

# THE GAZETTE

Published for members of the Chièvres Air Base, Caserne Daumerie, SHAPE and Brussels communities

## Great American Smokeout

The Great American Smokeout will be held November 17. Smokers are encouraged to put down the tobacco for 24 hours and make a plan to quit permanently.

## Gazette publication

There will be no Gazette the week of November 14 through 18. The Gazette will return on November 21.

## Postage increase

On January 22, the price of the first class stamp will go up to .45 cents. However, stamps that are bought before that date will automatically be valued at .45 cents. The price for each additional ounce remains unchanged at .20 cents.

Other changes taking effect in January are:

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- New international prices will be:

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# Benelux garrisons see force reduction, unit realignment

**Keith Houin**

*USAG Benelux Public Affairs*

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux employees filled the Caserne Daumerie auditorium Tuesday during two sessions to hear Col. Rick L. Tillotson, USAG Benelux Commander, explain how the recently announced transformation of U.S. Army Europe would impact the USAG Benelux.

The colonel said that the restructuring to be completed by September 30, 2012 would decrease the U.S. Army in the Benelux by approximately 133 positions of which 57 are U.S. and 76 Host Nation. He said that 64 of the positions were from within USAG Benelux, Belgium; 26 were from USAG Brussels, Belgium; and 43 at USAG Schinnen, Netherlands.

Under the same action USAG Brussels and USAG Schinnen will no longer be separate garrisons but will become satellite sites of USAG Benelux.

The changes, according to U.S. Army Europe public affairs, are part of two separate actions affecting U.S. units throughout Europe that will reduce the U.S. Army in Europe by 60 military positions, 619 local national and 389 Department of the Army civilian positions.

The USAG Benelux leadership understands that reductions in civilian manpower can be difficult and leadership throughout U.S. Army Europe is fully aware of the potential effects – professionally and personally – reductions can have on the workforce, Col. Tillotson said.

He explained that leaders and supervisors will do everything they can to mitigate the effects on employees, and that actions are already in place to do just that. Involuntary separations are a last course of action and will only be done when other avenues of reducing the force are exhausted.

Col. Tillotson explained that USAG Benelux garrisons had already begun to mitigate the personal affect before the official announcement by limiting hiring for unfilled positions to those that were critical in nature. Because of this forward looking approach he explained many of the positions to be cut are already unfilled so it will not have any personal impact.

The colonel also turned the floor over to Civilian Personnel Advisory Center personnel who explained a variety of other actions that could help limit personal impact and help affected employees to find jobs within the system or on the local economy.

Some of the programs available such as voluntary early separation and voluntary early retirement carry incentives that lessen the impact on the affected individual and open the door for other affected employees to fill positions.

There are also training programs and employment search assistance programs available to any affected members.

More at <http://www.eur.army.mil/news/archive2011/transformation/11082011-Army-in-Europe-continues-transformation.htm>

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## School days

Some 115 children from the Chièvres schools visited the airbase Nov. 10. The 5th and 6th graders were given a briefing on the “Americans at Chièvres” and a tour of the 309th Airlift Squadron Fire Department. “All the kids live in and around Chièvres and the air base remains a mystery to them,” said Francis Cordier, one of the teachers and coordinator of this event. “Being able to come on base and see what is going on, is something the kids are very interested in.”

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# AFAP Conference reviews community concerns

**Special to the Gazette**

The Army Family Action Plan is an Army-wide program to improve Army quality of life. Through AFAP, all members of the Army, including Active, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers, Family Members, Retirees, Surviving Spouses, and Department of the Army Civilians, have a forum to voice concerns to Army leadership and make recommendations for change.

The SHAPE/Chièvres community offers a unique aspect to the AFAP process as the population consists of members from all the US Armed Forces to include Civilians. As a result, issues raised from the community don't only impact the Army way of life but have the potential to have a marked impact on the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps as well. For example, one issue that came out in last year's conference was the need for more family oriented activities in the SHAPE and Chièvres community. As a result, FMWR implemented Family Fun Night and Family Game Night at the Teen Center. These activities are open to ALL US military I.D. card holders and not just those in the Army.

On October 26 & 27, the AFAP Conference was held at Army Community Service. The conference was attended by 21 delegates – 6 Youth and 15 adults. These delegates worked together to decide on issues that directly impacted our community. The conference resulted in eight new issues that were prioritized.

1) Ottawa Gate Closure Not Clearly Posted

**SCOPE:** Closure of Ottawa Gate is not clearly posted. The gate closure sign is located 100 meters after the turn onto Rue d'Ottawa, which forces inbound vehicles to make a U-turn in heavy traffic. Ottawa Gate closure causes delays and unsafe traffic conditions.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Install and utilize a gate closure sign which is clearly visible from the road, Chaussee Brunehault.

2) Status of TriCare Claim Appeal with TriCare Management Activity.

**SCOPE:** There is no way to track a TriCare claim appeal to TMA. Neither TriCare beneficiaries nor TriCare representatives know the status of the claim appeal. Delays in adjudication of a claim appeal impacts both the TriCare beneficiaries and the service providers' financial management.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Require TMA to provide status updates of claims appeals on the TriCare website.

3) Designated Drop-Off/Pick-Up Parking Across from Kindergarten Area

**SCOPE:** There is no designated drop-off/pick-up parking in the kindergarten area. The lot is often filled by employee vehicles. The lack of available parking delays parents' arrival to work and ability to pick up children



Adelious Stith, AFAP facilitator, presents an issue to the Conference participants.

Courtesy Photo

on time.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** 1. Designate a row at the kindergarten parking lot for the drop-off/pick up only between 8:00-9:30 a.m. and 3:00-4:30 p.m.. 2. Expand parking lot.

4) American Student Lunch Pricing

**SCOPE:** American students pay higher prices for school lunch if they attend an international section on the installation. The American government subsidizes school lunch costs for all students attending the American section, regardless of the nationality of the student. American families are being financially penalized if they choose an international section for their children.

**RECOMMENDATION:** All American students pay the same price for school lunch regardless of the school section being attended on installation.

5) Correct Voltage Appliance Selection at Army Air Force Exchange Services.

**SCOPE:** AAFES has a limited supply of identifiable 220 or dual voltage appliances. 110 voltage appliances are not as suitable for the local community. Limited and poorly labeled appliances can lead to purchasing incorrectly wired electronic devices. This can potentially cause a financial burden, fire hazards and safety concerns.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** 1. Limit the selection of 100 voltage appliances to accommodate the need for 220 or dual voltage appliances and electronic devices. 2) Clearly identify 110 and 220 voltage appliances and electronic devices.

6) After-hours shoppette on Chièvres

**SCOPE:** There is a lack of access to necessities (e.g. milk, diapers, over-the-counter medications) after hours for single Soldiers, newcomers, shift workers, and for the military community at large. There are no stores open after 9 p.m. on post or on the economy to support the

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# SHAPE/Chièvres community goes above and beyond to help domestic violence victims

**Kathleen Garrity-Cantwell**

*USAG Benelux FMWR Marketing*

On October 28 ACS and FMWR staff, helped by one volunteer, spent the afternoon filling five large vehicles with the contributions collected during the Domestic Violence Awareness Month clothes drive. Pounds and pounds of clothes - some complete with price tags, dozens of shoes, toys, new bedding, and a changing table were then transported to a women's shelter in Cuesmes, near Mons.

Comprised of 51 beds, the shelter accepts women from across Belgium. Some occupants are fleeing abuse, others are young mothers without spousal, partner, or family support; all have arrived at the shelter via the Belgian legal system and all are in need. The 51st bed is held on reserve for women who require immediate asylum; they may be brought by police or simply appear at the shelter's door. This becomes home for many of the women; some have stayed at the shelter for as long as nine months.

The donations of the SHAPE/Chièvres community were accepted with great enthusiasm and gratitude - as the photographs attest. This was a chance to not only build community relations, but also make a real difference in the life of many who are much less fortunate than us. No

one is immune from the possibility of domestic violence; as one participant said - and many probably thought, "There but for the grace of God....".

The USAG Brussels Victim Advocacy Program also delivered donated items to an emergency shelter that provides short-term placement for victims of domestic violence and other crimes against women. Due to the Brussels community's generous giving, a seven passenger van was needed to transport all the items.



Courtesy Photo

ACS staff members and volunteers deliver clothing to the shelter.

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community need. Access to necessities enhances quality of life and the ability for the military community to meet its basic needs.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Provide an after-hours shoppette on Chièvres.

### 7) Green Gym Bathrooms on SHAPE

**SCOPE:** Patrons do not have access to Green Gym bathrooms. Present conditions are unsanitary, dysfunctional and limited. This requires patrons to use bathrooms at other facilities, such as the Pizza Bowl, SHAPE Health Clinic, and SHAPE Main Gym.

Providing more accessibility along with restoring and maintaining the Green Gym bathrooms would decrease time spent away from the events, reduce risks associated with crossing the street, and improve SHAPE's image with visiting athletic teams.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** 1. Re-open downstairs bathrooms for athletic events and practices. 2. Restore and maintain all Green Gym bathrooms. 3. Provide athletic coaches with accessibility to all Green Gym bathrooms.

### 8) SHAPE Cinema Movie Projector

**SCOPE:** The SHAPE Cinema movie projector does not function properly. Throughout a movie, the picture is often blurry, off-center or does not match the audio. Technical

difficulties frequently result in last-minute cancellations. Customers choose to watch movies off-base which results in a loss of profits.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Replace and maintain the SHAPE Cinema movie projector.

These issues will now be assigned to the various lead agencies who will directly address the issues. The issues that are not able to be addressed on the local level will be elevated to IMCOM to be considered at the Regional AFAP Conference.

In the 28 years since AFAP began, hundreds of issues have been adopted and many of those have resulted in legislative, regulatory and policy changes. Among those is the increase of the amount of the Service Members' Group Life Insurance from \$50,000 - \$200,000 and the creation of programs like Army Family Team Building and Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.

There is no doubt about the effectiveness of the program, but like any program it is only as strong as the community around them. Take an active part in the community and allow your voice to be heard.

For more information, go to <https://www.myarmyone-source.com/FamilyProgramsandServices/FamilyPrograms/ArmyFamilyActionPlan/Default.aspx>.



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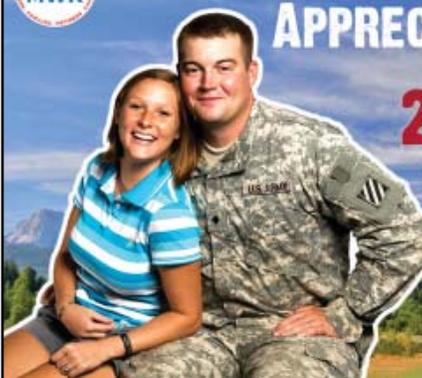
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# Local community briefs

## Education Center Open House

The Education Center will hold an open House November 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bldg. 212 on SHAPE.

## Native American Heritage Display

A Native American Heritage display will be presented at the Chièvres PX food court November 12-19.

## Beauty Shop on Chièvres Air Base

Opening hours are:

Tue - Thur from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fri & Sat from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sun & Mon closed.

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## Barber shop on Chièvres Air Base

Opening hours are:

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Sun & Mon closed

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Fri & Sat from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sun & Mon closed.

## Barber and Beauty Shop at Family Care Center, Brussels

Opening hours are:

Tue - Fri from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Each 1st and 3rd Sat from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Each 2nd and 4th Sat closed.

## Employment

Andrews Federal Credit Union is looking for individuals who want to advance their careers with a progressive full-service local financial institution. During this exciting time, Andrews Federal offers a full-range of financial and lending services for its members. European branches are located in Belgium, Netherlands and Germany. As a stable and thriving institution, Andrews Federal has the resources and experience to help individuals further develop their careers. Here are some career opportunities in area branches:

- Branch Manager - Brussels
- Member Services Representative/Teller Floater - Benelux Region
- Part-Time Member Service Representative - Brussels
- Branch Manager - Chievres
- Senior Teller - Chievres

For these and other career opportunities or to apply online, go to [www.andrewsfcu.org](http://www.andrewsfcu.org) or call Overseas Headquarters office Civilian 0611.978.7502. All applicants must have a U.S. Passport. Andrews Federal Credit Union is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

# Education

## University of Maryland University College

Are you a degree seeking UMUC student? Have you completed LIBS150 Introduction to Research?

If not, this one credit hour seminar is a required general education requirement for UMUC graduates and is being offered next month. This hybrid class will meet in Brussels from 09 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 3 and is being taught by Professor Joseph Naas. There is no textbook needed. If you would like to enroll, please contact your UMUC SHAPE Field Representative by Friday, November 30, 2011 DSN 423-5173 or Civilian 065-44-5173 [shape@europe.umuc.edu](mailto:shape@europe.umuc.edu).

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For more information stop by the USAG Benelux Education Center, Bldg. 212, Rm 113 or call DSN: 423-4645.

## University of Oklahoma

Next on-site course at SHAPE for the Master of Arts, International Relations program will be IAS 5940: Topics in International Studies: Contemporary China.

The course will be November 15-20 and students will discover how China became an international financial power, better understand the Chinese perspective of Americans/Westerners, develop a basic understanding of the current social, political and economic situation in China. For more information, call DSN 423-3654 or civilian 065-44-3654.



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# USAG Benelux and local community briefs

## Abandoned vehicles on Chièvres Air Base

The following vehicles have been declared abandoned and are currently being stored at an impound lot. If you own, or know the person who owns one of these vehicles, please contact the Chièvres Military Police Station at DSN 361-5301 or Civilian 068-27-53-01. These vehicles are not for sale:

- Green Ford Escort
- Black Ford Explorer
- Black Volkswagen Golf

## Harvest Time driving

Now through mid-December is harvest season. Roads will have increased traffic of slow moving vehicles which requires extra caution while driving. Distracted driving has become a major issue and increases your risk when driving in rural areas.

## Volunteers Needed

The Chièvres kennel is in need of volunteers mainly Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from 8 to 11 a.m. Duties include cleaning kennels, feeding pets and playtime. Must be over 16 years old to volunteer. Call DSN 361-5436 for more information.

## Suicide Prevention hotline in Europe

All active-duty military, civilians, family members and contractors can now reach the toll-free European National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by dialing DSN 118 from any Army garrison DSN phone or commercially via a toll-free European number, 00800-1273-TALK (8255).

The toll-free number can be dialed from fixed-line telephones and most cell phones in Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. The toll-free number may not be reachable from all prepaid cell phones and some cell phone callers may incur charges.

A live Internet-based chat service is also available at [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org).

All calls are confidential and will be answered by trained crisis counselors.

## CYSS Skies Classes

- **Basketball** for ages 6-15 from Dec. through Mar. Fee is \$40. Registration is open through Nov. 25.
- **Cheerleading** for girls 6-12 from Dec. through Mar. Fee is \$40. Registration is open through Nov. 25.

Sign-up at Parent Central Services, SHAPE Bldg. 503 Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to noon (appointments only) and 1:30 to 5 p.m. (walk-ins welcome). For information, call Parent Central Services DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612 or DSN 423-5611 or civilian 065-44-5611.



## 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 Mass

Each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. at the Daumerie American Chapel and Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at the SHAPE Chapel.

### Brussels area

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

## Christmas Mailing Deadlines

SAM Parcels – Nov. 25

PAL Parcels – Dec. 2

Priority Parcels – Dec. 9

1st Class Letters – Dec. 9

Express Mail – Dec. 16

### Extended Hours

**Nov. 14 - Dec. 23:**

**Chièvres** Postal Finance: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Chièvres** Parcel Pick-up: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**SHAPE** Postal Finance: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**SHAPE** Parcel Pick-up: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Nov. 15 - Dec. 23:**

**Brussels** Parcel Mailing: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Brussels** Parcel Pickup: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**The Holiday season dates of closure are Nov. 24, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2**



## SINGLE SOLDIERS THANKSGIVING DINNER

WHERE: Daumerie Chapel

WHEN: November 22

TIME: 5 to 7 p.m.

Please come and eat a home-cooked meal! All of the traditional favorites will be prepared for your enjoyment and served to you in a festive environment.



## Shape High School Scholarship Committee November Bingo

Tuesday, 15  
November At  
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**III BELGIAN NEWS III****By Cis Spook***USAG Benelux Public Affairs***Entrepreneur of the Year**

The Belgian-American chamber of commerce in New York has awarded the prize of "Entrepreneur of the Year" to "Le Pain Quotidien" bakery. Le Pain Quotidien is an exemplary Belgian success story that now has 53 bakeries in the U.S. The last one opened last month in Newport Beach, Los Angeles.

In New York where Le Pain Quotidien opened its first shop 14 years ago, the Belgian company now has 26 shops in Manhattan and 170 shops in the world.

**Belgian Royal family took part in New York marathon**

Princess Astrid of the Belgians, her husband Prince Lorenz and their son Prince Amedeo took part in the recent New York Marathon. The 49-year-old daughter of King Albert and Queen Paola of the Belgians completed the 42.195 km course through the streets of the Big Apple in 5 hours 52 minutes and 38 seconds. Prince Amedeo was the first Belgian royal across the finishing line with a time of 3:39. Prince Lorenz completed the course in 4 hours and 23 minutes.

**Woman attacks bus driver with frying pan**

A court has sentenced a woman from Antwerp to one year in prison plus a three year suspended sentence after she attacked a bus driver with a frying pan. The woman wanted to get on the bus with an open can. When the driver pointed out that it is not allowed to drink or eat on the bus, she assaulted him with her bag that contained a frying pan. The driver sustained bruises and whiplash from the incident. The woman will also have to pay some 33,000 Euros compensation to the driver and the bus company.

**Wine thieves**

Vintage wine worth tens of thousands of euros has been stolen from a warehouse in Beveren in East Flanders. The theft was recorded on security cameras but there is no sign of the thieves. The thieves got away with over 60 boxes of wine. The individual wine bottles are valued

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at around 1,000 euro.

**New airline charges**

The Lufthansa group that also includes Brussels Airlines and British Midland will now charge a 7.5 euro fee for credit card payments. The fee was already due for people booking their trips online and will now also be charged if you book via a travel agent.

**Nuclear Power in Belgium**

Government formation negotiators decided last week that nuclear power generation would only be phased out when sufficient alternatives were available. In 2003, it was suggested to close the oldest nuclear reactors at Doel and Tihange in 2015 and the two remaining reactors in 2025.

The negotiators will stick to this decision as close as possible without jeopardizing electricity supplies. Within six months the government will have a new energy plan in place that guarantees supplies. The government will not only hold talks with Electrabel, but also with other potential energy investors with a view to safeguarding supplies. In this way the government hopes to encourage competition on the energy market. Only when these arrangements have been made will a final decision be taken on the timetable for the phasing out of nuclear power.

**Two sisters hit by a train at Nimy**

Two sisters aged 19 and 23 years old were hit by a train at Nimy early last week. The youngest one died on the spot while her sister was transported in critical conditions to the hospital. From the messages they both had left on their cellular phones, there is no doubt that they wanted to commit suicide.

**Belgium and China join forces on the South Pole**

Belgium has signed a number of contracts with the Chinese to cooperate more closely on the South Pole. While the Chinese focus on scientific research, the Belgians offer their expertise for the construction of polar bases. Crown Prince Philippe visited the Chinese ship that will head for Antarctica soon.

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**through 27 November**

• **Fall Fun fair in Mons** on the main Square till 27 November Get discount tickets on <http://www.fete-foraine.be/foire/affiche/id/141/ducasse-kermesse/foire-de-Mons/bons-de-reductions.html>

**10 November**

• **Brussels Museums Late Nights openings.** The following museums are open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.: BIP Expo: experience Brussels; Clockarium; Information Technology Museum - Unisys Belgium (Jacques Laffut Collection); Museum of Fantastic Art; NEW Museum of Medicine (Museum of the ULB); National Museum of the Resistance; Pharmaceutical Collection Albert Couvreur (UCL Museums in Brussels)

More information on [www.brusselsmuseumsnocturnes.be/](http://www.brusselsmuseumsnocturnes.be/)

**11 November - Armistice Day**

• **Commemorative ceremony in Chièvres and Brugelette** starting at 11 a.m. with USAG Benelux participation.

• **Volksmarch in Cuesmes** for 7, 14, 21, 50 km. Departure is from CALVA, Rue Ferrer 1 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for 50 km and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for 7, 14, 21 km

• **Mountain bike ride in Bruyelle** for 25, 40, 45, 55 km. Departure is from the soccer field, Chaussée de Tournai from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available.

• **Flea market in Soignies** on Chaussée du Roeulx 22 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Concert in Ath**, at Saint-Martin church: Vivaldi and his contemporaries. Participating fee is €10.

• **Flea market in Waterloo** at the parking lot of Carrefour. Starting at 6 a.m.

**11-13 November**

• **Belgian beers weekend in Hasselt** at the Culture Center on Kunstlaan 5. From 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday, from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday and from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday. More than 130 Belgian beers will be available.

**12 November**

• **Open House at the Cantillon Brewery in Anderlecht** on 56 Rue Gheude. Guided visit of the brewery with explanation on the brewing process of the Lambic and the Gueuze. From 6.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ; guided visit every half hour starting on 7 a.m. Croissant and coffee offered till 8.30 a.m. Participating fee €6 per person, entrance, visit and tasting included.

• **Flea market in Ath** on the Place du Faubourg de Mons from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**12-13 November**

• **Bike fair in Tournai** on Rue du Follet 2 B, Kain. Open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with a stunt pilot show at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

**13 November**

• **Mountain bike ride in Baudour** for 25, 45, 65 km. Departure is from Salle Polyvalente, Parc Communal from 8 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Participating fee ranges from €3 to €5 depending on distance choice. Showers and bike wash available.

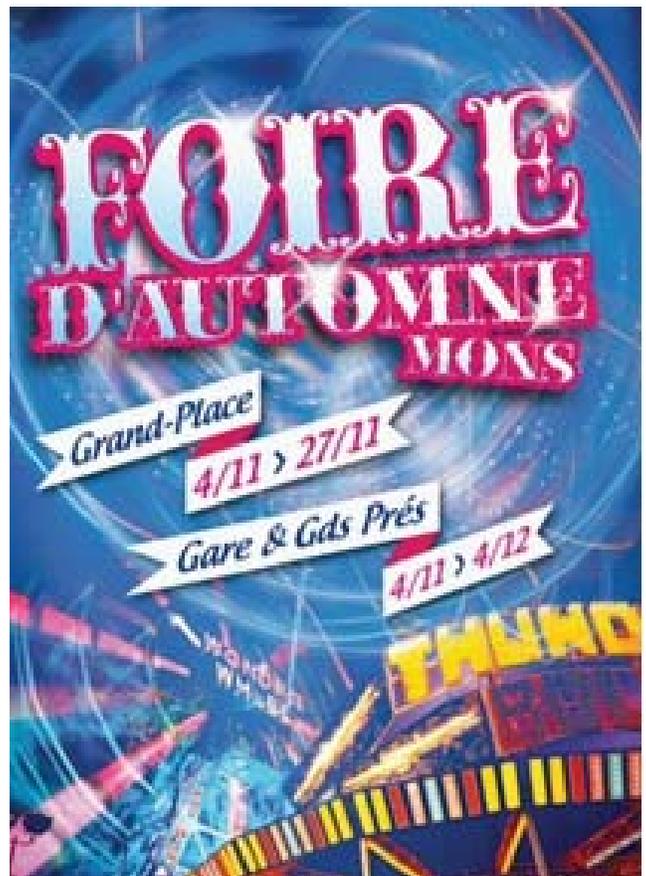
• **Mountain bike ride in Petit-Roeulx-Lez-Nivelles** for 13, 25, 35, 50 km. Departure from the school on the main square from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Participating fee ranges from €4 to €5 depending on the distance choice. Showers and bike-wash available.

• **Mountain bike ride in Blandain** for 30, 50 km. Departure from the soccer field from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

• **Flea market in Froyenne** on the parking lot of the commercial center from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**17 November**

• **Brussels Museums Late Nights openings.** The following museums are exceptionally open from 5p.m. to 10 p.m.: Centre for Fine Arts (BOZAR); Jewish Museum of Belgium; NEW Maison Autrique (The); Museum of the Police Force; Pharmaceutical Collection Albert Couvreur (UCL Museums in Brussels); NEW Rouge-Cloître Art Centre; Schaerbeek Museum of Beer. More information on [www.brusselsmuseumsnocturnes.be/](http://www.brusselsmuseumsnocturnes.be/)



## Evening Reception for Shapians and Soignies' Residents

The City Council of Soignies is pleased to invite Shapians and Soignies' residents to the Victor Jara Cultural Centre of Soignies on November 18 for a special reception. It will be the opportunity to be welcomed by the Mayor of the town and informed on everything the town of Soignies offers. You will be also able to discover local products and craftsmen works. The SHAPE International Band Jazz Combo ensemble will perform for attendees.

### Schedule

6:30 p.m. -- Craftsmen and local product booths

7:30 p.m. -- Remarks by the Mayor, introduction of city council and presentation about Soignies resources

8 p.m. -- SHAPE International Band Christmas concert

9 p.m. -- Reception and tasting of local products

## Host Nation Events & Happenings

### 18 November

- **Tree Day in Mons** at the Scientific Parc Initialis, on Boulevard Initialis 22 near the Grands Prés & Imagix from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free distribution of young trees.
- **Flea market and Arts & Crafts market in Mont-sur-Marchienne** at the Sports Center on Rue Napoléon Lejong. From 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

### 19 November

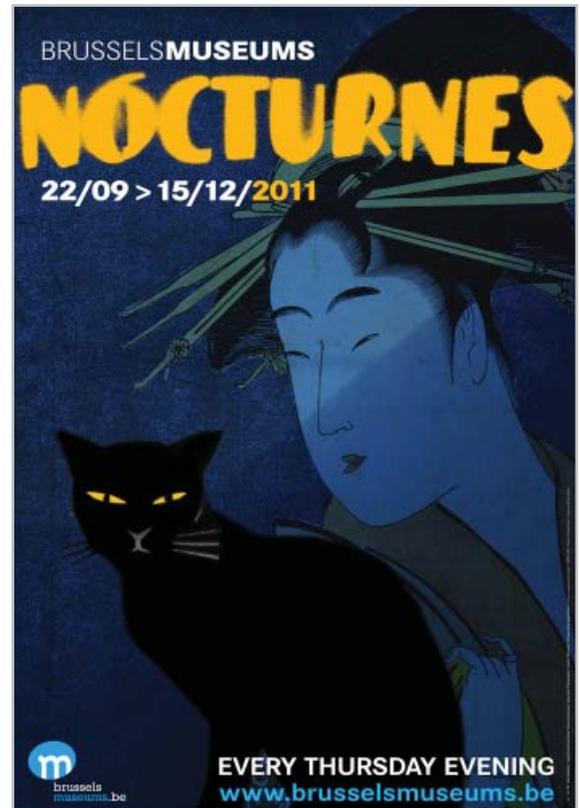
- **Dracula walk in Meslin l'Evêque** for 7 & 13 km. departure is from the local school on Rue Centrale 13 from 5 to 9 p.m. Participating fee is €0.75
- **Jogging in Meslin l'Evêque** for 13km150. Departure is from the hall "La Couturelle" on Chemin Preuscamps 16 at 2:30 p.m. Registration starts at 12:30. Prizes are to win for participants.
- **Volksmarch in Châtelet** for 4, 7, 13, 20km. Departure is from Parc Communal on Rue des Campagnes from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Flea market in Froidchapelle** at the Sports Center on Rue des Arzières from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (140 booths)
- **Toys fair in Tournai** at Halle-aux-Draps on the main square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (80 booths).

### 19-20 November

- **Arts & Crafts market in Soignies** at the College St-Vincent on Chaussée de Braine 22 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

### 20 November

- **Military Memorabilia in Perennes-Lez-Antoing** at the A.D.E.P.S. hall on Avenue du Lac 56 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30. (50 booths).
- **Military Memorabilia in Pipaix** at the Glycines hall on Pipaix square from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (30 booths).
- **Arts & Crafts market in Froidchapelle** at the Sports Center on Rue des Arzières from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Mons** for 4, 7, 9, 12, 20, 30, 42km. Departure is from the Athénée Provinciale Jean d'Avesnes on Avenue Gouverneur Emile Cornet 1 from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. for 42km and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for 4, 7, 12, 20, 30 km.
- **Mountain bike ride in Grand Reng** for 17, 27, 45km. Departure is from Rue Joseph Wauters 137 at 7 a.m. Participating fee is €5. Showers & bike-wash available.
- **Mountain bike ride in Leernes** for 13, 20, 30, 41, 52km. Departure is from the Saint Exupery School on Rue Abbaye d'Aulne from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Participating fee ranges from €2.5 to €5. Showers & bike-wash available.
- **Mountain bike ride in Wiheries** for 15, 25, 45km. Departure is from Rue du Quesnoy from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Participating fee is €4. Bike-wash available.



# SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Luxembourg City, November 12** - Start the day with a special stop at the legendary Villeroy and Boch tableware outlet to purchase high quality dishes for a low price. Enjoy the many historical and cultural sights of Luxembourg City. Explore the famous fortress walls, check out some of the 23km of hidden tunnels built under the city, take in a museum, or just enjoy a sidewalk café in this beautiful city. Price: €50. Departs SHAPE at 8:15 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m.
- **Amsterdam, November 19** - Spend the day sipping coffee in a café, visiting the Van Gogh Museum, relax in Vondelpark or rent a bike and tour the city on your own. Price: €40. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns at midnight.
- **Aachen and Monschau Christmas Markets, December 3** - Visit the many wooden stalls embellished with fairy lights on the Monschau market square. Trip also stops at the Aachen's 'Christmas City'. Price: €50. Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m. and returns at 10:30 p.m.
- **London Christmas Shopping, December 10** - The day is yours to see London in lights. Price: €65. Departs SHAPE at 5:30 a.m. and returns at 1:30 a.m.
- **Brugge Snow & Ice Sculpture Festival, December 17** - Come see 300,000 kilos of ice & 400 tons of snow, kept at minus 5°C, that a team of 40 international artists have transformed into an Ice Fantasy. Enjoy a drink "on the rocks" at their very own ice bar. Dress warmly. Then head into town for the festive Christmas Markets complete with ice skating rink. Price: €43 Adult, €40 Youth 4-12, €30 Child 0-3.



Departs SHAPE at 9 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m.

- **Christmas at Gran Canaria on the Canary Islands, Dec. 21-27** - Gran Canaria is the meeting place for people from a thousand different places. The first of so many happy moments comes with the fine weather enjoyed here throughout the year, which makes life friendly and quiet. Spend some nice and sunny holidays with us on this wonderful island. This package includes: Airfare, airport taxes and transfers, accommodation, all meals, Christmas Gala Dinner December 25, all drinks during dinner till midnight. Price per person: Single €1,305, Double/Twin €1,175 Euro, Triple €1,125 Euro, Child (0-10) €700 when sharing room with two fully paying guests.

**11 November**

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE AA Group meets on Fridays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at SHAPE, ASAP (Army Substance Abuse Program), Bldg. 342. 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 recorded message with telephone contact numbers, call 049-405-8137. For English speaking meetings in Brussels and throughout Europe see [www.aa-europe.net](http://www.aa-europe.net).

**14 November**

- **Stroller Time** - Bring your child and stroller for a walk on the SHAPE path from 10 to 11 a.m. from the ACS, Bldg. 318 on SHAPE.
- **ADHD Support Group** - 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Chièvres Army Lodge conference room.

**15 November**

- **Dads 101** - Bring your lunch and learn with other dads about taking care of your bundles of joy from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at ACS, Bldg. 318, SHAPE. For more information or to register, call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

**16 November**

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets on Wednesdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at SHAPE, ASAP (Army Substance Abuse Program), Bldg. 342. 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 049-405-8137. For English speaking meetings in Brussels and throughout Europe see [www.aa-europe.net](http://www.aa-europe.net).
- **Preschool Story Time** - Meets every Wednesday from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at the SHAPE International Library and helps preschoolers build confidence, learn socialization skills and make friends. There is no fee for this program. For more information, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631.
- **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 ACS DSN 423-4274 or civilian 065-44-4274 for more information.

**17 - 18 November**

- **Culture College** - meets at ACS, Bldg 318 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on November 17, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. November 18.

**Protestant Women of the Chapel**

Every Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Protestant Women of the Chapel Ladies meet for fellowship, worship and Bible study at SHAPE Chapel. Monday night fall studies are Essentials of Effective Prayer and How Do You Know God's Your Father? Tuesday fall studies choose from the following: Crazy Love, The 10 Best Decisions Every Parent Can Make, Becoming a Woman of Prayer or Precept Upon Precept: Sermon on the Mount. Free childcare provided. Homeschool moms, ask us about our special program for your children. Call 0493-46-4604 for more information or visit us at [www.facebook.com/pwocshape](http://www.facebook.com/pwocshape).



## AT USAG BRUSSELS

Don't miss the NATO Charity Bazaar  
November 20, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
at the NATO Cafeteria. Flyer on page 6.

- **Taco Night** Taco Night is back at the 3-Star Recreation Center on USAG Brussels. Join us Thursday, starting at 5:30 p.m. Prices are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children 10 years and under. Children 2 and under eat for free. For more information contact the 3-Star Recreation Center at 02-717-9822 or DSN 368-9822.
- **Movie Night** Before you plan a trip to the movie theater, check out the listing of free first run movies being shown at the 3-Star Recreation Center. Movies are shown on Thursday and Friday evening beginning at 6 p.m. For more information contact the 3-Star Recreation Center at 02-717-9822 or DSN 368-9822.
- **Youth Sports** Youth Sports and Fitness has begun its fall sports seasons for cheerleading, flag football, and soccer. For more information on games and practice times please see your child's coach or contact the Youth Sports and Fitness office at 02-717-9680 or DSN 368-9680.

### 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.

- **New: Big Will's Body Shop** - Sessions are from 1 to 2 p.m. and from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- **Body Pump** - Every Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m.,
- **Spin Class** - Every Monday and Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Yoga** - Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m.
- **Individualized Strength Training** - Every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m.
- **Step Aerobics** - Every Wednesday, Friday from 6 to 7 p.m.
- **Zumba** - Every Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon and every Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- **Fitness Program** - through October 31. By joining the program you may be eligible for three hours of duty time per week to exercise. Application packets are available at the USAG Brussels Fitness Center.

The Fitness Center is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Holiday hours are from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at DSN 368-9667.

### FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu vaccinations are available now. Walk in to the SHAPE-Brussels Health Clinic on normal immunization days:

**Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.**

**Thursdays from 8 to 10 a.m.**

Please take into account that you will have to wait for 15 minutes after your immunization is given. You also need to allow time for filling out all required forms. Due to heavy volume, there may be long lines for the immunizations.

Appointment line: DSN 368-9500 or civilian 02-717-9500.

### CYSS

Upcoming CYSS winter youth sports are:

- **Basketball** for ages 6-7, 8-9, 10-12, 13-15. Cost is \$40. Season: Dec. 5 - Mar. 30
- **Wrestling** for ages 6-14. Cost is \$45. Season: Dec. 5 - Mar. 30
- **Start Smart Basketball** for ages 3-5. Cost is \$40. Season Jan. 24 - Mar. 1 (20 spaces available)
- **Cheerleading** for ages 8-12. Cost is \$40. Season: Dec. 5 - Mar. 30.

Registration for the above sports is through Nov. 19. Children must be registered with CYSS and must have a current physical on file with the CYSS Central Registration Office prior to the start of the sports season. On a space available basis, late registrants will be accepted and assessed a \$5 late fee per child. Late fees will be waived for new arrivals. For more information, contact the Youth Sports Office at DSN 368-9680/9738 or civilian 02-717-9680/9738.