

THE GAZETTE

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Works in Mons

Works resumed on Rue Rogier and Rue Léopold II in Mons. Rue Léopold will thus be closed starting at the train station and the Rue Rogier will be closed from Rue Chisaire on. No parking will be allowed on both sides of Rue Chisaire, between Place Louise and Rue de Boussu.

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 shapegirlscouts@usagso-na.org.

Gate 1

Gate 1 to Chièvres Air Base will be closed for maintenance from 10 p.m. June 24 until 7 a.m. June 25. Traffic will be diverted through gate 14.

AFCU

Due to organizational training the Andrews Federal Chièvres branch will be closed June 19 through 22 between 1:30 and 2 p.m.

Brussels Fitness Center

The Brussels Sports and Fitness center is looking for volunteer instructors. If you are interested call DSN 368-9753 or civilian 02-717-9753.

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USAG Brussels cases its colors



Cis Spook

Lt. Col. Francesca "Ox" Ziemba (left), outgoing USAG Brussels commander, cases the USAG Brussels' flag with Command Sgt. Maj. Robert G. Lehtonen, outgoing USAG Brussels Command Sergeant Major, as the unit became one of two satellite sites of USAG Benelux during a Transition Ceremony held Tuesday, June 12, 2012.

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Community celebrates 237th Army Birthday



Cis Spook

(From left to right) Mr. John W. Sterling, the youngest civilian of USAG Benelux, Col. Rick L. Tillotson, Commander, Mr. Joseph K. Troxell, the oldest civilian of USAG Benelux cut the Army Birthday cake donated by the Association of the United States Army while First Sgt. Carl R. Leonard, the oldest Soldier of USAG Benelux and Spec. Ronald D. Retzlaff, the youngest Soldier of USAG Benelux look on. Community members gathered to celebrate the 237th Army Birthday, June 14, 2012 and watched a video of the Army Birthday messages by Sgt. Maj. of the Army, Raymond F. Chandler and General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff of the Army. "The strength of our Nation is our Army, the strength of our Army is our Soldiers and the strength of our Soldiers is our families and this is what makes us Army Strong," Odierno mentioned in his message. In his remarks, Tillotson said that the Army team here includes civilians, uniformed members, their families and our host nation partners in Belgium and The Netherlands. "We are here to protect your livelihood and the livelihood of your families, the American people and people around the world. (The Army) is a selfless service organization. Take pride in being a part of something larger than yourself," Tillotson concluded prior to cutting the Army Birthday cake.

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Cis Spook

Lt. Col. Francesca “Ox” Ziembra salutes the USAG Brussels’ flag one last time before casing the colors.

By Marie-Lise Baneton

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Francesca “Ox” Ziembra and Command Sgt. Maj. Robert G. Lehtonen cased the USAG Brussels colors in an official transition ceremony June 12 while handing over their responsibilities to Patrick Rothbauer, the new USAG Benelux deputy garrison manager.

The ceremony is the outcome of a transformation plan United States Army in Europe announced last winter in accordance with Department of Defense direction. The plan includes the inactivation of the command structure of four Army garrisons in Europe and their designation as satellite sites to realign their essential services under higher headquarters garrisons.

As a result, USAG Brussels is now fully incorporated as one of two satellite sites of USAG Benelux, its parent organiza-

tion. Rothbauer, as the deputy garrison manager, will be the USAG Benelux commander’s on-site representative in Brussels. USAG Schinnen, the Netherlands, will go through a similar process July 11.

Kathleen Marin, Director of the Installation Management Command – Europe Region and Col. Rick L. Tillotson, commander, USAG Benelux, joined North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Department of State and host nation officials and the garrison workforce, who had come to witness the event.

As the outgoing leaders were casing the colors, the audience was able to reflect on the garrison’s history. “The garrison’s heritage dates back to August 1967 when the Alliance’s headquarters moved from Paris to Brussels.

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Though the garrison has moved several times and held different names since its arrival, the mission has remained constant: provide quality administrative and logistical services support to the joint, combined, and inter-agency community serving in and around Brussels,” Tillotson said.

Leaders recognized the important role of the Brussels community in supporting the NATO headquarters. “Supporting NATO is not only a duty we all share, but a mission entrusted to us by our forefathers who struggled for the very peace and security that we must now safeguard,” Marin said.

Marin and Tillotson praised Ziemba and Lehtonen for their hard work and quiet professionalism. “Lt. Col. Francesca “Ox” Ziemba has set the standard for success in a highly complex and sensitive mission. She has led the Brussels team through a challenging transition and accomplished many successes along the way. I would like to thank her, and Command Sgt. Maj. Robert G. Lehtonen, and their team for that,” Marin said while wishing them the best for their new assignments in the states.

Tillotson added that he cannot say enough about the outgoing command team’s performance over the past two years. “During their tenure together, the garrison has absorbed sizable resource cuts and managed major personnel structure changes, but they have made this transparent to the community and continued to maintain a superior level of performance,” he said adding that he is always amazed at how much the garrison accomplishes and how garrison employees make the organization seem much larger than it really is.



Spec. Mark A. Seabolt and fellow Soldiers from USAG Brussels HHD sing the Army Song at the conclusion of the Transition Ceremony, June 12, 2012.

While the Army is continuing to execute overseas contingency operations and planning for the future, leaders remain committed to providing American service members, civilians and their families the best training, living conditions and overall quality of life possible during their time in Europe.

This is no different in Brussels. “While the designation and scale of Garrison Brussels will change as the colors have been cased, Installation Management Com-

mand’s commitment to our mission, our Belgian neighbors, Service members, Families and Civilians will not change,” Marin said.

She explained that because IMCOM garrisons and sites exist for the sole reason to support mission commanders, service members, civilians, and their families, Brussels remains an important hub for Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, the U.S. Delegation to the NATO military community, the Canadian Joint Delegation to NATO, the U.S. Department of State and many others. “Although some administrative support will come from USAG Benelux, front door services like I.D. cards will remain local and remain responsive to the community’s needs,” she said.

The Region director and Benelux garrison commander expressed their confidence in Rothbauer’s ability to lead the Brussels staff through the transition. He has been an installation management professional since June 2005, serving in various capacities at four European garrisons and on the staff at the Installation Management Command Headquarters.

“While we are becoming a more fiscally disciplined, efficient site, we are also keeping our promise of providing professionalism and focus,” Marin said. “That is why, under Col. Tillotson’s guidance, Patrick will be the face of Installation Management in Brussels,” she added.

“Patrick Rothbauer is a retired Air Force officer who rose up through the ranks first as an airman and is a senior civil servant who understands all elements of this community. He has served in Brussels before and understands the unique challenges and rewards for serving here. He knows the area, he knows the mission,” she added. Tillotson is committed to the same customer focus. “We will continue to maintain our customer service focus and we will strive for excellence in everything we do,” he said. “Mr. Patrick Rothbauer is highly qualified and has a wealth of IMCOM experience. We are grateful for his willingness to serve as the site manager, and I have complete faith and confidence in his proven abilities,” he concluded.



Mrs. Kathleen Marin, Installation Management Command – Europe Region Director, presided over the Transition Ceremony during which USAG Brussels officially became a satellite site of USAG Benelux.

New Deputy Garrison Manager addresses workforce

By Marie-Lise Baneton

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

Patrick Rothbauer, deputy garrison manager of the Brussels community, addressed his civilian and military workforce June 13.

The newly assigned manager held two employee town hall meetings at the Three Star Recreation Center a day after he took the reins of leadership in the capital city of Europe.

The agenda for each of the hour long sessions consisted in a reminder of the USAG Benelux mission and vision statements, a description of the new organizational structure, a refresher on Army values, an explanation of the USAG Benelux battle rhythm, a discussion on tips for success, and a description of known changes forthcoming and short-term priorities. At the end of each session, staff members had an opportunity to ask questions.

Rothbauer intends to ensure Brussels remains the best place to live, work and serve. As he is the USAG Benelux commander's on-site representative, he expects his "team of teams" to enter a constructive three way communication process that includes him and the higher headquarters personnel. He also expects the team emulate the Army values in their interpersonal work relationships with their colleagues and customers.

"We are the same team we were yesterday, just a little

different," he said. "Army values are the core of how we interact," he added while placing particular emphasis on respect, integrity and personal courage.

Rothbauer's tips for success include placing the mission first while taking care of people always. Other topics on the top of his list are quality customer service, the ability to embrace change, to work as a team and to resolve all issues at the lowest level possible. Rothbauer is also a firm believer in enjoying your work environment. "There is no reason to be miserable," he said. "If we do all these things right, this will be a fun work place," he added.

Rothbauer sought additional tips from the workforce. A long conversation on how to improve communication followed. Other ideas included the need to decide what types of activities can come off the plate and a strong desire to stay relevant to the community.

After going over known changes and short term priorities, the manager opened the floor for questions. He answered those on civilian education, on the garrison's new name and postal addresses and concluded by thanking his staff for the professionalism they displayed the previous day during the transition ceremony. "I am very humbled and proud to be on this team," he concluded.



Marie-Lise Baneton

Patrick Rothbauer, the new deputy garrison manager of the Brussels community, addresses his civilian and military workforce on the new organizational structure.

SHAPE HEALTHCARE FACILITY

Temporary Patient Priority changes due to shortages

Special to the Gazette

Due to the forthcoming shortage of providers at the SHAPE Healthcare Facility in June and July, appointment priorities will revert to the Department of Defense mandated requirements. TRICARE Prime beneficiaries and international military members with their dependents will be the priority population supported by the clinic – there will be no impact to this population. However, this will mean that some of our “space available” patients will need to seek healthcare outside of the SHAPE Healthcare Facility. We anticipate these guidelines to last until the end of July.

Effective June 25, active duty, their family members (enrolled in TRICARE Prime), and international military members and their dependents will be the priority for access to care in the clinic. Other than the above patients will be accepted on a space available basis. TRICARE PLUS (retirees empanelled to the clinic as primary care), TRICARE STANDARD patients, and other third party insurance patients will need to wait until 10 a.m. to call for same day appointments. Routine and wellness appoint-

ments will temporarily be unavailable for non-TRICARE Prime and non-international military member and their dependent beneficiaries.

This does not mean that quality healthcare will not be available to the SHAPE space available community. If there is no appointment availability for space available patients, the appointing staff will be providing alternate clinic options. If space available patients are seeking long-term continuity of care for chronic illness, it is suggested that they consider a local provider.

This change may be stressful for some however, everything will be done with all beneficiaries and host-nation partners to ensure the transition of health care services is as seamless as possible. The host-nation Patient Liaisons will work one-on-one with the beneficiaries to help them choose the right treatment facility, book the appointment and offer interpretation services as needed.

The point of contact for this temporary change can be reached at DSN 423-7895 or civilian 065-44-7895.

Foreigners may vote for the Belgian elections in October

The Belgian provincial and municipal elections will be held Oct. 14. In general the right to vote is reserved to those who have the Belgian citizenship. European Union residents were first given the right to vote in the Belgian municipal elections in 2000.

In 2004, these voting rights in municipal elections were extended to non-European Union foreigners living in Belgium, under certain conditions.

This is the reason why some U.S. civilians or family members have received a trifold in the Belgian mail on the Belgian upcoming elections in October.

As a foreign citizen, you may participate in the elections if you have been registered in your commune for at least five years. To do so, you have to register by July 31 by completing a form at the city hall. As a foreign voter you will also be asked to respect the Belgian constitution, the Belgian law, the convention of the protection of Human Rights and Freedom.

Foreigners don't have to vote like Belgian citizens but they are given the opportunity to do so if they desire to participate in the elections.

At the provincial and municipal elections in 2006, 15.7% of the potential non European Union voters participated.

Sample of the trifold you may have received in the Belgian mail providing information for foreigners to vote for the upcoming Belgian municipal elections.

Help support 200 km charity walk

Special to the Gazette



Courtesy Photo

Carine Ashurst is participated to the Walk of St. James while raising funds for charity.

The International Chapel Charities Committee is hosting raffle to help support Carine Ashurst, SHAPE High School staff, in her charity walk of the Camino Francés, as part of the Camino de Santiago or Walk of St. James.

The goal is to raise €5 for each kilometer of Ashurst's planned 200 kms. Ashurst then plans to donate the money to Don Bosco's Home for Boys. In turn the older boys from the school will use the money to cover travel expenses to Rwanda where they will help build a new structure for another boy's home there.

If you want to support Ashurst's charity walk you can make a donation or buy a raffle ticket for one of three drawings. You can win an Xbox 360 Rock Band, The Beatles Special Edition or an iTouch.

The drawings will be held June 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Rendez-Vous, June 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Silver Spoon, and June 22 during Viva Las Vegas 2 at the SHAPE Club.

This is the third time Ashurst has participated in the walk but the first time she is doing it as a charity event. Her participation in the walk started after a life threatening accident in 2006 that resulted in a six month hospital stay, a three month stay in a rehabilitation facility, and another two years of rehabilitation at home. "It's a challenge to myself! While in rehab, I motivated myself saying 'if I was going to walk again, it would be the Camino.' The road is long with a hot sun, bad blisters, dust, and rain that chills to the bone. But it gives me time to reflect and consider a love of life, overflowing enough for me to give to others. The pilgrims I meet come from everywhere and I have learnt about openness, tolerance, and sharing warm camaraderie and lasting friendships," Ashurst said.

Sending food to USA

By Robert Szostek
USEUCOM Customs PAO

Personnel shipping household goods to the United States this summer should be careful when packing the contents of their kitchen, agriculture officials advise. The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issues fines of \$100 to \$1,000 to first-time offenders who ignore the strict rules that apply to sending food products stateside.

"Red meats, sausages, pâtés and salami can harbor animal viruses — even if canned — and are therefore barred from import," said Scott Sanner, U.S. Department of Agriculture advisor to the U.S. European Command. Even pasta or soup mixes that contain dried meat are not allowed, he added. Foot-and-mouth disease and bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE or mad cow disease) are examples of animal diseases that need to be kept out of the USA this way. Fresh fruits and vegetables may also not be sent to the U.S. because they can contain the eggs or larvae of voracious pests. The Mediterranean fruit fly is a good example of a bug that can hide in citrus and other fruits to beat our defenses.

However, you can ship processed fruit and vegetable products such as canned fruit, olive oil, mustard and canned or processed sauces. There are no restrictions on fish or mushrooms either, Sanner added. Commercially produced dried herbs and spices, tea, roasted coffee, cured cheeses, cakes, candies, cookies and roasted nuts are also okay.

To find out more about importing food, plant and animal products into the United States, visit the CBP website at www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/vacation/kbyg/.

Open House at TSC Schinnen

The Training Support Center (TSC) Benelux - Tri Border at Schinnen, the Netherlands will host an Open House, June 26 starting at 10 a.m. to showcase the various types of Training Aids Devices (TADS) available within the Tri-Border area and Baumholder Training Support Centers. The purpose of TADS is to give soldiers the opportunity to train realistically using various training aids that allows them to practice their basic soldiers skills relating to Home Station Training, Warrior Tasks & Battle Drills.

Services and products will include: Range Support Branch (RSB), Training Aids Devices Simulators (TADS), Engagement Skills Trainer 2000, Visual Information (VI) HMMWV Egress Active Trainer (HEAT)

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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/shapecym.html>.

CYSS SHAPE Summer trips

The following trips are available to middle schoolers and teens:

- **Italy Express 8 through 13 July.** Fee is \$325.
- **Conquering Summer 6 through 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. Second session 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. Fee is \$40 per week. Second session starts June 25, third session starts July 2 and fourth session 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 begins June 25 for the School Age Center and for the Youth Center. Theme weeks throughout the summer offer a wide variety of arts and crafts projects, indoor and outdoor activities, science and nature, plus music and drama multi-cultural activities. Be sure to sign-up early for the YC July 8 trip to Camp Darby, Italy. Call 31(0)45-526-3008 for details.

CYSS Fall sports in Schinnen

Registration for the soccer, flag football and cheerleading for ages 6 to 15 is open until July 27. 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.

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.

SHAPE Chapel's Vacation Bible School

The SHAPE Chapel is looking for volunteers for the Vacation Bible School to be held July 30 through August 3. Visit <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/SHAPE> or email shape-vbs2012@gmail.com.

SHAPE Players Performing Arts School

- An intensive dance workshop focusing on Ballet, Jazz and Modern dance genres is starting June 18 and will go through July 6th on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. Fee is \$120.

- An intensive Summer Theater Camp focusing on acting, singing and dancing while rehearsing for four performances is starting June 25 and will go through July 28 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Fee is \$375.


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Soldier's skeleton at Waterloo

Archeologists working on the site of the Battle of Waterloo have unearthed the skeleton of a soldier who perished in the battle that put an end to Napoleon's reign on the continent of Europe in 1815. The skeleton that was discovered nearly 200 years after the battle was found near to the Lion of Waterloo monument and is practically intact. In June 1815 British, Prussian and Dutch forces clashed with the troops of the French Emperor. Napoleon lost and was shipped off to exile on the island of Saint Helena. The archeologists have not yet been able to establish the identity of the soldier whose remains have now been found. Nothing of his uniform remains. The area where it was recovered was held by British troops under the Duke of Wellington. Next to the skeleton the diggers found a piece of wood bearing the initials C.B. The skeleton was buried at a depth of just over one foot and three inches. This points to the fact that it was buried in a hurry.

New therapy for Dutch psychiatric prisoners

Prisoners with personality problems and even psychopaths are responding positively to a new therapy. The study by Maastricht University is observing the treatment of around 100 psychiatric prisoners with a variety of mental health problems. So far, 30 of them have completed their treatment. Results show they are much less likely to reoffend following schema therapy and they have been let out on probation 130 days earlier than is normally the case. By 2015, all the men will be out on probation. Each of them will be kept under observation for three years. The researchers will keep an eye on reoffending and on any changes in their personality problems.

Peaceful nation list

The Netherlands dropped three places on the latest Global Peace Index to 28th. Since the index was first published in 2007, the Netherlands has dropped eight places. The Global Peace Index is published annually by a panel of experts and gives an indication of the safety and harmony in most of the world's countries. Points are given for a number of developments, such as the number of armed conflicts, but also for the amount of crime, weapons export and the size of the armed forces. Singapore, Malaya and Taiwan rank above the Netherlands in the list.

Desmond Tutu's visit to the Netherlands

The South African human rights activist Desmond Tutu will visit The Hague on September 25 to unveil the Nelson Mandela monument. The bronze statue of Mandela will stand on a small square near the Omniversum and was made by the

Rotterdam artist Arie Schippers.

Brussels is popular

Last year, 3.166.224 people spent a holiday in a Brussels hotel which represents a rise of 6.7%. These figures include both leisure and business travel. There has been an increase of 37% in the number of Brazilians heading to Brussels. Russian tourist numbers were up 29% while the figure for Chinese tourists was up a full 30%.

Nizar Trabelsi remains in jail

A court in Nivelles has rejected a request from the convicted terrorist Nizar Trabelsi to be freed from prison. Trabelsi has been serving a ten year sentence after he was convicted of planning a terrorist outrage at the Kleine Brogel military air base that the Belgians share with the Americans. Trabelsi, a former Tunisian professional footballer, has served his sentence but the Belgian authorities are keeping him in jail until his extradition to the United States of America. Trabelsi risks life imprisonment if found guilty of attacks on US citizens overseas. The extradition has been approved but Trabelsi's lawyers have embarked upon a procedural battle that is holding up the extradition for the time being.

New rush hour lanes on E40 and E19

The new rush hour lanes are being introduced soon and should address congestion during the busiest part of the day. At certain parts of the day when traffic is heavy, these lanes can be used by drivers whereas during the rest of the day, they retain their original use, i.e. emergency lane. The lanes will be set out on the E40 between Sterrebeek and Holsbeek on the Leuven Brussels run and on the E19 between Antwerp North and Sint-Job-in-'t-Goor. At present only one special rush hour lane operates on the E313 from the connection with the Antwerp ring road to Ranst. Figures show that it is a success.

Belgian soccer fans on eBay

Since Belgium is not taking part in the 2012 European Soccer Championships, a thousand Belgian soccer fans put themselves up for hire on the online auction website eBay. They are prepared to cheer for the highest bidder with the money to go to the United Nations children's charity UNICEF.

Dutch football dream is fading

The Dutch dream of winning the Euro 2012 football championship faded after losing against Germany last Wednesday and against Portugal yesterday. The Dutch nor the Belgians will thus be champions of the Euro 2012. The championships are going on in Poland and Ukraine until July 1.



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

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.

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.

21 June

- **Music Fest in Chièvres** – Starting at 7:30 p.m. at the city park of Chièvres with a first part by Diego Cesare (pop and R&B) and a second part by Zenith (rock, funk, electro) for a 2 to 3 hour non stop concert. Entrance is free of charge.

21-24 June

- **Music Fest in Mons** – Starting at 8 p.m. on Place du Marché aux Herbes with various live bands and DJs. Friday through Sunday during the day and in the evening, musical rally in the Mons cafés, parks and on the main square.
- **Music Fest in Brussels** – Starting at 5 p.m. on the four days throughout Brussels. For details, check www.fedelamusique.be.

22 June

- **Flea Market in Liège** (230 booths) on Place J. Le Bel and Bld. Constitution from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

22-24 June

- **Annual Sales and Country Fair in Soignies** – Shops will be open during the three days. Fair Trade market on Rue de Mons (Sunday only), pony rides, mechanical bull on Rue de la Station, milking cow contest on Saturday and Sunday and line dance and country music demos (from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday only). On Sunday is the 67th Agricultural Fair with a farmers’ market.



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 2 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.



22-24 June Continued

- **“Ducasse de Lorette” local fest in Ath** at the Shopping, Chaussée de Bruxelles, with a dinner and show on Friday starting at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday, as of 9 a.m. a tournament of “human” baby foot, a parade of the local giants at 2 p.m. and a concert at 9 p.m. (entrance to the concert is €5). On Sunday, flea market from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., concert at 10:45 a.m. and parade of the local giants in the afternoon. At 7:50 p.m., launching of a hot air balloon followed by musical entertainment.
- **Military vehicles display in Jurbise** at the City park on Rue Moustier 8.
- **Annual Sales in Brussels** on Rue Marché-aux-Herbes and parvis de la Madeleine from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the three days.

23 June

- **5th Family Day in Ecaussines** at the Sports Center on Rue de Sacueni from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Numerous activities (bouncy castle, slide,...) for children from 2 through 12 years old. The youngest kids will have their own area to play. Entrance is free of charge.
- **Flea Market and Music instruments fair in Etterbeek** (140 booths) on Avenue des Casernes from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Woluwe St Lambert** (300 booths) on Rue Dries from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Annual Sales and Flea Market in Saint Gilles** (200 booths) on Chaussée de Waterloo, Volders and near the city hall from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- **Evening Market in Ath**, Quartier St Julien from 6 p.m. until midnight.

23-24 June

- **Annual Sales and Flea Market in Laeken** (800 booths) on Avenue Houba de Strooper from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **St John's Fest in Chièvres** - Saturday at 2 p.m.: Bicycle ride and volksmarch, at 7 p.m.: religious service at the St John's Chapel followed by the St John's fires next to the Chapel and concert in the fest tent in front of the Chapel. On Sunday at noon, concert by the Chièvres band in the fest tent and musical entertainment all afternoon.
- **International Air Show in Florennes** with static and aerial show from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The theme is “70 years of military aviation at Florennes Air Base”. Air Show is organized by the 2nd Tactical Wing. Entrance fee is €7 per day. For additional information, check www.florennes-airshow-2012.be.



Through 7 October

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

22-24 June

- **Farm & Country Fair at Dinxperlosestraatweg in Aalten**. 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 in and around the harbor of Terneuzen** with lots of entertainment, demonstrations, naval show, games and more.



Courtesy Photo
Visit one of the Dutch Royal Marines' newest vessel during the Harbor Days, June 22-24

23 June

- **French Market in Zuilen** with antiques, curios, books, arts and lots more on Amsterdamse Straatweg. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



23-24 June Continued

- **Artists Fair in Woluwe St Lambert** at Square de Meudon, Avenue George-Henri from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entrance is free of charge. Various traditional artists will show how they work their disciplines, glass, sculpture on wood, jewelry, puppets, paper lamps, decorations, hats, silk scarves, leather products and more.
- **Beer Fest in Jurbise** with more than 80 special beers and musical entertainment, open Saturday from 6 p.m. until 3 a.m., Sunday from 3:45 p.m. until 1 a.m. Entrance is free of charge. For additional information, check www.fetedelabiere.be.

23 June – 1 July

- **Display “Red Triangle” in Chièvres** at the City Hall. In the concentration camps, the red triangle was a piece of fabric that distinguished the political prisoners, those who resisted the Nazi’s ideology. The display is dedicated to all who have been wearing the red triangle and also highlights the actions of the resistance fighters. Display is open during regular opening hours of the city all.



24 June

- **Flea market in Chièvres** from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Rue de la Chapelle.
- **Flea Market in Auderghem** (300 booths) on Chaussée de Wavre from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Braine l’Alleud** (350 booths) on Rue du Cuisinier from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Hellebecq (Silly)** (220 booths) on the square from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Lessines** (50 booths) at the school on Place Wauters from 1 to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Mons** (300 booths) at the Parking Imagipark from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Military Memorabilia Fair in Tournai** at Salle le Skill on Avenue Minjean 60 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Beloeil** for 5, 8, 13 or 21 km, starting at the Château (Orangerie) on Chemin du Major from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Saintes** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the school on Rue de la Cure 39 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ecaussines-d’Enghien** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from Rue Jean Jaures, 5 (parking is on the GB parking lot) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Saint-Denis (Obourg)** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the Abbaye de Saint Denis en Brocqueroie on Rue de la Filature 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

1 July – 15 August

- **13th contest “Blooming Chièvres”** – To participate, send your name and full address to the City Administration, Rue du Grand Vivier 2, 7950 Chièvres **prior to June 30** with mention “Embellissons la Vie, Fleurissons la Ville” and decorate your garden with natural flowers or plants. Numerous prizes will be awarded during a reception in September.



23-24 June

- **Medieval Knights’ Spectacle in Paterswolde** at Vennebroek Estate 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.
- **Sjilvend Rockt 2012** is an open air Rock Festival held at Burgemeester Adams Sportpark in Schinveld with 26 bands performing on two stages; nonstop live music for the older and the young rock enthusiasts. Opens both days at 12:30 p.m. No entry fees.
- **The Culture & Folklore Festival in Wijnandsrade** at Castle Wijnandsrade has an extensive program for young and old which includes Limburg folklore, culture, traditional craftsmanship, folk music, an antique & flea market, arts & crafts fair and more. Open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., June 23 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., June 24. Entry: €6; children under 12, free.

23 June - 12 July

- **Gallic Town in Liège (BE)** on Place Saint Paul with about 40 chalets/stands offer their local products such as ham on the bone, spit-roasted ham, paella, grilled fillet of duck, Savoyard tart, home-made ravioli, wine, beer, cocktails, brandy and lots more. The covered terraces allow consuming on the spot.

24 June

- **Festival of the Principality of Chimay.** Starting at 10 a.m. fair with regional products organized by the "Jurande princière de Chimay"; historical animations with Renaissance as a main theme: musical dawn serenades and dances from the past, reconstruction of scenes of daily life, horse carts, historical discovery track, guided visits to the historical center of Chimay, acrobats and lots more. The event ends around 6 p.m. Entry is free of charge. Location: Parc du Château des Princes de Chimay, Rue du Château in Chimay.
- **St. John Market in Herkenbosch** is an attractive and annual market held event. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Open Day of the Belgian Army at Army Base Leopoldsburg in Leopoldsburg (BE)** with lots of demonstrations, displays and stands with goodies. Opens at 10 a.m. No entry fee.
- **International Ceramic Market in Maaseik (BE)** with more than 100 participants at the Market Square. Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €2; children under 12, free.
- **Antique & Flea Market in Valkenburg** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Th. Dorrenplein.
- **Falconry Show & Fair in Vollezele (BE)** with more than 250 birds of prey at Vollezelestraat corner Repingerstraat. Entry: €5; children 11 and younger – free entrance. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **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.
- **Disneyland Paris, July 7** - Experience the happiest place on earth with thrilling rides and fantastic shows. You will have an action packed fun-filled day that is sure to satisfy the whole family. Disneyland and Disney studios both included. Price: €110 Adults, €105 youths (3-11), €60 children (0-2). Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m., returns SHAPE at 9:30 p.m. Departs Brussels at 5:30 a.m., returns Brussels at 10:30 p.m.
- **Rhine River Cruise, July 14** - The day begins in Koblenz where you will get an aerial view of the Rhine from our cable car ride to the hill top Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. At 2 p.m., we depart on our cruise down the Rhine to St Goar. Relax with a drink or have a meal while cruising past the numerous castles along the way. You will have some free time to explore St Goar. Prices: €98 Adults, €85 Child (4-13 yrs.), €75 Child (3 & Under). Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns SHAPE at 11 p.m. Depart Brussels at 5:45 a.m. and returns Brussels at midnight.

Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trips below
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 at 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.
- **Medieval Fest in Cochem, August 4** - On the banks of the beautiful Mosel River in Germany, the village of Cochem offers the perfect setting for a medieval fest. This day trip costs \$49 and includes transportation by luxury motor coach. Assigned seating is on first-come & first-pay basis. Register with full payment by July 27. The trip requires a minimum of 35 participants. 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 is 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

20 June

- **Smooth Move Pre-Departure Services** - Wondering how to plan for your PCS move? Who you should notify and what kind of expenses to expect? Your answers are waiting with Relocation Readiness training at Schinnen ACS from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For additional information, call 0031- (0)46-443-7500.
- **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.

22 June

- **Hearts Apart** - Held monthly at AFNORTH International School library, Schinnen ACS offers a support meeting for youth separated from a loved one, whether through a deployment or a Family situation. Hearts Apart meets 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. For details please call the ACS Deployment Readiness office at DSN 360-7218 or civilian 31(0)46-443-7218.

26 June

- **Summer Reading Program "Reading is So Delicious"** begins at the JFC HQ Brunssum Library for school age children and teens. Children will register, check out and read books from the Brunssum Library and receive a variety of prizes based on the number of books read. Preschool children, ages 3 and older may earn prizes by having books read aloud to them. For more information call 31(0)45-526-2669 or 31(0)45-526-2469. Hours are: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tue and Wed; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thu and Fri; noon to 4 p.m. Sat and Sun. For informative reviews of current novels and DVDs, visit our homepage at www.library.eur.army.mil/.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Through 30 June

- **2012 Army Arts and Crafts Contest** - The categories for artwork are Ceramic, Drawings, Fibers and Textiles, 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 Run. 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

As of now

- **Chièvres Fitness Center** - The Chièvres Fitness Center now offers a Spin Class every Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For additional information, call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-27-5643.
- **Summer Reading Program** - Register for the "Reading is So Delicious". Children and teens are encouraged to sign up to read at least six books of their choice during July and August, keep a log of their progress and earn prizes at the library. Younger children may read with an adult. Participants who reach their goal will win a Summer Reading Program t-shirt and other goodies. For more information, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631, e-mail at shape.library@eur.army.mil.

19 June

- **Parenting Corner** - at the Army Community Service, Bldg. 318, Training Room from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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** - Money management course titled Setting and Reaching Your Financial Goals from 2 to 3 p.m. at Bldg. 318, SHAPE. To register call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

26 June

- **Veteran & Military Spouse national Virtual Career Fair** - Virtual fair will take place between 1 and 4 p.m. (EST). To reserve a space, go to www.veteranscareerfair.com. You will be able to research companies careers via their virtual booth, chat in real time with company recruiters during the scheduled event times, apply to jobs. For a video on best practices for the fair, check www.screencast.com/t/Ya64J8WhYg. For a video on how to build your profile, check www.screencast.com/t/Cb6EHOJT5tj.

27 June

- **Page Turners Book Discussion Group** - meets at 5:30 p.m. to discuss *Suite Française* by Irene Némirovsky. Registration is not required and there is no fee for this program. For more information or to reserve a copy of the book, please call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631, e-mail at shape.library@eur.army.mil.

28 June

- **The Illuminati, book club for preteens and teens** - meets at 4:30 p.m. to discuss *Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos.

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 noon to 2 p.m. for lunch or from 4 until 6 p.m. for dinner. Get your tickets in advance. For more information contact DSN 423-8128 or civilian 065-44-8128.

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 Food & Beverages
 Car & Motorcycle Display
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SATURDAY, 30 JUNE 2012

Schedule

09:00	5 th Annual Matt Reimann Firecracker Run at Tervuren Park
12:00	Doors open at 3-Star - Food, Games and Music All Day
12:00-21:00	Free First Run Movies at the BOSS Center
12:30-14:00	Bingo @ 3-Star Recreation Center
14:30-16:30	Bunco @ 3-Star Recreation Center
17:00-19:00	Texas Hold'em @ 3-Star Recreation Center
19:30-21:30	DJ/Music @ 3-Star Recreation Center
21:00	Gates Open at Sterrebeek Annex
22:00	Closure of 3-Star Recreation Center
23:00	Free Fireworks @ Sterrebeek Annex

For more information contact MWR Brussels at
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