

THE GAZETTE

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

Local BE basketball club is looking for coach

The basketball club "JSE Enghien" is looking for U.S. basketball coaches for its kids/teens/juniors and seniors teams for the season 2012-2013. If you are interested, call 0485-03-2999.

CYSS Golf at SHAPE

Registration for the Golf Clinic is open until filled for ages 10 to 18. Fee is \$35 per mini session. First session is June 5-28, second session is July 3-26 and third session is August 2-28 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

Softball at USAG Brussels

USAG Brussels Sports and Fitness Center is now accepting team rosters for its 2012 Adult Intramural Softball League. The season begins May 30. To sign your team up contact the USAG Brussels Fitness Center at DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-717-9667.

Paid internships with CYSS

If you like sports and want to learn how to manage a Youth Sports Program, you may be interested in a paid internship with CYSS Sports & Fitness. Among other criteria, you must be a U.S. citizen between 15 and 18 years old and currently attend high school. For further conditions, call DSN 423-5611 or civilian 068-44-5611.

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Judge Advocate General visits the Benelux



Keith Houlin

Maj. Gen. Clyde J. "Butch" Tate II, Deputy Judge Advocate General of the United States Army met with the staff of the Northern Law Center and The Netherlands Law Center Friday, May 18, 2012 at SHAPE. The general and his staff discussed current affairs and the future of the JAG Corps. During the visit he recognized Staff Sgt. Timothy Beckwith and Marianne Schoojans of the Northern Law Center and Jarin Nijhof, The Netherlands Law Center, for outstanding service.

Memorial Day message

By Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling
U.S. Army Europe Commanding General

This Memorial Day, I have the great honor of speaking at several European cemeteries. Throughout history, brave men and women have fought across this continent for causes much greater than themselves. There are many places on the continent where these selfless Soldiers rest.

While some Armies brought oppression, others fought against tyranny. When I visit American cemeteries, I am reminded that our Soldiers have always fought for liberty, and to free others from oppression...the only land we seek to retain is that land where we bury our dead.

One of the places I will be speaking this year is the Margraten American Cemetery, near Maastricht, Netherlands... not far from where Soldiers of US Army Europe serve today.

During the bloody winter of 1944, as air raid alarms howled through Maastricht, 300 American service members, along with their Dutch brothers, gathered in the darkness of the De Schark Cave for Christmas Eve Mass. A grotto carved out from sandstone by the brothers of the Beyart Monastery, the De Schark Cave offered a refuge from the perilous bombs and the chilling rain both falling from the sky that night.

As Father Dobrzinski led the mass, the candles illuminated the faces of the Soldiers, who for a fleeting moment felt the warmth of hope and the harbor of peace. Still, the casting shadows foretold a different mood, for the Soldiers were aware of the imminent danger to come.

In the coming hours, these very Soldiers would march forward to reinforce Bastogne, were many would give their lives during the Battle of the Bulge.

At the conclusion of the Christmas Eve mass, each Soldier inscribed his name on the cave wall; those names are still visible today. These Soldiers all continue to live – frozen in time, still young men in their prime – even though they served and sacrificed over 70 years ago.



Marie-Lise Baneton

On this and every Memorial Day, we must remember those who have fought on for the elimination of tyranny and oppression. We must remember them as young men and women, who did their duty and contributed to something bigger than themselves. These are our brothers, our sisters, and our loved ones, and they remain forever young.

A tombstone I saw recently paraphrased Shakespeare, and used the inscription: “At the rising of the sun, and in the evening, we will remember them.” That speaks to what we all must do, everyday of the year, but especially on this Memorial Day.

I am proud of our Soldiers in U.S. Army Europe, and I am proud to serve alongside you.

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Honoring the Fallen

Memorial Day ceremonies in the Benelux

Saturday, May 26 at 10 a.m., Ardennes American Cemetery in Neuville-en-Condroz (BE), final resting place of 5,328 American service members killed throughout Europe during WWII. Three-fifths of all the burials are airmen who were shot down from the skies above Europe. Among the graves are 11 instances in which two brothers are buried side-by-side.

Saturday, May 26 at 4 p.m., Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Aubel (BE), final resting place of 7,992 U.S. Soldiers and Airmen who died in the advance of the American Armed Forces into Germany in 1944-1945. Among the graves are 38 instances of two brothers lying side-by-side and one instance of three brothers buried side-by-side.

Saturday, May 26 at 2 p.m., Luxembourg American Cemetery in Luxembourg, the last resting place of 5,076 American service members who lost their lives in the Battle of the Bulge and in the advance to the Rhine River. It is also the last resting place of General George S. Patton.

Sunday, May 27 at 3 p.m., Flanders Field American Cemetery in Waregem (BE), final resting place of 368 American servicemen who fought in Belgium during World War I. This cemetery is also the smallest of the American military cemeteries in Europe.

Sunday, May 27 at 3 p.m., the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten (NL), the only American cemetery of its kind in the Netherlands where 8,301 American service members rest.

For directions to any of the above cemeteries, visit www.abmc.gov/cemeteries/cemeteries.php.

Friday, June 1 at 2:30 p.m., Memorial Day ceremony at Bastogne, at the Mardasson. The Ceremony is organized by the City of Bastogne to honor all service

members who gave their lives during WWII, and especially during the Battle of the Bulge.

Besides organizing the Memorial Day cemeteries in Belgium, the American Overseas Memorial Day Association (AOMDA) also hosts small ceremonies at eight isolated graves. These graves are the graves of eight Soldiers and aviators who fought during WWI and WWII and who are buried in local cemeteries in Belgium. For more information on AOMDA, check www.aomda.org.

The schedule of these ceremonies is:

Friday, May 25 at 2:30 p.m., ceremonies at the WWI graves of Pfc. Harry King, Sgt. Stan Beattie, and 1st Lt. James Pigue in the Lijssenthoek Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery near Poperinge, on Boescheepseweg 37, 8970 Poperinge.

Friday, May 25 at 5:30 p.m., ceremony at the grave of 2nd Lt. Gilbert Malrait in the community cemetery of Ronse on Chaussée de Leuze 1-107, 9600 Ronse.

Monday, May 28 at 10 a.m., ceremony at the grave of Staff Sgt. Gerald Sorensen in the community cemetery of Ganshoren, on Avenue du Cimetière 9, 1083 Ganshoren.

Monday, May 28 at 11:30 a.m., ceremony at the grave of 1st Lt. Donald West in the Heverlee Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery near Leuven on Ambachtenlaan 58, 3001 Heverlee.

Monday, May 28 at 3 p.m., ceremony at the grave of Pfc. Joe Farina in the



churchyard cemetery at Comblain la Tour, on Rue du Cimetière 11, Comblain-la-Tour.

Monday, May 28 at 4:30 p.m., ceremony at the grave of 2nd Lt. Robert Garrett in the community cemetery of Queue-du-Bois, on Rue des Papillards 112 (at the crossing with Rue Fond Cochette) Queue-du-Bois, Belgium.

Each ceremony at the isolated graves consists of placing flags and flowers on the graves, playing the American and Belgian national anthems, and a small tribute. It normally lasts for about fifteen minutes. However, sometimes local community involvement can make the event larger and longer. If you are interested in attending one of these ceremonies at the isolated graves, please e-mail: contact@aomda.org.

Have Something for the Gazette?

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EFMP screening key part of assignment process

Special to the Gazette

Service Members who are leaving USAG Benelux for a new assignment could encounter a delay if their Family Members have not completed an Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) screening. An EFMP screening is required anytime a Service Member is seeking an assignment at another OCONUS location, including Hawaii and Alaska, an intra-theater transfer (ITT) or an in-place consecutive overseas tour (IPCOT). Additionally, if a Service Member is requesting command sponsorship, the dependent must have an EFMP screening. Service Members in the Air Force must also have their dependents screened if they are moving to any CONUS assignment. Since the process from approval can take several weeks, Service members need to schedule appointments as soon as they know they will be relocating in order to avoid unnecessary delays. Screenings are valid for one-year.

The screening determines if the Family Member has any special needs which meet certain medical or educational criteria which would warrant enrollment in EFMP. EFMP enrollment can be initiated from the EFMP screening, during any routine medical appointment or as requested by the Service Member or Family Member at any time. Enrollment is also initiated if a dependent child has an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or an Individualized Education Program (IEP). Enrollment is mandatory if the Family Member has a qualifying condition and must be updated every three years or if there is a change in the Family Member's condi-

tion. Enrollments which are out-of-date must be updated before orders will be issued.

Dual-military Service Members must enroll the Family Member under both sponsors. Service Members who have joint custody of a Family Member must enroll the Family Member even if the Family Member does not live with them. Disenrollment is not automatic and should be requested when the Family Member's condition no longer exists or no longer meets the criteria for enrollment, if there is a change in the family situation such as divorce or loss of custody, or if the child is no longer considered a dependent. Service Members who have Family Members needing an EFMP screening should contact their local military healthcare provider.

Members of the Brussels and SHAPE/Chievres community who would like additional information can call the ACS EFMP Coordinator at DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065 -44-5324. Members of the Schinnen community can call DSN 360-7500 or civilian 046-44-7500

It is also possible to make a general inquiry via the USAG Benelux FMWR website.



World No Tobacco Day 2012

Special to the Gazette

Join the World Health Organization's World No Tobacco Day on May 31, and encourage the world to stop using tobacco products.

Tobacco use is one of the leading preventable causes of death. The global tobacco epidemic kills nearly 6 million people each year, of which more than 600,000 are people exposed to second-hand smoke. Unless we act, it will kill up to 8 million people by 2030, of which more than 80% will live in low- and middle-income countries.

If you're ready to quit or you want to talk with someone about what resources are available in the Benelux, call the SHAPE Health Care Facility at 423-5948, or civilian 065-44-5948. We can help you make a plan to quit and to stay tobacco free for the rest of your life. Protect your health the health of your loved ones, quit today.

World Health Organization Tobacco

Free Initiative (TFI)

Quitting tobacco is the best thing that tobacco users can do to protect the health of themselves and others. Tobacco users need to absorb two beliefs to make themselves ready to quit. They are:

- Quitting is important to me and I want to be a non-tobacco user.
- I have a chance of quitting successfully.

Those who are not ready to quit should remember the following facts:

- Tobacco use is dangerous to you and others. It is a major risk factor for many fatal, debilitating and disfiguring diseases. See Smoker's body poster.
- Quitting tobacco is important for good health and provides many benefits. It is never too late to quit.
- Many people have quit successfully. In a growing number of coun-

tries, there are more ex-smokers than smokers and up to three-quarters of ex-smokers have quit without assistance.

- Many smokers find it difficult to quit, but evidence-based supports are available to help them increase the chance to quit successfully.
- Keep in mind that there are many myths and misconceptions about tobacco control in developing countries. Little or no evidence is found to support the use of hypnosis, acupuncture, laser therapy, alternative medicine or cigarette substitutes as treatments for tobacco dependence.
- Those who are willing to quit should talk to their health-care providers, who can help them to find the best way to quit. They can also call their national toll-free quit line, if one exists in their country.

Racing through town



Keith Houin

The Grand-Prix Criquelion bicycle race heads into Brugelette Saturday, May 19, 2012. Bicycle racing is popular in Europe and there are numerous opportunities throughout the season to catch races in your area.

Encouraging active play in May

Special to the Gazette

Since 1983, May has been observed as National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Individuals and organizations across the country have joined in the fun to help promote awareness of the value of physical activity in the pursuit of a happier, healthier, and more productive nation.

National Physical Fitness and Sports Month serves as a great opportunity to encourage physical activity and healthy eating habits, and to highlight the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition's (PCFSN) mission to engage, educate, and empower all Americans across the lifespan to adopt a healthy lifestyle that includes regular physical activity and proper nutrition.

We want everyone to know that being physically active is not only important for one's health, but it is fun and easier than most people think.

One way to make physical activity part of your daily life is to sign up for the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA), which allows people of all ages to receive presidential recognition for being active.

The six-week program is designed to motivate participants to be physically active on a regular basis by allowing them to participate in daily activities they enjoy, like walking the dog, taking a bike ride after dinner with family or friends, or power walking outside with colleagues during lunch.

For information about PCFSN, log on to the President's Challenge to start your physical activity and fitness program.

Join the conversation online and follow the #PCFSN hashtag to stay up-to-date on National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, as well as PCFSN news and updates. www.fitness.gov/npfsn/

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Employment & Education Fair at Brunssum, NL

Looking for a Job? Retiring or separating from the military soon? Thinking about furthering your education? Get answers at the Tri-border Employment & Education Fair, May 23, from 10 a.m. -to 1 p.m., at the JFC Conference Center, Ooverbergstraat 1, Brunssum. Local employers who will be present include The Exchange, Commissary, Andrews Federal Credit Union, Community Bank, DFMWR/Child, Youth and School Services, and others. At least one Government contractor (Northrup Grumman) will also be there recruiting for positions in the U.S. and throughout Europe. Information will be available for positions with MSEP (Military Spouse Employment Partnership) companies like Walmart, Amazon, and others, including working from home opportunities, and other information on hiring veterans will be available.

Representatives from the Education Center, and various universities will be present to discuss degrees offered, upcoming classes, and registration procedures. Experts will be available to answer questions and provide information on the new GI Bill, scholarships, Military Spouse Career Accounts, computer lab, and testing programs. For more information, call ACS at DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31(0) 46-443-7269/7500.

Federal Government Job Course

Join ACS in Bldg. 318 on SHAPE on June 4 from 9 a.m. to noon to get an overview of the process of getting a Federal Government job from start to finish. Learn the 10 steps of applying for a job from a certified trainer. The class includes exploring the different agencies, analyzing job announcements, keywords, knowledge skills and abilities and more. For more information and to register call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

CYSS SHAPE Summer camp

The School Age Center is offers 10 weeks of action packed activities for children ages 6-12. Campers will have the opportunity to join a clubs, engage in rotating activities, and explore a wide range of sessions. Rotating activities include swimming at SHAPE Pool and trips to the SHAPE Library. Outside activities will also be offered daily in combination with individual and team games. Field trips are subject to

change due to availability and weather conditions. Registration is open now. 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://usag-beneluxcyss.blogspot.com> or <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/shapecym.html>.

Box Tops for Education

StartBox Tops for Education have helped America's schools earn over \$400 million since 1996. You can earn for your child's school by clipping Box Tops coupons from hundreds of participating products. Schools need extra financial help to give our kids a quality education. The Box Tops for Education program helps you earn necessary funds for your school. There is another contest. The grade that collects the most box tops will win a flavor ice pops party. The last date for Box tops collection will be May 24 for the reward party.

CYSS SHAPE Summer trips

The following trips are available to middle schoolers and teens:

- **Italy Express 8 though 13 July.** Travel by coach to the Tuscany region of Italy. Visit of the leaning Tower of Pisa, Carrara marble quarries, Cinque Terre and hike along the coast, Lucca and a wall walk, American Beach. Pool time, sleeping in tents and cooking over the campfire. Fee is \$325.
- **Conquering Summer 6 though 10 August.** Travel by coach to De Kempervennen, Netherlands. Activities: Climbing wall, flying fox, pedal boats, high adventure experience, wild water rafting, bike riding, water slides, pool tome. Sleeping in an 8 people cabin and preparing your own meals. 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 Soccer at SHAPE

Registration for the Players Clinic and Goalkeepers Clinic is open until filled for boys and girls born 1998-2003. Fee is \$25 per session. First session is July 24-26, second session is August 7-9. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

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Belgian Population

- One Belgian out of four has at least one parent who is not Belgian
- In ten years, 500,000 immigrants arrived in Belgium, i.e. 4.5 percent of the Belgian population. This is even more than in countries known to take a lot of immigrants such as the UK, Canada, and U.S., where that percentage is 4 percent.
- 63 percent of the immigrants are coming from another EU country.
- But 40 percent of these immigrants from another EU country return to their home country after a while whereas only 10 to 15 percent of non-EU immigrants leave Belgium.
- In 20 years, 800,000 foreigners have acquired the Belgian citizenship.

Eurostar new destinations

The chief executive of Eurostar said they are planning to launch ten new destinations. For the time being, the Eurostar is linking London to Brussels and Paris. The high-speed rail operator started services between these three cities in 1994. As many as ten new destinations in four European countries - the Netherlands, Germany, southern France and Switzerland - could be added in the next five years. The new destinations will include Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Cologne, Lyon, Marseille and Geneva. Belgian Rail has a 5 percent stake in Eurostar. The French state operator has 55 percent, the UK government 40 percent.

Two baby elephants expected at Pairi Daiza (BE)

The first baby of Ani, a seven year old elephant at Pairi Daiza park in Brugelette is due in March 2013. Another elephant at the same park, Sandri, 12 years old, is expecting her baby in November 2013. The mothers-to-be can be seen at the park. Pairi Daiza was awarded the nicest zoological park of Belgium by the Diamonds Theme Park Awards. The park also participates to the safeguard of Asian elephants. This program focuses on developing the reproduction of this species that is seriously threatened to disappear.

Frisian

The only Dutch university degree course in Frisian language and culture may disappear because of a shortage of students. Until now, the Frisian BA degree has been protected by the education minister because it is an official language in the Netherlands. But next year, the course will be given as part of European language and culture studies and will have to fight for enough students. At the moment, 15 students are studying Frisian, but that is not enough to justify employing a full-time teacher. Frisian is the native tongue of around half the 350,000 people who live in the province of Friesland. Amsterdam's Vrije Universiteit stopped offering degrees in Frisian in 1992.

Refugee protest camp in the Netherlands

Over 300 failed asylum seekers are now said to be living in a protest camp, set up outside the Ter Apel refugee center in Groningen, the Netherlands. The camp was set up last week, when a group of around 50 Iraqi nationals put up tents in

protest at government plans to deport them. They wanted the immigration service to look again at their cases, arguing they faced death if sent back to Iraq. The Iraqis have now been joined by some 80 Somali nationals, several Iranians and people from Eritrea, Azerbaijan and Afghanistan.

More parents don't get married in the Netherlands

Children under the age of five are increasingly likely to live in a household where the parents are not married. Last year, 25% of families with children under the age of five had unmarried parents, twice as many as 10 years ago. The number of single-parent families rose by 100,000 to 417,000 over the same period. At the same time, the research also shows families are getting smaller. Some 418,000 families have three or more children living at home, a drop of 30,000 compared to 10 years ago. On average, one in five of the Netherlands' 2.3 million family units has more than two children.

French millionaires may be moving to Belgium

In the two week's since Mr Hollande's election victory, the tax consultancy Dekeyser & Associés has received 30 calls from super-rich French people wanting to know how they can best "park" their money on Belgian bank accounts. Real estate agents too have noticed the increased interest from rich French nationals for luxury homes in and around Brussels. For the time being, there is some uncertainty about the new president's fiscal policy. During the campaign Mr Hollande said that anyone earning more than 1 million Euro/year should be taxed at 75%. Although the super-tax has yet to be introduced wealthy French people can already benefit from a more favorable fiscal regime here in Belgium.

Longest ice rink in the Netherlands goes bankrupt

The longest ice rink in the Netherlands was declared bankrupt by a court in Zwolle despite having earlier been given a postponement on paying its debts. The five kilometer long outdoor FlevOnice rink, opened in 2007, but did not attract enough skaters. In addition, the extreme length of the ice rink meant that energy costs involved in spraying water to keep it smooth and thick enough were very high.

Daring rope walk at Brussels Atomium

A team of Belgian and French acrobats provided a spectacle for visitors to the Brussels Atomium last Saturday. For the first time ever, they walked a 2.5 cm wide elastic rope between two spheres of the Atomium.

Flemish resort among Europe's best

The West Flemish municipality of Koksijde has won an award for sustainable resort development. Koksijde is among Europe's ten most sustainable seaside resorts. Koksijde came in ninth in the top 100 list of Europe's most sustainable seaside resorts. First prize went to a resort in the Azores with Ierapetra (Crete) and Gozo and Comino (Malta) coming in second and third respectively. The resorts were judged on their local identity, natural and cultural heritage, their natural beauty and the environment.

Le Tour Saint-Vincent - 750th anniversary

Program

Through 28 May

- **"Le Tour Saint-Vincent" exhibition** on Saturdays from 2 to 6 p.m. and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Art and Culture center on Rue de la Régence in Soignies.

26 May

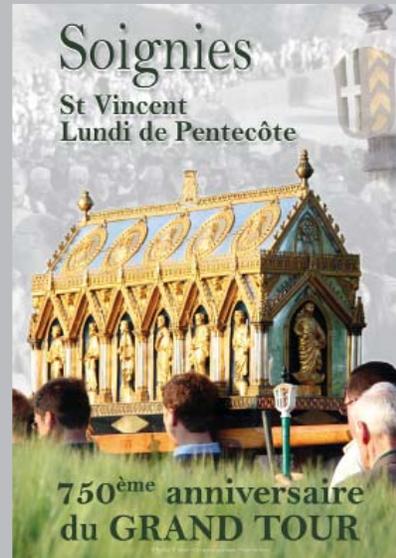
- **Free concert** of Antoine Hénaut (first part) young singer from Mons and Axelle Red, a Belgian singer, on the Grand'Place starting at 8 p.m.

26 May through 17 June

- **Procession's figurines exhibition** on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 5:30 p.m., on Sundays and Whit Monday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Collégiale Saint-Vincent.

28 May

- **Whit Monday** - EReligious Service at 4:30 a.m. At 6 a.m., beginning of the Tour. At 11:15 a.m., historical procession. At 1:30 p.m. solemn return.



1 June

- **Concert** - Free concert on the Grand-Place starting at around 10 p.m.

2 June

- **Rehearsal** - At 6 6:30 p.m. a rehearsal of the fight between Saint Georges and the dragon in "La Cour d'Honneur" of the town Hall. Possibility to attend the rehearsal pending space available.
- **Descent of Saint Waudru's Shrine** - At 8 p.m., officials of the city and the church gather in the cathedral to launch the festivities. Make sure to arrive ahead of time if you want to find a good spot.
- **Torch** - At 10 p.m., people are gathering in Rue de Nimy to follow the march. You can participate and walk along though you should be careful as front and back people run into each other which is another local tradition.

3 June

- **The Procession** - The procession starts at 09:30 a.m. on the Place du Chapitre (Collégiale) then passes by the Rue Samson ; Rue de la Chaussée ; Grand-Place ; Rue de Nimy ; Rue Verte ; Place Bootle (Gouvernement Provincial) ; Rue de la Biche ; Rue d'Havré ; Rue du Hautbois ; Rue de la Halle ; Marché au Poisson ; Rue des Chartriers ; Croix Place ; Rue des Soeurs Noires ; Rue des Juifs ; Grand Rue ; Rue des Capucins ; Rue de la Petite Guirlande ; Rue Rogier ; Place Louise ; Rue Léopold II ; Place Léopold ; Rue de la Houssière ; Rue de la Grosse Pomme ;



• **Golden Carriage Procession** - Rampe Sainte Waudru : Noon. Locals will follow and push it to make sure it arrives at the top in one go... Find a spot at the top, next to the cathedral if you

GET READY FOR THE DOUDOU

Program

do not want to be part of the "wave".

- **Descente Rue Des Clercs** - At 12:25 p.m., all members of the fight will make

their way to the Grand-Place walking along the "Rue des Clercs". You can watch them passing by but make sure to stay beyond the yellow lines painted on the floor otherwise you might be crushed.

- **The Battle** - at 12:30 p.m. Saint Georges will fight the dragon. The closer you are, the more careful you should be. The front places are occupied by people wanting to grab the tail of the dragon (this brings luck). If you are in the crowd on the Grand-Place, be careful as the crowd will have to split in order to let Saint Georges & the dragon go through.

4-5 June

- **Braderie (annual sales)** - The pedestrian area is the place for good deals.

5 June

- **Firework** - At 10:45 p.m.

Safety Tips

- During this Doudou the town center becomes a pedestrian only zone.
- Plan ahead and be careful where you park your car. Cars illegally parked will be towed.
- The city center will be crowded and it will be difficult to walk. Be careful if you have children and avoid using a trolley.
- If you go out with friends, plan for meeting points. You might lose each other.
- Don't drink too much. Although the police tolerate a bit more during this period. Drunk driving is still severely forbidden and disorderly conduct will be stopped immediately by administrative arrest (min.2 hours and max.12 hours, time legally estimate for someone to calm down).
- If you are victim of a crime or need help for any reason go to the SHAPE Federal Police, Avenue de Berlin 247 or call the police desk 065-44-3334.



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

Through 3 June

- **Exhibition "Dinner's Served! From Field to Plate"** - An exhibition that asks today the questions for tomorrow with a rich scenography. A multi-modal museography: graphic frescoes, audiovisual productions, exceptional items, photographs, electro-mechanical interactive displays, windows of discovery, tactile monitors etc. Contemporary art works mark out the exhibition halls. More information on www.expo-atable.be.

Through 11 June

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

Through 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.
- **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.

24-28 May

- **Provençal market in Watermael-Boisfort** on Place Keym from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (60 booths)

25 May

- **Night mountain bike ride in Flobecq** for 15-30 km. Departs from Place de la Station from 8 to 10 p.m. Bike wash available. Price ranges from €2 to €3.

25-27 May

- **Medieval market in Etterbeek** on Avenue du 2e Lancier or in the Parc du Cinquentaenaire from 6 to 10 p.m. (170 booths)



This column is events within close distance from Brunssum and Schinnen

Through 28 May

- **Tong Tong Festival at Malieveld in The Hague/Den Haag.** The fair is a large Eurasian cultural festival and culinary fair in large tents. The fair has the largest Asian food court in the Netherlands; 5 theaters; a Grand Pasar; the East-West Fair and lots of entertainment and cultural activities. Open daily noon to 10 p.m. Entry: €14.50; children (4-11) €4.50.



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.

- **Brussels Jazz Marathon** at Grand Place, the Sablon Square, the St-Catherine Square and F. Cock Square. Four outdoor stages, generously complemented with concerts at dozens of clubs and bars. More info on www.brusselsjazzmarathon.be.

26 May

- **Flea market and crafts fair in Gozee** on Rue Marchienne from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (100 booths)
- **Flea market in Havré** on Rue Beaulieu et Charbonnage from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (50 booths)
- **Flea market in Jette** on Avenue Warland and Levis Mirepoix from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (400 booths)
- **Flea market in La Hestre** on Rue Carondelet from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (100 booths)
- **Flea market in Laeken** on the square from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (70 booths)
- **Flea market in Le Bizet** in the streets from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (900 booths)
- **Volksmarch in Epinois** for 4, 6, 12, 18, 25 km. Departure is from the Rue Salvador Allende from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

26-27 May

- **Flea market and crafts fair in Binche** on Avenue Wandepelen from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (60 booths)
- **Flea market and crafts fair in Bougnies + jazz, rock and blues concerts on four stages** on Rue Louis Pieard from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (100 booths)

26-28 May

- **Retro motor show and prestige vehicles exhibition in Ciney** at Ciney Expo from 5 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday and Monday.
- **Flea market in Ganshoren** on Esplanade Charles-Quint in the Quartier St-Martin from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

27 May

- **Volksmarch in Anderlecht** for 7, 14, 21, 30 km. Departs from the Rue des Fruits 73 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Houdeng-Aimeries** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs from the Rue du Quinconce 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Leval-Trahegnies** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs from the Rue Verte 18 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ronquières** for 5,10, 20 km. Departs from the Rue de Nivelles 32 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Houtaing** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departs from the Place d'Houtaing from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Stambruges** for 5,10, 20 km. Departs from the Rue du Gripet from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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.

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.

25-27 May

- **Gourmet Market at Werseufer** (along the river) in Ahlen (GE) with a large choice of wines, culinary delicacies, pastries and more. Open: May 25, 5 to 11 p.m. and May 26-27, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- **Culinary delights At "Uitgekookt"** local restaurants offer culinary delicacies at Park Lepelburg in Utrecht (NL). Open: 5 p.m. to midnight, May 25 and 3 p.m. to midnight, May 26-27. Entry: €10; children 11 and younger - free entrance.

25-28 May

- **Castle Festival** in the center of Brüggem (GE) includes a flea and arts & crafts market with rides, attractions and music.

26 May

- **Sheep Shearers Fest** in the center of Exloo (NL) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

26-28 May

- **Garden & Design Fair** at Esenkasteel (Castle Esen) in Diksmuide (BE) with besides many stands also demonstrations and workshops.
- **Flachsmarkt** held around Castle Linn and in the center of Krefeld (GE). It is Germany's largest historical Arts & Crafts Market. Open: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., May 26-27 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., May 28. Entry: €6; children (6-15) €2.
- **Pinkpop Festival** the Netherlands' most famous open-air music festival and Europe's longest-running uninterrupted outdoor pop festival takes place in Landgraaf (NL). For info: www.pinkpop.nl.

27 May

- **Antiques & Curiosa Market** held at Voorstad Sint Jacob in Roermond (NL) from noon to 6 p.m.



- **Mountain bike ride in Bussegem** for 30, 50 km. Departs from Brussegemkerplein from 7:30-11 a.m. Showers and bike wash available. Price ranges from 4€ to 5€.
- **Mountain bike ride in Thuin** for 55, 75 km. Departs from Rue du Cromboully. Showers and bike wash available. Price is 7 €.
- **Flea market in Auderghem** on Viaduc Herman-Debroux from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (100 booths)
- **Flea market in Binche** on Rue Saint-Paul from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (250 booths)
- **Flea market in Fontaine-L'Evêque** on Rue Cressonnière and Place Queue (120 booths)
- **Flea market in La Hulpe** on Rue Pierre Vandijck from 2 to 6 p.m. (55 booths)
- **Flea market in Limelette** at the back of the supermarket "Intermarché" from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Mons** at the Grand Large on Imagipark parking lot from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. (300 booths)
- **Flea market in Opwijk** around the church from 1 to 6 p.m. (120 booths)
- **Flea market in Perwez, crafts and collection fair** on the parking lot of the sports center. (200 booths)
- **Run & bike in Beignée - Ham-Sur-Heure** for 11,5-14 km. Departs from Rue de l'Eglise 12 at 9 a.m. Showers and bike wash available. Price is 9 €/team (2p).
- **Mountain bike ride in Thuin** for 25, 35, 45 km. Departs from Rue du Cromboully from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Showers and bike wash available. Price is from 5€.
- **Mountain bike ride in Herchies** for 15, 35, 45 km. Departs from Rue du Calvaire from 8 to 10 a.m. Showers and bike wash available. Price ranges from 2€ to 3€.
- **Mountain bike ride in Montroeuil-Au-Bois** for 10, 25, 35, 45, 55, 70, 85 km. Departs from the square from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Showers and bike wash available. Price ranges from 3€ to 5€.

28 May

- **Collection fair in Peruwelz** across the train station from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Cuesmes** at the sports center from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (170 booths)
- **Flea market in Etterbeek** on Place Jourdan from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Orp-Le-Grand** on Rue Fontigny from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (300 booths)
- **Flea market in Tournai** on Quartier Saint-Lazare from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Flea market in Waterloo** on the parking lot of Carrefour (supermarket) as of 6 a.m.
- **Flea market in Jodoigne** on Quartier Saint-Lambertas of 8 a.m. (200 booths)
- **Volksmarch in Bouvignies** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departs from the Square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Lasne** for 15, 30, 45, 60 km. Departs from the sports center on Route d'Ohain 9 from 8 a.m. to noon. Showers and bike wash available. Price ranges from €3 to €5 (free under 12).



27-28 May

- **Medieval Festival** in Hoensbroek(NL) at Castle Hoensbroek on Klinkertstraat 18 with medieval market, tourney, knights' camp, actors, acrobats and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tickets: €10; children €7.50.
- **North Sea Regatta Market** with more than 200 stands in the harbor of Scheveningen (NL) from 1 to 7 p.m.
- **Mega Flea Market** with more than 300 stands held at Parklaan 4 in Uden (NL), will be open both days from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

28 May

- **Flea Market in Linne(NL)** in the city center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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SHAPE Trips & Tours

For information on the trips below,
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- **Paris, June 2** - Spend the day discovering the city of endless possibilities. From famous monuments, historic avenues, colorful parks, majestic architecture to museums filled with priceless works of art, Paris has it all. Don't miss this opportunity to experience it for yourself. Price: €40. Departs SHAPE at 8 a.m., returns SHAPE at 11 p.m. Departs Brussels at 7 a.m., returns Brussels at midnight.
- **Stonehenge with Salisbury, June 9** - We will begin our day at the mysterious rocks of Stonehenge. You will have free time to explore Stonehenge and then we continue on to Salisbury, England. A visit to the Salisbury Cathedral is a must. It is arguably the finest example of the early English Gothic style of architecture in Britain. One of the four original Magna Carta is housed at the Cathedral. After visiting the Cathedral, spend the rest of your time shopping or pub hopping. Don't miss this once a year trip to magical Stonehenge and Salisbury. Price: €100 Adult, €95 Children (5-15), €90 Children (0-4). Departs SHAPE at 5 a.m. and returns SHAPE at 1 a.m. (Sunday). Departs Brussels at 4 a.m. and returns Brussels at 2 a.m. (Sunday).
- **Belgian Brewery Tour, June 16 (Father's Day weekend)** - Our tour begins at Des Fagnes where you will find a modern working brewery, set alongside a fully restored 19th century brewery. Our next stop will be at Brewery Du Bocq where you will sample beers from many fine brews that are only available in Europe. We will have a late lunch (included) at Brewery Val Dieu where you will enjoy soup, ham with beer sauce served and garnish paired with one of their delicious beers. Price: €90 Adults. Departs SHAPE at 7:30 a.m. and returns SHAPE at 7 p.m. Departs Brussels at 6:30 a.m. and returns Brussels at 8 p.m.
- **Amsterdam, June 23** - Take a ride through the winding canal lined streets on a guided bicycle tour, walk the town or visit the Van Gogh Museum, Anne Frank House, sip coffee at the world's best cafes or enjoy a day of leisure in this beautiful city. Price is €50. Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m. and returns SHAPE at midnight. Departs Brussels at 7:30 a.m. and returns Brussels at 11 p.m.
- **Dutch Day, June 30** - Travel to the Netherlands and visit a Dutch farm where they will show you the art of wooden shoe manufacture and making cheese. Join us for a Dutch lunch before we depart for our second stop at the Zaanse Schans, a popular destination for visitors in search of a bit of Oud Holland (Old Holland). Price: €70 Adults, €65 Children (4-11) and €55 Children (0-3). Departs SHAPE at 6 a.m. and returns SHAPE at 9:30 p.m. Departs Brussels at 7:15 a.m. and returns Brussels at 8:30 p.m.



Dutch windmill

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

- **Paris in the spring, May 30** - Full day to explore the city as you wish. Price is €35.

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

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SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

24 May

- **The Illuminati Book Club for Preteens and Teens** - meets at 4:30 p.m. to discuss *This Dark Endeavor* by Kenneth Oppel, a popular young adult fiction chosen by members. No registration nor fee required. For more information or to reserve a copy of the book contact DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631, email at shape.library@eur.army.mil or stop by during regular hours.
- **Investing Basics Seminar (including the New Roth TSP)** - Learn how to make sense of bonds, stocks, mutual funds, IRAs, the TSP (your 401k) and more. Meets from 2 to 3 p.m. at ACS, Bldg. 318 in SHAPE. For information contact DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

24-25 May

- **MSF Basic Rider Course** in the classroom Bldg. 134, CAB / Range Training. Registration for the course will close ten calendar days prior to the scheduled training. To enroll in a course, online registration is mandatory at https://apps.imcom.army.mil/AIRS/usg_disclaimer.aspx. For further assistance, call DSN 361-1470.

BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

23 May

- **Heinsberg Hospital Tour** - Tour the maternity/obstetrics and learn the admitting procedures at the hospital. Meeting place is the Heinsberg Hospital lobby at 6 p.m. For more information, call DSN 360-7335 or civilian 0031-(0)46-443-7335.
- **Hearts Apart** - Held 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 -3:30 p.m. For details please call the ACS Deployment Readiness office at 31(0)46-443-7218.

May 24-25

- **Tri-Border Newcomer's Orientation** - On day one, we'll explore the Dutch culture and language plus get an overview of Tri-Border installation services. On day two, we take a hospital tour, sightsee local attractions, visit shopping areas and learn how to use the local trains. Course is at Schinnen ACS from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information or to enroll call 0031(0)46-443-7500.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

22 May

- **Brussels Dental Clinic** is closed all day for COC.

23-30 May

- **Brussels Dental Clinic** will provide limited service, appointment booking only. No Provider.

25 May

- **Brussels Health Clinic** is closed half day at noon for training holiday, acute care service only. No Provider.

28 May

- **Brussels Health Clinic** is closed all day for Memorial Day, no service.

On the training holiday the following applies: acute care only due to minimal staffing and limited services. There will be pharmacy services. If you are in need of medical care on days the clinic is closed:

- For routine care visit SHAPE Health Facility (at SHAPE) DSN 423-5886 or civilian 065-44-5886.
- 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 Leuven Herestraat 49, 3000 Leuven.
- For dental urgent care (for appointments only - no walk-ins). Universitaire Ziekenhuizen Saint Rafael - Dental Clinic (Tandheelkunde) Kapucijnenvoer 33, 3000 Leuven, civilian 016-332477.
- During weekends or after hours the on-call patient liaison can be contacted through the MP desk 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.