

THE GAZETTE

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Celebrate the Army's 237th Birthday June 14 at Caserne Daumerie, Bldg 30 auditorium at 1 p.m. with a message from the Army Chief of Staff, and cake cutting by the Garrison commander, and the youngest and oldest service member and civilian in U.S. Army Garrison Benelux.

You can find all the U.S. Army senior leader birthday messages at <http://www.army.mil/birthday/237/message.html>.

SHAPE Girl Scouts

The SHAPE Girl Scouts are looking for volunteers to encourage young girls and women to learn new things and to succeed. Volunteers may be college students, men and women in our community, and active-duty military members. For more information, contact shape-girlscouts@usagso-na.org.

Brussels Fitness Center

The Brussels Sports and Fitness center is looking for volunteer instructors to teach spin classes, Group Based Fitness classes, Yoga and Zumba classes. If you are interested contact the Brussels Sports and Fitness Center at DSN



Cis Spook

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Lens school visit

Capt. Eric Kuenke teaches Belgian school children about American football during their visit. A total of 147 elementary school kids from Lens, to include their teachers, picnicked on Chièvres Air Base, Thursday, June 7, 2012. The kids participated to the worldwide school project "D-Day picnic for Peace and Freedom" to raise awareness of the landing of the Allied troops in Normandy which started the liberation process in Europe, while sharing a meal all together.

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New traffic laws in France

By Tom Budzyna
USAG Schinnen

Effective July 1, 2012, a personal breathalyzer is required when driving a private or government vehicle in France in accordance with their new national compulsory law.

Fines will not be issued until November 1, 2012.

The violation will be a fourth class fine. If paid within three days, the fine is €90; if its past three days but less than 29 days, the fine is €135; if 30 days or more, the fine is €375.

A breathalyzer costs about €1 and can be purchased at locations outside France or at any service station once in France. Breathalyzers can also be purchased at the Exchange gas station on Schinnen.

Radar detectors in a vehicle are illegal in France even when they are not in use. If caught with a radar detector, the fine is up to €1500, the detector confiscated or the

vehicle could be confiscated. So, remove the device before taking your car to France.

As of January 3, 2012, “satnav” and “gps” systems that can show where speed cameras are located are illegal. Drivers must ensure this function is disabled. Software updates are available for some systems to remove this function. If the device still shows speed cameras in France it is suggested to leave the device at home or face a fine of €1500 and have the system and the vehicle confiscated.

Visibility (safety) vests are mandatory in France. It is suggested to have a vest for every occupant carried inside the car and put-on before getting out of the vehicle.

A warning triangle has been compulsory in France since July 1, 2008. The triangle can be used in conjunction with hazard flash lights as required.

Know before you go; shipping items to the states

By Robert Szostek
USEUCOM Customs PAO

People moving to the States this summer should start preparing now by finding new homes for the things that are banned from import. It is also a good idea to apply early for import permits on restricted items, customs officials advise.

“Prohibited items include meat and meat products such as sausage, pâté and salami, as well as plants and destructive devices,” said Tim Sellman, acting director of the U.S. European Command’s Customs and Border Clearance Agency. “If you’re planning on shipping firearms, ensure you have proof that you owned them in the States or have an import permit,” Sellman added.

He also explained that other important points to remember are:

- Owners of vehicles not made to U.S. standards have to ship them through commercial importers registered with the Department of Transportation and Environ-

mental Protection Agency. However, vehicles more than 25 years old are exempt from this rule.

- Most mopeds and motorcycles must also meet U.S. safety and pollution standards and all vehicles must be free of dirt, insects and vegetation.
- Wine collections can only be shipped with advance approval from the transportation office.
- Endangered species items such as ivory and some furs may only be shipped if owners can prove they were previously owned in the U.S. or are antiques over 100 years old.
- State attorneys general must approve imports of gambling devices. These devices must be registered with the Justice Department in Washington D.C.

Need more details? Get many informative pamphlets from a military customs office or check out the military customs Web site at www.hqusareur.army.mil/opm/uscustoms.htm.



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(top left) In turns, the kids were able to ride onboard of one of the three WWII jeeps from local collectors who joined the group. (top right) Staff Sgt. Antoine R. Banks, 309th Airlift Squadron, distributes hamburgers as part of the typical American picnic on base. (above) Kids wave to the helicopter flying over Chièvres Air Base. On top of the picnic, 5th and 6th graders were given a briefing on American Belgian partnership and tour of the 309th Airlift Squadron Fire Department and Control Tower. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook)

CYSS host transit of Venus viewing on SHAPE

Special to the Gazette

Since its discovery in 1639, humans have had only seven chances to view the astronomical spectacle that members of the SHAPE/Chièvres community witnessed during the early morning hours of 6 June 2012.

Twice every 105-120 years, Venus aligns with Earth and Venus' journey across the face of the sun is visible to earthlings. A transit happened in 2004 and again on June 6; mankind must wait until 2117 to see another.

To celebrate this rare event, Child, Youth and School Services, part of USAG Benelux Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, hosted a Transit of Venus viewing at the CYSS School Age Center, located on SHAPE.

Beginning at 5:30 a.m., children and adults were treated to live feeds from NASA, explanations by specially-trained CYSS staff members, and breakfast. Unfortunately, Mother Nature failed to cooperate; rain and clouds obscured the rising sun so viewers were limited to watching live NASA feeds transmitted from observation sites throughout the world.

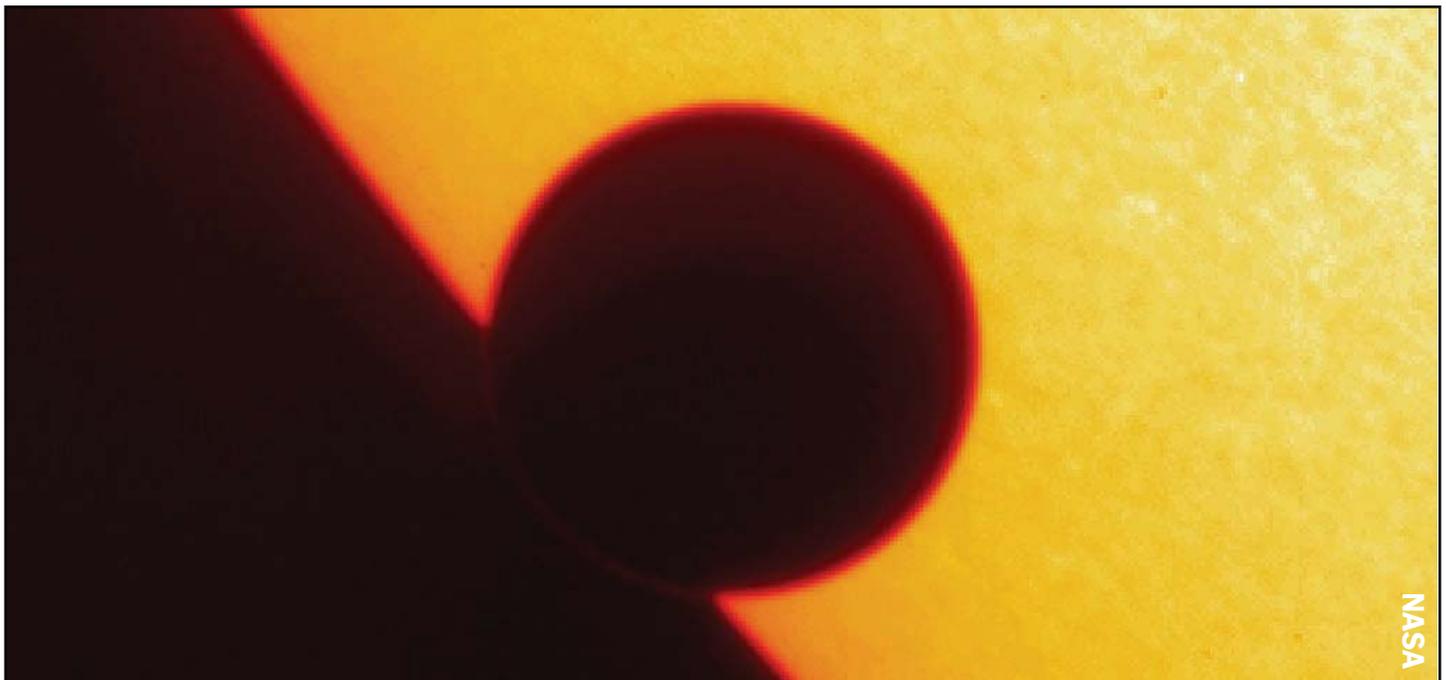
Prior to the transit, in May, three CYSS staff members joined their colleagues at a NASA-sponsored seminar held in Ansbach, Germany. There, five NASA scientists taught classes about various subjects, including space weather, aeronautics, and basic astronomy, and provided CYSS staffers with ideas for games and activities that will excite kids about science, particularly space exploration.

NASA's goal: engaging children and encouraging them to pursue careers in science and engineering. "With the enthusiasm of the parents, children, and staff, we can safely say that the School Age Center has taken one small step toward the giant leap that is the new generation of space exploration," said Jessica Terrell, SAC Facility Director.



courtesy photo

(above) CYSS Staff Member, Jean-Francois Hanoteau sets up the telescope with which he planned to view the transit. (below) NASA imagery of the Transit of Venus.



NASA

Warriors of yesterday, today commemorate D-Day together

By Staff Sgt. Rick Scavetta

U.S. European Command

When Eugene Cook jumped into Normandy during the predawn hours of June 6, 1944, he landed several miles from his intended drop zone.

Alone in the dark French countryside, the young 101st Airborne Division paratrooper from Georgia assembled his rifle, got his bearings and began looking for other Americans among Normandy's hedgerows. In the days and weeks that followed, Cook took part in the now famous battles that began the liberation of France and led to Allied victory over Nazi Germany.

Cook, 87, was among the handful of World War II veterans who attended the 68th anniversary of the D-Day landings this week. U.S. service members from all the military branches took part in honoring them, something Cook said he was glad to see.

"We have to commemorate the lives of the guys we left here," Cook said. "They gave their lives for us and we should show them thanks."

Known as Operation Overlord, the D-Day landings of June 6, 1944, combined U.S. and Allied air drops with beach landings along Normandy's coast. U.S. paratroopers from the 82nd and 101st Infantry Division dropped onto the Cotentin peninsula to secure bridges, roads and towns vital to allowing the troops landing at nearby Utah Beach to move inland.

"That day, 68 years ago, as American blood mixed with French soil, it cemented even further the strong bonds between our two nations," said U.S. Army Secretary John McHugh.

For returning veterans, there was a mix of feelings -- glad to be alive and sharing good times and sorrowful memories of those who died.

On June 5, a cold and overcast day, John Perozzi walked between rows of white marble gravestones at the Normandy American Cemetery, overlooking Omaha Beach. He stopped at one cross and then another, paying his respects to several buddies who died fighting in Normandy. As an 82nd Airborne Division paratrooper, Perozzi fought on D-Day with the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment. It was his first trip back since the war.

During a June 3 ceremony at the La Fièvre drop zone, a battlefield where Perozzi fought, he received France's highest military medal, the Légion d'Honneur. Before the ceremony, thousands of spectators watched as U.S. and international paratroopers recreate D-Day's airborne operations -- jumping from U.S. Air Force planes onto the "Iron Mike" drop zone near the La Fièvre bridge -- at the Mederet River just west of Sainte-Mère-Eglise.

Soldiers from the Fort Bragg, N.C.-based U.S. Army Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations Command and the Kaiserslautern, Germany-based 5th Quartermaster Detachment



Maritime Officer Patrick Brion

John Perozzi, a D-Day veteran who served with the 82nd Airborne Division, returned to Normandy, France, this year for the 68th anniversary commemorations and to visit his fallen buddies at the Normandy American Cemetery, overlooking Omaha beach.

were among the hundreds of paratroopers who took part.

The Liberty Jump Team, which includes veterans from other conflicts and civilians parachutists, also jumped. Dave De Soucy, a retired officer from California who served in combat with the 101st Airborne Division during Vietnam, was one of the first to land in La Fièvre's marshy drop zone -- an area that was flooded on D-Day where several 82nd paratroopers drowned on D-Day, stuck in their chutes and harnesses. Packing up his chute, De Soucy said commemorative jumps honor World War II paratroopers, but also remind people about our current military operations, he said.

"It's an almost overwhelming experience," said De Soucy, pausing as emotions welled inside him. "We've got to remember the folks who did it and those who still do it -- the one percent who go into harm's way for the benefit of the (other) 99 percent."

Afterward, Charles Rivkin, U.S. Ambassador to France, jumped with the Golden Knights, the U.S. Army's parachute team. Then spectators, dignitaries, Soldiers and veterans gathered on the grassy slope nearby for a series of commemorative speeches and wreath presentations.

John Roman, 87, who also came ashore with the 4th Infantry Division, was surprised to hear a German military band at the ceremony, playing "Glory, Glory Hallelujah."

Seeing German troops didn't bother him, he said.

"You've got to forget, some time," Roman said. "It's good that they are here. Maybe, the world will be better off."

Toward the end of the war, Roman met a young French woman, Jacqueline, at a café. They've been married 66 years and had 6 children, she said. Each year, they come back,

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as Roman wants to remember buddies he lost, she said.

When wind gusts caught the beret of a German soldier, Jacqueline Roman watched in amazement as Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, commander of U.S. Army Europe, walked over and knelt down to pick up the beret off the dirt, then hand it back to the German.

"That's the American way," she said. "That was wonderful."

After World War II, there were 16 million living American veterans. Now, many are reaching their final years. U.S. troops cherished the opportunity to speak with them, to shake their hands and hear their stories.

"You can learn firsthand about history from these veterans," Hertling said. "Not a lot has changed. They had the same fears and anxiety as they went into combat and the trauma from the things they faced. They teach our Soldiers a lot about what that means."

One older paratrooper hugged Staff Sgt. Rachel Medley, 34, of Eureka, Calif., who serves with the U.S. Army's Golden Knights. Meeting Soldiers from World War II is humbling, she said.

"They paved the path for the way the world is today," Medley said. "The time is rapidly approaching when it won't be living history anymore. It will be just something we read about in books because there will be no one who witnessed this. For us to be here and say thank you, it's a huge honor to be in their presence."

U.S. troops and veterans marched through Sainte-Mère-Eglise, where they were honored with a banquet in the town square. Similar events were held throughout the area in the week prior to June 6.

Earlier in the week, on June 2, U.S. Special Operation Forces demonstrated a high altitude, low opening jump near the historic Norman town of Mont Saint Michel. Capt. Stephen Cargill, an officer from the Stuttgart, Germany-based 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, said free falling above Normandy meant a lot to him.

"It's just amazing to get the opportunity to see something so incredible," Cargill said. "It hits that much closer to home, to land on hallowed ground."

One evening, Cargill and fellow Special Forces Soldiers relaxed outdoors near the Stop Café, a famous gathering spot in Sainte-Mère-Eglise. Troops mingled with French people wearing old fashioned uniforms. One Dutch teen, Rob Van Meel, 13, cautiously approached the Green Berets in his authentic World War II uniform of a 101st Airborne Division Soldier.

While many French children ask U.S. troops for a souvenir, Van Meel just asked about their patches. Impressed with Van Meel's detailed uniform, U.S. Army Master Sgt. Damon Storey got down and presented Van Meel with a set of combat jump wings -- a treasured possession. Van Meel attended D-Day anniversaries in Normandy every year of his life, he said. In fact, his first costume was as a World War II ammunition box at just 3 months old. He thanked Storey, but said he wouldn't wear the jump wings on the Screaming Eagles uniform, as it wouldn't have been historically correct.



Paratroopers exchange German jump wings at La Fiére drop zone after completing an airborne operation commemorating the D-Day and World War II events, June 3, 2012. Task Force 68, which is made up of paratroopers from U.S., Germany, France, Holland, and United Kingdom, re-enacted the D-Day airborne operation on the La Fiére fields near Ste. Mère Eglise, France to commemorate the heroic acts of the WWII paratroopers who made the jump 68 years ago. After the jump, the task force marched into the town of Ste. Mère Eglise to the sounds of cheers from the locals. T

A handful of aging U.S. and allied veterans attended several ceremonies over the course of week. Ellan Levitsky Orkin, 92, and her sister Dorothy, 95, who served together in Normandy as U.S. Army nurses, were offered honorary French citizenship during a June 4 ceremony in Bolleville. They helped unveil a new memorial to World War II medics, near where they served with the 164th Field Hospital. They come back every year, but they don't quite understand all the excitement, Orkin said.

"We came and had a job to do and we went home," she said. "When we went home, nobody asked us questions then and we didn't talk about it. It was too painful."

Still, some veterans are willing to share their tales. And they don't mind using newer technology if it means bridging the gap of miles. Milt Staley, 93, of Redding, Calif., waded though chest deep surf onto Utah Beach on D-Day with the 4th Infantry Division. He first returned in 2011 and has since kept friendships with French on Facebook.

When Staley visits the church at Sainte-Mère-Eglise, he remembers occupying foxholes dug earlier by 82nd Airborne paratroopers.

Afterward, Staley fought with the 90th Infantry Division and was wounded in combat. Coming back to France is not about reliving the horrors of war, he said. It's about sharing time with people in France.

"I was never hugged and kissed and thanked so much for what we did," Staley said. "It amazed and overwhelmed me and I think I'll never forget it."

Cook, on the other hand, has returned many times. He also looks forward to seeing people he's met before, plus reflecting on some of his wartime thoughts, he said.

"This brings back the memories of the guys we were with here," Cook said. "It's important that we rededicate ourselves to their sacrifice and D-Day helps us do that."

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CYSS SHAPE Summer camp

The School Age Center is offering 10 weeks of action packed activities for children ages 6-12. For information call Parent Central Services DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612 or School Age Center DSN 423-6079 or civilian 065-44-6079 or visit <http://usagbeneluxcyss.blogspot.com> or <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/shapecyms.html>.

CYSS SHAPE Summer trips

The following trips are available to middle schoolers and teens:

- **Italy Express 8 though 13 July.** Fee is \$325.
 - **Conquering Summer 6 though 10 August.** Fee is \$350.
- For more information on the above trips or on the other scheduled trips, contact DSN 423-5612/6104 or civilian 065-44-5612/6104.

CYSS Tennis at SHAPE

Registration for tennis at the SHAPE Green for ages 6 and up is open until filled. Fee is \$50 for 5 hours. First week starts June 18, second week starts June 25. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

CYSS Summer Intensive Session French at SHAPE

Registration for French at Bldg. 503, SHAPE for ages 5 and up is open until filled. Fee is \$90 per session. First session starts July 2, second session starts July 16 and third session starts August 6. Classes are also open to parents. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

CYSS Ballet on SHAPE

Registration for the Ballet summer session at Bldg. 704 for ages 4 to 18, is open until filled. Fess is \$40 per week. First week starts June 18, second week starts June 25, third week starts July 2 and fourth week starts July 9. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

CYSS classes on SHAPE

Other classes available are Driver's Ed, English, Gymnastics, Karate, Piano, Spanish, Swim, Taekwondo and Tennis. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

CYSS Golf Clinic at SHAPE

Registration for the Golf Clinic is open until filled for boys and girls aged 10 to 18. Fee is \$35 per mini-session. The next sessions are July 3-26 and August 2-28. Held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

CYSS Schinnen Summer Camps

Summer camp is planned around a specific theme each week and offers a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities. The summer camp will be lead by Camp Adventure staff from the University of Northern Iowa. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders for youth that have completed 1st grade though 11th. Camp placement based off of grade attended during 2011-2012 school year. For more information contact DSN 364-2575/3008/3121/4192 or civilian 31(0)45-526-

2575/3008/3121/4192.

CYSS Fall sports in Schinnen

Registration for the soccer, flag football and cheerleading for ages 6 to 15 is open from June 1 to July 27. Must be a USAG Schinnen CYSS member before registering for Youth Sports & Fitness Programs. To register or to get more information call DSN 364-3121/4192 or civilian 31(0)45-526-3121/4192. Open to U.S. and NATO ID card holders.

CYSS Brussels

Start Smart Sports are developmental sports programs for children ages 3-5. Parents and children participate together in sessions facilitated by the staff. These sessions are designed to develop children's skills and self-esteem within a safe, fun, and non-competitive environment. Contact the Youth Sports Director at DSN 368-9680 or civilian 02-717-9680 for more information.

SHAPE Girl Scouts

Register for Early Bird now or pass by on June 30 at the 4th of July Festival on SHAPE. Open to girls Kindergarten-High School and all nationalities. For more information contact shapegirlscout@usagso-na.org.

Education

University of Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma is now accepting applications for Master of Arts in International Relations. Accelerated class and program format, on-site and online classes available, no GRE requirement. For more information call DSN 423-3654 or civilian 065-44-3654 or email at apshape@ou.edu.

University of Maryland

Register now for the IFSM 201 Informatoin Technology Concepts and Applications taking place from June 6 through July 25 on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Bldg. 4, top floor, USAG Brussels Education Center. For more information contact DSN 368-9704 or civilian 02-717-9704.

Thrift Shops

SHAPE Thrift Shop and Grandma's Attic are now accepting donations respectively on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (SHAPE Thrift Shop at the SHAPE Events Center) and on Thursday, 1st and 3rd Saturday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. (Grandma's Attic on Chièvres Airbase). Shops are open respectively Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. For more information email IC3 at shape.ic3@gmail.com.

USAG Brussels Vacation Bible School

For the upcoming vacation bible school to be held July 30 through August 3, the following donations or borrowed items are needed: Turkish-style carpets, baskets, plants, plastic terra cotta pots, stuffed animals, moving boxes, green tissue paper, pop-up party tents and tarps. For more information, call DSN 368-9677 or civilian 02-717-9677.

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Job losses at Philips Belgium

The Dutch electronics firm Philips is reducing its personnel by 136 people at its lighting factory in Turnhout (Antwerp province). Philips announced a global restructuring plan at the end of last year. A total of 4,500 jobs will be lost worldwide, 136 of which in Turnhout. 1,600 people are currently employed at Philips' Turnhout plant. The factory makes high pressure bulbs that are used in sports centers and for street lighting.

Downtown building in Brussels evacuated by Police

Police in Brussels have evacuated 60 people from a building that had been divided into 48 small rooms by the landlord who was renting the rooms between 350 and 420 Euros a month. Social workers from a non profit organization visited the house several times and discovered that it didn't fulfill to the minimum living condition criteria. No kitchen was available to the tenants, there was mould on the walls, infestations of mice and cockroaches and the stairwell was found to be dangerous. All 60 tenants were given temporary accommodation.

Fundamentalist spokesman detained in Brussels

Fouad Belkacem, spokesman of the fundamentalist Muslim organization Sharia4Belgium, has been detained by the police. Judicial authorities believe that Mr Belkacem provoked last week's riots Molenbeek-Sint-Jan. Fouad Belkacem already has convictions for inciting violence and hatred. Last week's riots in Molenbeek started after police detained a woman wearing a niqab who refused to show them her identity card. More than a hundred people besieged the local police station and dozens of youths smashed windows and damaged bus shelters. Despite the ban of gatherings of more than five people as a precautionary measure by the Mayor, Sharia4Belgium also called a demonstration. The illegal demonstration ended in violence. Early last month, Belkacem was sentenced to two years imprisonment. However, as a result of our overcrowded jails, those sentenced to less than three years are normally not actually sent to prison. Belkacem will remain in custody for the time being.

The Netherlands – Denmark: 0-1

The Netherlands lost their opening match of the Euro 2012 football championships 0-1 to Denmark. The only goal of the game was scored by Michael Krohn-Dehli, a former Ajax player, in the first half. Oranje, one of the favorites to win the title, will play against Germany on June 13 and Portugal on June 17. Belgium was not qualified to participate in the Euro 2012.

Don't drive to Brussels through the summer

The tunnels Loi and Cinquantenaire will be closed from today

until Sept. 15 for works. Drivers heading into Brussels will be diverted over ground but traffic jams are guaranteed. If you have to travel to Brussels during this period of time, it is recommended to take the train.

Extremist stabs two policemen

Two policemen were stabbed in the Brussels metro station Beekkant Friday night. The perpetrator is believed to be a Muslim extremist. Both officers sustained injuries and were transported to the hospital. Several other policemen arrested the attacker. Police sources say that the assailant is a French Muslim who travelled to Brussels from Paris on the day of the attack. Police also found newspaper clippings on the attacker detailing the recent Molenbeek riots (see above) as well as texts attacking the police.

Belgium heightens terror alert level

The country's terror alert level raised from 2 to 3 across Brussels as it is believed there is now a greater terrorist threat following Friday night's stabbing of two police officers on the Brussels metro.

New rail link Antwerpen to Brussels Airport

People travelling to Brussels Airport from Antwerpen and Mechelen by rail, can now do so without changing train. Until now, those who needed to travel to the airport from Antwerpen or Mechelen had to go through Brussels and change trains there. People will gain ten minutes by using this new rail link called Diabolo.

Compensation for being wrongly jailed

Some 10,000 people in the Netherlands were paid a total of €22m in compensation for wrongful imprisonment last year. The number of people wrongfully arrested and held in custody was up 11% in 2010 and is double the total five years ago. People are entitled to compensation if they are arrested and later found not guilty or if they are found to have been held in custody for a trivial offence. In 2005, 4.5% of people taken to court were found not guilty. By 2010 that had risen to 8.5%. The standard compensation is €105 for a night in a police cell and €80 for a night in jail.

Herring season

The herring season was officially launched in Scheveningen, the Netherlands, last Wednesday with the traditional auction of a barrel of fish in aid of charity. This year, the barrel fetched a record €95,000, which will go to a children's sports charity. The barrel was bought by staffing agency Start People.

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Through 11 June

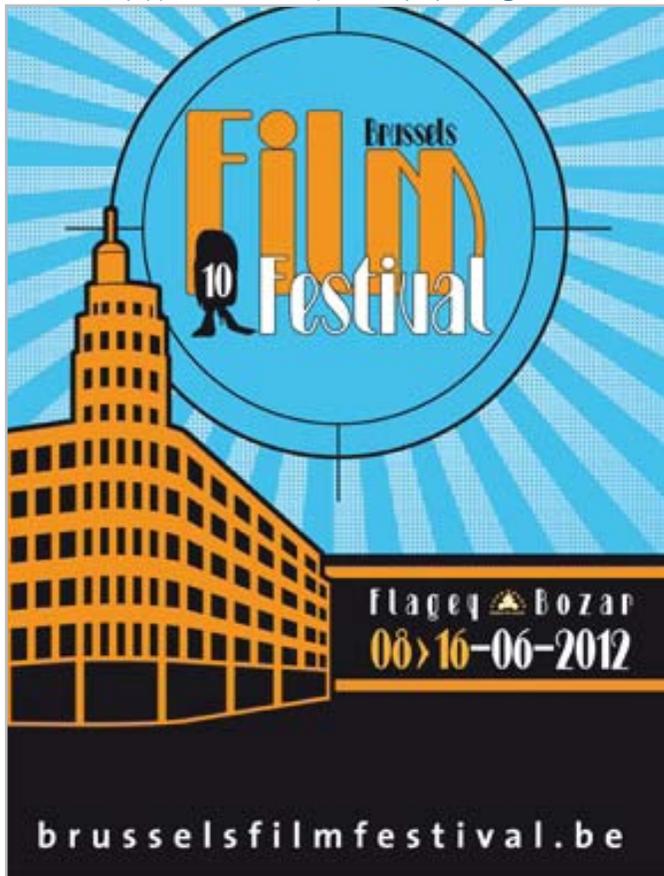
- **Painting Exhibition in Tournai at the Fine Arts Museum on Enclos Saint-Martin.** Admire 100 paintings from Manet to Monet, Seurat or Van Gogh, among others. Open every day from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. except Tuesdays. Price ranges from €1 to €2.5.

Through 12 June

- **29th World Folklore festival in Saint-Ghislain** on the site of the city administration. Participants this year are Gaskarov from Barchkorstan (Russia), Balley Folklorico from Carhue (Chili), company Camargua from Camaguey (Cuba), ballet Altam from the Altai Republic, ballet Halleluyah (Israel), group Trakia (Bulgaria), quartet Mate y Cafe (Argentina), series of songs and dances Lany (Poland), and the Belgian Pas d'la Yau, Spotkanie and Saltarelle. More information on www.festifolk.be.

Through 16 June

- **Brussels European Film Festival in Brussels** on the Place Flagey. Entrance fee is €7.50. More information on <http://www.brff.be/index.php?lang=en>.



Through 1 July

- **Display "Stanley Kubrick, Photographer" in Brussels,** Musées Royaux des Beaux-Arts de Belgique on Rue de la Régence, 3. Opening hours are Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.



This column is events within close distance from Brunssum and Schinnen

Through 27 June

- **Sand Sculpture Festival in Scheveningen** held at the beach and Boulevard of Scheveningen. The art of sand sculpting is relatively new and was first introduced to the European public in 1991 in Scheveningen. Since then more and more artists have focused on this creative art form. The sculptures in Scheveningen are designed by international artists.

Through 7 September

- **Cheese Market in Alkmaar** -- The city of Alkmaar (NL) is famous worldwide for its cheese market.



Cheese has been weighed in Alkmaar since 1593. Cheese carriers carry thousands of kilos of cheese from 'Waagplein' square to the weighing house. What used to be serious business has turned into a popular attraction for thousands of tourists. Cheese carriers can be seen in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon until the first Friday of September. You'll be surprised at how important cheese used to be and still is for the city of Alkmaar.

Through 7 October

- **Floriade 2012 in Venlo** - 'World Horticulturale Expo'. This large horticultural fair takes place every

Host Nation Events & Happenings



Through 1 July continued

- **BELvue weekends (Breakfast + museum visit) in Brussels.** Every weekend enjoy a breakfast including 1 tea/coffee/hot chocolate/orange juice + an assortment of 3 pastries and tour the museum. Price is €8 for adults and €4 under 18. More information on www.belvue.be/BELvue/news.aspx?id=290520&LangType=1033.

Through 2 September

- **Water for all...and all for water! exhibition in Brussels** at the Atomium. More information on www.atomium.be/water.aspx.

Through 30 September

- **Sand Magic Dinant** - With just sand and water, artists from around the world create a fantasy world. Celebrating the 20th anniversary of Disneyland® Paris. More info on www.sandmagic.be.

Through 28 October

- **Visit the Château of Attre** dating back to the 18th century. Open Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. in July and August. Price is €6.50 for the parc and the Château and €4.5 for the parc only. More info on www.infoinfo.be/chateau-attre.htm.

14 June through 16 September

- **International Biennial Exhibit of Photography and Visual Arts in Brussels.** More than 160 artworks by 40 contemporary photographers from the 27 member states will be on Display. This years the theme will be Sense of Place. European Landscape Photography. More information on <http://www.bozar.be/activity.php?id=11616&>.

15 June

- **Flea market in Orp-Le-Grand** on place Albert Dupont from 1 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. (180 booths)

15 through

- **Flea market in Uccle** in the Quartiers Vanderkinderen and Coghen from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (200 booths)

15-16 June

- **Flea market in Givry** in the Quartier des Montliaux from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. (100 booths)

16 June

- **Flea market in Jette** on Avenue Capart from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (70 booths)
- **Flea market in Schaerbeek** in Quartier Meiser from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (150 booths)
- **Flea market in Watermael-Boisfort** on Quartier Duc-Pinson from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (150 booths)



10 years. This year the fair/show can be found in Venlo (NL) and has, besides Europe's largest indoor flower exhibition, more than 100 participants from all over the world. More info: www.floriade.com.



Through 20 October

- **The Golden Age of China – Treasures from the Tang Dynasty Exhibition** at the Minderbroederskerk on Boomgaardstraat 10 in Maaseik (BE) and displays treasures and art from the Tang Dynasty a period in China, named the Golden Age which was known for its culture and wealth. Open Tuesdays-Sundays and Holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €15. More info: www.degoudeneeuwvanchina.be.

12-17 June

- **Festival Classique in The Hague** offers concerts at attractive locations in the city. It has special programs, festive stages, inspiring concerts and lots more. For more info go to www.festivalclassique.nl.

14-17 June

- **Harvest Fair at Wouwe Plantage Estate** on Plantage Centrum in the town of Wouwe Plantage (NL) you'll find everything for the outdoors and enjoying live. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €12; children (4-14 yrs) €4.

16 June

- **Arts & Crafts Market at Schlossplatz** in Jülich (GE). All participants are female and elected to participate by a jury. They offer ceramics, garden art, jewelry, purses and lots more. Open: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Sheep Sheerer Fest** held at Groenstraat and Dorpsstraat in the center of Rheden (NL) from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



16-17 June

- **Medieval Knights' Spectacle** at Baanhoekeweg 75 in Dordrecht (NL) with re-enactments, life as it was in a medieval village, old crafts demonstrations, archery, market, medieval entertainment and more. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €9; children (4-12) €6.



16 June continued

- **Volksmarch in Manage** for 3, 5, 10, 20, 45 km. Departure is from the Avenue de Scailmont 96 from 7 to 10 a.m. on the 45 km route and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the other routes.

16-17 June

- **Flea market in Saint-Josse-Ten-Noode** on Chaussée de Louvain and surroundings from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (200 booths)
- **Flea market in Thimougies** on the square from 2 to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.
- **Re-enactment of the Battle of Waterloo**, on the site of the Battle of Waterloo. More information on <http://www.waterloo1815.be/en/home>.

17 June

- **Flea market in Beauvechain** at the Musée 1 Wing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea market in Beigem** on Molenstraat from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (350 booths)
- **Flea market in Braine-le-Château** in the center from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ixelles** on Rue de l'Arbre Bénit from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (110 booths)
- **Flea market in Saint-ghislain** on Rue d'Ath and Rue de l'Enseignement from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (100 booths)
- **Flea market in Woluwe-Saint-Lambert** on Avenue G. Henri from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (200 booths)
- **Volksmarch in Ladeuz** for 6, 12, 20, 30 km. Departure is from the Rue de la Liberté 23 from 8 a.m. to noon the 30 km route and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the other routes.
- **Volksmarch in Bierghes** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from Place Léopold Nuttinck from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Nethen** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from the Place de Trémentines from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Tourinnes-Saint-Lambert** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from the Rue des Cortils from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Chaussée-Notre Dame-Louvignies** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from the Rue Joseph Quintart 129 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Merbes-Le-Chateau** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from the Rue Lengrand 12 from 9



12-17 June

- **Art of Living Fair** in the center of Remagen (GE) is a unique combination of Art: a market like the ones in the Provence in France; Mediterranean gastronomy and lots of music and dance.
- **Festival Mundial at Leijpark** in Tilburg (NL) is known for its mixture of music, dance, poetry and cultures from all over the world. Entry: €30.

17 June

- **The Laurentius Market** held in the old center and inner-courts of farmhouses in Bemelen (NL) near Maastricht, is an exclusive antique and flea market. Open: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

22-24 June

- **Farm & Country Fair at Dinxperlosestraatweg** in Aalten (NL). The fair combines entertainment and fun with many aspects of country life and farming. Open: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., June 22-23 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., June 24. Entry: €12.50; children (4-14 yrs) €5.
- **Harbor Days** with lots of entertainment, demonstrations, naval show, games and more in and around the harbor of Terneuzen (NL).



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SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Belgian Brewery Tour, June 16 (Father's Day weekend)** - Our tour begins at Des Fagnes where you will find a modern working brewery, set alongside a fully restored 19th century brewery. Our next stop will be at Brewery Du Bocq where you will sample beers from many fine brews that are only available in Europe. We will have a late lunch (included) at Brewery Val Dieu where you will enjoy soup, ham with beer sauce served and garnish paired with one of their delicious beers. Price: €90 Adults. Departs SHAPE at 7:30 a.m. and returns SHAPE at 7 p.m. Departs Brussels at 6:30 a.m. and returns Brussels at 8 p.m.
- **Amsterdam, June 23** - Take a ride through the winding canal lined streets on a guided bicycle tour, walk the town or visit the Van Gogh Museum, Anne Frank House, sip coffee at the world's best cafes or enjoy a day of leisure in this beautiful city. Price is €50. 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.
- **Dutch Day, June 30** - Travel to the Netherlands and visit a Dutch farm where they will show you the art of wooden shoe manufacture and making cheese. Join us for a Dutch lunch before we depart for our second stop at the Zaanse Schans, a popular destination for visitors in search of a bit of Oud Holland (Old Holland). Price: €70 Adults, €65 Children (4-11) and €55 Children (0-3). Departs SHAPE at 6 a.m. and returns SHAPE at 9:30 p.m. Departs Brussels at 7:15 a.m. and returns Brussels at 8:30 p.m.

Book before June 18:

- **Prague, July 20-23** - Trip first stops in Wurzburg, Germany for free time to visit the historic residence and lunch. Saturday morning, the city of Slavic legends will come alive as you take a guided walking tour (optional). Sunday you are free to discover the city on your own and visit the garnet, crystal, linen, and souvenir shops. Monday, on the way home, there will be a stop in Nuremberg, Germany. Prices: € 435 Single, € 355 Double, € 335 Triple (2 beds), € 305 Child (5-11yrs), € 260 Child (0-4yrs) *(In same room w/2 Adults). Departs SHAPE at 6 a.m. and returns SHAPE at 10:30 p.m.; departs Brussels at 7 a.m. and returns Brussels at 9:30 p.m.

Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

- **Day Trip to the Alkmaar and Zaanse Schans, June 15** - Visit the Cheese Market in Alkmaar and beautiful windmills at the Zaanse Schans. Departs Schinnen at 6:30 a.m. and arrival in Alkmaar at approximately 9:30 a.m. Departs Alkmaar at 2 p.m. arrival Zaanse Schans at 2:30 p.m. We are departing the Zaanse Schans at 6 p.m. and expect to be back in Schinnen at around 9 p.m. Price per person is \$59. Assigned seating on First come & pay basis. Register with full payment by June 8 at the Trips & Tours office located inside the Andre Bruls Fitness Center in Schinnen. For more info call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031(0)46-4437561.
- **Day Trip to the Floriade 2012, June 30** - This world horticultural expo is scheduled every ten years and this year is located in Venlo, The Netherlands. Educational, fun and featuring the world's largest indoor flower display. Join us Saturday 10 a.m. June 30. Price is \$69 for adults, \$65 for ages 4-12 and \$55 for 3 and under. Register with full payment by June 22. For more info call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031(0)46-4437561.
- **Legoland Discovery Center, July 21** - An adventure to Legoland Discovery Center in Duisburg, Germany. The \$59 price includes transportation by luxury motor coach and the entrance fee. July 13 is the deadline for registration and payment. For more info call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031(0)46-4437561.

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.

The SHAPE Travel Group will sell tickets on June 15, then be CLOSED until Aug. 1
Look for our upcoming trips beginning with Gouda on Aug. 30 and Buckingham Palace on Sept. 18.

For recurring events check on www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/sites/local/pages/gazette/GazetteExtra.pdf.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

Youth Center - Early Closings at Youth Center. Due to a staffing shortage, the Youth Center will only be open until 6 p.m. on Fridays for the remainder of the school year from now to the end.

14 June

- **EFMP Support Group** - The Exceptional Family Member Program support group meets at noon at Schinnen ACS. Bring your lunch for this friendly get-together.

15 June

- **Ten steps to a federal job** - Get an overview of the start-to finish process of the U.S. federal job search. Learn the Ten Steps of applying for a job from a certified trainer, including exploring the different agencies, analyzing job announcements, keywords, KSAs, and much more. Meets at ACS Conference Room USAG Schinnen. For more information call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian 31(0)46-443-7269/7500

20 June

- **Sponsorship training** - Become a sponsor and help your co-workers through their transitions. Join the Sponsorship Training at ACS Bldg. 39 for online et local training from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Training sessions are held the third Wednesdays of the month. Next sessions will be 18 July and 15 August. For more information call DSN 360-7500 or civilian 31(0)46-443-7500.

21-22 June

- **Tri-Border Newcomers Orientation** - On day one, explore the Dutch culture to include an introduction to the language and get an overview of Tri-Border installation services. On Day two, get out to see the Tri-border communities, take a hospital tour, sightsee local attractions, visit shopping areas and learn how to use the local trains. For more information call DSN 360-7500/7512 or civilian 31(0)46-443-7500/7512.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Through 30 June

- **2012 Army Arts and Crafts Contest** - The categories for artwork are Ceramic, Drawings, Fibers and Tiles, Glass, Metals & Jewelry, Paintings, Mixed Media, Wood and Digital Art. Participants will be judged in either a novice or accomplished category. For details on the rules please contact the Special Event Coordinator at DSN 368-9763 or civilian 02-717-9763.

20 June - 1 August

- **Summer Reading Program** - Register now for "Reading is So Delicious!" which will take place June 20 through August 1 (no meeting on July 4). Conducted on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. For more information or to register call DSN 368-9791 or civilian 02-717-9791.

30 June

- **2012 Matt Reimann Firecracker Run** - Registration opens June 11 for the 5th Annual Matt Reimann Firecracker Ru. Race Day events are 5 km or 10 km run; 2 km or 5 km fun run or walk at the Tervuren Park starting at 9 a.m.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

13 June

- **Bingo** - At the Warrior Zone, Caserne Daumerie. See flyer.

19 June

- **Parenting Corner** - at the Army Community Service, Bldg. 318, Training Room For more information contact ACS at DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324..

20 June

- **Breastfeeding support group** - The next meeting is from 10 to 11 a.m. in the SHAPE Healthcare Facility second floor conference room. Feeding concerns are discussed in a supportive environment with a certified Lactation Consultant. All pregnant and breastfeeding mothers are invited to attend.

21 June

- **Money Management** - A money management course titled Setting and Reaching Your Financial Goals will be held June 21 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Bldg 318, SHAPE. To register call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

30 June

- **Luau Party** - A taste of the island Pacific - Get ready to enjoy the food and festivities of a traditional island luau complete with grass skirts, floral leis and island music at the SHAPE Event Center. Taste the delicious foods of the Asian Pacific. Join in the fun starting from 1200 -1400 for lunch or from 1600 -1800 for dinner. Get your tickets in advance. For more information contact DSN 423-8128 or civilian 065-44-8128.

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Who: Children entering K through 6th grades

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Brussels Child, Youth & School Services Coaching Youth Sports Certification Clinic

Brussels Child, Youth & School Services is looking for VOLUNTEER COACHES for the upcoming Fall Sports Season. Anyone wishing to coach must attend the coaches' clinic and become certified through the National Alliance Youth Sports Association (NYSYA).

The NYSYA Introduction to Coaching Youth Sports membership program is designed to familiarize volunteer coaches to their responsibilities when working with children in sports and hold them accountable to a strict code of conduct defined by the NYSYA Coaches' Code of Ethics Pledge.

DATE: Saturday, 25 August 2012
TIME: 10:00-14:00 hrs
LOCATION: Brussels CYS Services, Bldg 3
HOSTED BY: Child, Youth & School Services Sports & Fitness
SPORTS: Soccer, Flag Football & Cheerleading
COST: Free

Clinic Highlights

Child Abuse & Awareness
Volunteer Brief
Hands - Only CPR Training
NAYS Philosophy Video

Benefits Provided by National Alliance for Youth Sports:

- NYSYA Membership
- 4 Issues of Youth Sports Journal
- \$1,000,000 Excess Liability Insurance Coverage

For more information contact:
Shannon Wilson @ DSN: 368-9651; COMM: 02-717-9651
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Schinnen CYS
Youth Center
"Italy Express Trip"
8-14 July
Fee: \$325.00

Travel by coach to Camp Darby in the Tuscany region of Italy.

Explore regional sites such as the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Cinque Terre, Lucca and other local sites.

Plus pool time, sleeping in tents and cooking over the campfire!

Mandatory Parent and Youth Meeting at 6:00pm on 2 July at the Youth Center

SPACE IS LIMITED, SIGN UP NOW!

Open to all US and NATO ID Card Holders for Youth in grade 6 and above. Youth must have attended 6th grade during the 2011-12 school year.

All youth must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS).
For more information please call:
Youth Center office at DSN 364-3008 or CIV 045-526-3008
Parent Central Services at DSN 364-2023/4192 or CIV 045-526-2023/4192

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