

# THE GAZETTE

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

### Brussels Marathon

You have up to midnight today to register for the 9th edition of the Brussels Marathon and Half Marathon to be held Oct. 7. For details and to register on line, check [www.ingbrusselsmarathon.be/](http://www.ingbrusselsmarathon.be/).

### Trunk or Treat

**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.

### Netherlands Fuel Coupons

AAFES Netherlands fuel coupon booklets which expire Sept. 30 are extended through Dec. 31. New 2012/2013 booklets are scheduled to arrive in October.

### Chièvres Self-Help Store

The USAG Benelux Self Help Store on Chièvres Air Base will be closed through Sept. 28 in order to conduct an inventory.

### Transportation Training

Mandatory Unit Transportation Officer training will be held Sept. 25 in Bldg 1, DTS classroom in Brussels. For information call DSN 361-6309.

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## Belgians, U.S. remember the Wereth Soldiers



Cis Spook

The Belgian flag floats over the ceremony held at the U.S. Memorial Wereth, Saturday, September 22, 2012 as Belgians and Americans jointly honor the 11 African American Soldiers who were tortured and bayoneted to death, December 17, 1944.

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## Wereth I Continued

On the second day of the Battle of the Bulge, 11 members of the 333rd Field Artillery Battalion were separated from their unit while escaping and evading the German armor and infantry units during the Germans last major counter-offensive of WWII.

In search of some food and shelter, the eleven African American Soldiers were welcomed at the Langer family farm in Wereth. At dawn, a group of SS stopped in front of the Langer house. The 11 Soldiers surrendered and were forced to march to a cow pasture where they were tortured and bayoneted to death.

"The war didn't just affect Soldiers, it affected families too," said Adm. (Dr.) Regina Benjamin, 18th Surgeon General to the attendees at the ceremony among which were Ms Else Pritchett, daughter of one of the Wereth 11 Soldiers and Ms Sandra Green, niece of another.

Benjamin's uncle, Willie Alphonse, was also a member of the 333rd Field Artillery Battalion. He also surrendered to the Nazis during the Battle of the Bulge and was sent to Stalag 7b, a Prisoner of War camp in Memmingen, Germany. Alphonse stayed 106 days in this camp before he was liberated and was able to reunite with his family.

"Black GIs gave so much, the Wereth 11 Soldiers gave it all. I hope they feel the love that is shared here today between races and nationalities," Benjamin concluded.

## CFC kicks-off at USAG Benelux-Schinnen



Staff Sgt. Rachel Weimar, in charge of Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) program in Schinnen, cuts the cake with Capt. Matthew Urban (left), Headquarters Detachment Commander and Sgt. Jonathan Melendez (right), Military Police, to kick-off the campaign at the Schinnen Bowling Center, Tuesday, September 18, 2012. The Combined Federal Campaign is the only authorized charitable-giving drive for employees in the federal workplace. Established by executive order in 1961, it continues to be the largest and most successful workplace fundraising model in the world.

Until November 16, you can show your care through a Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas (CFC-O) pledge and donate to your favorite charity. Start making the world a better place by visiting [www.cfcoverseas.org](http://www.cfcoverseas.org) or contact your CFC-O Unit Representative.

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## USAG Benelux-Schinnen Soldiers train to German standards



Six USAG Benelux-Schinnen service members were hosted by the German Army at the Army range in Budel, the Netherlands, Tuesday, September 11, 2012. Of the six, five qualified for the Gold Schützenschnur Marksman award. The German award is a decoration for weapons proficiency similar to the U.S. Army Marksman Badge. Next partnership event will be at the U.S. Army Range, October 19, when the German service members will compete for the U.S. Army Marksman Badge. (Picture above) Staff Sgt. Rachel Weimar (front), USAG Benelux-Schinnen Military Police and Staff Sgt. Marta Francis, (back) 21st Theater Sustainment Command, Netherlands Law Center perform the pistol qualification course.



German Army Lt. Rohmann presents Sgt. 1st Class Barbara Balcom, USAG Benelux-Schinnen Military Police with the Schützenschnur in Silver which she won at the last range qualifications, the Germans hosted.

*U.S. Army photos by Nowy van Hedel*



German Army Sgt. Maj. Arnhold looks at Staff Sgt. Christopher Matras, USAG Benelux-Schinnen Military Police who is handling a German weapon.

# SHAPE Elementary School is Blue Ribbon School

*Special to the Gazette*

Three Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Schools were recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan as 2012 National Blue Ribbon Schools.

Boeblingen Elementary/Middle School, in Boeblingen, Germany, Charles Turner Joy Elementary/Middle School in Chinhae, Korea and Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) Elementary School in Mons, Belgium all received the honor - the most schools in any one year for DoDEA. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes schools based on their overall academic excellence or for making progress in improving student academic achievement levels.

Secretary Duncan announced the 219 public and 50 private schools 2012 National Blue Ribbon Schools at a ceremony at Arlington Traditional Elementary School in Arlington, Va. on Friday, September 7.

"We are so honored to have three of our schools recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools by the Department of Education," said Marilee Fitzgerald, DoDEA Director. "We want every child to have a great teacher, every school to have a great principal and every school to be high performing. These DoDEA schools demonstrate these qualities each and every day and set the bar for excellence in education."

In its 30-year history, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed this coveted award on nearly 7,000 of America's schools.

"Our nation has no greater responsibility than helping all children realize their full potential," Duncan said. "Schools honored with the National Blue Ribbon Schools award are committed to accelerating student achievement and preparing students for success in college and careers. Their work reflects the conviction that every child has promise and that education is the surest pathway to a strong, se-

cure future."

The National Blue Ribbon Schools award honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' levels of achievement.

The program recognizes schools in one of two performance categories. The first category is "Exemplary High Performing," in which schools are recognized among their state's highest performing schools, as measured by state assessments or nationally-normed tests. The second category is "Exemplary Improving," in which schools that have at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds demonstrate the most progress in improving student achievement levels as measured by state assessments or nationally-normed tests.

To select National Blue Ribbon Schools, the Department requests nominations from the top education official in every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the Bureau of Indian Education. The Council for American Private Education nominates private schools. The Secretary of Education invites nominated schools to submit an application for possible recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School.

DoDEA consists of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools located overseas, and the Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools located in the U.S. and its territories and possessions. DoDEA provides education to eligible DoD military and civilian dependents from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. DoDEA also provides support and resources to Local Education Activities throughout the U.S. that serve children of military families.

## USAG Benelux holds Suicide Prevention Stand-Downs



Chaplain (Maj.) Philip Smiley talks to his audience with a probing briefing on suicide prevention at the Schinnen Community Activity Center, Thursday, September 20, 2012. "We at Team Schinnen will continue to uplift our Soldiers and civilians with all our heart and soul, giving them the opportunity to excel and grow through good times and bad," he said.

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux also participated in Suicide Prevention Stand-Down events in the USAG Benelux-Brussels Auditorium, the SHAPE Alliance Theater and the Chièvres Community Recreation Center. The Suicide Prevention Stand-down was a U.S. Army Europe wide initiative. The event carried the theme "Shoulder to Shoulder, We Stand up for Life."

"This is a day that starts something new," said Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, USAREUR commander. "The Army has had a significant challenge in [preventing suicides] the last couple of years, and it is not just the Army but society as a whole."

"I think we not only have the capability to address the issue in the Army, but we can do so better than the rest of society because of the leaders who care," Hertling said. "All of this is just flat out caring. If someone is hurting, it's the ability to reach out to them and say, 'hey, everything okay?'"

# Starting a claim for damage to your household goods

## Special to the Gazette

If you have just arrived in Belgium, you are likely going through a lot of lengthy and time-sensitive paperwork. One of those time-sensitive pieces is filing a claim for damage to your household goods during shipment.

When your household goods are delivered to you by the carrier, the driver will give you a document called the Joint Statement of Loss or Damage at Delivery (DD Form 1840). You and the driver should indicate on this form all of the property which has obvious damage or is missing due to the move. This benefits you, because the driver helps substantiate that the damage or loss occurred. Both you and the driver will sign and date the DD Form 1840. The driver's signature indicates that his company is aware that you have sustained property damage and/or missing items. Your signature on this form also acknowledges that you understand that you have 75 days to list any additional loss or damage found during unpacking, using DD Form 1840R, Notice of Loss or Damage After Delivery.

There are two steps to submitting claims:

**Step 1:** You will take your completed form(s) (DD Form 1840 and 1840R), your inventory and your GBL (Government Bill of Lading) to the nearest claims office and report it to the carrier through the Defense Personal Property System (DPS) at [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil). You must submit the notification form(s) to the Transportation Service Provider (TSP) within 75 days of delivery with receipt confirmation. You may submit them to the Military Claims Office (MCO) to ensure dispatching to the TSP's proper address within 75 days if you are in doubt or need assistance with receipt confirmation. Receipt confirmation may be via email, fax and/or DPS. Failure to send the notification forms to the proper TSP within 75 days may result in total forfeiture of your claim. Submitting the notification forms to the TSP within 75 days is not the same as filing your claim.

**Step 2:** Once you have submitted your notification to the TSP, you must file your claim. You have 9 months from date of delivery to file your claim through the TSP to be eligible for Full Replacement Value. The TSP has the right to investigate your items. They will determine what items are deemed repairable and which items will be replaced for full value. Do not throw out any of your damaged items. The TSP may request you to obtain repair estimates; do not get an estimate without being asked to by the TSP. You will only be reimbursed for that estimate if they instruct



Know what to do in case of loss or damage of your household goods.

you do so. You can come to the MCO to obtain a listing of local repair estimators. After filing your claim with the TSP they will offer you a settlement for each item separately, typically within 60 days. If for any reason you do not agree with any of their offers, you may transfer those specific items to the MCO. You must submit the claim within two years of date of delivery to the MCO.

If you fail to give the claims office timely notice of the loss or damage, that office cannot give timely notice to the carrier, resulting in the Army being unable to collect from the carrier. The amount of the loss will be deducted from your compensation. In many cases, this will result in total forfeiture of the claim.

You must bring in your inventory and GBL (Government Bill of Lading) and a copy of your orders when you present your DD Form 1840R to the MCO. You need these forms if you only need assistance with DPS (Step 1) or if you are transferring a claim to the MCO (Step 2). You do not need estimates or replacement costs when complying with the 75 day rule. At the time you turn in your Notice of Loss, we will provide you with copies of your paperwork, claims forms and instructions about filing your claim.

If you have any further questions, please contact claims personnel at The Northern Law Center, Bldg 318 on SHAPE, or call DSN 423-4061 or civilian 065-44-4061.

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# September is National Fruits and Veggies Month

**By Robyn Brown, Program Evaluator**  
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As the warm weather slowly fades away, we all think about how to keep the healthy feeling of summer a little longer. Cooler weather and shorter days can take a toll on our immune system. Research shows that one way to stay strong is to continue to enjoy plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables. September is “National Fruits and Veggies—More Matters” month. This is a great time to make the transition from summer’s fresh peaches and blueberries to the delicious pears, plums and grapes of the fall.

Orange fruits and vegetables are a particularly tasty way to boost the immune system all year long. Delicious fall favorites include sweet potatoes, butternut squash or pumpkin. Orange foods contain the antioxidants beta-carotene, a precursor to vitamin A, as well as vitamin E. These vitamins work alongside vitamin C to improve the immune system’s ability to protect against viral infections and to fight off colds and flu.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends eating a variety of colorful fruits and veggies every day in order to promote good health, and says that almost everyone could benefit from including more of these tasty choices in every meal. A general guideline is to aim for five servings of fruits and vegetables per day, and most people should increase the amount they eat every day.

There are plenty of simple and fun ways to add a colorful variety of fruits and veggies to your meals and snacks. All forms of fruits and veggies matter—use fresh, frozen, canned, dried and 100 percent fruit juice. Here are some tips to increase daily fruit and vegetable intake:

- **Make fruits and vegetables visible:** Keep a colorful fruit bowl visible on the kitchen counter, dining table or desk at work. Fresh produce can also be kept within easy reach in the refrigerator and portioned into small servings for a quick and easy snack.

Courtesy Photo



- **Double up the veggies:** When making stir fry or pasta, it is easy to double the usual portions of vegetables like broccoli or bell peppers and maintain the taste of the dish. When serving vegetables as a side dish, add an extra helping, so at least half of the plate is filled with fruit and veggies.

- **Add fruits to everything:** Many daily treats can give your immune system a boost by topping them with fruit. Add bananas to breakfast cereal, pancakes or toast. Top an afternoon snack of yogurt with cranberries. Enjoy snacks of fruits like oranges, pears or apples anytime.

- **Try something new:** Even the tastiest healthful meals can eventually lose their appeal. Keep healthy eating interesting by regularly adding new variety. Try new recipes for colorful side dishes. Browse the produce aisle or farmers market for a new fruit for afternoon snacks.

Each season provides an opportunity to try something new and delicious.

Try this fruit salad for a great way to strengthen your immune system this fall:

- 1 mango, peeled and cut into cubes
- 1 medium banana, sliced
- 1 cup pineapple chunks – fresh or canned
- 1 orange, sectioned
- 2 passion fruits

Combine first four ingredients in a bowl and stir gently to mix. Cover and refrigerate for about an hour to allow flavors to blend. Spoon fruit salad into dessert bowls. Cut each passion fruit in half and serve one half with each bowl. Scoop the passion fruit out of the skin, and use it as a dressing for the fruit salad.

For ideas on adding more fruits and veggies to your meals this fall visit Produce for Better Health Foundation website at [www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org/](http://www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org/) or U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov/nutrition/everyone/fruitsvegetables/howmany.html](http://www.cdc.gov/nutrition/everyone/fruitsvegetables/howmany.html).





## COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

*Last year, the Chièvres/SHAPE community raised \$62,295.00, the Brussels community raised \$40,806.50 and the Schinnen community raised \$16,030.03.*

*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.*

## Air travel to be approved and ticketed ahead of time

### Special to the Gazette

Beginning October 1, any travel authorization that includes air travel must be approved and ticketed at least 72 hours in advance of the scheduled flight departure to avoid airline reservations from being cancelled. This is due to a new policy being instituted by the airlines under the FY13 GSA City Pair contract.

Under the new policy, if an Authorizing Official (AO) does not approve an authorization within 72 hours of departure, the airline reservation will be cancelled and the traveler will arrive at the airport without a ticket or a reservation in the airline's system. This applies to all City Pair and non-contract government flights that are either booked through DTS or through a Commercial Travel Office (CTO).

Those travelers making travel plans within 72 hours of departure must have their authorization approved and tickets issued within 24 hours of creation to avoid cancellation. If making plans within 24 hours of departure, authorizations must be approved and ticketed at least 6 hours prior to flight departure time to avoid cancellation.

If airline reservations are cancelled, a traveler will be notified via email or phone by their Commercial Travel Office.

Arriving at the airport without a ticket can impact mission, travel funds, and put unnecessary stress on the traveler. If this occurs, travelers are not advised to rebook at the airline counter. Often, counter agents are not familiar with GSA's City Pair Program and may book the traveler on a full priced fare at a much higher cost. To rebook a flight, travelers should follow their normal ticketing process. Travelers should take their travel itinerary with them to the airport. If your reservation has been cancelled, the itinerary will provide contact information for your Commercial Travel Office (CTO), as well as, reservation details to help you rebook.

In the current fiscal environment where it is necessary to

be conservative with travel budgets, monitoring the status of travel documents and ensuring travel authorizations are approved, is the best way to avoid unnecessary costs and stress associated with rebooking travel.

#### **Tips for Travelers:**

- Monitor the status of your travel authorization. If your trip is approaching and your authorization has not been approved, contact your Authorizing Official (AO) immediately. If your AO is unavailable, contact your Defense Travel Administrator (DTA).

- Ensure your DTS profile is current. Often, travelers forget to update their profile with the Government Travel Charge Card expiration date if they received a new card. Without a current card in your profile, a reservation cannot be purchased.

- Take your travel itinerary with you to the airport. If your reservation has been cancelled, the itinerary will provide contact information for your CTO as well as reservation details to help you rebook.

#### **Tips for Authorizing Officials (AO):**

- Monitor documents awaiting your approval.
- Ensure a back-up AO is designated if you will be on leave or deployed.

#### **Tips for Defense Travel Administrators (DTA):**

- Run the new "Pending Airline Cancellation" report to identify those authorizations at risk for cancellation.

- Run Traveler Status Reports to notify Agency Program Coordinators which travelers are scheduled for travel to ensure Government Travel Charge Cards are activated.

#### **Tips for Agency Program Coordinators (APC):**

- Review the Accounts Information Reports and advise DTAs regarding invalid and expired GTCCs.

- Review the Approved Status Reports and assist with activating GTCCs for travelers with upcoming trips.

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## SATO Brussels

The SATO Travel Agency in Brussels will be closed September 26. The Chièvres office will be open and can be reached at civilian 068-657125.

## 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.

## IACS Office

The IACS office at the U.S. in/out processing center on SHAPE has ceased operations. Customers requiring IACS support can report to Bldg. 134, room 104 Chièvres Air Base. The operating hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Fridays are 8 to noon and 12:30 to 3 p.m. For appointments, call DSN 361-5433/5805 or civilian 068-27-5433/5805. The Brussels community members can get IACS support at the Brussels IACS Office, Bldg. 4, room 311 on USAG Benelux- Brussels. The new operating hours are Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. For appointments, call DSN 368-9835 or civilian 02-717-9835.

## 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>. This fall, hands-on learning can be taken to a new level by exploring fascinating cities in the United Kingdom while earning university credit with UMUC Europe's field study program. In Cultural Studies: Cambridge, students will visit one of the oldest and most famous university cities in Europe and walk the grounds where ideas that have revolutionized our world were born. In Dublin, Ireland: A Brief Literary History, students will discover the Irish novelists, playwrights, and poets who have forged one of the greatest bodies of literature in the English language, while experiencing the historical and contemporary cultural center of Ireland. Both courses start Oct. 13 and registration is open now until Sep. 30. For details, visit [www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy](http://www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy). For more information on registration, field study, contact a local UMUC Europe field representative, visit [www.ed.umuc.edu](http://www.ed.umuc.edu), or call DSN 370-6762 or civilian +49-(0)6221-3780.

## 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](http://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](mailto:shape.ic3@gmail.com) to arrange a "garage door" meeting at another time during the work week.

## Chièvres Fitness

To accommodate Oktoberfest and the Air Force Ball, Quest's classes of Strength & Toning as well as Spinning scheduled for Sept. 29 are rescheduled to Sunday, Sept. 30 at the same time. For information about the Chièvres Fitness Center and a class schedule, visit <http://usagbeneluxfmwr.wordpress.com/community-recreation/chievresshape/fitness-center/>.



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**Dutch health insurance discount**

Health insurance company Menzis is to offer clients a discount if they live a more healthy lifestyle. For example, someone who stops smoking or takes up sport, donates blood or looks after a sick relative can build up points towards a discount. Clients can build up a maximum of 5,000 points over a three-year period which will be worth €250. They can use the bonus to reduce their own risk payments or pay for other services, such as walking aids.

**Ford at Genk**

Ford Genk will start the assembly of the new Mondeo model in October 2013. The news came as a huge relief especially after the report from Wall Street Journal mentioning that Ford was considering shutting down the Genk plant.

**Dutch budget**

In tackling its finances, the Dutch government is asking all Dutch people to make sacrifices. This is also what Queen Beatrix said in her annual speech that marks the opening of the new political year and is used to outline the government's policy and new initiatives. This year, the speech comes just one week after the general elections and focuses on austerity measures which were agreed upon in April by a five-party coalition.

**Riots near Antwerpen**

A group of radical Muslims started some riots during the 300th Anniversary of the Giants Parade in Borgerhout near Antwerpen. Some 230 trouble makers were arrested and one police officer was injured. The group of radical Muslims was protesting against the anti Islam video "Innocence of Muslims".

**Older workers in the Netherlands**

Only seven percent of job seekers over the age of 60 manage to find a new job, according to the latest figures from the national statistics office CBS. Between the ages of 55 and 60, the chance of finding work is just 15 percent. With Parliament agreeing to rise retirement age from 65 to 67 over the coming years, experts on aging say companies must take more account of their older workers. Despite the lack of evidence that productivity decreases with age, companies are still reluctant to employ older people.

**WWII parachutist's body found near Arnhem**

The body of a British World War II Soldier has been recovered from the Ginkelse Heide near Ede. The body was found by someone using a metal detector. The identity of the Soldier has not yet been determined. The recovery and identity service says the Soldier was probably a member of 4th Parachute Brigade of the 1st Airborne Division which was dropped over the Ginkelse Heide on September 18, 1944. Two hand grenades were found near the body.

**Dutch students in Belgium**

There is mounting criticism in Belgium on the number of Dutch students opting to go to cheaper Belgian universities. A total of 917 Dutch students are now registered at the University

of Antwerp, up from 658 a year ago. In Ghent, there are now 326 first-year Dutch students, up by almost one third. Dutch students have to pay basic fees of nearly €1,800 to study in the Netherlands whereas in Belgium the basic fees are €600.

**Firing a Belgian employee is expensive**

A report was recently published that shows that firing an employee in Belgium on average costs twice as much as in neighboring countries like France, Germany and the Netherlands. Only in Italy is firing an employee is more expensive. The report also shows a huge contrast between blue and white collar workers in Belgium as firing a blue collar is very cheap, even cheaper in Belgium than in Poland. The reason why firing an employee is so expensive is that it takes into account both the employee's age and the number of years the employee has been working for the company. Also, companies often pay more than the legal minimum in order to avoid law suits.

**Mosasaurus fossil found in Maastricht**

A 13-meter long fossil of a giant sea reptile known as a mosasaurus has been found during chalk quarrying in Maastricht.



Carlo Brauer next to parts of the mosasaurus he uncovered in a quarry

An excavator operator at the ENCI cement factory discovered the giant teeth of the fossil creature in the shovel of his digger last Monday. 'I saw them glistening in the morning sun,' Carlo Brauer said in a news release. Work in the area was stopped and paleontologists from Maastricht's natural history museum immediately confirmed the unique find. Since then museum staff have uncovered large parts of its skull, body and tail. Mosasaurus, which date from the end of the dinosaur era, swam in the shallow tropical seas which covered southern Limburg some 67 million years ago. Its name means lizard of the Meuse River. Four other relatively partial Mosasaurus skeletons have been found in the Netherlands. The new find will go on display in the Maastricht museum at the end of the year.



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

**27 September**

- **Late Opening of some Brussels Museums** from 5 to 10 p.m. Check the list of all participating museums and the date at [www.brusselmuseumsnocturnes.be/index.php?page=3](http://www.brusselmuseumsnocturnes.be/index.php?page=3).

**28 September – 2 October**

- **Village fest in Herchies** with the following highlights: On Saturday, local products market; on Sunday, flea market on the square; on Monday, local band concert at Salle Ercinéo at 7 p.m.

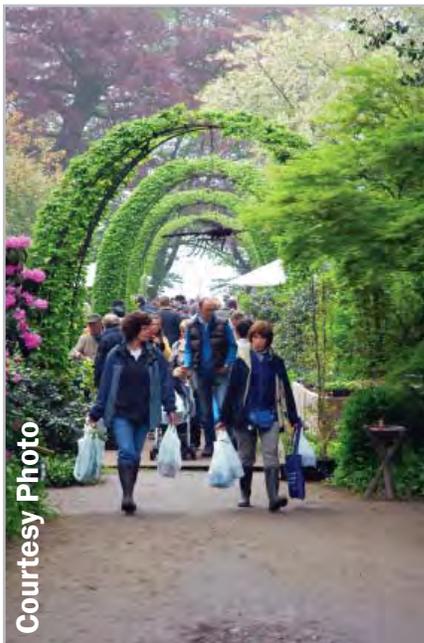
**29 September**

- **Flea market in Baudour** (200 booths) at the city park from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Havré** (70 booths) on Rue de la Goulette and Rue Bruyère from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Saint Gilles** (200 booths) on Quartier Ma Campagne from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Goutroux** for 3, 7, 14 or 21 km. Departure is from the “Salon Communal” on Rue de Leernes 151 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Bread fest in Ransart** – 10th edition of the bread fest will highlight all kinds of breads from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at “Salle des Fêtes” on Rue Paul Pastur 62. No entrance fee.



**29-30 September**

- **Display and sale of rare plants in Celles** (Tournai) on Rue de la Feuillerie, 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €8 per person – free of charge for children under 12 years.
- **Flea market in Molenbeek-Saint-Jean** (150 booths) on Rue Ossegem from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Medieval fest in Estinnes-au-Mont** at the school from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. With medieval camp, arts & crafts fair, entertainment and more. No entrance fee.
- **WWII camp in Soignies** with some 100 re-enactors and 30 vintage vehicles. Camp on 32, Rue du Viaduc can be visited Saturday from 3 to 8 p.m. or Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m.



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Rare plants market in Celles, Sept.29-30



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

**Until 25 September**

- **October Market in the center of Büren (GE)** is always held at the end of September.
- **Winter Fair 2012 in Harderberg** held in Evenementenhal Hardenberg on Energieweg 2. You'll find all kinds of things and ideas to make your home cozy and attractive for the coming winter months such as furniture, accessories, kitchen and bathrooms, flowers, art, antiques, wines, delicacies and more. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €8; children €4.

**26-30 September**

- **The Old Art & Antique Fair in Delft** is held at Prinsenhof in this historic town. Open: Sept. 26, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sept. 27 & 29-30, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sept. 28, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Entry: €15.

**28-30 September**

- **Harvest Fest in Jülich (GE)** with lots of booths and entertainment in the center of town from 1 to 6 p.m. daily.
- **Culinary Tilburg in Tilburg** is a culinary event at



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Willemsplein in the center of town where renowned restaurants from the area present themselves to the public by means of culinary highlights. Open: Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Sept. 29, 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Sept. 30, noon to 11 p.m.

**29-30 September**

- **The historic Flachsmarkt in Beek (Ge)**, which is part of the city of Wegberg, is a market with 180 crafts, demonstrations, knight tourney, music and lots more historic activities.

**30 September**

- **Cross Country & Lifestyle Garden Fair in Anzegem (BE)** held together (although separate) at the grounds of Castle Hemsrode. Open: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €10.
- **Celtic Fair in Eerbeek** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Theme is England/Scotland/Ireland. Event is held at Fletcher Hotel Huis on Professor Weberlaan 1. Entry is €5.



Through September 30

- **Salon Libr'Art in Libramont** – Contemporary art display at the Halle aux Foires on Place Communale from 1 to 7 p.m.

30 September

- **Mountain Bike ride in Genappe** for 10, 25, 45 or 60 km. Departure is from 8 a.m. to noon. Departure for the children's ride with guide for 10 km route is 9:30 a.m. and for the 25 km route is 9 a.m. Fee is €5 – free for children under 12 years.
- **Volksmarch in Montignies-Saint-Christophe** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the school on Place Herment from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Saint-Symphorien** for 6, 12, 20 or 30 km. Departure is from "Salle Calva" on Chaussée Roi Baudouin from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Tourpes** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from "La tourette de la pommeraie" on Rue Royale 52 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Soignies** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from "Salle Saint-Vincent" on Rue Chanoine Scarmure 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Thuin** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the school on Rue Crombouly 45 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Annual sales and flea market in Enghien** (80 booths) in the center of town from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Mons** (300 booths) at ImagiPark from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Wasmuel** (200 booths) on the main square and neighboring streets from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Display of Oldtimers in Soignies** on Place Van Zeeland from 8:30 to 10 a.m. At 10 a.m. oldtimers will parade through the center of town.



Ongoing Events & Happenings

Through 30 September

- **Visit the garden of the Château d'Havré** – On Chaussée du Roeux 1101 at Havré from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Saturdays and Sundays, the garden can be visited from 2 to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is 1,25 Euro per person.
- **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](http://www.sandmagic.be).



30 September Continued

- **Antique & Flea Market in Valkenburg** at Th. Dorrenplein in the center of town from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Chocolate Festival in Zutphen** with all kinds of activities, demonstrations and more with in the center of attention chocolate, chocolate and again chocolate. Open from noon to 5 p.m.

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 city is one gigantic party. There is always a parade of marching bands, a costume pageant and a funfair and the traditional handing out of herring and white bread to the citizens of Leiden.

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](http://www.floriade.com).



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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](http://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 23km 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.
- **Book now: Southern India, October 26 - November 4 - Only a few spaces left** - Ten days of 'All inclusive' trip. Stop by the office for a complete itinerary. A Visa is required for this trip. Price per person is €2885 Double/Twin, €3540 Single, €2270 Child (0-11 yrs with two paying adults in triple room).
- **Book now: Moulin Rouge, Paris, November 3 - Only 15 tickets left for dinner/show.** Price is €205 for trip, three course dinner, half a bottle of champagne and the show. Adults only for the show.



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 for the rest of this month**

## 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.

- **A Day in Gent, September 25** - Guided tour of the city followed by free time to see the Van Eyck Brothers' *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb* in St. Bavo's Cathedral, the Castle of the Counts, visit the top of the Belfry, take a canal tour, see the Gravensteen, the Rabor Gate or visit a tapestry shop with Shapian discounts. Price is €25.
- **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.

For recurring events check on [www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/sites/local/pages/gazette/GazetteExtra.pdf](http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/sites/local/pages/gazette/GazetteExtra.pdf).

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

### 27-28 September

- **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. Please register at DSN 360-7482 or civilian 0031(0)46-443-7482.
- **Tri-Border Culture College and Newcomer's Tour** - Day one we'll explore the Dutch culture and language plus get an overview of Tri-Border installation services. Day two we leave the classroom to see the Tri-Border communities, 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. Enroll today by calling 0031(0)46-443-7500.

### Sign up now

- **Motorcycle Safety Ride** - Sign up by Sept. 26 and ride Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Group riders meet at the North Parking Lot on 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. Please email [nino.antonacci.in@mail.mil](mailto:nino.antonacci.in@mail.mil) and [huub.melchers.in@mail.mil](mailto:huub.melchers.in@mail.mil) by 26 Sept 1500 and this event is free and open to the first 12 Soldiers who sign up, with space available for others.

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

### 27 September

- **Brussels Community Info Fair** - From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at USAG Benelux-Brussels. Get to know Brussels and all it has to offer at the various U.S. and Belgian booths. Food will be offered for purchase by MWR.

### 30 September

- **Brussels American Chapel BBQ lunch** - Luncheon is held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the 3-Star Community Club. There will be free hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone and the bouncing castle for kids. The chapel service starts at 10:30 a.m. but is not required if you want to attend the BBQ. For more information, contact DSN 368-9747.

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

### 24 & 25 September

- **Auditions for the musical 'Man of Lamancha'** - At 6:30 p.m. at the SHAPE Performing Arts Center, Bldg, 207. Roles are available for men and women over the age of 16. Rehearsals start September 26. For more information, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065/44-3312.

### 26 September

- **Second Resiliency Class 'Thoughts & Consequences'** - Identify your thoughts about an Activating Event and the consequences of those thoughts, from 10 to 11 a.m. at ACS, Bldg. 318, SHAPE. To register, call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

### 27 September

- **SHAPE Sports Athletics Competition** - Join the SHAPE community from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the SHAPE track to see who the fastest runners, longest jumpers and best throwers from a hosts of nations will be. Events will include the 100m, 400m, 100 and 400m relays, 1500m, 3,000m and a variety of field events.
- **Money Management Class** - Setting and reaching your financial goals from 1 to 2 p.m. at ACS, Bldg. 318, SHAPE. To register, call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

**Don't be a Stranger to Holland**  
Take advantage of this free and highly informative program.

**Tri-Border Culture College & Newcomer's Tour**  
Thursday & Friday  
23/24 August and 19/20 September  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Day 1 Day 2**

We'll explore the Dutch culture to include an introduction to the language. In the afternoon, we'll get an overview of Tri-Border installation services.

We'll leave the classroom and get out to see the Tri-Border communities, take a hospital tour, sightsee local attractions, visit shopping areas, and learn how to use the local trains.

Enroll today at Schinnen Army Community Service  
31 (0) 46-443-7500/7512 DSN 360-7500

Open to U.S. & Canadian ID card holders.  
Recreational and cultural programs are available and accessible to family members with disabilities.

Community Roundup

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Community Roundup

**27 September Continued**

- **'Lilies of the Field' by the SHAPE Players** at 7:30 p.m. at the SHAPE Performing Arts Center, Bldg. 207. Tickets are €14 per adult, €8 per student and €6 per child. Tickets are available Tuesday-Friday 1 to 6 p.m.

**28 September**

- **'Lilies of the Field' by the SHAPE Players** at 7:30 p.m. at the SHAPE Performing Arts Center, Bldg. 207. Tickets are €14 per adult, €8 per student and €6 per child. Tickets are available Tuesday-Friday 1 to 6 p.m.

**29 September**

- **'Lilies of the Field' by the SHAPE Players** at 7:30 p.m. at the SHAPE Performing Arts Center, Bldg. 207. Tickets are €14 per adult, €8 per student and €6 per child. Tickets are available Tuesday-Friday 1 to 6 p.m.

**30 September**

- **'Lilies of the Field' by the SHAPE Players** at 3 p.m. at the SHAPE Performing Arts Center, Bldg. 207. Tickets are €14 per adult, €8 per student and €6 per child. Tickets are available Tuesday-Friday 1 to 6 p.m.

**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.

# Safe Home Computing

1630-1730

Thursday  
September 27



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## 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! For more information contact your local Arts & Crafts, Community Recreation Office or [www.armymwr.com/recreation/artsandcrafts](http://www.armymwr.com/recreation/artsandcrafts)

**Categories:**

- People
- Military Life
- Nature and Landscapes
- Animals
- Still Life
- Design Elements
- Digital Darkroom
- Monochrome

**Divisions:**

- Active Duty
- Eligible Civilians (Family Members, Retirees & DA Civilians)

