16 through 20 (no providers).

If you are in need of medical care on days the clinic is closed:

- For routine care visit SHAPE Health Facility (at SHAPE) DSN 423-5886 or civilian 065-44-5886.
- For urgent care call the toll-free nurse advise line at 0800-80149 and/or the international SOS emergency line at 0800-80806 (toll-free number for Belgium).
- For medical emergencies which are life, limb or eyesight may call 100 or 112. The emergency room we use for urgent and if possible emergency care is: Universitaire Ziekenhuizen Leuven Herestraat 49, 3000 Leuven.
- During weekends or after hours the on-call patient liaison can be contacted through the MP desk 02-717-9769 for non-medical advice.
- Always contact your MTF the next working day after you have been to the ER or when you are admitted to the Hospital.

CYSS

USAG Brussels CYSS is looking for volunteer coaches for the upcoming spring sports season (soccer camp, baseball camp, tee-ball and girls softball). Anyone wishing to coach must attend the coaches' clinic and becomes certified through the National Alliance Youth Sports Association (NYSYA). For more information call DSN 368-9680/9738 or civilian 02-717-9680/9738.



USAG Brussels

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony





Friday, 27 April 2012

1830-2030

3 Star Recreation Center

If you are a volunteer in the Brussels Military Community
or a Volunteer Organization Point of Contact
Call Army Community Service (ACS) for more information
CIV 02/717.9783 DSN 368.9783

Attendees RSVP 20 April

Hourly Childcare (@ \$4.00/hr) Available at CYSS - RSVP 20 April
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