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Published for members of the SHAPE/Chièvres, Brussels and Schinnen communities

Schinnen Shoppette

The Shoppette will have special hours of operation on Columbus Day, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular shopping hours will resume Oct. 9.

Brussels IACS office

Brussels IACS office will be closed Oct. 4, 5 and 8. For more information call IACS office at DSN 368-9835 or civilian 02-717-9835.

Railway strike

Railway trade unions have decided on a 24 hour rail strike throughout Belgium. The strike will start at 10 p.m., Oct. 2 and last until 10 p.m., Oct. 3. Because of this strike, traffic on the Belgian roads will be increased.

Bicycle race

The bicycle race "Binche-Tournai-Binche" will be going through the Mons/Chièvres area, Oct. 2. The race will be coming on N56 from Mons to Jurbise, Lens, Brugelette and Chièvres. It will then pass Caserne Daumerie and head to Ladeuze and Grosage. The expected time of arrival at Chièvres is between 12:50 and 1:10 p.m. Drivers may be asked to stop for a short period of time to let the racers go by.

AFCU

AFCU Branches will be closed October 8 for Columbus Day. Normal business hours will resume October 9.

USAG Benelux-Brussels Info Fair



Donovan Abrassart

David Pitts, USAG Benelux-Brussels Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security gives documentation to a visitor at the info fair, Thursday, September 27, 2012.

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By Rita Hoefnagels

USAG Benelux-Schinnen Public Affairs



(Top picture) Chaplain (Maj.) Philip Smiley, Sgt. Leslie Rainey, Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, Kimberly Wayland, USAG Benelux-Schinnen Deputy Garrison Manager and Sgt. 1st Class Barbara Balcom, Military Police, in front of the new entrance in the quarry of the Netherlands Cement Factory. (Picture right) Kimberly Wayland, USAG Benelux-Schinnen Deputy Garrison Manager signs her name on the Marlstone wall of the cave. (U.S.Army photos by Rita Hoefnagels)



A delegation from USAG Benelux-Schinnen was present September 28 at the opening of the new entrance to the Schark Caves near Maastricht, the Netherlands, where on Christmas Eve 1944, about 300 American Soldiers attended a Christmas Eve Mass. After the Mass they all signed their names with charcoal on the wall of the cave.

Soon after they all left to fight the enemy in the Ardennes during the Battle of the Bulge. Many of them never returned. Since then a Christmas Eve Mass is held in the cave to commemorate the brave young men who gave their life for the freedom of Europe.

Present at the opening was the Governor Theo Bovens, Governor of Limburg, and Maj. Gen. Joseph Reynes, Jr., the U.S. Senior Representative to the Netherlands as well as Kimberly Wayland, USAG Benelux-Schinnen Deputy Garrison Manager.

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Taking action saves energy, saves money

Special to the Gazette



Electricity and water meters have been installed on individual facilities at Chièvres Air Base and Caserne Daumerie to monitor individual facility energy consumption.

October is Energy Awareness Month. However, there has been a shift toward action instead of just awareness. While we must be aware of energy solutions, we need to accelerate the use of renewable sources and energy efficiency innovations, according to Timothy D. Unruh, Federal Energy Management Program manager.

This year's theme is Think Globally, Lead Locally.

You don't have to look far to find how taking action reduces energy consumption, or to find new energy efficient innovations being put into practice.

Currently in the Benelux, family housing is individually metered and as of last year families are being informed of their annual energy consumption, according to Melanie Chaballe, USAG Benelux Energy Manager.

Meters were also installed on individual facilities at Chièvres Air Base and Caserne Daumerie to monitor individual facility use of electricity and water, Chaballe said. This year, electric meters will be installed on all major facilities that are not currently monitored.

Metering is important because changes in consumption can indicate possible water leaks and energy waste, or define which facilities should be selected for new energy savings projects, Chaballe said.

In addition to metering electricity and water, Caserne Daumerie is transitioning from fuel to natural gas with an improved heating control system. The garrison expects a 20% savings in energy consumption, she says.

To date USAG Benelux efforts have been met with success and the water and electricity usage reduction goals have been exceeded, but we still need to stay on top of consumption and continue to reduce our usage, she said.

Other projects the community will notice is improved insulation and more energy efficient lighting in the Community Recreation Center.

Chaballe said it isn't just official projects that save energy. "All community members can help save energy at their own level by doing simple daily things like turning off all the lights that are not needed, switching off and unplugging appliances, chargers and transformers, turning down the heat during the night and when no one is in," Chaballe said.

"It's hard to give an actual percentage of how much each consumer can contribute to energy savings, but with every effort we get closer to meeting next year's goal and possibly continuing to exceed annual energy

usage reductions," she added.

If you notice water leaks, technical energy-related deficiencies or have a suggestion to save energy or water, please contact the Energy Manager at DSN 361-5186.

CFC kick-off USAG Benelux



Petty Officer 1st Class Socorro Smithduenas, Staff Sgt. Janice Thomason, Command Sgt. Maj. Romeo Montez III and Pfc. 1st Class Chris Humphrey cut the cake at the Combined Federal Campaign kick-off Thursday, September 27, 2012 at the Chièvres PX. The combined Federal Campaign runs through Nov. 16. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Mahmud-Bey at DSN 423-5263 or civilian 065-44-5263.

TRICARE users have new options for Host Nation referrals

Special to the Gazette

TRICARE users now have two options for receiving authorizations and medical documentation if they need to be seen by a Host Nation health care provider.

International SOS, the TRICARE service provider for Europe, sends referral authorizations to the health facility and the designated Host Nation Provider within three business days of request and before the patient's appointment. Those who prefer to pick up their authorizations from their local TRICARE Service Center (TSC) should wait at least three business days after the referral is made, said Michelle Jones, ERMC's TRICARE contract liaison officer.

"Although beneficiaries are not required to hand-carry referral authorizations to their host nation provider, they are encouraged to do so" Jones said. "They will still need to hand-carry their medical documentation."

TSCs should offer beneficiaries two options for receiving authorizations and medical documentation:

- Beneficiaries may receive their authorization and medical documentation via email from the TSC or
- Beneficiaries may stop by the TSC to pick up their authorization and medical documentation.

Beneficiaries still have three choices for making appointments:

- Beneficiaries may book their own appointment.
- Beneficiaries may call the TOP Regional Call Center to request assistance in booking their appointment.
- Army health facility TSCs may book appointments for beneficiaries.

Beneficiaries who have questions about the referral and/or emailing process should contact their local health facility TRICARE Service Center.

TRICARE Access to Care standards require that appointments for TRICARE Prime beneficiaries be made according to these guidelines:

- Acute care: 24 hours
- Routine care: 7 days
- Wellness : 28 days
- Specialty: 28 days
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Stateside Care

There are special procedures that beneficiaries need to be aware of when traveling back to the United States.

"The TRICARE Overseas Program web site explains the process of TOP enrolled beneficiaries seeking care state-

side," said Jones. "As a reminder, emergent care never requires an authorization, but all urgent care requires an authorization. If you are stateside and require urgent care please contact International SOS or your local TRICARE Service Center for assistance."

Stateside routine care authorizations are rare and only authorized with prior justification from the patient's Primary Care Manager and with health care coordination, Jones added.

The TRICARE Overseas Program web site also offers information for all TRICARE beneficiaries, such as contact numbers for claims and customer service. The TRICARE Overseas Beneficiary Handbook and other literature may also be downloaded from the site, Jones said.

Enrollment Cards Required

At host nation provider appointments, TRICARE Overseas Prime beneficiaries should present their TRICARE Prime Overseas Program Enrollment Card. Enrollment card examples can be viewed at www.tricare-overseas.com/Provider01_b02.htm. In addition to referral authorizations that will be sent directly to the host nation provider by International SOS, the enrollment card validates that the bearer is the TRICARE Prime beneficiary for whom the referral authorization was written. Each family member enrolled in TRICARE Overseas Prime should have a card. Beneficiaries who did not receive a card or need a replacement card should contact the TRICARE Overseas Program Regional Call Center and press option 4.

Toll-free contact numbers are:

- Germany, 0800-589-1599
- Italy, 800-915-994
- Belgium, 0800-811-18

"Army health facility TRICARE Service Centers will continue to provide Host Nation Patient Liaison services, healthcare finders, beneficiary counseling and assistance, and debt collection assistance" Jones said.

She encourages all beneficiaries to visit www.tricare.mil for plan and benefit information. Beneficiaries can access country-specific toll free contact numbers and a useful "Find-A-Provider" search tool at the TOP Web site at www.tricare-overseas.com. Forms and links to other TRICARE overseas programs are also available at that site.

Releases are also available online at <http://ermc.amedd.army.mil/Media/Releases.html>.

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What is your fire plan ?

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire that occurred October 8-9, 1871. The two day blaze killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 more homeless, and destroyed more than 17,000 buildings. That tragedy inspired reform across America, spurring new fire safety codes and public awareness campaigns. Each October, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) serves as the official sponsor of a United States nationwide fire prevention campaign to highlight the importance of fire safety education. This year's theme focuses on home fire escape planning and having two ways out of every room. If the first way out is blocked, it is important to have a backup escape route to help make sure everyone gets out safely.

Plan ahead

Make your home escape-ready so your family can leave quickly and safely if fire strikes.

- Install smoke detectors to provide early warning if fire strikes.
- Make sure there are no items blocking doors and windows you plan to use as escape routes.
- Check to see that doors and windows can be unlocked and opened easily.
- Make sure children understand what to do.
- Make sure all family members know where an agreed assembly point is.

Smoke detectors

- Test your smoke detectors a least once a month.
- Replace batteries at least once a year or when an alarm chirps, warning the battery is low.
- Replace smoke detectors when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don't respond properly.
- Keep smoke detectors dust free.

Don't underestimate how quickly a small fire can develop. A fire in a living room can cause the room temperature to reach up to 500 degrees F (260 Celsius) in three minutes. The smoke and gases generated by the fire will obscure visibility and make it impossible to breath. A minute can make a big difference.

Have two ways out

For more information you can go the the NFPA website: www.fpw.org or call your community Garrison Fire Prevention Office at Chièvres DSN 361-5401/Schinnen DSN 360-7230.



Info Fair I Continued

By Donovan Abrassart
USAG Benelux Public Affairs

The U.S. community in Brussels held its annual info fair Sept. 27. This event brings together several facilities and services offered to the community members by U.S. and host nation agencies. The info fair is an opportunity for newcomers and expats to get all they need or

Howard Gutman, was present at the info fair and toured all the booths to meet the employees, volunteers and vendors and thank them for their presence. "It's a very important event for us. The ability of newcomers and the ability of expats and people here to un-



want to know, from leisure to job opportunities for family members, to children education and entertainment, to worship, everything is within reach on one single spot.

"It makes it easy to find a lot of information from a lot of different organizations and agencies all on one place, bringing everybody together on the same day in the same facility otherwise I probably wouldn't have the time to go around and to find these things individually," said Lt. Col. Mark Walters, NATO International Military Staff, who has been in Belgium for nearly a month. "These offices are very energetic in helping you and getting information out," Walters added. The U.S. ambassador to Belgium,

derstand Belgium, understand the resources the U.S. government has, understand our partners and our colleagues is critical and we try to ease everybody's adjustment to Belgium," Gutman said. Talking about the event, Maj. Patricia Kast, USAG Benelux-Brussels Director Plans, Training, Mobilization and security, said "it has a huge impact. People from the community are very happy about it, because they can get a lot of information."

Visitors of the info fair stop by the various booths to get information, Thursday, September 27, 2012. (U.S. Army photos by Donovan Abrassart)

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Chièvres kennel

Effective Oct. 1, the daily boarding fees at the Chièvres Kennel will change. The new fees will be: \$18 for one dog, \$14 for one cat, \$5 each additional cat or dog in the same kennel, \$4 a day small pet (gerbil, hamster, guinea pig, ferret, rabbit, bird), and \$1 each additional small pet in the same cage.

Education

University of Maryland University College Europe (UMUC Europe) early registration for Fall 2012 Session 2 is open, with online and on-site courses starting on Oct. 22. Students can plan ahead and view the hundreds of classes available on our online schedule at <http://webapps.umuc.edu/soc/europe.cfm>.

Andrews Federal Credit Union

Andrews Federal Credit Union is looking for individuals who want to advance their careers with a progressive full-service local financial institution.

Andrews Federal offers a full-range of financial and lending services for its members. European branches are located in Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany.

Brussels Branch, Belgium

Senior Teller (Full-Time) / Teller (Full-Time) / Member Service Representative (Part-Time)

Schinnen Branch, the Netherlands

Branch Manager (Full-Time) / Member Services Representatives (Full-Time)

Chièvres Branch, Belgium

Two Teller positions (Full-Time)

Chièvres Air Base and Benelux Region

Member Services Representative/Teller Floater (Full-Time)

To apply online, visit andrewsfcu.org. All applicants must have a U.S. Passport with logistical support.

Charity clothing donations

To donate "out of season" clothing that can go directly into Tommy Temple's Charity garage on SHAPE, you can sign out the public key at the SHAPE Chapel, UK Chapel office, Monday through Friday mornings, or call 065-44-5693 or email the IC3 at shape.ic3@gmail.com to arrange a "garage door" meeting at another time during the work week.

CYSS

Schinnen CYSS

CYSS is looking for volunteer coaches for tennis, rock climbing, skateboarding, swimming, skiing/snowboarding, archery. For information call DSN 364-4195 or civilian 0031(0)45-526-4195.

Brussels CYSS

Brussels CYSS is looking for volunteer coaches for baseball,

basketball, cheerleading, flag football, soccer and wrestling. If you are interested, call Youth Sports & Fitness at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651

SHAPE/Chièvres CYSS

- SHAPE/Chièvres CYSS is looking for volunteer coaches for racquetball, cross country and table tennis. If you are interested, call Youth Sports & Fitness at DSN 423-6143 or civilian 065-44-6143.
- Paid Internships with CYSS and Fitness are available. You must meet the following criteria to be eligible:
 - Be a U.S. citizen between 15 and 18 years old.
 - Be currently attending high school.
 - Currently possess and maintain a 2.0 (C) grade-point average or better.
 - Be subject to the satisfactory completion of local police background check in accordance to Army Regulation (AR) 215-3.

If you are interested call DSN 423-5611 or civilian 065-44-5611.

SKIES Unlimited

Session II for piano, ballet, gymnastics, French, Karate, Tae Kwon Do, and Swim classes will run from Nov. 5 through Jan. 18. Re-registrations are from Oct. 1 to 12 and new registrations from Oct. 15 to 26. For more information, contact Parent Central Services at DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

Trunk or treat

Brussels - If you are interested in setting up a trunk at the USAG Benelux-Brussels to be held Oct. 26, you can register at the USAG Benelux-Brussels Consignment Shop open Tuesdays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Chièvres - If you are interested in setting up a trunk at the Chièvres Air Base Trunk or Treat to be held Oct. 31, you can register at the Chièvres Fitness Center or FMWR Chièvres facebook or by calling DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-27-5643.

Schinnen - If you want to reserve your spot on the Trunk or Treat trail to be held Oct. 31 at Schinnen, stop by the Schinnen Fitness Center or call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031(0)46-443-7561.

Winter Driving Training

Mandatory training Oct. 11 for all Government Driver's Licenses holders IAW AE Reg 385-55. Sessions will be held at Daumerie Caserne, Bldg. 30 in the Auditorium at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. respectively for English and French classes. Other English or French sessions are also available upon request every Wednesday at SHAPE, Bldg. 220, room 113 at 9:30 a.m. You must bring your Government driver's license. Register in advance by calling DSN at 366-6175/6543.



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Belgian World Champion Cycling

Philippe Gilbert took gold at the World Cycling Championships in Valkenburg, the Netherlands. Tom Boonen, the other Belgian favorite came 12th. In windy but dry weather conditions, Philippe Gilbert came 5 seconds ahead of Evald Boasson Hagen of Norway, who took silver, beating Spain's Alejandro Valverde who took bronze.

Future of the Netherlands

Seven out of ten people in the Netherlands are pessimistic about the future, the highest figure recorded since 2008. At the same time, half of the population thinks the economy will not get any worse. Just four out of ten think politicians are doing a good enough job.

Gent wants checks at Dutch nuclear reactor

The Dutch authorities have turned down a request by the city of Gent (East Flanders) to shut down the nuclear power station at Borssele, the Netherlands. The Borssele plant is only 40 km away from Gent and the city authorities wanted the Dutch to close the reactor at Borssele to allow safety checks to be carried out. The reactor at the Dutch plant was built using the same method as at Doel 3 (East Flanders) and Tihange (Liège province). Cracks were discovered in the reactor tanks at Doel and Tihange during routine safety checks last month. The Dutch economy ministry says that there is no reason to act on the city of Gent's request.

Heineken to take over Tiger Beer

Heineken has been given the green light to take over Asia Pacific Breweries (APB), ending a takeover battle of several months with Thai Beverage. APB brews beer in 14 countries including China. The takeover will give Heineken a strong base in the region, where beer consumption is growing steadily. This is Heineken's third major takeover under the current chief executive. In 2010, it took over Mexico's Femsa and two years ago, Heineken and Denmark's Carlsberg took over British brewer Scottish & Newcastle.

Belgium's dirtiest cities

The Belgian consumers' organization "Test Achat" has been checking on 40 different cities in Belgium, paying attention to how clean the streets were, whether public waste bins had been emptied and whether any waste was dumped illegally. The results were compared to a report compiled eight years ago in exactly the same cities and municipalities. One in three cities had better results, only one in ten obtained a worse score. In general, three in four locations have received a good score this time. Three cities even had the maximum score: Oostende (West Flanders), Sint-Lambrechts-Woluwe (Brussels) and Sint-Truiden (Limburg). Another positive thing is a growing awareness for the problem, both among the public at large and at the government

level. Bottom-of-the-list are Anderlecht (Brussels), the city of Brussels and Herstal (Liège).

Dutch unemployment rate

The Dutch jobless total may have risen this year but it still remains the second lowest in Europe. Calculated according to international definitions, 5.3% of the Dutch working population was officially unemployed in July. Austria has the lowest unemployment rate at 4.5% and Luxembourg, Germany and Malta also have jobless rates which are well below 6%.

Belgian speeding fines

Dutch drivers who are caught speeding in Belgium will no longer be fined because the new system Belgium uses to trace motorists has not been approved by the Netherlands. Belgium has introduced a new number plate recognition system which allows the police to trace addresses and mail fines more easily. Since this system has not yet been approved by the Dutch government, Belgium must go through the traditional channels to try to get fines paid. Belgium hopes to have a treaty with the Netherlands by the end of the year.

Dutch budget restraints

Having said earlier that as of Oct. 1, road maintenance will only be carried out during the day and early evening, the transport ministry department now says it will be turning off street lighting on roads outside the cities. Busy roads such as motorways will be unlit between 11 p.m. hours and 5 a.m. The lights along quieter roads will go out at 9 p.m. hours. Exceptions are stretches of road with sharp bends or short access roads and tunnels, the ministry said.

Prince Friso of the Netherlands

Prince Friso, who has been in a coma for seven months following a skiing accident, turned 44. Queen Beatrix' second son is being cared for in the Wellington hospital in London. He has severe brain damage after spending at least 25 minutes under snow following an avalanche in the Austrian resort of Lech in February. In early March, he was flown by air ambulance to London, where he lives with his wife Mabel and two daughters.

Tons of dead fish in the Schelde river

So far, three tons of dead fish have been taken from the Schelde in West and East Flanders, in the area of Avelgem and Oudenaarde. The fish died because of a lack of oxygen, which is due to pollution probably released in the Schelde in Wallonia. Further downstream, locks have been closed just before Gent in order to stop the pollution from spreading further. In Avelgem, the Civil Protection unit tried to bring more oxygen in the water.



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

4 October

- **Late Openings (from 5 to 10 p.m.) of the following Brussels museums:** Cauchie House, Museum of Costume and Lace, Museum of letters and manuscripts, Royal Museums of Art and History, Schaerbeek Museum of Beer, Van Buuren Museum and gardens. For more information and directions, check www.brusselmuseumsnocturnes.be.

5-7 October

- **Plant and garden festival at the Cistercian abbey of Aywiers**, Rue de l'Abbaye 14 in Lasne. Some 180 garden professionals coming from Belgium and abroad will be giving you gardening advice and suggestions. Also present are landscape architects and artists. Open Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €8 per person or €10 for the weekend. Free of charge for children up to 14 years.

6 October

- **Flea market and annual sales in Woluwe Saint Lambert** (300 booths) at Quartier Montgomery Gribaumont from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Pumpkin fest in Mons** in the pedestrian area from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a pumpkin market, sale of less known vegetables, vegetable sculptures, soup tasting and more.

6-7 October

- **Annual sales and flea market in Laeken** (800 booths) on Avenue Houba de Strooper from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Glass fair in Lasne** (70 booths) at the Sports Center on Route d'Ohain from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Glasses and antique crystal will be for sale. Entrance is €6.



Plant and garden festival in Aywiers, October 5-7

7 October

- **Flea market (600 booths) in Neufmaison** on the square and neighboring streets from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market and arts & crafts in Soignies** at Parc Pater from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.



This column includes events within close distance from Brunssum and Schinnen.

2 October

- **Polish Pottery Sale held at Club 13 on Joint Forces Command in Brunssum** from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Open to all US and NATO ID card holders.

2-3 October

- **Relief of Leyden Festivities in the center of Leiden** is a festive remembrance of the city's relief from the Spanish siege in 1574. The program includes a parade, traditional food, fireworks, a tattoo and lots more.

3 October

- **Harvest Fest** in the historic center of Burgsteinfurt (GE).

5-7 October

- **The Pasar Malam Asia in Maastricht** is an indoor Oriental Fair with Asian products, culinary delicacies, music, lifestyle, fashion, demonstrations, shows, songs, dance and lots more held at MECC. Open: Oct. 5, 1 to 10 p.m.; Oct. 6, 1 to 11 p.m. and Oct. 7, noon to 8 p.m. Entry: €7.50; children (4-11 year) €4.
- **Lifestyle Fair in Vught on Boslaan 491** has a unique offer of all kinds of things for a nice lifestyle. Open: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €9.50; children 11 and younger – free entrance.

7 October

- **Damme Culinary in the center of Damme (BE)** is a culinary market held on Market Square. Open: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Apple Festival in Modave (BE)** at Castle Modave on Rue du Parc. You can discover all its aspects. The program includes pressing workshops and cooking with apples, clipping demonstrations and lots more.
- **Fruit Day in Oud-Zuilen** held in the park and at the beautiful castle Zuylen, Toernooiveld 1. Visitors will find a large offer of all kinds of biological delicatessen, old Dutch apples and pears, flowers, books, jewelry, gifts, decorations and lots more. Open: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €4; children 15 and younger - €1.
- **Falconry & Country Fair in Overpelt (BE)** around Wedelse Molen (Mill) on Breugelweg 250 with shows, stands, demonstrations and lots more. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €6.
- **Large Art Market in the center of Wijk bij Duurstede** with more than 180 stands held along the Castle Wall; in the Castel Park; Museum Garden; Grote Kerk; at Market Square and at Mazijk. Open: noon to 5 p.m.



7 October continued

- **Flea market and arts & crafts in Soignies** at Parc Pater from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Vilvoorde** (50 booths) on Grote Markt from 8 a.m. to noon.
- **Volksmarch in Elouges** for 5, 10, 21 or 30 km. Departure is from the school on Rue Charles Wantier from 8 to 11 a.m. for the 30 km route and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the other routes.
- **Volksmarch in Herchies** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from Rue Valère Letot 16, near the Herchies soccer field from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Jogging in Ghlin** for 10 km. Departure is from "Café du Mouligneau" on Rue du Mouligneau, next to the Chapel from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ronquières** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the former train station on Rue Jules Dekeyn 29 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Pumpkin Fest in Mons, October 6



8 October

- **Relief of Alkmaar.** Festivities marking the liberation of Alkmaar from the Spaniards in 1573 include demonstrations, fair, games, parades, fire works and lots more. Location: center of Alkmaar. Entrance is free

9-10 October

- **Fantasy Jewelry Fair in Wilrijk (BE)** held on Eg-lantierlaan 106-108. Entry is free. Open: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Ongoing Events & Happenings

Through 7 October

- **Floriade 2012 in Venlo** - 'World Horticultural 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.
- **Beethoven Festival in Bonn (GE).** This annual festival is internationally renowned. More than 60 concerts and performances can be seen at 25 different locations in Bonn. For info: www.beethovenfest.de.



Through 20 October

- **The Golden Age of China - Treasures from the Tang Dynasty Exhibition** at the Minderbroederskerk on Boomgaardstraat 10 in Maaseik (BE). 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.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Luxembourg with Trier, October 6** - Tour begins with a special visit to 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". Next is a visit to Luxembourg city with its famous fortress walls, the 23 km of hidden tunnels built under the city, museums. Price is €65. Departs Brussels at 6 a.m., departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. Returns SHAPE at 11 p.m., returns Brussels at 0:30 a.m.
- **London, October 13** - A day of free time in the city of endless attractions: Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, and more. Price is €70. Departs Brussels at 4:30 a.m., departs SHAPE at 5:30 a.m. Returns SHAPE at 2 a.m. and returns Brussels at 3 a.m.
- **Amsterdam with Hermitage tour, October 20** - A unique Amsterdam adventure with the option to tour the Hermitage Amsterdam Exhibit. The exhibit will showcase the world famous Impressionist paintings from the vast collection of the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg or spend a leisure day in Amsterdam and visit the various museums, the Anne Frank house or stroll through the winding canal lined streets. Prices are €50 per person (without Hermitage). Prices are €70 adult with Hermitage, €50 Child*(0-16) with Hermitage. Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m., departs Brussels at 7:30 a.m. Returns Brussels at 11 p.m., returns SHAPE at midnight.



Trier, October 6

Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

- **No trips planned at the moment**

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.

- **Blegny Mines, October 11** - Visit a heritage site of Belgian industrial history at a genuine coalmine in Blegny, near Liège. We put on mining helmets and take a mining cage down into the pit for a tour in English about the "black rock," mining equipment, and working life in the "black hole." Next we will enjoy lunch in the mine restaurant which is included in the price. Finally, a 45-minute train ride through the Basse-Meuse countryside with an overview of the mine. Price is €40.
- **Bonn and Birkenstock, October 16** - Visit the Birkenstock Factory Outlet in Bad Honnef, just outside Bonn. Then you have six hours to tour the city of Beethoven. Stroll along the Rhine to discover the "Path of Democracy", follow the self-guided tour to walk in Beethoven's footsteps, explore the Museum Mile with several museums to choose from, have a "Rheinish" lunch and enjoy the many coffee shops and unlimited shopping opportunities in this former German capital city. Price is €50.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

October 2

- **Motorcycle Safety Ride** - from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Group riders meet at 10 a.m. at the North Parking Lot Schinnen and after safety brief move on to Simmerath (lunch is pay on your own), onto Rur See (Germany) and then to Henri Chapelle American Cemetery (Belgium) and back to Schinnen. For information and registration, email nino.antonacci.ln@mail.mil and huub.melchers.ln@mail.mil. This event is free and open to the first 12 Soldiers who sign up, with space available for others.

October 5

- **CDC/SAS Parents' Night Out** - Enjoy a night out while CYSS takes care of your children from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. A light dinner will be served. Care is \$20 per child with each additional sibling at \$18. AFC benefits can be used. Care is located at JFC Brunssum Bldg. H-501. To sign-up contact 0031(0)45-526-3121 or stop by to make your reservation. Open to CYSS Registered Children Infant-6th Grade. Fees are non-refundable. Call 31(0)45-526-3008 for details.

October 11-12

- **Army Family Team Building Level I Training** - Open to all the services, active duty, military families and civilians will learn about the military lifestyle and how to maneuver successfully through its challenges. Classes are 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Schinnen ACS. For information or to register call 0031(0)46-443-7482.

October 12

- **Hispanic Pot Luck Sampler and Chili Cook Off** - From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Schinnen Community Activity Center. To reserve your table for chili or a special dish, call 31(0)46-443-7533/7226.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

October 3

- **Healthy Lunch** at the 3-Star Community Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

October 4

- **Taco & Trivia Night** at the 3-Star Community Club starting at 5:30 p.m.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Through 6 October

- **Banned Books Week** - 30th anniversary of the annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of free and open access to information. Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of freedom of expression while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted removals of books from schools and libraries across the world. Stop by the SHAPE International Library during Banned Books Week to see a display of banned and challenged books. Then, celebrate your freedom to read by checking out a book. For more information contact the SHAPE International Library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian at 065-44-5631 or by email at shape.library@eur.army.mil.

5 October

- **Hispanic American Heritage Observance** will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at the SHAPE Events Center. For information, call DSN 423-4403, civilian 065-44-4403 or DSN 361-5235, civilian 068-27-5235.
- **Texas Hold'em** at the Warrior Zone, Caserne Daumerie. Registration from 5 to 5:45 p.m. First deal at 6 p.m. Entry is \$50. For more information and to register call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-27-5643.

Army Digital Photography Contest
 2012
 Submission Dates: 15 October - 30 November 2012
 Calling all uber-creative photographers to submit entries to the Army Digital Photography Contest!
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