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

Brussels Dental Clinic

For training reasons, the Brussels Dental Clinic will be closed or have limited services on certain days end of June and beginning of July. Find more information in the community roundup section.

MWR

Some of MWR services will be closed June 30 as a consequence of the 2012 American Independence Day celebration. More information in the community roundup section.

Brussels MWR

Brussels MWR is looking for volunteers to help with this year's Independence Day Celebration June 30. More info in the community roundup section.

Brussels CYS

CYSS announces the extended hours of its hourly care. The hourly program is now open until 5 p.m. Parents wishing to make reservations should call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 027179651.

Works in Mons

Works resumed on Rue Rogier and Rue Léopold II in Mons. Rue Léopold will thus be closed starting at the train station and the Rue Rogier will be closed from Rue Chisaire on. No parking will be allowed on both sides of Rue Chisaire, between Place Louise and Rue de Boussu.

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U.S. Army photo

A Soldier pulls security while senior leaders plan the next foot movement during simulated combat operation during training in Budel, The Netherlands.

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39th Signal Battalion Change of Responsibility



The new Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Harry Mercado faces 39th Signal Battalion Troops before concluding the ceremony.



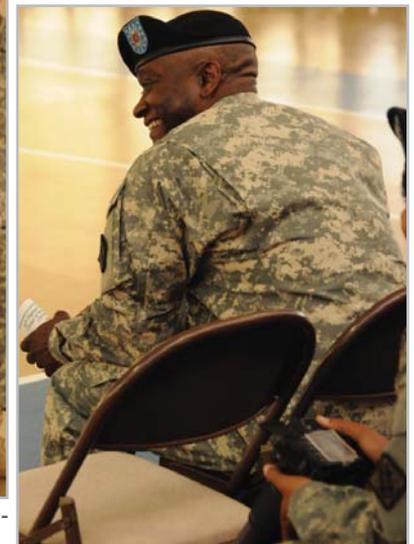
39th Signal Battalion Troops faces their new Command Sgt. Maj. before the conclusion of the ceremony.



39th Signal Battalion Commander Colonel Rodney L. Lightfoot praises the merits of the outgoing Command Sergeant Major, First Sergeant Doug W. Foster during his remarks.



Command Sgt. Maj. Harry Mercado (left) receives the Non-Commissioned Officer Sword 19 June, 2012 from the 2nd Signal Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Milton L. Weatherly after receiving it from Command Sgt. Maj. Doug W. Foster (right) in front of First Sergeant Charlie Sanders HHD, 39th Signal Battalion (second from left to right). U.S. Army photos by Donovan Abrassart.



The outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. listens to Colonel Rodney L. Lightfoot as he talks about the incredible job he did as his senior enlisted advisor.

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Warrior training I Continued

Special to the Gazette

Airmen, Sailors and Soldiers trained together in Budel, The Netherlands to hone their combat skills and learn each other's tactics and operating procedures.

"There are a lot of moving parts in an exercise like this that most people don't see. For example, due to host nation agreements we needed Belgian forces support to facilitate the transport of weapons and ammunition, as well as provide security during travel," said Sgt. Ross Meola U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

The two day event took months of planning and coordination between U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, 309th Airlift Squadron, SHAPE Navy Detachment, US Embassy, Dutch Department of Defense, Belgian Department of Defense, Training Support Division, USAG Benelux public affairs and American Forces Network, he said.

Combining resources to meet the various services and units training needs just makes sense, Capt. Mike Quigg, USAG Benelux HHC commander said. "As an Army commander responsible for training Soldiers that are likely to deploy after being stationed here, I need to make sure they stay sharp on their requirements, and skills. We don't have the resources of a Brigade Combat Team, Corp, or Division locally. We need to make use of every possible resource we have here. And since we're in a joint environment and the DoD is becoming more and more joint-interoperable, why not train together. The skills and tasks are common to being a warrior, not necessarily just being a Soldier."

"Troops demand realistic and intense training. It is our job as leaders to provide them with that kind of training. That was our main focus for the event in Budel," Sgt. Ross

Meola, USAG Benelux HHC.

Participants were required to conduct land navigation, engage targets with the M9 pistol and M16 rifle, move as a fire team, react to contact, evaluate casualties, search detainees and identify IED indicators.

"It was very valuable training for warrior task," according to Sgt. Scott Gallup, USAG Benelux HHC.

"It enhanced our skills in things that we as a garrison don't regularly have time or resources to effectively train on. Plus, finding out the capabilities of other service and having them learn our capabilities help us to develop cohesive teams for future operations."

"The five Airman from the 309th that provided us opposing forces personnel were invaluable and allowed the Army to effectively train as many Soldiers as possible," Quigg said. "The Airman and Sailors who were integrated into our platoons proved their toughness while training in the field. They ruck marched more than six miles in loose sand, qualified on assigned weapons, and performed Army warrior tasks and battle drills under pressure. We learned so much from each other - different communications (acronyms), tactics, and techniques."

"This was the first time we have been able to work with the SHAPE Navy Detachment and it is something we'll be

looking to do again. They are a tremendous group of professionals over there," Quigg said. "Training with AF security forces personnel was a no-brainer as we share many of the same duties down range and are expected to work together while deployed."



U.S. Army photo

Airmen, Sailors and Soldiers prepare to move out after determining the next course of action in the combat scenario in Budel, Netherlands. (left to right) Sgt. Jeremy Barbour, USAG Benelux; Sgt. Daniel Diaz, USAG Benelux; Senior Airman Eddie Jones, 309th Airlift Squadron; Petty Officer 1st Class Kyle Reimer, SHAPE Navy Detachment.



U.S. Army photo

Equipment at the ready for the combat phase of training in Budel, Netherlands.

Four steps to reaching your financial goals

By Rick Dechaineau

ACS Financial Readiness Program Manager

Do you have financial goals (goals that require money)? If your answer is “no” it’s very likely you just haven’t thought about it – enough! If your answer is “yes,” how do you plan on reaching your goal(s)?

The first step towards achieving your goals is to clearly identify each goal, which needs to be specific and have a start and end date. An example would be “...to have \$3,000 saved for leave and getting established at our new duty station by the time we transfer from Belgium in May of 2015.”

Sometimes (often) we have more goals than we have money. So, it’s smart to first identify all your goals before finalizing your plan for reaching them. You can prioritize your goals – and make adjustments as necessary – to ensure you don’t break the budget. Your list of goals will change over time, both because you will achieve some goals sooner than others, and because your situation (marriage, kids, transfers, etc.) – and therefore your goals - will change.

The preceding example gives the key ingredients you’ll need to “do the math” (don’t worry, it’s not hard math) for Step 2 – identifying how much you need to save each month (or payday) to reach your goal on time. Simply divide the goal amount by the number of months between now and when you need the money.

Example: \$3,000 / 30 months = \$100 per month (or \$50 per payday).

Is that amount affordable? The only way to know is by taking Step 3 and developing a saving and spending plan (budget) that lists your income, deductions (for taxes, etc.) and monthly expenses (including debt payments). You should treat your savings like they’re bills – make sure they are paid before spending on other “wants” you haven’t been planning for. Actually putting all these numbers on paper is

important. When we see the amounts laid out we can more easily consider what’s more important: continuing our current spending habits or reaching our goals?

Step 4 is to set up automatic contributions to your “goal” accounts. Reaching your goals on time is almost guaranteed if you’re putting money aside without having to think about it (and you leave that money alone until reaching your goal). Most banks and credit unions allow for automatic transfers to other banks or credit unions at no cost. Allotments from military pay are another way you can fund your goal accounts.

Remember: "A goal without a plan is just

a wish" ~ Antoine de Saint-Exupery.

TIP: Establish a separate savings account for each major goal. It is often best to have the accounts at a different bank or credit union than where you do the rest of your banking. This reduces the temptation to “rob” your goal savings for other spending (or at least it requires more than a couple clicks of the mouse to move the money).

Examples of Goals:

- Emergency Fund
- Debt Freedom Fund
- Travel/Vacation Fund
- Christmas Fund
- Buy a Car/Truck Fund
- Vehicle Repair Fund
- Home Buying Fund
- Kids’ Education Fund
- PCS Fund
- Buy a New TV Fund
- Retirement Fund

U.S. Forces ration policy change for alcohol

By Installation Management Command Europe

After a legal review and acceptance by U.S. Customs officials, the total number of liters of alcohol that can be purchased per person per month by U.S. Forces in some European counties is changed from 6.5 liters to 6 liters.

Additionally, liqueurs with more than 33 percent alcohol by volume are now rationed along with distilled spirits (liquors). Five or more miniature bottles (.05 liters) pur-

chased together are now also rationed.

These changes affect Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, Spain, and Turkey.

U.S. Forces Ration Card, AE Form 600-702C, has been revised, and ration card holders will be issued the new ration card when their old one expires.



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Keep valuables out of sight

By **Robert Szostek**

U.S. Army Europe Office of the Provost Marshal

U.S. forces personnel can easily become victims of car break-ins, and often they unwittingly tempt thieves, warn officials at the U.S. Army Europe Office of the Provost Marshal.

Satellite navigation devices are the most popular items for crooks, but laptops, ID cards, passports, cameras, cell phones, backpacks and military clothing items are also regularly stolen from cars and vans.

“The main problem is that Soldiers and civilians leave property in plain view inside vehicles,” said Patrick MacKenzie, the USAREUR OPM’s law enforcement chief.

Another big problem is that some people just don’t lock their vehicles, OPM officials added.

“It is not only important to lock your vehicle unattended, but it’s also the law in many countries in Europe,” MacKenzie added. In addition, insurance companies will not cover claims for stolen items if the vehicle was found to be unlocked.

But a locked vehicle alone is not a foolproof deterrent, he warned. If thieves see something valuable in plain sight inside, they will gladly smash a window or cut open a canvas top to grab it.

“It is best to never leave anything valuable in a car when it is unattended,” MacKenzie said. “Crooks know all the hiding places for electronic devices.” If you have to leave something in the car, the trunk is the safest place, he said.

MacKenzie also cautioned about a trick criminals use that often targets women driving alone.

Someone indicates there is something wrong on the driver’s side of the vehicle, he explained, and while the driver is distracted,

an accomplice opens the passenger-side door or reaches through an open window and steals the driver’s purse.

MacKenzie offered some tips for people who will be driving on vacations this season, to help reduce their chances of becoming victims of crime:

- Keep baggage and valuables out of sight, preferably locked in the trunk. When staying overnight, take valuables inside with you.
- If you have a detachable satellite navigation system or radio, always take it out when you leave the car.
- Always lock your car while driving, while getting gas, at rest stops and when parked. Locking or securing your car is a requirement in most European countries.
- Never leave valuable documents such as passports or ID cards in your vehicle –always keep them in your possession.
- Maps and guidebooks on the dashboard show that you’re a tourist -- keep them in the glove box.
- Stay away from cars driving erratically.
- Never pick up hitchhikers.
- Report thefts to military and local police, regardless of the country you are in. You may need a police report to file an insurance report as well.

For more security and crime prevention tips, contact the Provost Marshal Office in your community. Pamphlets on car and vacation security are available from the National Crime Prevention Council at www.ncpc.org/resources/files/pdf/theft.

New rules on French roads

Before you drive in France, know this or possibly pay dearly. You’ll want to read all of this.

Effective July 1, 2012, a personal breathalyzer is required when driving a private or government vehicle in France in accordance with their new national compulsory law.

Fines will not be issued until November 1, 2012.

The violation will be a fourth class fine. If paid within three days, the fine is €90; if its past three days but less than 29 days, the fine is €135; if 30 days or more, the fine is €375.

A breathalyzer costs about €1 and can be purchased at locations outside France or at any service station once in France. Breathalyzers can also be purchased at the Exchange gas station on Schinnen.

Radar detectors in a vehicle are illegal in France even when they are not in use. If caught with a radar detector, the fine is up to €1500, the detector confiscated or the vehicle could be confiscated. So, remove the device before taking your car to France.

As of January 3, 2012, “satnav” and “gps” systems that can show where speed cameras are located are illegal. Drivers must ensure this function is disabled. Software updates are available for some systems to remove this function. If the device still shows speed cameras in France it is suggested to leave the device at home or face a fine of €1500 and have the system and the vehicle confiscated.

Visibility (safety) vests are mandatory in France. It is suggested to have a vest for every occupant carried inside the car and put-on before getting out of the vehicle.

A warning triangle has been compulsory in France since July 1, 2008. The triangle can be used in conjunction with hazard flash lights as required.



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High winds can put you at significant risk

Special to the Gazette

What to Do When High Winds are Expected:

Wind speeds are increased dramatically as gusts push through narrow city streets between tall buildings, a phenomenon known as the "urban canyon effect."

Winds of this magnitude have the potential to bring down trees, power lines, scaffolding, signs and awnings, and can turn unsecured objects into dangerous projectiles.

To prevent damage and injury, bring loose items indoors, and fully secure outdoor objects.

Strong winds can make driving difficult, especially for those driving high profile vehicles and anyone driving across bridges and overpasses. Maintain a firm grip on the wheel and keep a safe distance between vehicles.

After a high wind advisory or high wind warning is issued residents should take the following precautions:

- Take shelter.
- Tune in to AFN.
- Ensure windows are secure and brace outside doors.
- Bring in unsecured objects from patios and balconies and secure outdoor objects such as lawn furniture that could blow away and cause damage or injury.

The safest place to be during high winds is indoors. Postpone outdoor activities if a wind advisory or high wind warning has been issued.

If you are caught outside during high winds:

- Take cover next to a building or under a shelter.
- Stand clear of roadways or train tracks, as a gust may blow you into the path of an oncoming vehicle.
- Use handrails where available on outdoor walkways and avoid other elevated areas such as roofs without adequate railing.
- Watch for flying debris. Tree limbs may break and street signs may become loose during strong wind gusts.
- Keep an eye toward nearby balconies for loose objects that may fall.



In the event of a downed power line:

- Call for help. Report downed lines to SHAPE Police 065-443333 or Chièvres MP Desk at DSN 361-5301 or civilian 068-27-5301. Do not try to free lines or to remove debris yourself.

- Avoid anything that may be touching downed lines, including vehicles or tree branches. Puddles and even wet ground can conduct electricity in some cases. Warn others to stay away.

- If you see someone who has been shocked who may be in direct or indirect contact with

a power line, do not try to touch them. You may become a second victim. Get medical attention as quickly as possible by calling SHAPE Police at 065443333 or Chièvres MP Desk at DSN 361-5301 or civilian at 068-27-5301.

- If a line falls on your car, stay inside the vehicle. Take care not to touch any of the metal frame of your vehicle.
- Honk your horn, roll down the window and warn anyone who may approach of the danger.
- Ask someone to call the police. Do not exit the car until help arrives, unless it catches on fire. To exit, open the door, but do not step out. Jump, without touching any of the metal portions of the car's exterior, to safe ground and get away quickly.

If you are driving:

- Keep both hands on the wheel and slow down.
- Watch for objects blowing across the roadway and into your path.
- Keep a safe distance from cars in adjacent lanes as strong gusts could push a car outside its lane of travel.
- Take extra care in a high-profile vehicle such as a truck, van, SUV, or when towing a trailer, as these are more prone to be pushed or even flipped by high wind gusts.
- If winds are severe enough to prevent safe driving, get onto the shoulder of the road and stop, making sure you are away from trees or other tall objects that could fall onto your vehicle. Stay in the car and turn on the hazard lights until the wind subsides.

The Gazette summer schedule

Please note that during the summer period, the frequency of the Gazette publication will be modified, taking effect 9 July. Consequently, please plan accordingly for any submission request as the Gazette will be issued once every two weeks. Normal publication frequency will be resumed as of 27 August. Publication schedule will be as follows:

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| - 9 July, no Gazette issue | - 6 August, no Gazette issue |
| - 16 July, Gazette issue | - 13 August, Gazette issue |
| - 23 July, no Gazette issue | - 20 August, no Gazette issue |
| - 30 July, Gazette issue | - 27 August, Gazette issue |

Garrisons welcome new top noncommissioned officer

By Troy Darr
IMCOM Europe

U.S. Army garrison leaders from across Europe converged on Patrick Henry Village to welcome a new top noncommissioned officer during a ceremony here June 20.

Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless assumed responsibility as the fifth command sergeant major of Installation Management Command Europe since its founding on Oct. 7, 2002.

Hartless is now the region's senior enlisted Soldier, and enlisted advisor to the Region Director Kathleen Marin.

"Since our founding, our Nation has asked much of our Army here in Europe both in combat and in transformation, making it one of the most challenging assignments anywhere," said Marin during the ceremony. "Indeed, while a tour in Europe opens up many possibilities to an excellent quality of life and world-class garrison support, it is a privilege often earned through service in important missions such as Operation Enduring Freedom."

"Since IMCOM Europe's founding, our Soldiers have answered the call of duty relentlessly, from the streets of Sadr City in Baghdad to the Korengal Valley of Afghanistan," said Marin.

Hartless has also answered that call, serving nearly 24 years of his 30-year career in airborne assignments, earning parachute badges from Italy, Jordan, Norway, Korea, Germany and Honduras. During a deployment to Afghanistan

Hartless earned a Bronze Star for valor. In addition to his service in combat units, Hartless has worked at garrison assignments including U.S. Army Garrison Fort Polk and U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Hartless has an impeccable record of selfless service around the globe that spans nearly 30 years," said Marin. "Indeed, he has mastered the art of Soldiering and installation management as few others have."

The role of a command sergeant major is to advise and initiate recommendations to the commander and staff. The command sergeant major is also expected to function completely without supervision, and the command sergeant major's counsel is expected to be calm, mature and precise, but with boundless energy and enthusiasm, even in the worst of times.

"Command Sergeant Major, I am honored that you have again renewed your calling, indeed your purpose, to the vocation of serving Soldiers and their

families," said Marin. "In carrying out the IMCOM Europe mission, only the best leadership will do, from our uniformed officers and NCOs to our civil servants.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Hartless, welcome to the IMCOM Europe family. As the NCO Creed says: All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership. I know you will provide that leadership."



Kathleen Marin, Installation Management Command Europe region director, passes the IMCOM Europe colors to Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless as a symbol of his responsibility to the command during a ceremony in Heidelberg, Germany, June 20.

Troy Darr

The hotline numbers for USAG Benelux and Brussels are changing. There will be one hotline number that covers Benelux and Brussels for Sexual Assault and another hotline number that covers Benelux and Brussels for Domestic Violence/ Victim Advocacy.

- For USAG Benelux/Brussels Sexual Assault Hotline, call 0476-762264 within Belgium.
- For USAG Benelux/Brussels Domestic Violence/Victim Advocacy, call 0472-901068 within Belgium.

Calling from outside Belgium in Europe, add "32" at the beginning and drop the first "0."

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SKIES classes on SHAPE

Sessions and enrollment periods for school year 2012-2013:

- **Session I:** 20 August through 26 September. Re-enrollment through 29 June 2012. New enrollment 2 July through 17 August 2012.
- **Session II:** 5 November 2012 through 18 January 2013. Re-enrollment 1 October through 12 September 2012. New enrollment 15 through 26 October 2012.
- **Session III:** 21 January through 29 March 2013. Re-enrollment 10 through 21 December 2012. New enrollment 7 through 18 January 2013.
- **Session IV:** 15 April through 14 June 2013. Re-enrollment 4 through 15 March 2013. New enrollment 18 through 29 March.

Classes available: Ballet, Driver's Ed, English, French, Gymnastics, Karate, Piano, Spanish, Swim, Taekwondo, Tennis. There will be more classes coming up such as Jazz Dance, Guitar, Italian, Parent and Child multi sports.

The SKIES Unlimited School is always looking for skilled and motivated people. If you or somebody you know wants further information, contact the SKIES Unlimited Specialist at DSN 423-5611 or civilian at 065-44-5611.

SKIES Piano summer session on SHAPE

Piano summer session (for ages 3.5 to 12) on SHAPE Bldg. 616 have already started and registration is open until filled.

- **Week 3:** 2 through 6 July
- **Week 4:** 9 through 13 July
- **Week 5:** 16 through 20 July
- **Week 6:** 24 through 27 July
- **Week 7:** 30 July through 3 August

Fee is \$20 per class (30 minutes) or \$80 per week. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

CYSS SHAPE Summer camp

The School Age Center is offering 10 weeks of action packed activities for children ages 6-12. 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://usagbeneluxcyss.blogspot.com> or <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/shapecym.html>.

CYSS SHAPE Summer trips

The following trips are available to middle schoolers and teens:

- **Italy Express 8 through 13 July.** Fee is \$325.
 - **Conquering Summer 6 through 10 August.** 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 Summer Intensive Session French at SHAPE

Registration for French at Bldg. 503, SHAPE for ages 5 and up is open until filled. Fee is \$90 per session. First session starts July 2, second session starts July 16 and third session starts August 6. Classes are also open to parents. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

CYSS Ballet on SHAPE

Registration for the Ballet summer session at Bldg. 704 for ages 4 to 18, is open until filled.

- **Week 3:** 2 through 6 July
- **Week 4:** 9 through 13 July

Fee is \$40 per week. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

CYSS classes on SHAPE

Other classes available are Driver's Ed, English, Gymnastics, Karate, Piano, Spanish, Swim, Taekwondo and Tennis. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

CYSS Golf Clinic at SHAPE

Registration for the Golf Clinic is open until filled for boys and girls aged 10 to 18. Fee is \$35 per mini-session. The next sessions are July 3-26 and August 2-28. Held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

Schinnen Community Activity Center

Recreational wall climbing introduction class for novices or first time climbers. Part 1 focuses on the use of the equipment, safety and climbing procedures.

Part 2 is focused on climbing various routes on the wall. Open to U.S. and NATO ID card-holders. For information or to sign-up contact DSN 360-7561 or civilian 31(0)46-443-7561.

CYSS Schinnen Summer Camps

Summer Camp begins June 25 for the School Age Center and for the Youth Center. Theme weeks throughout the summer offer a wide variety of arts and crafts projects, indoor and outdoor activities, science and nature, plus music and drama multi-cultural activities. Be sure to sign-up early for the YC July 8 trip to Camp Darby, Italy. Call 31(0)45-526-3008 for details.

CYSS Fall sports in Schinnen

Registration for the soccer, flag football and cheerleading for ages 6 to 15 is open until July 27. To register or to get more information call DSN 364-3121/4192 or civilian 31(0)45-526-3121/4192. Open to U.S. and NATO ID card holders.

CYSS Schinnen

Italy Express Tripart - Travel by coach to Camp Darby in the Tuscany region of Italy. Explore regional sites such as the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Cinque Terre, Lucca and other local sites. Plus pool time, sleeping in tents and cooking over the campfire. Mandatory Parent and Youth meeting at 6 p.m. on July 2 at the Youth Center. Space is limited. Open to all US and NATO ID Card Holders for Youth in grade 6 and above. Youth must have attended 6th grade during the 2011-12 school year. For information call the Youth Center Office at DSN 364-3008 or civilian 045-526-3008 or the Parent Central Services at DSN 364-2023/4192 or civilian 045-526-2023/4192.

CYSS Brussels

Start Smart Sports are developmental sports programs for children ages 3-5. Parents and children participate together in sessions facilitated by the staff and designed

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to develop children's skills and self-esteem within a safe, fun, and non-competitive environment. Contact the Youth Sports Director at DSN 368-9680 or civilian 02-717-9680 for more information.

Registration for 2012 Fall Youth Sports - Registration period is 4 July through 26 August. Open for ages 6-7, 8-9, 10-12 and 13-15.

- Flag football: season is from 4 September through 30 November. For ages 10-12 and 13-15. Fee is \$40.
- Start smart soccer: season is from 10 September through 19 October. For ages 3-5. Fee is \$40.
- Cheerleading: season is from 4 September through 30 November. For ages 7-12. Fee is \$45.

On a space available basis, late registrants will be accepted and assessed a \$5 late fee.

For information contact the Youth Sports and Fitness office at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651.

Volunteer coaches - Brussels Child, Youth & School Services is looking for volunteer coaches for the upcoming Fall Sports Season. Anyone wishing to coach must attend the coaches' clinic and become certified through the National Alliance Youth Sports Association (NYSKA).

The NYSCA Introduction to Coaching Youth Sports membership program is designed to familiarize volunteer coaches to their responsibilities when working with children in sports and hold them accountable to a strict code of conduct defined by the NYSCA Coaches' Code of Ethics Pledge.

The NYSCA will be held August 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Brussels CYSS, Bldg. 3. Sports concerned are soccer, flag football and cheerleading. Free of charge. For more information contact DSN at 368-9651 or civilian at 02-717-9651.

SHAPE Girl Scouts

Register for Early Bird now or pass by on June 30 at the 4th of July Festival on SHAPE. Open to girls Kindergarten-High School and all nationalities. For more information contact shapegirlscout@usagso-na.org.

Thrift Shops

SHAPE Thrift Shop and Grandma's Attic are now accepting donations respectively on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (SHAPE Thrift Shop at the SHAPE Events Center) and on Thursday, 1st and 3rd Saturday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. (Grandma's Attic on Chièvres Airbase). Shops are open respectively Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays,

Thursdays and Saturdays. For more information email IC3 at shape.ic3@gmail.com.

USAG Brussels Vacation Bible School

For the upcoming vacation bible school to be held July 30 through August 3, the following donations or borrowed items are needed: Turkish-style carpets, baskets, plants, plastic terra cotta pots, stuffed animals, moving boxes, green tissue paper, pop-up party tents and tarps. For more information, call DSN 368-9677 or civilian 02-717-9677.

SHAPE Chapel Vacation Bible School

The SHAPE Chapel is looking for volunteers for the Vacation Bible School to be held July 30 through August 3. Visit <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/SHAPE> or email shape-vbs2012@gmail.com.

SHAPE Players Performing Arts School

An intensive Summer Theater Camp focusing on acting, singing and dancing while rehearsing for four performances is starting June 25 and will go through July 28 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Fee is \$375.

Education

University of Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma is now accepting applications for Master of Arts in International Relations. Accelerated class and program format, on-site and online classes available, no GRE requirement. For more information call DSN 423-3654 or civilian 065-44-3654 or email at apshape@ou.edu.

Financial help for college education

The following four free resources contain invaluable information that could help defray costs of attending college:

- www.apps.collegeboard.org/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp
- www.finaid.org/scholarships/
- www.fastweb.com/
- www.legion.org/needalift/pdf/nal2011.pdf

Scholarship search doesn't have to end once the student attends Freshmen Orientation. Many scholarships and grants are available to students as they continue their college education – including completion of their Graduate Degree. Financial Aid is also available to adult students continuing their education. Please contact the School Liaison Officer at slobenelux@eur.army.mil for assistance, DSN 423-5635 or civilian 065-44-5635 at SHAPE, DSN 368-9670 or civilian 02-717-9670 in Brussels .

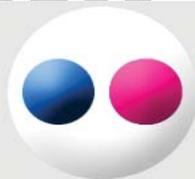
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Police seizes 300 g of cocaine in Sclessin

June 24, two Kosovars were arrested for suspected cocaine trafficking in their house located in Sclessin, Liège. The Police searched the house on Sunday and discovered €8,960, 300 g of cocaine and nine cell phones. The suspects have acknowledged they bought the drug in Kosovo at the price of €15,000. They were planning to sell part of the drug in Belgium and the rest in Germany. They intended to built a house in Kosovo with the proceeds.

Dutch drinking water is in danger

The treatment costs of groundwater are steadily increasing which has repercussions on drinking water prices. According to Theo Schmitz, director of Vewin, the association of water companies in the Netherlands, the risks of damage to water springs and pipes are increasing. Better protection of water springs is needed to avoid highly expensive repair works. The Netherlands still have the best drinking water in the world. However, Schmitz is wondering how difficult it will be to keep this high standard as more and more companies are drilling and digging underground and are using chemicals.

Touring announces a yellow weekend on the roads

Touring, the car assistance company announces a yellow weekend for the first traditional summer exodus in Europe. You should expect heavy traffic or small congestions. In Belgium, the most traffic is expected Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, with congestion on the roads in direction of the coast and the Ardennes. On the other hand, roads should be green on Sunday. Later this summer, black weekends are expected July 28 and August 4 for holiday departures and returns, August 4 being the worst day with heavy congestions and thus to be avoided at all costs. Touring reminds drivers of the golden rule: no departure on Friday or Saturday and preferably no return on Saturday.

Drinking water price is 64% higher than in 2006

The price of drinking water has increased by 64% in six years principally because of treatment and sanitation costs following a European directive. In 2011, the total price of drinking water (VAT included) was €3.85 per m3 compared to €2.35 in

2005. The increase is mainly due the growth in treatment and sanitation costs (+175.4%). Those costs increased mainly in the Flanders (+187.5%) and in Wallonia (169.1%) but "only" by 102.1% in the Brussels region. At the regional level, the most fortunate consumer in 2011 lived in the Brussels region where consumers paid €3.42 per m3 whereas 3.83 in the Flanders and 4.03 in Wallonia. Compared to 2005, the average price of drinking water in 2011 increased by 69.3% in the Flanders, by 59.1% in Wallonia and by 49.1% in Brussels.

The Netherlands are out of recession

During the first quarter of 2012, the Dutch economy increased by 0.3%. We are talking about recession when the economy decreases during two quarters in a row. This risk no longer exist. Compared to the first quarter of 2011, the economy has decreased by 0.8% whereas the first estimate was indicating a 1.1% decrease.

Belgian Senate accepts BHV district split

The Senate passed the split of Brussels-Halle-Vilvoorde electoral and judicial arrondissement which was an old claim of the Flemish movement. The situation has affected the Belgian political scene through the last 50 years and most notably since 2003 when the Court of Arbitration (now the Constitutional Court) called for a solution. The six parties of the majority (PS, sp.a., MR, Open Vld, CD&V and cdH) as well as the green parties voted in favor of the agreement which was rejected by the N-VA and Vlaams Belang that consider "the compensations are huge for the French speakers". In total 52 senators voted in favor of the split whereas 16 senators voted against the agreement.

Dutch should quickly pay back their mortgage

The Dutch bank DNB (De Nederlandsche Bank) advise people to spare money or to reimburse their mortgage as quickly as possible. Coming years won't be easy ones, stated Joanne Kellemann, DNB director. The bank points out darker perspectives with lower pension allowances, decreasing house prices and increasing healthcare costs. DNB wants to avoid people getting into financial problems as they retire, that's why Dutch should carefully analyze their financial situation and possibly take proper measures.

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Tour de France in Belgium

The Tour de France will have two stages in Belgium. The prologue will be run June 30 in Liège. July 1, the first stage, 198 km long, will start from Liège and link up Seraing. The last stage in Belgium, 207 km long, will start July 2 from Visé and link up Tournai. The second stage will affect Chièvres/SHAPE area residents. Check below for more details.

The first stage will cross Chaudfontaine, Fraipont, Pepinster, Theux, Polleur, Tiège, Francorchamps, Bellevaux, Vielsalm, Hotton, Barvaux, Tohogne, Ocquier, Ouffet, Anthisnes-Hody, Hout-si-plout, Rotheux, Neuville en Condroz, Ivoz, Flemalle, Chockier, Jemeppe-sur-Meuse and Seraing.

The second stage will cross Haccourt, Houtain, Fexhe, Juprelle, Hognoul, Crisnée, Noville, Faimés, Braives, Moxhe, Bierwart, Gelbressée, Bouge, Namur, Belgrade, Temploux, Masy, Tongrinne, Sombreffe, Houtain-le-Val, Roncquièrre, Braine-le-Comte, Soignies, Ghislenghien, Ath, Leuze, Gauraing and Tournai.

If you are travelling around those areas July 1 and 2, be careful and plan accordingly as roads will be blocked off. It is also recommended that you take your GPS as deviations will be set up. For more details on the stages check www.letour.fr/2012/TDF/COURSE/us/le_parcours.html



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

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.
- **Display “Red Triangle” in Chièvres** at the City Hall. In the concentration camps, the red triangle was a piece of fabric that distinguished the political prisoners, those who resisted the Nazi’s ideology. The display is dedicated to all who have been wearing the red triangle and also highlights the actions of the resistance fighters. Display is open during regular opening hours of the city hall.



- **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-atte.htm.

25 June

- **Volksmarch in Leval-Trahegnies** for 5, 10, 15 km. Departure is from Rue Salvador Allende 208 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

26-29 June

- **European march of memory and friendship** for 16 and 32 km. Departure is from Martelange 26 June, Bastogne 27 June, La Roche-en-Ardenne 28 June, Marche-en-Famenne 29 June. More information on www.marche-mesa.be.

27-30 June

- **Flea market in Geel** in the center from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Annual sales in Tournai** in the center from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

29 June

- **Flea market in Bouffioulx** on the square from 4 to 9 p.m. (60 booths)



This column includes events within close distance from Brunssum and Schinnen

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.



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Through 12 July

- **At the Gallic Town** on Place Saint Paul in Liège (BE) about 40 chalets/booths offer their local products such as ham on the bone, spit-roasted ham, paella, grilled fillet of duck, Savoyard tart, home-made ravioli, wine, beer, cocktails, brandy and lots more. The covered terraces allow consuming on the spot.

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.

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.



29 June continued

- **Night flea market in Laeken** on Boulevard Emile Bockstael from noon to 10 p.m. (200 booths)
- **Flea market in Liberchies** on Place Saint-Pierre and surroundings as of 6 p.m. (50 booths)
- **Night market, crafts and flea markets in Papignies** on Place Borremans and surroundings from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.
- **Outdoor cinema in Soignies** - Free projection of the French movie *Intouchables* starting at 10 p.m. on Place Verte.



29 June through 1 July

- **Couleur Café music festival in Brussels** - An explosion of exotic, throbbing music from the Caribbean, Africa and Latin America. Between concerts visitors can buy ornaments and handicraft products from all over the world and sample cocktails and international dishes. More information on www.couleurcafe.be.

30 June

- **Flea market in Aubechies** on Rue Abbaye from 3 p.m. to midnight. (30 booths)
- **Collectors fair in Harmignies** on Rue Vieille Eglise 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Flea market in Lessines** on Porte d'Ogy from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. (80 booths)
- **Volksmarch in Lodelinsart** for 6, 12, 21 km. Departure is from 20 Place Edmond Gilles from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Verdur Rock Festival in Namur** - This international festival for contemporary music is free of charge and takes place in the setting of the nature theater at the Citadel of Namur. Free entrance. More information on www.verdur-rock.be.

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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.

28-30 June

- **Dutch TT**, international motor races at TT Circuit in Assen (NL). For more information visit www.tt-assen.com.

29-30 June

- **Witch Festival** - During the festival in the center of Oudewater (NL) the city is swamped with witches and other magical figures. There's music, dance, theater, fairy tales and magic acts all around the "Heksenwaag" (Witches Weighhouse). Open: 6 p.m. to midnight, June 29 and 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., June 30

29 June - 1 July

- **At the Multi-Cultural Market** held in the center of Enschede (NL) countries as Suriname, Morocco, Turkey, Poland, Africa, Brazil and others present themselves by means of music, song, dance, fashion shows, folklore and theater. Entry is free. Open: June 29, noon to 9 p.m.; June 30, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and July 1, noon to 5 p.m.

- **Country Fair Hoeksche Waard** is an annual lifestyle fair held in combination with a large equestrian event. Visitors can enjoy attractive stands, culinary delicacies, old crafts, shows and lots more at Broekseweg Estate in Strijen (NL). Open all days 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €5.



30 June

- **Dragon Boat Festival** held on the Canal in Apeldoorn (NL) and has lots of entertainment and activities, among them a dragon boat race! Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

30 June - 1 July

- **Art Market** held around the "Berenschot" watermill on Wooldseweg 74 in Winterswijk (NL) with art work in Bronze, paintings, glass, jewelry, ceramics and more. Entry: €3; children 12 and younger – free entrance. Open: June 30, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and July 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Host Nation Events & Happenings



30 June - 1 July

- **Crafts market in Bouffiuoux** on the square from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

1 July

- **Flea market in Auderghem** on Place Pinoy and surroundings from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (600 booths)
- **Flea market in Enghien** in the streets from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (200 booths)
- **Flea market in Haulchin** on Place du Bicentenaire and surroundings from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. (650 booths)
- **Crafts fair and local products in Ostiches** on the Site du Blanc Moulin from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (80 booths)
- **Flea market in Perwez** at the sports center from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (300 booths)
- **Farmer and crafts market in Thoricourt** on Vieille Place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (75 booths)



ture is from 5B Rue Saint-Antoine from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- **Volksmarch in Leernes** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from 45 Rue Berteaux from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Blaton** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from 26 Rue des Ecoles from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

1 July - 15 August

- **13th contest "Blooming Chièvres"** - To participate, send your name and full address to the City Administration, Rue du Grand Vivier 2, 7950 Chièvres **prior to June 30** with mention "Embellissons la Vie, Fleurissons la Ville" and decorate your garden with natural flowers or plants. Numerous prizes will be awarded during a reception in September.

1 July - 31 August

- **Midis-Minimes festival in Brussels** - Like every year, the Midis-Minimes Festival offers a concert of about 40 minutes every weekday in Brussels Minimes Church and the Conservatory. Diversified festival with traditional music on Monday, old on Tuesday, 18th century music on Wednesday, contemporary music on Thursday, and 19th century music on Friday. Discover new repertoires, composers, artists, instruments... At the same time, 3 cycles are devoted to instruments in general: women's voices, the piano and some "curiosities". More information on www.midis-minimes.be.



1 July

- **Regional Festival** with regional and traditional delicacies, entertainment and activities at Market Square in the center of Oirschot (NL) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



- **Volksmarch in Zetrud-Lumay** for 4, 7, 12, 20, 25 km. Departure is from 23 Rue du Relais from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in La Hestre** for 4, 6, 10, 20 km. Departure is from Rue de Jolimont from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Oisquercq** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from Rue du Canal from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Casteau** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from 5B Rue Saint-Antoine from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **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.
- **Disneyland Paris, July 7** - Experience the happiest place on earth with thrilling rides and fantastic shows. You will have an action packed fun-filled day that is sure to satisfy the whole family. Disneyland and Disney studios both included. Price: €110 Adults, €105 youths (3-11), €60 children (0-2). Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m., returns SHAPE at 9:30 p.m. Departs Brussels at 5:30 a.m., returns Brussels at 10:30 p.m.
- **Rhine River Cruise, July 14** - The day begins in Koblenz where you will get an aerial view of the Rhine from our cable car ride to the hill top Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. At 2 p.m., we depart on our cruise down the Rhine to St Goar. Relax with a drink or have a meal while cruising past the numerous castles along the way. You will have some free time to explore St Goar. Prices: €98 Adults, €85 Child (4-13 yrs.), €75 Child (3 & Under). Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns SHAPE at 11 p.m. Depart Brussels at 5:45 a.m. and returns Brussels at midnight.
- **Prague (with Würzburg & Nuremberg, Germany), 20-23 July** - Experience a trip to one of Europe's largest Medieval Cities. The trip begins with an afternoon stop in Würzburg, Germany where you will have free time to visit the historic residence and grab some lunch. You will then have two full days to experience Golden Prague. Saturday morning, the city of Slavic legends will come alive as you take a guided walking tour (optional) that meets at the tower in Old Town and continues across the famous Charles Bridge to the Castle District. Enjoy the breathtaking view from atop Castle Hill of the over 500 church spires and shimmering winding ribbon of the Vltava River which separates the city. Sunday you are free to discover the city on your own and visit the garnet, crystal, linen, and souvenir shops. Monday, return home with a stop in Nuremberg, Germany. There you will have a few hours to stretch your legs and stroll around the old city, tour the castle or visit a museum. Experience all three of these amazing cities in just one trip. Prices: € 435 Single, € 355 Double, € 335 Triple (2 beds), € 305 Child (5-11yrs), € 260 Child (0-4yrs) *(In same room w/2 Adults). Departs SHAPE at 6 a.m. Returns SHAPE at 10:30 p.m. Departs Brussels at 7 a.m. Returns Brussels 9:30 p.m.

Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trips below
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 at 10 a.m. June 30. Price is \$69 for adults, \$65 for ages 4-12 and \$55 for 3 and under. Register with full payment by June 22. For more info call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031(0)46-4437561.
- **Legoland Discovery Center, July 21** - An adventure to Legoland Discovery Center in Duisburg, Germany. The \$59 price includes transportation by luxury motor coach and the entrance fee. July 13 is the deadline for registration and payment. For more info call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031(0)46-4437561.
- **Medieval Fest in Cochem, August 4** - On the banks of the beautiful Mosel River in Germany, the village of Cochem offers the perfect setting for a medieval fest. This day trip costs \$49 and includes transportation by luxury motor coach. Assigned seating is on first-come & first-pay basis. Register with full payment by July 27. The trip requires a minimum of 35 participants. 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.

The SHAPE Travel Group is closed until Aug. 1
Look for our upcoming trips beginning with Gouda on Aug. 30 and Buckingham Palace on Sept. 18.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

26 June

- **Summer Reading Program "Reading is So Delicious"** begins at the JFC HQ Brunssum Library for school age children and teens. Children will register, check out and read books from the Brunssum Library and receive a variety of prizes based on the number of books read. Preschool children, ages 3 and older may earn prizes by having books read aloud to them. For more information call 31(0)45-526-2669 or 31(0)45-526-2469. Hours are: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tue and Wed; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thu and Fri; noon to 4 p.m. Sat and Sun. For informative reviews of current novels and DVDs, visit our homepage at www.library.eur.army.mil/.
- **Training Support Center (TSC) Benelux - Tri Border open house** - Starting at 10 a.m. to showcase the various types of Training Aids Devices (TADS) available within the Tri-Border area and Baumholder Training Support Centers. The purpose of TADS is to give Soldiers the opportunity to train realistically using various training aids that allows them to practice their basic Soldiers skills relating to Home Station Training, Warrior Tasks & Battle Drills. Services and products will include: Range Support Branch (RSB), Training Aids Devices Simulators (TADS), Engagement Skills Trainer 2000, Visual Information (VI) HMMWV Egress Active Trainer (HEAT).

27 June

- **Heinsberg Hospital Tours** - Touring the maternity/obstetrics ward of local hospitals is an important way for pregnant women to prepare for the big day. Tours address admitting procedures and your childbirth concerns. The meeting place is the Heinsberg Hospital lobby at 6 p.m. June 27, July 25 and August 22. For more information contact the New Parent Support Program at ACS at DSN 360-7335 or civilian at 31(0)46-443-7335.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Brussels Clinic

The Dental Clinic will be closed all day 25-26 June, and July 2 through 6. Except for July 2012, on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month the dental clinic will be closed.

If you are in need of dental care on days the clinic is closed:

- For dental urgent care (for appointments only, no walk-ins). Universitaire Ziekenhuizen Saint Rafael - Dental Clinic (Tandheelkunde) Kapucijnenvoer 33, 3000 Leuven Phone: 016 24 80 or 016 33 24 77
- During weekends or after hours the on call patient liaison can be contacted through the MP desk 02-717-9769 for non-medical advice.

If you are in need of care on days the clinic is closed:

- For routine care visit SHAPE Health Facility at SHAPE at DSN 423-5886 or civilian 065-44-5886.
- For urgent care call the toll-free nurse advice 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.

Through 30 June

- **2012 Army Arts and Crafts Contest** - The categories for artwork are Ceramic, Drawings, Fibers and Textiles, Glass, Metals & Jewelry, Paintings, Mixed Media, Wood and Digital Art. Participants will be judged in either a novice or accomplished category. For details on the rules please contact the Special Event Coordinator at DSN 368-9763 or civilian 02-717-9763.

Though 1 August

- **Summer Reading Program** - Register now for "Reading is So Delicious!" which will take place through August 1 (no meeting on July 4). Conducted on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. For more information or to register call DSN 368-9791 or civilian 02-717-9791.

30 June

- **2012 Matt Reimann Firecracker Run** - Registration opens June 11 for the 5th Annual Matt Reimann Firecracker Run. Race Day events are 5 or 10 km run; 2 or 5 km fun run or walk at the Teruren Park starting at 9 a.m.

Community Roundup

**BRUSSELS AREA SUPPORT TEAM
INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION**



SATURDAY, 30 JUNE 2012

Schedule

09:00	5 th Annual Matt Reimann Firecracker Run at Teruren Park
12:00	Doors open at 3-Star - Food, Games and Music All Day
12:00-21:00	Free First Run Movies at the BCS Center
12:30-14:00	Bingo @ 3-Star Recreation Center
14:30-16:30	Bunco @ 3-Star Recreation Center
17:00-18:00	Texas Hold'em @ 3-Star Recreation Center
19:30-21:30	DJ/Music @ 3-Star Recreation Center
21:00	Gates Open at Sterrebeek Annex
22:00	Closure of 3-Star Recreation Center
23:00	Free Fireworks @ Sterrebeek Annex

For more information contact MWR Brussels at
DSN 368-9763 or CIV 02-717-9763

30 June continued

- **Independence Day Celebration** - Brussels Community MWR is looking for volunteers to help with this year's Independence Day Celebration. The celebration, which happens June 30, will run from noon to 9 p.m. at the 3-Star Recreation Center. Activities and events include; 1st run movies, Bingo, Texas Hold'em, Bunco, Music, and more. Community members interested in helping out should contact MWR at DSN 368-9753 or civilian 027179753. Later that evening, MWR welcomes the community to the evening fireworks display at the Sterrebeek Annex. Community members can access the annex beginning at 9 p.m. The fireworks will begin at 11 p.m. Pets are not authorized on the annex.
- **Alexa James Live** - Los Angeles based recording artist, Alexa James will be present at the Brussels Three Star Community Center from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. to celebrate the Independence Day with original music she has written, some traditional cover songs, as well as, some American favorites.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

As of now

- **Chièvres Fitness Center** - The Chièvres Fitness Center now offers a Spin Class every Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For additional information, call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-27-5643.
- **Summer Reading Program** - Register for "Reading is So Delicious". Children and teens are encouraged to sign up to read at least six books of their choice during July and August, keep a log of their progress and earn prizes at the library. Younger children may read with an adult. Participants who reach their goal will win a Summer Reading Program t-shirt and other goodies. For more information, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631, e-mail at shape.library@eur.army.mil.

26 June

- **Veteran & Military Spouse national Virtual Career Fair** - Virtual fair will take place between 1 and 4 p.m. (EST). To reserve a space, go to www.veteranscareerfair.com. You will be able to research companies and careers via their virtual booth, chat in real time with company recruiters during the scheduled event times, apply for jobs. For a video on best practices for the fair, check www.screencast.com/t/Ya64J8WhYg. For a video on how to build your profile, check www.screencast.com/t/Cb6EHOJT5tj.
- **HSG Newcomers orientation** - Register at www.shape2day.com.

27 June

- **Page Turners Book Discussion Group** - meets at 5:30 p.m. to discuss *Suite Française* by Irene Némirovsky. Registration is not required and there is no fee for this program. For more information or to reserve a copy of the book, please call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631, e-mail at shape.library@eur.army.mil.

28 June

- **The Illuminati, book club for preteens and teens** - meets at 4:30 p.m. to discuss *Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos.
- **Parent Central Services** - Monthly late opening till 6:30 p.m.
- **HSG Newcomers orientation** - Register at www.shape2day.com.

30 June

- **Luau Party** - Get ready to enjoy the food and festivities of a traditional island luau complete with grass skirts, floral leis and island music at the SHAPE Event Center. Taste the delicious foods of the Asian Pacific. Join in the fun starting from noon to 2 p.m. for lunch or from 4 until 6 p.m. for dinner. Get your tickets in advance. For more information contact DSN 423-8128 or civilian 065-44-8128.
- **MWR** - MWR will be hosting the 2012 American Independence Day celebration on SHAPE during the afternoon and evening of Saturday, 30 June 2012. As a consequence, some of our facilities on Chièvres Air Base will be closed on that day. Chièvres lodge and kennel will be open while the fitness center, library, auto skills center, outdoor recreation and community recreation will be closed.
- **Kids Run** - CYSS is starting the Independence Day celebrations with a kids' fitness event. People will gather at Building 503 on SHAPE. Starts at 9 a.m. 1/2 mile for age group 5 and 6; 1 mile for age group 7 and 8; 2 miles for age group 9 to 18. Registration end date is June 29. Commemorative T-Shirt to first 30 child/youth registered. Parent volunteers needed to set up and monitor Kids Run.

