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

Trunk or Treat

If you want to volunteer at the Chièvres Trunk or Treat to be held Oct. 31, check <http://usagbeneluxfmwr.wordpress.com/community-recreation/chievresshape/volunteer-registration-form-trunk-or-treat-2011/>.

Time Change

It's that time again. Oct. 28 at 3 a.m. turn your clock back one hour.

CIF closures

From Oct. 29 to Nov. 2 the Central Issue Facilities (CIF) at Chièvres Air Base and at the Brunssum NATO Industrial Complex site, The Netherlands will be closed to conduct DA directed annual staff training and recertification. Central Issue Facilities will resume normal operations, Nov. 5.

New USAG Benelux-Brussels Facebook Page

If you want to know what's happening at USAG Benelux-Brussels head over to the new Facebook page and click 'like' at www.facebook.com/usagbeneluxbrussels.community. The old Brussels page will be discontinued.

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Service members learn about history



Donovan Abrassart

Chief Petty Officer Adrian Estes, Afghan Mission Network SHAPE, climbs into a WWII U.S. Reconnaissance Armored Car T17E1 Staghound during the Non Commissioned Officer and Officer Professional Development event in Bastogne, October 17-19, 2012.

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Girl Scouts learn various self defense tactics



The SHAPE American Girl Scout Troop, Seniors 21, Cadets 21 and Juniors 84, gathered Saturday, October 13, 2012 in the SHAPE Main Gym with their families to experience a self defense class taught by certified self defense instructor Yvette Castro, USAG Benelux, Family Advocacy Program Manager, assisted by Spec. Mark Seabolt, USAG Benelux-Brussels MP (picture 4).

The class taught the girls verbal defense, strikes, kicks and disengagement tactics. The participants observed the instructors demonstrating each technique, and then were given the opportunity to apply what they had learned, both individually and in groups (picture 2). The class ended with an opportunity to participate in a staged defensive attack scenario, with the MP who was fully protected wearing a Red Man suit (picture 1 with Laif Bergo). This allowed the girls to use force and make the use of their defense tactics (picture 3 with Samantha Cottrill). (Courtesy Photos)



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Staff ride | Continued



Commandant Johnny Bona (center) explains the historical facts on the Battle of the Bulge that raged in the Belgian Ardennes from December 16, 1944 through January 25, 1945 at the 101st Airborne Museum in Bastogne. Service members from both USAG Benelux Headquarters, Headquarters Company (HHC) and joint U.S. NATO support elements in Belgium and the Netherlands conducted a two-day staff ride to study the history and lessons learned from this greatest American battle in American history, Wednesday, October 17 to Friday, October 19, 2012. The event was hosted by Base Bastogne as part of the existing partnership between the Belgian unit and USAG Benelux. Bona briefed the group on the history of the Battle of the Bulge and showed the U.S. servicemembers the collection of WWII vehicles and tanks that are displayed on the Bastogne installation. Members were also given the opportunity to handle WWII weapons, visit museums, historical monuments and sites. (Picture below right) Sgt. Scott Gallup, USAG Benelux HHC, handles a MG34, a machine gun that was used during WWII. (Picture below left) Staff Sgt. Janice Thomason (left) and Master Sgt. Elanda Thomas (right), both from 424th Air Base Squadron, maneuver a WWII Swedish anti-aircraft gun Bofors 40L60. (U.S. Army photos by Donovan Abrassart)



Good grades pay off

According to the Military Child Education Coalition, an estimated 80 percent of military connected children are forced to move between 6-9 times as they complete their K-12 education and, along with geographical moves, comes changes in educational settings and curriculums.

With these unique challenges in mind, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service rewards military students who excel. In fact, schoolchildren who receive a report card with an overall "B" average or better can pick up an array of free and discounted products through the Exchange's "You Made the Grade" <<http://www.flickr.com/photos/aafespa/8098190858/sizes/h/in/photo-stream/>> program.

Now in its 12th year, "You Made the Grade" offers include a free Burger King hamburger kids meal, Subway 6-inch combo, a magazine of their choice and even a complimentary haircut, to name a few.

Students "making the grade" can also register for a drawing to win a \$2,000, \$1,500 or \$500 Exchange gift card.

"Military students who excel in the classroom despite multiple moves and deploying parents deserve to be recognized," said the Exchange's Chief of Staff Col. Tom Ockenfels. "While good grades are their own reward, this program recognizes the hard work and dedication required of pupils at the head of the class."

To receive a "You Made the Grade" booklet, eligible students can simply present a valid military ID and proof of an overall "B" or better average to their local Exchange. Students may receive one coupon package for every qualifying report card, but may enter the gift card drawing only once per grading period.

Military families can contact their local Exchange for more information about "You Made the Grade." Contact information is available through the "Your Exchange" link at www.shopmyexchange.com <<http://www.shopmyexchange.com>> .

USAG Benelux Fall Clean-up



USAG Benelux will be conducting an Installation Fall Clean-up, Oct. 24-26. During these days, occupants of USAG Benelux facilities located on Chièvres Air Base, Caserne Daumerie and SHAPE, are encouraged to correctly dispose of trash and unnecessary items in and around their building. The recycling center on Chièvres Air Base for on post waste only, is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to noon and 12:45 to 2 p.m.



RED RIBBON WEEK

"The Best Me is Drug Free"

Special to the Gazette

Red Ribbon Week October 23-31 is an annual campaign that seeks to raise public awareness of the military's commitment to a drug free lifestyle.

This public awareness campaign came about in response to the tragic 1985 murder of Federal Drug Enforcement agent Enrique "Kiki" Camerena while he was investigating Mexican Drug Traffickers. At that time, angry parent groups and others began wearing red ribbons to take a public stand against the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs to show their support of drug free youth and to honor Kiki's memory.

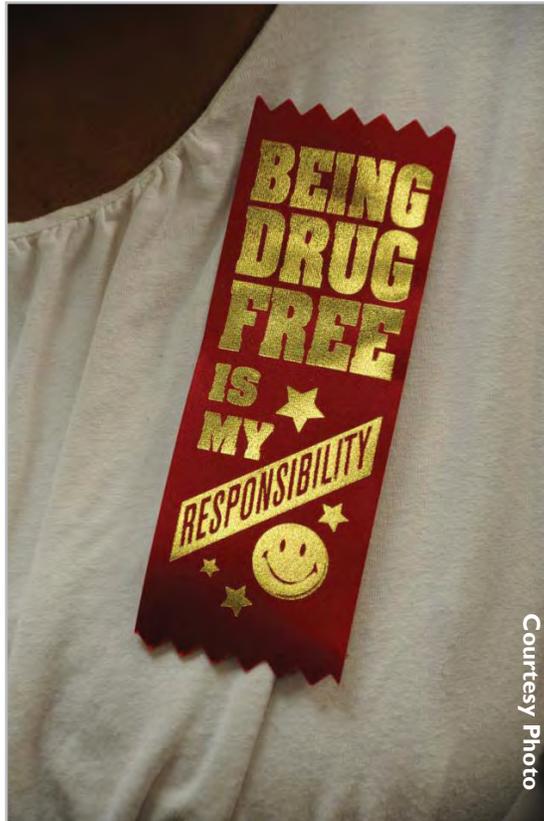
Red Ribbon week began to gain momentum in California and throughout the United States. In 1985, then First Lady Nancy Reagan was presented with the "Camerena Proclamation". This then brought national attention to the commitment of staying drug free. Later that year parent groups in various states began the promoting of wearing red ribbons nationwide during late October. In 1988 the Red Ribbon campaign was formalized, with President and Mrs. Reagan serving as honorary chairpersons.

The Department of Defense has officially participated in this event since 1990 with the aim to reduce drug abuse among its members and their families. In order to raise public awareness of the Department's commitment to a drug-free military community, installations, commands, and units are strongly encouraged to participate in Red Ribbon activities.

As a national celebration, Red Ribbon Week allows educators, parents, community groups, students and our military service members to focus on the work being done to stop the spread of illegal drugs and unauthorized use of prescription and over the counter medications. This campaign provides an opportunity to draw attention to the growing millions who have pledged to live drug free.

A proclamation that commends the observance of Red Ribbon week is signed by the Garrison commander and command sergeant major. This proclamation is displayed so that community members are reminded of its leadership's pledge to a drug free lifestyle.

In celebration of Red Ribbon week, red ribbons will be given throughout the Benelux. Individuals can wear red and parents are encouraged to talk with their children about the dangers of illegal drugs and the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs. ASAP activities include Red Ribbon proclamation signing October 23 in the PX lobby; stop by to sign a pledge to commit to living a drug free lifestyle. ASAP staff will be at Trunk or Treat October 31 on Chièvres Air Base, to give away red ribbons and pencils that have a special message.



Courtesy Photo



Silent Witnesses

My name is Carson Hanson, and I died on June 21, 2008 because my stepdad, Corey Flugga, hit me in the stomach. I was three years old. My autopsy showed the knuckle marks inside of me, because I was hit so hard. I had an accident and my stepdad didn't like it. I didn't make it to the bathroom in time. He got mad at me. He was taking care of me and my brother and my mom was at work. They say that he had something called PTSD. I know he got hurt in the war. He got a Purple Heart. Now he's in prison and my mom will have to go on without me.

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My name is Carol Trevino. I was 31 years old when I died on February 20, 2006 in Edwardsville, IL after my ex-husband, 36 year old Sgt. John Trevino broke into our house and shot me five times in front of my nine year old son. Then he killed himself. He wrote a suicide note to my son. He was upset that we were divorcing.

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My name is Andrea Floyd (29 yrs). I am one of the four wives killed by their husbands within a six-month period in Fort Bragg, NC. My husband was Sgt. 1st Class Brandon Floyd, he shot me and then turned the gun on himself. We left behind three children, ages 4, 5, and 8.

School students write about being drug free

Prior to Red Ribbon Week, AFNORTH International School located in Brunssum, the Netherlands, organized an essay contest about being drug free. Zachary Villa, 5th grader, won the contest with the following essay:



Zachary Villa reads his essay while Mr. Rick Wirsich, AFNORTH Elementary Guidance Counselor holds the microphone in Brunssum, the Netherlands, Friday, October 19, 2012 during Red Ribbon Day organized by AFNORTH International School.



Sgt. Densier Carnes, USAG Benelux-Schinnen DES, is the local Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Officer attending Red Ribbon Day with Daren-the-Lion, the DARE mascot. (U.S. Army photos by Rita Hoefnagels)

Hi, I'm Zack. I am a 5th grader. I like snowboarding and I want to be a doctor.

I will be going into middle school soon. I have learned that teens have the highest drug abuse rate and I don't want to be given drugs or alcohol because I know the consequences. It can hurt your body physically and mentally but what if I can't say no? Everyone assures me that I will not be targeted because I have high self esteem. I don't want to face that challenge but learning more about drugs will help me become a wiser person in that area.

It turns out I have learned a lot about drug prevention for example, if you were talking to a friend or classmate and they offered you drugs, you would just say "No thanks". But if you were walking home after school and someone comes up to you and asks if you would like some candy, you would say no and be sure to walk home with a friend. I know for most of you it is tempting but you have to overcome your greedy conscience.

I knew drugs could have horrible effects on your body, physically and mentally. There is so much I know now. Some kids think that it is cool to smoke or do drugs like dope or marijuana but it can have serious consequences on your mind and matter. Marijuana can effect your thinking. You could end up in the hospital for days or even weeks. So as you can see drugs are not a force to be reckoned with.

Most people think that drug abusers are wasting their lives. I think that too. I've learned about the different kinds of peer pressure and how to prevent it. There are many ways to say "no." I can say "No, I have a marathon tomorrow," "No, I have a girlfriend and I need my teeth shiny white," or "Dude are you kidding, no way." The best thing to do is to just walk away.

Some people think that one cigarette is not a problem. Cigarettes can make your lungs weak, give you lung cancer and smell horrible. Do you really want that smell in your mouth for other people to smell? My dream is to stop people from using drugs and alcohol that will kill them. Stopping people from using hurtful drugs will make their lives better. There will be less suicide and drug related deaths. People will be healthier.

I've learned a lot about drugs. I've learned how to avoid them and what they can do to you. I know how to say "No" and stay strong. Knowledge truly is power, in my case the power to just say "My mom would kill me!"

Zachary Villa

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Job opportunities

CYSS and Community Recreation have the following job opportunities in the Benelux:

Chièvres

- Recreation aid, <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/326820000>
- Child and Youth program assistants, <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/321705000>

Brussels

- Recreation assistant, <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/327101100>
- Bartender, <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/327231500>

Brussels

- Lead Child and Youth Program Assistant, <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/320774100>

CYSS

Schinnen CYSS

CYSS is looking for volunteer coaches for tennis, rock climbing, skateboarding, swimming, skiing/snowboarding, archery, and basketball. Enrollment for Basketball for age group 13-15 both boys and girls is open through Nov. 30.

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.

Registration for wrestling, basketball and developmental basketball is open through Nov. 30. For more info call CYSS 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. New registrations through Oct. 26.

- Enrollment for Spanish classes fall session is now open until full. Session is for 6-12 and 13-18 years old. Parents are welcome to enroll with their child. Price is \$120 for 12 classes.
- Enrollment for cheerleading open through Nov. 30.

For age group 6 to 12. Fee is \$40.

- Enrollment for basketball open through Nov. 30. For age group 6 to 15. Fee is \$40.

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 Trunk or Treat 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, stop by the Schinnen Fitness Center or call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031(0)46-443-7561.

Army digital photography contest

Submission dates for the Army digital photography contest is running through Nov. 30. For more information contact your local Arts and Crafts, Community recreation office or go to www.armymwr.com/recreation/artsandcrafts.

Chièvres Self-Help Store

The Chièvres DPW Self-Help store's new operating hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Closed Wednesdays. For more information call DSN 361-5383 or civilian 068-27-5383.

Alcoholics Anonymous

The English speaking SHAPE Alcoholic Anonymous Group now meets on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Bldg. 318, second floor conference room. Take the right entrance (near ACS office) and go up to the 2nd floor and it's the 1st door on your right. For additional information call the recorded announcement for AA at 0032-470470790.

SACEUR Sports Superstars Event, Nov. 8

If you are an all-around athlete who can compete in multiple cross-fit type events and also some fun team events over the course of six hours, call DSN 423-7654 or civilian 065-44-7654.

Chièvres Central Issue Facilities

During the period Oct. 29 to Nov. 2, the Central Issue Facilities (CIF) at Chièvres Air Base and at the Brunssum NATO Industrial Complex (NIC) site, the Netherlands will be closed to conduct DA directed annual training and recertification. Central Issue Facilities will resume normal operational hours on Nov. 5.

Schinnen Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop in Schinnen has new operating hours: Tuesdays from 1 to 4:30 p.m.; Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and every first Saturday of the month from 9:30 a.m.

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Belgian Budget

The Federal government will have to save a total of 3.7 billion Euro on next year's budget if it wants to remain under the EU-mandated 2.15 percent of gross national product, according to the figures of the monitoring committee. The regional governments will also have to save an additional 1 billion Euros, bringing the total savings to 4.7 billion.

Paintings stolen from Rotterdam art gallery

Seven paintings by leading artists and of very considerable value were stolen from Rotterdam's Kunsthall art gallery last Tuesday. It is still unclear how the thieves got into the building. Police were alerted after the security company reported an alarm going off. The burglary took place between 3 and 4 a.m. The paintings, all but one from the prestigious Triton Foundation collection, were on display as part of the gallery's 20th anniversary celebrations. The stolen paintings include Pablo Picasso's Tête d'Arlequin, Claude Monet's views of Waterloo and Charing Cross bridges in London and Lucian Freud's Woman with Eyes Closed. Other works are by Matisse, Gauguin and Meyer de Haan.

Local Belgian elections

The overall winners of the local elections are the Flemish Nationalist party N-VA, the people who chose to break the law by not voting (20.5 percent in Wallonia and 21.9 percent in Brussels), the workers party PTB+, which made significant electoral gains in both Wallonia and Brussels, and finally the francophone green party Ecolo. According to the daily newspaper *le Soir*, the losers were: 1) women, who remain underrepresented, 2) ethics, which seem to get lost during coalition formation, 3) the extreme right party Vlaams Belang, and 4) the traditional parties such as the Francophone socialist party (PS), the Francophone reform party MR, and the centrist/humanist party CDH -- which together lost 67000 voters compared to the last local elections.

Train connection The Hague - Belgium

The Hague city council has made an urgent appeal to parliament in an effort to ensure ordinary train services remain between the political capital and Brussels. From December, direct train services between Antwerp, Brussels and The Hague will be stopped, while high-speed trains take over the route. But the high-speed service does not stop in The Hague. This means people wanting to travel to Belgium must change to the more expensive service in Rotterdam.

NATO protest

Seven peace activists were arrested after blocking the main gate of the Kleine-Brogel air force base and pouring pink paint over themselves. The protesters were trying to stop Belgian F16 planes from partaking in NATO exercises which they claimed included training in using nuclear weapons.

Belgians are happy

According to a new Gallup poll, which examines the level of happiness in the European Union, Belgium scores very well, at 56 percent. Only Scandinavia and the Netherlands scored better, and no other country has improved as much as Belgium (up 6%) in the last year.

End of Happy Hours in the Netherlands?

Dutch bars and cafes are prepared to abandon 'happy hours' during which youngsters are encouraged to drink more at cheaper prices. The KHN association that represents some 20,000 cafes and bars, has agreed with its members to stop the popular 'buy-two-pay-for-one' sessions. In return, however, the KHN hopes the next government will abandon plans to raise the legal drinking age from 16 to 18. In May, the senate passed legislation making it a criminal offence for those under 16 years to be in possession of alcohol. While 16 and 17 year-olds are allowed to drink beer and wine, you must be 18 or older to buy spirits in the Netherlands.

Iron Man

Belgian Frederik Van Lierde has received the bronze medal at the Iron Man triathlon in Hawaii.

Dutch actress Sylvia Kristel passed away

Sylvia Kristel, who made her name in the Emmanuelle films, has died at the age of 60 from cancer. Kristel, who had a stroke in June this year, had been suffering from cancer for some time. She appeared in over 50 films but is best known for the French language Emmanuelle series in the 1970s. She is survived by her son, whom she had with writer Hugo Claus.

Amsterdam gets 8+

Amsterdam's expats and international residents give the city a score of 8+ for the quality of life in the capital, according to a new survey of 510 people for the city's expat center. Six out of ten also feel Amsterdam is a welcoming city, with just one in ten thinking this is not the case at all.

Belgian and Dutch national soccer teams win

In its fourth match of the qualification campaign for the FIFA World Cup, the Belgian team was playing Scotland at home last Tuesday in the Roi Baudouin stadium and won 2-0, taking the lead of group A along with Croatia. Group A is composed of Belgium, Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia, Wales and Scotland. The Netherlands also took the lead of the group after beating Romania 1-4. Group D is composed of the Netherlands, Hungary, Romania, Turkey, Estonia and Andorra.

Belgian Soldiers are back from Kabul

The last Belgian Soldiers that were still present in Kabul are back in Belgium. Last Wednesday at the military airport of Melsbroek, Belgian Minister of Defense Pieter De Crem welcomed the last Belgian Soldiers in charge of the security of the airport of Kabul, Afghanistan.



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

22 October

- **Motor show in Mouscron** at the Centre Expo from 3 to 6 p.m.

25 October

- **Brussels museums late openings** - This week, visit



the new Belgian Museum of Freemasonry, the Ixelles Museum, the Botanique, the Museum of the National Bank of Belgium, the Museums of the Far East (Royal Museums of Art and History), the Planetarium of Brussels and the Wellington Museum. More information www.brusselsmuseumsnocturnes.be/index-en.php?page=2.

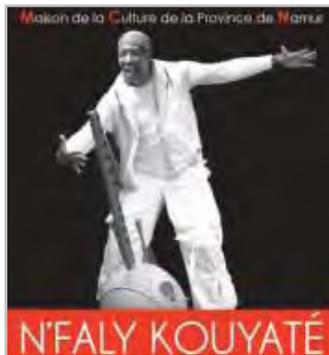
26 October through 4 November

- **Firmin Bouglione circus in Ath** on the Esplanade. One session at 8 p.m. on Fridays and two sessions on the other days at 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. Entrance fee is €16.70 for adults, €11.70 between 2 and 8 and free under 2.

27 October

- **Volksmarch in Jette** for 7, 12, 16, 22, 30, 42 km. Departure is on Avenue du Laerbeek from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Enghien** for 4, 8, 12, 25, 42, 50 km. Departure is from the parc on Avenue Elisabeth from 7 to 9 a.m. on the 42 and 50 km routes, from 7 a.m. to noon on the 25 km route and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the other routes.

- **N'Faly Kouyaté concert in Namur** at the Maison de la culture at 8:30 p.m. N'Faly Kouyaté has been nominated two times at the Grammy Awards.



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

24-28 October

- **Martini Market in Bad Honnef (GE)** in the center of town is a traditional pre- Christmas market. Open from 1 to 10 p.m.

25-27 October

- **The French Gourmet Market in Duisburg (GE)** at Königstrasse is heaven for all who like the French cuisine.

25-28 October

- **The Affordable Art Fair in Amsterdam** at Cultuurpark Westergasfabriek has thousands of original paintings, prints, sculptures and photo's all priced less than €5,000. Open: Oct. 25, from 11 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.; Oct. 26, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Oct. 27-28, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €13; children 15 and younger – free entrance.

26 October

- **Illuminated Market in Bergkamen (GE)** in the center at Market Square has more than 80 stands with all kinds of regional products and arts & crafts. Open from 6 to 11 p.m.

26-28 October

- **Traditional Hubertus Market in Brühl (GE)** at



Courtesy Photo

Market Square with old crafts and lots to do and eat.

- **The French Market in Erkelenz (GE)** held in the center at Market Square offers all kinds of French products, delicacies and activities.
- **"Hamms Bunter Herbst" (colorful fall) in Hamm (GE)** at Kaufhof-Parkplatz and Bahnhofstrasse is a colorful year market with lots of regional specialties and delicacies.
- **The annual Sausage Market in the center of Lübbecke (GE)** will be opened by the cutting of a humongous sausage at 2 p.m. Besides a large variety of sausages offered at the market there is also entertainment and activities.



27 October through 11 November

- **Domestic arts show in Charleroi** at the Palais des expositions. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on week days and to 7 p.m. on weekends and legal holidays. (500 booths)

28 October

- **Military memorabilia in Ciney** at Ciney expo from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Avenue Georges Henry from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (400 booths)
- **Flea market in Mons** at the Grand Large from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market and craft fair in Soignies** at the parc Pater from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Jette** for 7, 12, 22, 30, 42 km. Departure is on Avenue du Laerbeek from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Peruwelz** for 6, 12, 20, 30 km. Departure is on Rue des Ecoles from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Liberchies/Luttre** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from the square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ronquières** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is on Rue Jules Dekeyn from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ellignies-Sainte-Anne** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is on Rue Neuve 15 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Ongoing Events & Happenings

Through 28 October

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

Through 6 January

- **Expo Toots 90 exhibition in Brussels** - For his 90th birthday, discover the career of one of the greatest Belgian jazzmen. In this exhibition, Toots shares his memories and a part of his life. More information on www.toots90.be/agenda.

Through 27 January

- **Jordaens and the Antique exhibition in Brussels** at the Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium. Around 80 paintings and drawings, tapestries and sculpture sfrom major museums and little-known private collections from around the world. More information on www.fine-arts-museum.be/site/EN/frames/F_expo.html.



26-28 October Continued

- **Historic Hanseatic Festival in the center of Wesel (GE)** with lots of regional specialties, delicatessen, touristic information, crafts market and medieval shows & spectacles.

27 October

- **Annual Tri-Border Halloween Bash in Brunssum** is held at the JFC International Conference Center from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
- **“Woonestetika” in Genk (BE)** is an attractive Home & Living Fair held at Limburghal on Jaarbeurslaan 6 with live music, stands with culinary delicacies and experts with lots of information and demonstrations to make your home your castle. Open: 1 to 11 p.m. Entry: €5.

27-28 October

- **The Gothic & Fantasy Fair in Rijswijk** held at



De Broodfabriek on Volmerlaan 12 is a two-day fantasy, gothic and medieval event for everyone interested in a fantasy world. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €8; children €3.

28 October

- **Antique & Flea Market** at Th. Dorrenplein in the center of Valkenburg, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ongoing Events & Happenings

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.

Through 17 October

- **October Fest in Sittard** held in tents and the center of the city. with parade (only on Oct. 14 at 2 p.m.); fair; fireworks; live music and lots more. Tents have entrance fee.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Flanders Field - WWI Tour, November 10** - Visit the Ypres Museum at your own pace. You will also have free time to explore the city. Be sure to walk to Menin Gate to see the archways that hold the British Memorial to the Missing. After spending the morning on your own, you will receive a professional guided tour by bus of Ypres which will end at the original WWI trenches. Prices are €55 Adults, €50 Youth (3-17 years.), €45 Children (0-2 years) Departs Brussels at 7:30 a.m.. and SHAPE at 8:45 a.m. Returns SHAPE at 7 p.m. and Brussels at 8 p.m.
- **Medieval Dinner in Brugge, November 17** - Experience a festive banquet, a dozen lively attractions, medieval costumes and music, food and drinks. You will be transported from the 21st century back to July 3, 1468. Charles the Bold and Margaret of York bid you welcome to the wedding feast. The meal itself is a four-course dinner, richly washed down with beer and wine. Apart from the meal, you'll also enjoy the entertainment and atmosphere. The wedding feast will be enlivened by jesters, minstrels and dancers. There is also sword fighting, falconry, flame swallowing, a witches' dance, jousting, parrot shooting and more for your enjoyment. Prices: € 92 Adults. € 65 Youth (11-14 years.) 45 Children (6-10 years) €35 Children (0-5) Departs Brussels at 11:45 a.m. (Saturday), departs SHAPE at 1 p.m. (Saturday). Returns SHAPE at 1 a.m. (Sunday) and returns Brussels at 2 a.m.
- **Brugge Snow & Ice Sculpt Festival, November 24** - Come see 300,000 kilos of ice and 400 tons of snow, kept at minus 5 °C, which a team of 30 international artists have transformed into Ice Magic. The theme of this year's event is inspired by the stories of Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit. Top off the afternoon by warming your mitts around a hot cocoa or Irish coffee at the ice bar next-door. Don't forget to dress warmly. Then head into town for the festive Christmas Markets complete with ice skating rink. Prices- 45€ Adults, 40€ Youth 4-11, 30€ children under 4. Departs Brussels at 8 a.m., departs SHAPE at 9 a.m. Returns SHAPE at 8 p.m., returns Brussels at 9 p.m.



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.

- **Canterbury, England, November 13** - Canterbury began as a Roman settlement and has played a significant role in England's history ever since. It was here that Augustine came in AD 597 to bring Christianity to England and the ruins of this abbey are just outside the city walls and are now a UNESCO world heritage site. On the way back we will be stopping at Tesco, a large supermarket with a wide selection of traditional English goodies. Stock up on puddings, cakes, mince pies, biscuits and crackers just in time for Christmas. Price is €60 Adults.
- **Cologne Christmas Market, November 27** - Get in the Christmas spirit with this annual favorite to Cologne, Germany. It's a unique experience with several Christmas markets in the city. You may also visit the magnificent Cologne cathedral or the Farina Fragrance Museum, home of Eau de Cologne. Price is €25 Adults.
- **Monschau Christmas Market and Coffee Mill, November 30** - Guided tour of an artisanal coffee house to follow the evolution of coffee bean to a cup of java. You will then have time to stroll through the stalls of the quaint Monschau Christmas Market, set in a little postcard village. Price is €35 Adults.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

October 23

- **Healthy Venting Group** - Here you'll find a safe place for parents with children of all ages to come together in a peer group surrounding to share the trials and tribulations of parenting, childhood and its ups and downs. Bring your lunch, grab a chair and find out what other parents are going through. Drinks and dessert provided! Next get-togethers start at noon in the JFC Brunssum Library. For more information call 31(0)64-136-5991.

October 24

- **Resume Writing & Interviewing Skills** - From 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the USAG Schinnen ACS Conference room for two courses that will help you in your job search. For information and to register call 0031(0)46-443-7500.

October 26

- **Monster Truck Display and Halloween Costume Contest** at the Schinnen Exchange from noon to 5 p.m. The contest is divided in age groups: 0-12 and 13 to adult and first and second place will receive an Exchange gift card.

October 27

- **Anger Management Class for women** at ACS from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

29 October

- **10 Steps to a Federal Job** - Get an overview of the process from start to finish. From 9:30 a.m. to noon in the ACS Conference Room. Prior registration is required at 0031(0)46-443-7269/7500.

October 31

- **Trunk or Treat** - Fun for the whole family from 5:30 to 7 pm. Entry is \$3/€2 and includes the Trunk or Treat Trail, the Haunted House, children activities in the Community Activity Center and lots more spooky fun. Open to U.S. & NATO ID Card holders and guests, but if you don't have a Schinnen IACS card you need to register by calling 0031 (0)46-4437331.

USAG Benelux-Schinnen SAC and YC

FALL BREAK

22-26 October 2012

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
22 OCT	23 OCT	24 OCT
*GEOCACHING ON JFC	**ROCK CLIMBING, ARCHERY & TEAM GAMES AT ROCCA IN GULPEN, NL WWW.ROCCA.NL	*HIKE TO BRUNSSUMERHEIDE OBSERVATORY
THURSDAY		FRIDAY
25 OCT		26 OCT
**PHANTASIALAND AMUSEMENT PARK WWW.PHANTASIALAND.DE		*SWIMMING AT JFC POOL

FEES BASED ON TOTAL FAMILY INCOME

FEES (YC/SAC):

CAT1: \$26/52	CAT2: \$33/67
CAT3: \$42/84	CAT4: \$49/98
CAT5: \$56/112	CAT6: \$61/126
CAT7: \$67/134	CAT8: \$68/137
CAT9: \$70/140	

FEES ARE FOR WHOLE WEEK OF BREAK AND INCLUDE ALL TRIPS

Open to all US and NATO ID Card Holders for youth in grades 2-12

Limited Spaces Available. To Register Call:

Parent Central Services +31 (0)45 526-3121/2023 DSN 364-3121/2023	School Age Center (SAC) +31 (0)45 526-2575 DSN 364-2575	Youth Center (YC) +31 (0)45 526-3008 DSN 364-3008
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BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

October 23

- **Tuesday Lunch and Discussion Group "Staying Positive in Negative Situations"** in the ACS conference room, Bldg. 4 from noon to 1 p.m. Please call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.
- **Newcomers Briefing** from 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the ACS Conference Room, Bldg. 4 For information, call DSN 368-9783/9729 or civilian 02-717-9783/9729.

October 24

- **Supermarket Guided Tour** from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Meet at ACS, Bldg. 4. For information, call DSN 368-9783/9729 or civilian 02-717-9783/9729.
- **Cultural Adaptation** from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the ACS Conference Room, Bldg. 4 For information, call DSN 368-9783/9729 or civilian 02-717-9783/9729.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY I Continued

October 25

- **Steak Night** from 6 to 8 p.m. at the 3-Star Community Club for steak, beans, potato salad, corn and a dessert. Cost is \$10 per adult; \$8 per child. For more information, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-717-9822.
- **Hospital Guided Tour** from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Meet at ACS, Bldg. 4. For information, call DSN 368-9783/9729 or civilian 02-717-9783/9729.

October 26

- **Autumn Fest** - Fun for the whole family with Trunk or Treat from 6 to 7:30 p.m., BOSS haunted house from 6 to 7:30 p.m., 3-Star adult costume party and contest from 8 to 11:30 p.m., pumpkin carving and decorating contest from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call DSN 368-9753 or civilian 02-717-9753.
- **Open Market Walking Tour** from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Meet at ACS, Bldg. 4. For information, call DSN 368-9783/9729 or civilian 02-717-9783/9729.

October 26 - November 5

- **The NATO Dental Clinic will not provide dental services** during this period of time due to training. There will be limited sick call coverage at SHAPE Dental Clinic. The clinic will still be open to make appointments and for administrative tasks.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

October 24

- **Resilience Day - Detecting your icebergs** - Identify core beliefs and core values that fuel out-of-proportion emotions and reactions, and evaluate the accuracy and usefulness of these beliefs. From 10 to 11 a.m. at ACS, Bldg. 318, SHAPE. For information or to register, call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

October 25

- **Personal Financial Readiness Workshop** - Are your finances prepared for TDY, deployment, PCS move, economic downturns or other? Class is from 1 to 2 p.m. at ACS, SHAPE. For more information or to register, call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

October 27

- **Retirement Activities Day** from 9 a.m. to noon at the SHAPE Chapel annex. The purpose is to inform the military retired community on medical, dental, legal and other matters of interest. A representative from DFAS Cleveland is scheduled to attend to conduct one on one audits and answer general finance questions. Retired military and those contemplating retirement are encouraged to attend.

October 29

- **10 Steps to a Federal Job** - Get an overview of the process from start to finish. From 9 a.m. to noon in the ACS Conference Room, Bldg. 318, SHAPE. For information or to register, call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

October 30

- **Youth Program trip to haunted Walibi.** Departs SHAPE at 9 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Fee is \$55 for grades 7 to 12. Costumes are recommended but not mandatory. Registration by Oct. 26 at the Parent Central Services, SHAPE, Bldg. 503.

October 31

- **Trunk or Treat on Chièvres Air Base.** Carnival rides start at 4 p.m., trunk trail opens at 5:30 p.m.

USAG Benelux-Brussels
Autumn Fest
Friday, October 26th
1800-2330
Trunk or Treat 1800-1930
BOSS Haunted House 1800-1930
Brussels CYS Services Parents Night Out 2000-2330
3-Star Adult Costume Party and Contest 2000-2330
Pumpkin carving/decorating contest 1800-1900
Providing a safe place for community youth to Trick or Treat!
For more information call Brussels Family and MWR at DSN 368-9753 or CIV 02-717-9753
Volunteers & Community support greatly appreciated!
Adult and Youth Costumes must be Family Friendly
Family and MWR provides reasonable access within our programs for individuals with special needs

Fun for the whole family!
Decorated Cars & Trucks!

