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School lunch

As of Jan. 3, the school lunch prices at DoDEA schools will increase. Elementary students will pay \$2.40 and Secondary students will pay \$2.55 per meal. Families qualifying for the Free and Reduced Meal Program will not be impacted.

Local orphans party

Some 57 orphans will be visiting at the Community Recreation Center Dec. 21 in the afternoon. Santa will be there to hand each and every one of them a gift.

Vehicle Registration Fee

Starting today, the new price for registering a vehicle with the Temporary Plate System in Belgium will be €45 for a normal size plate and €55 for a square one. For additional information, contact the Central Processing Branch, Registration Section Monday through Thursday from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m.; Friday from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Sgt. Emily Langer

Augusta Chiwy is being presented the Army Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service by Col. Joseph McGee, commander of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division at a ceremony in Brussels, Dec. 12. See story on page 3.

FROM THE ARMY'S HOME FRONT

Caring exemplifies the spirit of the holiday season



Mr. McCoy and Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter

One of the world's greatest leaders was a gate guard who worked at the main gate of Fort Benning, Ga. What made Mr. McCoy so great was that he knew his job was more than checking ID cards. With his awesome attitude, he conveyed to every

person passing through his lane that he cared.

Somehow he succeeded in making a difference just through his genuine message of "Welcome Home!" I've talked with many people who had contact with him—Soldiers, parents visiting their Soldiers, Civilians going to work, and visiting retirees who were stationed at Fort Benning years ago, and all agreed. He made a difference.

We've all seen this type of inspired leadership on every installation. Showing that we care exemplifies the very spirit of the holiday season.

The great thing about being part of the Army Family is that caring goes beyond the holiday season. It is day in, day out, year-round.

Margie and I and our four kids have lived and grown as a Family on Army installations around the world. In addition to Mr. McCoy, we've met many whose sense of service far exceeded their job description—really dedicated people at a housing office, Youth Sports coaches, and Child Development Services,

to name just a few. My family's experience is not unique. Every Soldier and Family member can point to service providers on our garrisons who go out of their way to help.

The same sense of caring is why so many Soldiers, Family members, Civilians and retirees volunteer their time and talents across the installation. Our volunteers welcome newcomers. They teach classes, mentor children and teens, and run play groups for young mothers and toddlers. They plan outings for Wounded Warriors, build houses for disabled veterans, support Survivors, help prepare Families for deployment and throw welcome home parties.

Caring and selfless service is ingrained in our Army culture, and we are much stronger because of it.

Army Strong!

To everyone who has extended a helping hand this past year, whether in a professional capacity or as a volunteer, thank you. Thank you for choosing to go the extra mile to make a difference for Soldiers, Civilians and Families.

Let's all enjoy what the season offers, wherever we are, and enjoy time with friends and loved ones. As we celebrate, let's remember those who are deployed and extend extra support to their Families at home.

Let's also be mindful of those around us who may find this time of year more difficult. For those who need assistance, our installations provide a number of Soldier and Family support services. If you are unsure where to go, start with Army Community Service or the chaplain's office.

From my Family to you and yours, we wish you a safe and happy holidays and a blessed new year.

Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter

Commander,

U.S. Army Installation Management Command

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Belgian WWII nurse honored: U.S. Army presents Humanitarian Service Award

By Keith Houin

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

“Today, The United States Army will honor Lady Chiwy for her compassion and dedication while voluntarily providing medical aid to American soldiers...”

These words were part of the opening comments at a ceremony to present Lady Augusta Chiwy the Department of the Army Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service in Brussels nearly 67 years after the Belgian nurse performed the actions that garnered her the award.

During the siege of Bastogne, Augusta Chiwy worked with U.S. Army Medic John ‘Jack’ Prior and fellow Belgian Renee Lemaire and saved hundreds of American lives. Her role was noted in Stephen Ambrose’s book “Band of Brothers” when he recalls a black nurse from the Congo. Similarly, in the miniseries based on the book a nurse is referred to as Anna from the Congo. Her story is currently the subject of a book by historian Martin King.

The award was presented by Col. Joseph McGee, commander of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division. The U.S. Ambassador to Belgium Howard Gutman was also there for the presentation.

The citation reads “For exceptionally meritorious and unwavering commitment while serving as a voluntary nurse to American soldiers in Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944. Ms Chiwy showed true compassion and dedication while assisting wounded American soldiers during a period of intense combat operations in the most severe conditions. She voluntarily risked her personal safety while providing critical life saving measures to American soldiers. Ms Chiwy’s selfless service and bravery represent a unique quality of superior humanitarian dedication. Her performance as a volunteer nurse is in keeping with the finest traditions of the medical service and reflects great credit upon herself and her association with the soldiers and medics of the 20th AIB, 10th Armored Division, the 101st Airborne Division and the United States Army.”

Additionally, Maj. Gen. Michelle Johnson, representing Supreme Allied Commander of Europe Admiral James Stavridis, presented a letter of appreciation.

Chiwy was knighted by King Albert II of Belgium in June.

USAG Brussels honors namesake of racquetball facility



Courtesy Photo



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On their way to Bastogne, Lt. Colonel Francesca Ziemba, USAG Brussels Commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Robert and Beth Lehtonen laid a wreath at Technician Fourth Grade Truman Kimbro’s grave at the U.S. Military Cemetery in Henri-Chapelle, Dec. 9.

Kimbro is a Medal of Honor recipient and the namesake of the USAG Brussels racquetball facility on Sterrebeek Annex.

On Dec. 19, 1944, Kimbro led a squad assigned to the mission of mining a vital crossroads near Rocherath, Belgium. Finding that the area was covered by enemy forces, he left his men in a protected position and went forward alone. Although wounded on his approach, he continued on his mission and successfully laid mines across the road before being killed by enemy fire. For these actions, he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor five months later, May 24, 1945.

Bastogne memorializes 10th Armored Division sacrifice

By Keith Houin

USAG Benelux Public Affairs



From left: Howard Liddic and Michael Collins from the 10th Armored Division Veterans Association unveil the monument plaque with Bastogne Alderman Jean-Claude Cremer.

When the Battle of the Bulge is remembered it is often the 101st Airborne Division that is recalled as the savior's of Bastogne, but a little less known unit was just as responsible for the success of the battle.

On December 17, 1944 the Allied battle tide came to a halt. The Germans launched their Ardennes Offensive.

The 10th Armored Division moved north to impede the German assault. In a single day, Combat Command A moved 75 miles directly into the attack and assumed responsibility to protect Luxembourg and the Third Army's right flank. Combat Command B of the 10th Armored Division was dispatched to Bastogne by General Patton while 101st Airborne Division was on respite in France, and CCB would be left to defend Bastogne alone.

For more than eight hours CCB held Bastogne against eight German Divisions until the 101st Airborne Division arrived. The U.S. forces were surrounded and trapped. However they maintained a defensive posture and held until the German offensive burned out several days later.

Both units were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for their actions at Bastogne.

Even General Anthony McAuliffe praised the men of the 10th, noting that, "In my opinion, Combat Command B of the 10th Armored Division was never properly credited with their important role in the Bastogne battle."

At this year's Bastogne commemoration ceremonies the people of Bastogne and members of the 10th Armored Di-

vision Veterans Association ensured the unit and its accomplishments would not go forgotten with the erection of a new monument.

The call for a monument started a few years ago according to Howard Liddic, 10th Armored Division Veterans historian, after he and others visited Bastogne for the first time and realized there was little regarding the 10th. His father fought at Bastogne as a member of the 10th and though his father always said, "A monument doesn't matter, we know what we did," Liddic felt otherwise.

A like minded Michael Collins whose grandfather was part of the 10th at Bastogne and is currently a member of the veterans association also felt the need for recognition of the unit.

With agreement from the veterans and assistance from the people of Bastogne, Liddick and Collins pursued the developing the monument and were able to dedicate it December 10. Belgian military and police officers, 20 re-enactors, Bastogne city representatives, Belgian veterans groups and a U.S. Army color guard were there for the unveiling in front of spectators from around the world.

The monument itself is not some fine work of art. Sitting on the road near the start of the annual Bastogne Walk trails, a simple concrete form with a turret from an actual tank of the 10th Armored Division stands no more than 6 feet high. A simple plaque adorns the base of the monument.

Through teary eyes, Collins said, he is so proud to finally see the memory of these Soldiers immortalized.

U.S. and local community remember the Battle of the Bulge



Cis Spook

A little boy on top of the Sherman tank on McAuliffe's square salutes during the wreath laying ceremony, Dec. 10.



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Col. Rick Tillotson salutes alongside Marcel D'Haese, a Belgian veteran of the Battle of the Bulge upon laying a wreath a McAuliffe's statue.



Keith Houin

U.S. Soldiers participated in the Bastogne commemorative parade and paid tribute at Patton's monument during the wreath laying ceremony.

The SHAPE/Chièvres community Color Guard composed of (from left to right) Sgt. Alexander Frye, Sgt. Gregory Roberts, Adjudant Chef Henri Plessiet and Spec. Jonathan Ellis and led by Staff Sgt. Logan Rappuhn headed the commemorative parade.



Donovan Abrassart

A USAG Benelux NCO Professional Development was led by Mr. Henri Mignon, local historian, during which he explained a lot of what happened in Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge.



Donovan Abrassart

Re-enactors set up camps to show the historic walk participants the Soldier's living conditions during the Battle of the Bulge.

Over 3,000 participated in the 34th Historic Walk in Bastogne



The 34th edition of the Bastogne Historic Walk was held Dec. 10 and passed in the sector of Noville. The city of Noville suffered heavily during the Battle of the Bulge. Of the 40 houses in the village, 30 were wiped out and 10 were partly destroyed.

The below are some impressions from participants to this year's walk.



First Sgt. Michael Marsh, here with wife Catrina, is from Charlie Company (transition unit) out of Schweinfurt, Germany and participated in the walk for the first time. "I am a 101st Airborne veteran and I take a lot of pride in this division.

That is also the reason why it was important for me to be here today," Marsh said.

Alex Stikkelorum and Janny Weiskopf are both from Wijchen, the Netherlands. "I participated last year," said Stikkelorum. "I enjoyed it so much that I had to come back this year and have Janny experience this event," he added. "This walk is special because of all the military that participate but also because of the entertainment along the route."



Luke Barber is a scout from Troop 107 in Wiesbaden, Germany and he is 11 years old. "I wanted to see the history of the Battle of the Bulge," Luke mentioned. "You get a better picture of what it must have been during the war when you see the reenactors' camps and vehicles."

Scout master Jeff Stone from Troop 107 in Wiesbaden, Germany participated in the walk for the 9th time. "It is important for the scouts to learn about the history," Stone stated. "A lot of people forget. These events show the battlefield and the conditions GIs were living in during the Battle of the Bulge. It is good that we remember their sacrifices," Stone added.



Pieter Claey's (right) is participating for the third time in the Bastogne Historic Walk. He is a member of the Yeomanry association from Flanders, a Military Historical Vehicle Collectors Group in the northern part of Belgium. "As a reenactor, I have pride in taking part in these commemorations," Claey's stated.

Jim Price (left) and Richard Wampler (right) are participating in Bastogne Historic Walk, respectively for the 2nd and the 4th time. They are accompanying the



Brunssum's Boy Scout Troop 100 and SHAPE's Boy Scout Troop 325. "The boy scouts take high pride to participate in this commemoration alongside the Soldiers as part of a Community". "The historical aspect is very important to them; therefore, each year we give them a historical background before getting down to Bastogne where they learn something new every year," Wampler said.

Photos by Donovan Abrassart and Cis Spook

USAG Benelux and local community briefs

Basketball Referees needed

As the basketball season is coming up, there is an urgent need for referees. This is great opportunity to help out in the community. For additional information, contact the SHAPE main gym at DSN 423-3993 or civilian 065-44-3993.

Confirmation classes

The SHAPE Chapel is offering Confirmation Classes for Lutherans, Episcopalians, Presbyterians and anyone whose faith tradition this need meets. Classes begin Sunday, Jan. 8 and conclude with a special Confirmation Service on Mar. 17. For more information call DSN 423-6037, civilian 065-44-6037.

Volunteering during the tax season

The Northern Law Center is looking for military spouses or family members to assist as volunteers during the upcoming tax season. This is a great opportunity to gain technical and practical experience in tax preparation. Best of all, the training is conducted by an IRS representative and it is free. Space is limited. For more information, contact the Northern Law Center at DSN: 423-4061 or Civilian: 065-44-4061.

Freegal Music

The Army Europe libraries now offers free database to patrons that includes more than three million songs in over 100 genres available in the MP3 format. Download three songs per week from the Sony Music catalog, free of charge. Contact your librarian to set up your account.

Education

University of Maryland University College

- UMUC is now registering students for the upcoming Spring Session 1 Term. Classes begin January 16 and end March

11. The current schedule can be found at www.ed.umuc.edu Please contact a UMUC Field Representative for more information DSN 423-5173 or Civilian 065-44-5173.

- A UMUC Academic Advisor is now scheduling appointments for the upcoming Spring Session 1 Term. The advisor will be at SHAPE on Jan. 10 from 09:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you would like to schedule a first come, first served 30-minute appointment, contact your UMUC SHAPE Field Representative at DSN 423-5173 or civilian 065-44-5173.
- To welcome new undergraduate and graduate students, UMUC Europe introduces the New Student Scholarship for Spring 2012 Session 1 and 2. This one-time \$700 award helps students with the cost of tuition and books.
- Starting in January, book awards will be increased to \$150 for active duty enlisted servicemembers and military family members of all ranks. With a quick online application, eligible students can offset the cost of their textbooks this spring. More information and all award applications are found at www.ed.umuc.edu/financial_aid.

University of Phoenix

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

University of Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma is now accepting applications for Master of Arts in International Relations. This is an accelerated class, program format and is available on site and online. There is no GRE requirement. For information, call DSN 423-3654 or civilian 065-44-3654 or stop by SHAPE Bldg. 212, room 109.

Crime Prevention Tips - Crime Prevention Tips - Crime Prevention Tips

- Never leave a spare key concealed anywhere near the front door - Burglars know all the hiding places
- Prevent letterbox burglaries by storing keys away from the front door
- Do not label your house keys in case you lose them and they fall into the wrong hands
- Remove temptation:
 - Where possible, keep valuables out of sight from windows
 - Make it look as though your house is occupied
 - Install timers that switch lights or radios on and off automatically
 - Have a neighbor or friend pop round to clear your letterbox or doorstep.
 - Encourage a neighbor to park in your driveway.
 - If going out after dark, draw the curtains, leave some lights on and a radio playing.

If you are away for extended periods:

- Don't forget to cancel the delivery of milk, mail and

newspapers.

- Disconnect the telephone answering machine, or re-word your greeting message to give the impression that you are only temporarily unavailable to answer.
- Enlist the help of a trusted neighbor, friend or relative to keep a regular eye on your property and keep the front door clear of deliveries.
- If you are prepared to leave a key with a neighbor/relative, ask for curtains to be drawn and lights to be put on at night. If snow is on the ground a few footprints will make the house appear occupied.
- Check your insurance policy. Some insurance policies don't cover contents if you are away for more than 30 days.
- Set your security alarm. (If it is activated, make sure that it can be checked and re-set.)
- If you do not have a security alarm, consider investing a few Euros in a dummy alarm box. It may deter the opportunist burglar.

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CYSS Skies Classes

- **Tae Kwon Do** for ages 5 and up from Jan. through Mar. Enrollment is open through Dec. 23.
- **Gymnastics** for ages 14 and up from Jan. through Mar. Enrollment is open through Dec. 23.
- **Ballet** for ages 3.5 and up from Jan. through Mar. Enrollment is open through Dec. 23. Fees vary by age and level.
- **Karate** for ages 6 and up from Jan. through Mar. Enrollment is open through Dec. 23.
- **Indoor Soccer** for ages 13-16 from Jan. through Mar. Fee is \$20. Enrollment is open through Dec. 23.
- **Piano** for ages 3.5 and up from Jan. through Mar. Enrollment is open through Dec 23.
- **Swimming** for ages 4 and up from Jan. through Mar. New registration is open through Dec. 23.
- **French** for ages 5 and up, at Bldg. 503 with Ms. Oana from Jan. 16 through Mar. 30. Enrollment is open through Jan. 16. Through role play, discussion and games your children will develop the use and understanding of everyday French. This will help them to be more confident when going to shops, the dentist or having dinner with friends. Everyday French will open their world to a new culture and making new friends. Class is on Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. Fee is \$100.
- **English** for ages 6 and up at the Youth Services Bldg. 503 with Mrs. Victoria from Jan. 11 through Mar. 30 Enrollment is open through Jan. 11. This class focusses on reading, writing and speaking. Coupled with these, learning will also be taught through fun-based activities and games. Class is on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. Fee is \$110.

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

Suicide Prevention hotline in Europe

All active-duty military, civilians, family members and contractors can now reach the toll-free European National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by dialing DSN 118 from any Army garrison DSN phone or commercially via a toll-free European number, 00800-1273-TALK (8255). The toll-free number can be dialed from fixed-line telephones and most cell phones in Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. The toll-free number may not be reachable from all prepaid cell phones and some cell phone callers may incur charges. A live Internet-based chat service is also available at www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org. All calls are confidential and will be answered by trained crisis counselors.



Sunday worship service schedule

SHAPE/Chièvres area

9 a.m. – Catholic Mass at SHAPE Chapel
 10:15 a.m. - Anglican service at SHAPE Chapel
 11:45 a.m. – Contemporary Protestant service at SHAPE Chapel

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

Jewish Community Liaison: contact DSN 423-4938

Muslim Community Liaison: contact DSN 368-9814

Catholic Mass

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

Brussels area

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

Christmas Season Services at the SHAPE Chapel

Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. - Protestant
 Dec. 24 at 11:30 p.m. - Anglican
 Dec. 25 at 9 a.m. - Catholic
 Dec. 25 at 10:15 a.m. - Anglican
 Dec. 25 at 11:45 a.m. - Protestant

Christmas Season Services at the Brussels Chapel

Dec. 24 at 4 p.m. - Protestant with a "meat-n-cheese-tray" to follow.

SHAPE Players

Auditions will be conducted for Luigi Pirandello's Six Characters in Search of an Author on Jan. 4 and 5 at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals will begin Jan. 9. Performances will begin Mar 15 - 25.

Winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, Italian playwright Luigi Pirandello wrote this famous play in 1931. Pirandello's mysterious characters arrive in an empty theater and entreat a group of actors to perform their story. Reality blurs as actors and characters bring to light the truth about a tragic event. But do their realities make better tales than fiction?

SHAPE/Chièvres Official Holiday Schedules

SHAPE/Chièvres HOLIDAY COMMUNITY CALENDAR											
	SHAPE Parcel Pick-up	SHAPE Postal-Finance	Chièvres Parcel Pick-up	Chièvres Postal Finance	Chièvres Fitness Center	Benelux ACS	Benelux Finance	Chièvres Library	Chièvres IACS & Badge Office	PAO	Gate 14 to Chièvres Air Base
Dec. 19	0730-0530	0800-1700	0800-1700	0900-1400	0900-1900		0900-1600				
Dec. 20	0730-0530	0800-1700	0800-1700	0900-1400	0900-1900		0900-1600	1100-1700			
Dec. 21	0730-0530	0800-1700	0800-1700	0900-1400	0900-1900		0900-1600	1100-1700			
Dec. 22	0730-0530	0800-1700	0800-1700	0900-1400	0900-1900		0900-1600	1100-1700			CLOSED AT 7 p.m.
Dec. 23	0730-0530	0800-1700	0800-1700	0900-1400	0900-1900		CLOSED	1100-1700	CLOSED		CLOSED
Dec. 24					0900-1900		CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED		CLOSED
Dec. 25					CLOSED		CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED		CLOSED
Dec. 26	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	0900-1900	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Dec. 27					0900-1900		CLOSED	1100-1700	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Dec. 28					0900-1900		1000-1400	1100-1700	CLOSED		CLOSED
Dec. 29					0900-1900		1000-1400	1100-1700	CLOSED		CLOSED
Dec. 30					0900-1900		CLOSED	1100-1700	CLOSED		CLOSED
Dec. 31					0900-1900		CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED		CLOSED
Jan. 1					CLOSED		CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED		CLOSED
Jan. 2	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Jan. 3							0900-1600				OPEN AT 7 a.m.

NOTE: The empty cells represent regular opening hours

SHAPE/Chièvres HOLIDAY COMMUNITY CALENDAR													
	PX	PXtra	Commissary	Chièvres Anthonys	Chièvres Burger King	Auto Skills	SATO	Kennel*	Vehicle Processing Center	CYSS	EEO	Self Help** Work order desk (DPW)	Shuttle bus
Dec. 19							0800-1700	0830-1630					
Dec. 20							0800-1700	0830-1630					
Dec. 21							0800-1700	0830-1630					
Dec. 22							0800-1700	0830-1630					
Dec. 23						CLOSED	0800-1600	0830-1630			CLOSED	CLOSED	
Dec. 24	1100-1800	1100-1800	till 1600	1000-1800	1000-1700	CLOSED	CLOSED	0900-1500				CLOSED	No service
Dec. 25	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	0900-1500				CLOSED	No service
Dec. 26	CLOSED	1000-2100	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	0830-1630	0900-1500	CLOSED	CLOSED		CLOSED	No service
Dec. 27			1000-1900			CLOSED	0830-1630	0830-1630		CLOSED		CLOSED	No service
Dec. 28			1000-1900			CLOSED	0830-1630	0830-1630				CLOSED	No service
Dec. 29			1000-2000			CLOSED	0830-1630	0830-1630				CLOSED	No service
Dec. 30			1000-1900			CLOSED	0830-1230	0830-1630				CLOSED	No service
Dec. 31	1100-1800	1000-2100	1000-1800	1000-1700	1000-1700	CLOSED	CLOSED	0900-1500				CLOSED	No service
Jan. 1	1100-1800	1100-1800	CLOSED	1100-1700	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	0900-1500				CLOSED	No service
Jan. 2			CLOSED			CLOSED	0800-1700	0900-1500	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	No service
Jan. 3							0800-1700						06:30-1933

NOTE: The empty cells represent regular opening hours

*Dec. 19-23 & Dec. 27-30 closed 1300-1400/Dec. 24-26 & Dec. 31 to Jan. 2 closed 1200-1300 **Closed Dec. 12-14 for inventory

The US Housing Office will be closed on Dec. 23 and 26. Minimum services are maintained from Dec. 27 to 30 (TLA, OHA, alarm systems and emergencies only).

Brussels Official Holiday Schedules

Brussels FMWR Holiday Calendar

	Brussels Retail Store	Brussels special T's	Fitness Center	CYSS	Library	Three-star Recreation Center	AUTO SKILLS	USAG-Brussels Finance	Brussels Parcel Mailing	Brussels Parcel Pick-up
Dec. 19			0500-200	0730-1800*	RDC	RDC	RDC	0900-1600	0800-1700	0730-0530
Dec. 20			0700-1700	0730-1800*	1100-1600	RDC	RDC	0900-1600	0800-1700	0730-0530
Dec. 21			0700-1700	0730-1800*	1100-1600	RDC	CLOSED	0900-1600	0800-1700	0730-0530
Dec. 22			0700-1700	0730-1800*	1100-1600	CLOSED	CLOSED	0900-1600	0800-1700	0730-0530
Dec. 23			0700-1700	0730-1800*	1100-1600	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	0800-1700	0730-0530
Dec. 24	1100-1600	1100-1400	0700-1600	RDC	RDC	RDC	CLOSED			
Dec. 25	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	RDC	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED			
Dec. 26			0700-1700	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Dec. 27			0700-1700	0900-1500**	1100-1600	RDC	RDC	0900-1600		
Dec. 28			0700-1700	0900-1500**	1100-1600	RDC	CLOSED	0900-1330		
Dec. 29			0700-1700	0900-1500**	1100-1600	CLOSED	CLOSED	0900-1330		
Dec. 30			0700-1700	0900-1500**	1100-1600	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED		
Dec. 31	1100-1600	1100-1400	0900-1600	RDC	RDC	RDC	CLOSED			
Jan. 1	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED			
Jan. 2			0700-1700	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Jan. 3								0900-1600		

NOTE: RDC=REGULAR DAY CLOSED

The empty cells represent regular opening hours

*MS/T 1300-1800

** MS/T closed

HOLIDAY SAFETY

SPACE HEATER SAFETY

- Plug electric space heater directly into the wall socket, not into extension cords.
- Place heaters where they will not be knocked over easily.
- Do not cover heaters or use to dry clothing or other items.
- Operate heater in accordance with heater operating instructions
- Keep area free of clothing and other combustible material.



HOLIDAY SAFETY

COLD WEATHER INJURIES

COLD weather clothing:

- Keep it Clean
- Avoid Overheating
- Wear it Loose and in layers
- Keep it Dry

Watch for effects to the skin such as:

- Swollen, red or darkened
- Pain, tenderness, hot or itchy
- Numbness or tingling
- Bleeding or blistered
- Gray, waxy feeling or "wooden" to the touch

Other symptoms to look for include:

- Dizziness, weakness or blurred vision
- Uncontrollable shivering
- Lack of coordination and impaired judgement



Keep these tips handy during the holidays

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Heating system

In winter time, you *must* keep the heating system on in your house even if you are away (TDY, leave). Do not turn off the furnace or the electricity. Just turn down the thermostat or/and the thermostatic valves.

If the property is oil or propane heated, you need to check the gauge or measure the oil or gas level in the tank before running out of oil/gas, and even before getting too low (keep in mind that the consumption fluctuates with the outside temperature).

The companies might not be able to deliver the oil or the propane because of bad weather or long waiting list for deliveries.

Don't forget to stop the furnace before the delivery and to wait at least one hour before restarting it.

If the oil tank is aerial and outside the building, ask the oil company to add anti-freeze while delivering.

Away for the Christmas holidays?

Have your house checked by a friend, a neighbor, your landlord. The heating system could stop working; you could have a leak in the roof. Don't forget to leave your landlord's information with a friend or co-worker in case of emergency.

Maintenance of heating system

For oil systems, maintenance has to be performed once a year, for gas once every other year. Fireplaces, if used, have to be maintained at least once a year. For most, the lease probably states that the landlord is responsible for the maintenance. If you are not sure when the last maintenance was performed, check with your landlord.

Utilities

Make sure that all your bills are paid on time to avoid the utilities companies from stopping the service. Re-activating service after having it cut, can take up to a week before being re-connected and the cost is expensive.

Plumbing

Protect water and heating pipes which are located in unheated areas. Turn off the system valve and drain outside faucets.

Mold

Even when the weather is a bit milder, leave some heat on to prevent mildew growing. Belgium is a wet/humid country, so if you do not leave a minimum of heat in the house, even in the rooms that you don't use, and if you do not ventilate the house regularly, mildew may become an issue.

Gutters and drains

Clean up gutters, outside drains. Remove leaves and dirt that could clog the drainage.

Snow

The occupant is responsible for preventing accidents by removing snow and frost from the sidewalks in front of his/her property.

Ponds

Make sure that all necessary actions have been performed

to protect ponds during the cold weather (protect pumps).

Make sure that you have the point of contact numbers of your landlord on hand in case of emergencies.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance Civ.	100
Mobile (GSM)	112
Chièvres MP station	DSN 361-5301
	or civ 068-275301
SHAPE Police Desk	DSN 423-3333/4
	or civ 065-44-3333/4
Brussels MP station	DSN 368-9769
	or civ 02-7179769
Fire Department Civ.	100
Mobile (GSM)	112
United Police Force civ	101
Mobile (GSM)	112
Child Focus	110
Burn Injury Center	02/268.62.00
Anti Poison Center	070/245.245
Community Help Service in English	02-6484014
Suicide Helpline (free of charge)	0800-32123

Oil and gas companies:

Martens Energy:	065/22.14.22
Shell Fuel	065/60.03.67
Esso Mons	065/35.55.36
Gas Shell (Propane Gas)	081/40.81.40

Septic tank companies:

Ribaucourt	065/62.03.14
Vidange montoise	065/58.68.66

Glossary of Emergency Terms & Phrases

English	French	Dutch
Accident	Accident	Ongeluk
Emergency	Urgence	Spoedgeval
I need an ambulance	J'ai besoin d'une d'une ambulance	Ik heb een ziekenwagen nodig
I need a doctor	Il me faut un médecin	Ik heb een doctor nodig
I need the police	J'ai besoin de la police	Ik heb de politie nodig
Heart attack	Crise cardiaque	Hartaanval
Stroke	Un accident vasculaire cérébral	Beroerte
Very sick	Très malade	Heel ziek
Unconscious	Sans connaissance	Buitenbewustzijn

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By Cis Spook
USAG Benelux Public Affairs

Death toll of Liège shooting rose to 6, including killer

Two teenage boys of 15 and 17 years old, a 17-month old toddler and a 75-year-old lady are the victims that were killed in Liège last Tuesday when Nordine Amrani (33) threw four grenades and fired at the crowd waiting for their bus. Some 166 were injured. He was shooting with a FAL rifle – a Belgian FN rifle similar to a Kalashnikov, after which he shot himself in the head using a revolver. He still had 270 bullets in his bag. The police also found the body of a 50 year old cleaning lady in Amrani’s shed where he stocked his weapons. She is thought to have been killed some two and a half hours before Amrani ran amok on the Place Saint-Lambert. Nordine Amrani had a heavy criminal record and was sentenced to 58 months in prison in 2008 after a search of his home in the rue Bonne Nouvelle in Liège discovered 9,500 weapon parts, 10 complete weapons and 2,800 cannabis plants, but was paroled in October 2010.

The day after the shooting, many people came on Place Saint Lambert – which is always a busy place – to lay flowers at the bus stop. Numerous foreign media from all over the world were in Liège, including crews for CNN, for Japanese, and for South Korean TV.

Brussels to host additional Chinese companies

Fourteen big Chinese companies have decided to make Brussels the base for their further expansion into Europe. The Chinese businessmen cite the presence of political decision-makers, professional help in setting up and expanding businesses and the warm welcome they received here as the main reasons for locating in our capital. Over the past few weeks, the Chinese businessmen visited Copenhagen, London and Rotterdam,

but eventually decided for Brussels to become their European base. Initially, they will work exclusively with Chinese staff. However, jobs will become available for Belgians (and others) at later date.

Asylum and Immigration in Belgium

The European Human Rights Court in Strasbourg has sentenced Belgium for having detained three underage kids with their mother in a closed detention center back in 2009. The woman from Sri Lanka and her three kids arrived in Belgium in 2009 and was seeking asylum because she said she was in danger in her country. Her application was first rejected in March 2009 while a second application was accepted in September of that year. Belgium has been sentenced to pay 50,650 Euros to the family which is now living in country.

Belgium has highest toll of young road victims

Off all European countries, Belgium has the highest toll of traffic related casualties in the age group 15 to 30 years old. Every year, Belgium counts 136 young road victims per million inhabitants in the above age category. The average European number is 103 victims in the same category. The average of the entire Belgian population is 77 road victims. Still, between 2001 and 2010, the decrease in young road victims is more important compared to the European average. Statistics show that young drivers have a higher risk for accidents within the first 2,500 km they are driving. The Responsible Young Drivers Association highlights the fact that the rate is showing a decrease and hopes this will continue. As every year, the Responsible Young Drivers association will have some 80 to 100 vehicles to drive home those who have been drinking during the holidays.

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Through 15 January

- **Snow & ice sculpture festival in Brugge** from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information about the program and prices, visit www.icesculpture.be.

20-22 December

- **La magie des tables Noël (Wonders of Christmas tables) in Saint-Ghislain** on the Grand'Place. Permanent floral arts displays from 5 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 20 and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 21-22. Free entrance.



Courtesy Photo

24 December

- **Volksmarch in Ransart** for 4, 6, 12, 21 km. Departure is from Rue Paul Pasteur from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participating fee is €0.75.
- **Mountain bike ride in Asse** for 16, 28, 48 km. Departure is from Groenstraat from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available.

25 December

- **Volksmarch in Ellezelles** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from Rue de Renaix at the sports center.

26 December

- **Volksmarch in Denée** for 4, 6, 12, 18 km. Departure is from Maredsous Abbaye from 8 a.m. 3 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Anvaing** for 20, 45 km. Departure is from the square from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available.

28 December

- **Volksmarch in Suarlee** for 4, 7, 14, 21 km. Departure is from Maria Dorlodot 9 A from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participation fee is €0.75.

31 December

- **Mountain bike ride in Bourtesem** for 12, 25, 45 km. Departure is from Kerkomsesteenweg 43 from 8 to 11 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available.

8 January

- **Volksmarch in Granglise/Beloeil** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from 8 to 11 a.m. on Rue de la Sablière 12.
- **Volksmarch in Braine-L'Alleud** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from 8 to 11 a.m. on Rue du Ménil 45.
- **Volksmarch in Tubize** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from 8 to 11 a.m. on Allée des sports at the sports center.
- **Volksmarch in Coutisse** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from 8 to 11 a.m. at the former Church in Bousalle.
- **Volksmarch in Durnal** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from 8 to 11 a.m. on Rue du Pays de Liège.
- **Volksmarch in Noville-Les-Bois.** Departure is from 8 to 11 a.m. on Rue de la Victoire 7-9.
- **Volksmarch in Pontauray/Mettet** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from 8 to 11 a.m. on Rue de Pontauray (in front of the church).
- **Mountain bike ride in Londerzeel** for 18, 32, 42, 51 km. Departure is from 8 a.m. to noon on Blauwenhoek. Showers and bike-wash available.
- **Mountain bike ride in Lovendjoel-Bierbeek** for 15, 25, 45 km. Departure is from Stationstraat 1 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available.



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Upcoming Christmas Markets



Host Nation Events & Happenings

Through 30 December

- **Christmas market in Liège** (170 booths) on Place St Lambert and Place du Marché from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. (max. to 10 p.m. during the week and 12 p.m. the weekend).
- **Christmas market in Floreffe** (45 booths) at the Abbey site on Rue Séminaire from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
- **Christmas market in Tournai** on the main square open on weekdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again 2 to 7 p.m. and in weekends from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Through 31 December

- **Christmas market in Namur** (70 booths) on Place d'Armes from noon to 7 p.m.
- **Christmas market and Ice skating rink (900 m²) in Mons** on the Grand' Place. Open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays and from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Fridays through Sundays.

Through 1 January

- **Winter Wonders in the center of Brussels.** Ice-skating rink and a Christmas market. Open Mondays-Thursdays, from noon to 9 p.m.; Fridays-Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Dec. 24 & 31, from noon to 6 p.m. and Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, from noon to 10 p.m.
- **Christmas market in Mouscron** (40 booths) on the Grand'Place from 2 to 8 p.m. on weekdays and from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the weekends and on public holidays.

Through 2 January

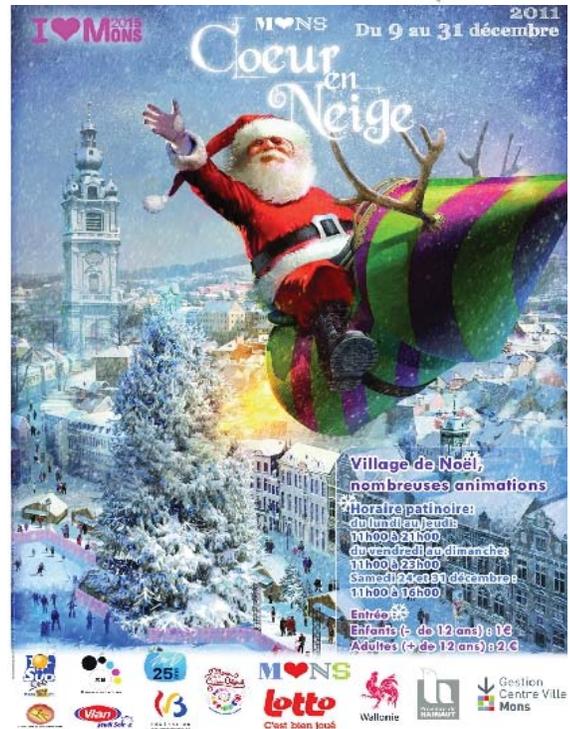
- **Christmas market in Dour** and ice skating rink at Parc Communal on Rue Grande in the center of Dour.

Through 3 January

- **Christmas market in Bruges** on the Grand' Place and Place Simon from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Through 8 January

- **Winter Dream in Gent** with Christmas market, ice-rink and lots more winter activities on Sint-Pietersplein. Open: Sundays-Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, from 10 to 1 a.m.; Dec. 24, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Dec. 31, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Jan. 1, from 2 to 11 p.m.



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SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

Events & Happenings

- **Paris after Christmas, December 27** - Come escape with us for a relaxing day in Paris. Whether you're strolling along the Seine or soaking up city life from a sidewalk café, you'll see why Paris is the ideal spot for a relaxing get away. Of course, you can't miss the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, and the Louvre. Savor an éclair from a pâtisserie or a glass of Beaujolais in a romantic bistro. From culinary delights to cultural sights, Paris will tempt every one of your senses. Price: €45. Departs SHAPE at 8 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m.
- **New Year's In London, December 30 - January 1 (Friday - Sunday)** - London is one of the most popular places to spend New Year's Eve. There will be a fabulous fireworks display at the London Eye, and the annual New Year's Day Parade starting at Parliament Square at noon. Price: €420 Single, €260 Double, Twin, Triple, €175 Youth 5-12*, €100 Child 0-4* (*When sharing a room with two fully paid guests). Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. on Friday and returns at 11:30 p.m. on Sunday.
- **Amsterdam, January 7** - 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 cafés or enjoy a day of leisure in this beautiful city. Amsterdam is famed for its beautiful canals and outrageous cafés. So whether you're an art lover, music lover or a culture lover, Amsterdam has more to offer than you could possibly wish for. Come spend a day in this unique city. Price is €40. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns at midnight.
- **Trier, January 14** - Visit Trier, the oldest city in Germany and birthplace of Karl Marx. Enjoy the many archaeological and architectural sights of this beautiful city, known as the "Rome of the North". Explore the famous Roman ruins on foot, or take the Römer Express for a tour of Trier's old town. Take in a museum, or just enjoy sitting at a sidewalk café in this beautiful city. Price is €65. Departs SHAPE at 8 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m.
- **Belgian brewery tour, January 21** - Beat the winter blues by appreciating what Belgium is famous for: the best beers in the world. The tour begins at Des Fagnes at a modern working brewery, set alongside a fully restored 19th century brewery. Witness how the brewing techniques have changed over the last 150 years. Taste their Super Des Fagnes brew and find out for yourself why "Super" is in its name. The next stop will be at Brewery Du Bocq to sample beers from many fine brews that are only available in Europe. Trip will include a meal at Brewery Val Dieu where you will enjoy soup, ham with beer sauce served and garnish paired with one of their delicious beers. Price: €95 per adult. Departs SHAPE at 7:30 a.m. and returns at 6:30 p.m.
- **French Cooking Class and Brussels City, January 28** - Start the day in Brussels to explore the many sights that Brussels has to offer. After lunch, become a French Chef for the day. Learn the art of French cooking from a professional chef in an animated, totally interactive environment. Cook a three course meal. Then enjoy the fruits of your labor with a glass of wine at the tasting which follows. Join us on our culinary adventure into the world of French Belgian Cuisine. Space is limited to the first 23 people, so reserve your spot today. Price: €105 per person. Departs SHAPE at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 9:30 p.m.



20 December

- **Preschool Story Time** - As of today, enjoy the additional Preschool Story Time every Tuesday from 5 to 5:30 p.m. for stories, finger plays, songs. There is no fee for this program. For more information, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631.

21 December

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets on Wednesdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at SHAPE, ASAP (Army Substance Abuse Program), Bldg. 342. Members support one another's 12 Step recovery program and freely share their AA story with newcomers. Family members, friends, and anyone interested in AA are welcome to attend. For a recorded message with telephone contact numbers, call 049-405-8137. For English speaking meetings in Brussels and throughout Europe see the website www.aa-europe.net.
- **Preschool Story Time** - Meets every Wednesday from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at the SHAPE International Library and helps preschoolers build confidence, learn socialization skills and make friends. There is no fee for this program. For more information, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631.
- **Infant Massage Class** - Meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the SHAPE Healthcare Facility second floor conference room. Expectant mothers and mothers with newborns and older infants are welcome. Mats and oils are provided. No pre-registration is required. Open to all U.S., NATO and SHAPE ID cardholders. Call ACS DSN 423-4274 or civilian 065-44-4274 for more information.

23 December

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE AA Group meets on Fridays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at SHAPE, ASAP (Army Substance Abuse Program), Bldg. 342. Members support one another's 12 Step recovery program and freely share their AA story with newcomers. Family members, friends, and anyone interested in AA are welcome to attend. For recorded message with telephone contact numbers, call 049-405-8137. For English speaking meetings in Brussels and throughout Europe see www.aa-europe.net.

9 and 10 January

- **New Winter Studies** - Offered by the Protestant Women of the Chapel at the SHAPE Chapel. Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. with dinner provided and Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to noon with snacks provided. Join an interest-based group of ladies whose desire is to fellowship with one another beyond the study while enjoying an activity together. Free childcare for children up to 12 years of age is provided. You are also invited to join us for our Keys to Connect programs - small, activity-focused groups that provide additional fellowship time outside of our regular Bible studies so women can foster friendships with other like-minded women during activities they enjoy, such as fitness, game-night or cooking together. For information, email to pwoc.shape@gmail.com.

18 January

- **Page Turners Book Discussion Group** - Meets at 5:30 p.m. to discuss "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain. Registration is not required and there is no fee for this program. For more information, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian at 065-44-5631, e-mail at library@eur.army.mil or stop by during regular hours.

18 and 25 January

- **Love Languages** - The Family Advocacy Program is offering free communications classes using Gary Chapman's "The 5 Love Languages" from noon to 12:45 p.m. at the ACS first floor training room in Bldg. 318, SHAPE. Bring your lunch to enjoy. For more information, call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

Culture College 101

Learn about Belgian culture | Learn about the community
 Sample traditional Belgian cuisine | Travel to a historic Belgian city
 Learn how to use local transportation | Tour a Belgian hospital

January 9-10
 February 13-14
 March 12-13
 April 16-17
 May 21-22

For more information or to register, contact
 Army Community Service
 CIV 065.445324
 DSN 423-5324

Childcare provided subject to availability.
 Pre-registration with CSS is required.

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AT USAG BRUSSELS

- **Taco Night** is back at the 3-Star Recreation Center on USAG Brussels. Join us Thursday, starting at 5:30 p.m. Prices are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children 10 years and under. Children 2 and under eat for free. For more information contact the 3-Star Recreation Center at 02-717-9822 or DSN 368-9822.
- **Movie Night** - Before you plan a trip to the movie theater, check out the listing of free first run movies being shown at the 3-Star Recreation Center. Movies are shown on Thursday and Friday evening beginning at 6 p.m. For more information contact the 3-Star Recreation Center at 02-717-9822 or DSN 368-9822.

CYSS

Upcoming CYSS winter youth sports are:

- **Start Smart Basketball** for ages 3-5. Cost is \$40. Season Jan. 24 - Mar. 1 (20 spaces available)

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

FITNESS CLASSES

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

- **Big Will's Body Shop** - Sessions are from 1 to 2 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- **Spin Class** - Every Monday and Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., every Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m.
- **Yoga** - Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m.
- **Yoga-Flo** - Every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m.
- **Zumba** - Every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Body in Motion** - Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- **Zumba Toning** - Every Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon and every Monday and Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

BRUSSELS HEALTH & DENTAL CLINIC

The Brussels Health Clinic will be closed at noon for patient care and see acute care only on Dec. 23 due to a training holiday.

The Brussels Health Clinic will be closed for patient care on Dec. 26 due to a holiday.

The Brussels Health Clinic will be closed at noon for patient care and see patients by appointment from Dec. 27 to Dec. 29.

The Brussels Health Clinic will be closed at noon for patient care and see acute care only on Dec. 30 due to a training holiday.

The Brussels Health Clinic will be closed for patient care on Jan. 2 due to a holiday.

On the training holiday the following applies: Acute care only due to minimal staffing and limited services.

There will be pharmacy services.

The Brussels Dental Clinic will operate on half days (a.m.) from Dec. 19-29. The clinic's sick call coverage schedule is from Dec. 19-29 due to the holidays. There will be no doctor on Dec. 20 and Jan. 3, 4.

- The Sick Call will be as advertized 8 to 9 a.m. If there is no Sick Call patients after 10 a.m., the Dental Clinic will not have a doctor available for the rest of the day.
- The Brussels Dental Clinic will be closed Dec, 23, 26, 30 and Jan. 2 due to the training holidays.

If you are in need of medical or dental care on days the clinic is closed or after the sick call hours:

- For routine care visit SHAPE Health Facility (at SHAPE) 065-44.5886 (DSN 423-5886)
- For appointment only dental care:

Universitaire Ziekenhuizen Sint Rafael - Dental Clinic (Tandheelkunde) Kapucijnenvoer 33, 3000 Leuven. Tel: 016-332480 or 016-332477

For Urgent Care call THE TOLL-FREE NURSE ADVISE LINE AT 0800-80149 AND/OR THE INTERNATIONAL SOS EMERGENCY LINE AT 0800-80806 (toll-free number for Belgium).

For medical emergencies which are life, limb or eyesight may CALL 100 or 112. The emergency room we use for urgent and if possible emergency care is:

Universitaire Ziekenhuizen Emergency Leuven Herestraat 49, 3000 Leuven
Phone: 016 34 39 00

During weekends or after hours, the on call Patient Liaison can be contacted through the MP desk at 02-717-9769 for non-medical advice.

Always contact your MTF the next working day after you have been to the ER or when you are admitted to the Hospital.