

THE GAZETTE

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PXtra New Hours

As of Sept. 1, the new PXtra operating hours are:

- Monday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Sunday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

On U.S. holidays, the hours will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at both the PXtra and the Exchange. Regular hours are applicable on Belgian holidays.

Radar checks

The Federal Police will be checking your speed at the following locations:

30 August

- N7, Meslin
- Route de Flobecq, Ostiches
- Chaussée de Valenciennes, Ormeignies
- Chaussée de Grammont, Ghislenghien
- Chaussée de Mons, Maffle

Brussels CAC Office

The USAG Benelux-Brussels CAC office is closed Tuesdays and Thursdays until further notice. If you have an emergency, call DSN 368-9635 or civilian 02-717-9635. The IACS office is open Monday through Friday.

USAG Benelux joins in local festivities



Marie-Lise Baneton

Colonel Sergio M. Dickerson, Commander USAG Benelux, Command Sergeant Major Romeo Montez III and his spouse watch Goliath during the Giants' Festival procession in Ath, Sunday, August 26, 2012.

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All military, civilian, retiree pay to go electronic

Special to the Gazette

A Treasury mandate will soon require the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to pay military, civilian and retired customers by electronic funds transfer.

Beginning March 1, most DFAS customers will receive their pay directly to savings or checking accounts. Customers can get ahead of the rush by setting up direct deposit now. It's easy, it's safe and it gives more control with less stress, according to a DFAS announcement.

With direct deposit, DFAS sends your payment straight to your bank account. It gives immediate access to your money the day your payment is due. It also eliminates the risk of lost or stolen checks, forged signatures and identity theft.

Retirees and annuitants living in Europe will be required to receive their pay directly to their saving or checking accounts. Local retirement services officers have the forms available.

For retirees and annuitants living in Europe there are four ways to start direct deposit:

- For retirees and annuitants who have an American bank account and want to use that – complete a Fast Start Direct Deposit Form, sign it and mail it DFAS. Ensure to keep a copy for your records.
- Use your MyPay account to set up a direct deposit to your American bank/credit union saving or checking account
- Call DFAS at the Customer Care Center at 888-332-7411 and have the information available to do it telephonically (American banks only).
- For people who wish to use an international bank, use the International Direct Deposit Form and ensure to include the IBAN number in place of the account number on the form and mail to DFAS or provide to your local RSO for processing.

Retiree Account Mailing Address:
 Defense Finance and Accounting Services
 U.S. Military Retirement Pay
 P.O. Box 7130
 London, KY 40742-7130
 U.S.A.
 FAX - 1-800-469-6559

Annuitant Account Mailing Address:
 Defense Finance and Accounting Services
 U.S. Military Annuitant Pay
 P.O. Box 7131, London
 KY 40742-7131
 U.S.A.
 FAX - 1-800-982-8459

Please remember the 1-800 FAX number is not toll free from Europe.

About 99 percent of DFAS customers already receive their pay by direct deposit. They're enjoying being paid on time without the risks of lost or misrouted mail. Direct deposit gives them the control they want over their personal finances while increasing their financial security.

Every year, DFAS spends over \$2 million dollars printing and mailing checks to the one percent of military members, retirees, DoD civilian employees and contractors who haven't yet made the switch. Each check costs \$1.04 while each electronic payment only costs 8 cents. During these difficult economic times, this money could be put to use directly supporting America's service men and women.



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AUGUST

National Immunization & Influenza Vaccination Awareness Month

By Kirk Frady

MEDCOM Public Affairs

The month of August has been designated as National Immunization and Influenza Vaccination Awareness Month. It is critically important that every Soldier, Family member, DA Civilian and health beneficiary receive all required immunizations and obtain their influenza vaccinations to ensure the Army is a healthy and mission ready Force.

Army clinics across Europe expect to begin offering influenza vaccinations in September to coincide with the start of the school year. As students returned to school after travelling during the summer, their proximity in the school setting makes them more likely to come into contact with the flu virus and then carry it home to their family, said Col. Carlheinz Stokes, Europe Regional Medical Command Force Health Protection director.

The dominant strain of influenza during the upcoming flu season is still expected to be the H1N1 strain from the 2009 pandemic. Col. Richard Looney, director of the Army's Military Vaccination (MILVAX) Program said, "H1N1 is still circulating, but due to outstanding efforts and immunization campaigns of the past few years, people are more aware and likely to be adequately protected during the height of flu season." He went on to say, "Influenza immunization rates have gone up every year, and there's no reason to expect they won't go up again during the 2012-13 season."

"Immunization is the very best protection against disease and related complications. Vaccines are safe and effective, and have saved more lives than any other medical measure in history," he added.

Influenza Facts

Seasonal influenza epidemics occur annually, are unpredictable and can be severe. Estimates of influenza-related events in the United States include 95 million infections, 30 million patient visits and over 200,000 hospitalizations. Between 1976 and 2006, estimates of flu-associated deaths in the U.S. ranged from a low of about 3,000 to a high of about 49,000.

Influenza also contributes to cardiac events, premature births, and low birth weight infants.

Immunization is the key to seasonal influenza prevention. Influenza vaccine can reduce the risk of cardiac events in persons with cardiac risk factors, as well as the incidence of premature or low birth weight infants.

The universal recommendation for influenza vaccination is for all adults and children over 6 months of age. High risk groups should be targeted for immunization, but immunizing healthy persons is also recommended.

Signs and symptoms of influenza

People who have the flu often feel some or all of these signs and symptoms:

- Fever* or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (very tired)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

*It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

Period of contagiousness

You may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days after becoming sick. Some people, especially young children and people with weakened immune systems, might be able to infect others for an even longer time.

Exchange to provide healthy school meals

By Army and Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs

Students will find new healthy school cafeteria choices on bases in Germany, United Kingdom, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Turkey and the provided by the Army & Air Force Exchange Service.



“The Exchange will be serving healthy meals for DoD schools that meet new federal nutrition standards, ensuring that the meals are well-balanced and provide students all the nutrition they need to succeed at school,” said Al Tagab, Senior Restaurant Program Specialist for the Exchange’s Europe Region.

School meals offer students milk, fruits, vegetables, meat, a meat alternative and grains, and they must meet strict limits for calories and saturated fat.

“We’re always working to offer students in the Europe Region healthier, tastier choices and Capt. Kate Schrumm, Registered Dietician, Exchange HQ in Dallas, TX. provides us direct guidance / expertise to ensure menus offered meet all United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) nutrition standards,” said Tagab. “In addition to meeting new nutrition standards, we’re spicing up our school lunch menu with items that have been specifically chosen for their mass appeal and that we can make with less sodium and reduced fat. We’ll also unveil a new program logo, signage, menu board and uniforms.”

A few new selections students will see this fall include black bean quesadillas, chicken parmesan, turkey hot dogs and frozen fruit juice swirl cups, Tagab added. Some whole

grain choices added this year are whole wheat tortillas (also in tomato and spinach flavor), whole grain pirogues and whole grain chicken egg rolls, along with many other selections.

Starting this fall, school lunches will meet additional standards requiring:

- age-appropriate calorie range
- larger servings of vegetables and fruits (students must take at least one serving of a fruit or vegetable)
- a wider variety of vegetables, including legumes, dark green and red/orange varieties
- fat-free or one-percent milk (flavored milk must be fat-free)
- more whole grains
- less sodium

Other changes for the school lunch program in the fall includes a new Meal Payment Plus Application that allows parents to track their child’s school lunch balance. The Meal Pay Plus site where parents paid for their children’s school lunch has been changed to My Meal Payment Plus and can now be found at www.mypaymentsplus.com. The old Meal Pay Plus site address automatically defaults to the new address.

As an option to paying their children’s balance online, parents can also go to any Exchange customer service department at their main Exchange store to add funds or make changes to their child’s lunch account.

To find out more about the school meals served by the Exchange, log onto www.shopmyexchange.com, go to Community Info at the bottom of the page and click on school lunch program.

In Memoriam

The men and women of USAG Benelux mourn the loss of one of their security guards, Wesley (Werry) Smets, who passed away Aug. 12.

Smets has been working as security guard at Chièvres Air Base and Caserne Daumerie for 14 years.

He was appreciated by all, colleagues, superiors and everyone entering the installation as they were welcomed with his friendly smile.

Smets is survived by his two children Dagmar and Mylan.



Military attorneys provide advice on divorce or separation

Special to the Gazette

Divorce is the legal process that terminates a marriage and allows the parties to remarry. While the divorce process is relatively straightforward, both parties must realize that a divorce will bring significant changes to their individual lives. Aside from the obvious emotional stress, significant physical and economic issues will arise if only because it is simply more expensive to maintain two households than one.

Separation Agreements

A separation agreement is a contract between the two parties that addresses such matters as property division, allocation of debts, spousal support, child custody, and child support. It can be as broad and comprehensive as you wish, or it can be simple and short. A separation agreement can simplify and speed up the process by resolving issues before filing for divorce. In fact, some states (e.g., New York) require a separation agreement before a divorce can be filed.

The separation agreement can divide all kinds of property, including real estate, such as a house or condominium; tangible personal property, such as cars, jewelry, and furniture; and intangible property, such as bank accounts, Individual Retirement Accounts, pensions, and insurance. Generally, you and your spouse are free to divide your property as you wish in your separation agreement, subject to restrictions imposed by State law. You should, however, consider how a judge might divide your property if you and your spouse cannot reach an amicable agreement. Military-retirement income is divisible in a separation agreement or divorce decree, again subject to relevant provisions of federal and State law.

A separation agreement is, in effect, a contract between the two parties to the marriage: it is binding only between you and your spouse and has no effect on third parties. A separation agreement is not valid unless both parties sign the contract. If your spouse fails to pay a joint debt for which he is responsible under the separation agreement, the creditor may demand payment from you. If you and your spouse reconcile or cohabit after the separation agreement is signed, the validity of the separation agreement may be void, and a court may refuse to honor it.

The Role of the Military

In the absence of a valid court order, or if your separation agreement does not state an amount of support, you are entitled to financial support from your military spouse. The amount is based on the Soldier's Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). If you are dual military and there are children in the household, the spouse who will maintain primary custody of the children until a divorce decree

becomes final is entitled to BAH at the differential rate. (See Army Regulation 608-99, paragraphs 2-3 through 2-6. Other branches of the military have the following regulations regarding family support: Air Force—AFI 36-2906; Navy—MILPERSMAN ART. 1754-030; and Marine Corps—LEGALADMINMAN, Chap 15.) An attorney at Northern Law Center can help you ascertain how much support you should expect or how much you will have to pay. Separation and divorce may change your pay entitlements regardless of whether you have children, so be sure to contact your servicing finance office and notify your chain of command immediately upon any change in family situation.

A separation agreement is not required for an Early Return of Dependents (ERD), although it is highly advisable. Often a letter from a professional, such as a lawyer, chaplain, or marriage counselor, will suffice to

confirm with your command that you are having marital difficulties. Be aware, however, that granting an ERD is within the discretion of the command.

To state the obvious, one remains married until the divorce is finalized by judicial decree. Even after a separation agreement has been signed, service-members remain subject to provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice that prohibit adultery. Adultery can also have adverse consequences on the financial settlement in your divorce decree depending on what State you are proceeding in.

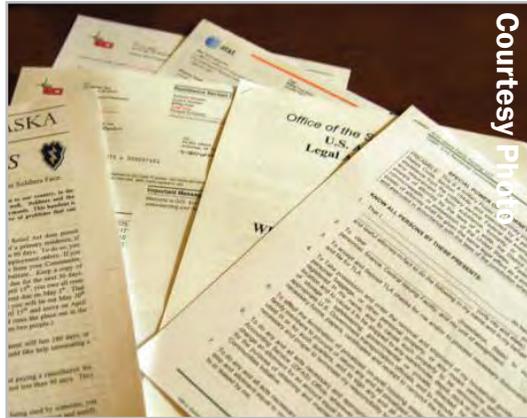
Child Custody

Unlike property division and alimony, any agreement between you and your spouse is subject to review by the court using the "best interest of the child" standard.

The Divorce Process

Military attorneys cannot represent you in a civilian court. If you wish to have an attorney for divorce proceedings, it will be at your own expense. If your divorce is filed as uncontested, your state may have a pro se option. You will fill out and file all paperwork with the court. Both parties must agree to the division of all property and assets. If you choose to file uncontested, appearing pro se does not require an attorney, only that you pay filing fees. If one party contests the divorce or the division of assets, the divorce is no longer considered uncontested. Contested divorces typically take longer, cost more money, and almost always require the services of an attorney or mediator.

The amount of time a divorce takes will vary from State to State and even from court to court within a State. The first step in a divorce proceeding is to meet the filing requirements, which usually include residency and the grounds for divorce.



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Exchange 'Takes a Bite out of Crime'



According to the National Association for Shoplifting Prevention, losses due to thefts from retail stores alone amount to more than 35 million a day. The Army & Air Force Exchange Service, which has contributed more than \$2.4 billion to morale, welfare and recreation programs in the past 10 years, continues to focus its efforts on reducing theft to maximize the investment authorized shoppers make in their Exchange benefit.

Through an aggressive "Shoplifting Awareness Community Outreach" program targeted at youth, closed circuit televisions with DVR technology and high-tech Electronic Article Surveillance, the Exchange took "a bite out of crime" at its facilities last year as shoplifting cases dropped 12.7 percent, from 5,432 in 2010 to 4,742.

The value of merchandise involved in these incidents also dropped, from \$533,760 to \$529,440 in 2011.

"Because of the toll shoplifting takes on retail, shoppers typically pay 1.5 cents more per dollar as a result," said the Exchange's Vice President of Loss Prevention Rick Koloski. "Our proactive, and visible, efforts to prevent shoplifting have resulted in three consecutive years of decreases and, as a result, a stronger benefit for those we serve."

If shoplifting is suspected, the Exchange Loss Prevention office turns the issue over to local law enforcement. In addition to possible disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution, the Federal Claims Collection Act allows the Exchange to enact a flat, administrative cost (Civil Recovery) of \$200. There may be further fees, in addition to the Civil Recovery Program, depending on the condition of the stolen merchandise.



Divorce or Separation I Continued

Residency requirements can be as short as six weeks (e.g., Nevada), but are often six months to a year. If there is any dispute about child custody, then you may have to file in the State where the child has been living for the six months immediately preceding the divorce filing.

In a no-fault or uncontested divorce, it will usually not matter who files for the divorce. Some jurisdictions, however, charge no filing fees for military defendants, so it may be cheaper for the non-military spouse to file. In some States, filing fees are waived in whole or in part if the party filing falls below a certain level of income. If the divorce is being filed as fault-based (for instance, for adultery or for cruelty), the party alleging fault is usually the party who files for the divorce. Depending on what grounds you are alleging, there may be a required waiting period before your divorce can be granted.

Once the petition for divorce has been filed, a copy is served on the other party. The other party is given a specified period to submit a response to the court. Once the other party files his answer, a trial date will be set. At trial, both spouses can testify and present evidence. Once each spouse has presented his case, the judge will decide whether to grant the divorce, how to split up the property and debts, what child custody or visitation will be awarded, and other issues involved in the case. In some States, there is a waiting period after entry of judgment before the divorce becomes final. The decree itself will state its effective date.

Northern Law Center provides confidential legal counseling regarding separation and divorce. Legal-assistance attorneys are available to advise you on where you can file for divorce, what the possible consequences of a divorce are, how divorce will affect child custody, and to answer other questions you may have. Attorneys at Northern Law Center can also prepare a separation agreement for you, with legal assistance for your spouse from a different legal office in the Netherlands or in Germany. A legal-assistance attorney may not, however, represent you in court during any proceedings.

Remember, every case is different. This article is not a substitute for consulting an attorney. Call Northern Law Center at DSN 423-4868/civilian 065-44-4868 to make an appointment.

CHAMPAGNE FRIDAY

A former Tri-Mission member reflects on life after Brussels*By Robbin Zeff Warner*

Postcards, refrigerator magnets, t-shirts. Trinkets one brings back from a short vacation. Small mementos purchased with great care to capture where you've been and what you did. But what do you bring back from a longer trip, one that lasted years?

A few weeks ago my husband, Gene, and I returned home to Alexandria, Virginia after living in Brussels for four years. Our expat days may be behind us, but I can't help but wonder what item, action or memory will encapsulate our time abroad? Will it be the blue Polish Pottery serving dishes I love to use at every meal or the Belgian tapestry pillows that my cats drape across when they sleep on the couch? Will it be the designer Longchamp handbag Gene got me for my birthday or the many scarves I purchased—one for every outfit—that made me look oh so European. My hope is that our four years in Brussels won't be defined by the items we purchased or the places we visited, but in the elements of a European lifestyle that we learned to love while living abroad.

For us the learning began with the European notion of vacation. We arrived in Brussels in August only to find that a large percentage of Belgians were away on vacation. To a European, vacation isn't a matter of taking a day or two off, it involves several weeks—even an entry-level employee gets six weeks off. Vacation also involves travelling: Italians go to Mexico, Brits head for the coast of Spain and the Dutch drive everywhere pulling a caravan trailer. What was almost incomprehensible to our workaholic American mindset was that people closed their restaurants and retail stores for all of July or August with just a small sign in the window saying, "en vacance," French for "vacationing."

At first we made fun of the fact that all of Belgium seemed to be en vacance in the summer. But by the time winter rolled around we were eagerly participating in the "what are you going to do on your vacation?" conversation.

The first year, we planned a five-day trip to Normandy, feeling a bit guilty for going away for five work days. The next year, we extended our vacation to 10 days, travelling to the coast of France near Bordeaux. By our last year, we were wondering why we didn't spend an entire month in Bordeaux. En vacance had become a part of our vocabulary.

In Brussels, we chose to live down-town in the French speaking part of the city. One of our favorite parts about living downtown was that we were close to everything: stores, public transportation and lots of restaurants. One evening, we decided to try the cute little Italian restaurant

with the silver candelabra in the window in our neighborhood called La Fin De Siècle. It was 7 p.m., standard dining time in the U.S., but very early for a European. We walked into the restaurant and noticed it was completely empty. We asked for a table and the maitre d' inquired, "Do you have a reservation?" "No," we replied, not thinking it would be a problem since no one was in the restaurant. "We couldn't possibly seat you if you don't have a reservation." Gene and I looked at each other stymied; the restaurant was empty. We thought surely he was kidding. But from the look on his face it was clear we were being dismissed. After that, every time we walked by that restaurant we would mimic the maitre d', "You don't have a reservation? We couldn't possibly seat you without a reservation."

'Our hope is that our quality of life remains European rich'

What at first sounded ridiculous to our newbie ears later made perfect sense. Small restaurants like La Fin De Siècle have just one seating per table. When a customer sits down for dinner, the table is theirs for the night. They are expected to begin the meal with an aperitif (a pre-dinner drink), followed by an appetizer, then the main course, dessert, coffee (coffee is its own course) and finally a digestive or after dinner drink. The result is that a meal can easily last two or

three hours. When the popular time to sit down for dinner begins at 8 p.m., it is no wonder restaurants only do one sitting. Meals in Europe are meant to be eaten slowly, in courses, accompanied by good friends, good wine and good conversation.

Belgium may be a very small country but it is world renowned for two very important products: beer and chocolate. Beer is ever present in Belgium. In fact, Gene use to joke that beer is the Belgian soft drink. There are hundreds of different beers, each with its own specially designed glass with its name on it. Over the four years, Gene did a personal study of Belgian beer and chose Westmalle—a hearty Trappist beer—as our house beer. Rest assured that beer in our house will always be served in the appropriate glass.

In terms of chocolate, one can't spend time in Belgium without becoming a student of fine chocolate. Wonderful chocolate is everywhere. Every market, shopping area and neighborhood hosts at least one chocolate shop. In more thriving areas, such as Brussels' Grand Place, there are over 40 chocolate shops in just a few short blocks.

These establishments go from well-known chains to small artisan chocolatiers.

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Labor Day Kick Off at Chièvres Air Base



The Commissary, the Exchange, AFN and MWR are partnering up to kick off the Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31. Among the activities are:

- AFN is broadcasting live from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Grand Prize is a Charbroil Infrared Quantum 2 burner grills, a \$269 value and two other grills are also given away at 12:30 p.m. Winner must be present to win and must be an authorized shopper.
- Customers can enter to win at the Commissary, the Exchange, MWR Hobby Shop or AFN.
- Grill demo and free hot dogs, chips and drinks.
- Door prizes between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. sponsored by the Commissary, the Exchange and MWR.
- Sales throughout the Commissary and the Exchange.
- Col Dickerson, USAG Benelux Commander and Command Sgt. Maj. Montez will be present to select the winners.

Labor Day Safety

Labor Day weekend being the last long weekend of the summer, many of you may be traveling on crowded autobahns. Here are a couple of tips to take into consideration before hitting the road:

- Plan your trip carefully
- Inspect your vehicle for deficiencies
- Expect high traffic density on highways as this is the last weekend before Belgian schools start
- Make sure you have plenty of water, snacks on board of the vehicle in case you are blocked in traffic jams
- Drive defensively
- Make sure all occupants of the vehicle wear their safety belt
- Don't drink and drive

Champagne Friday I Continued

Who is buying all this chocolate? It is not just the tourists. Chocolate is an intimate part of Belgian culture. Chocolate is the perfect gift for every occasion. Whether going to a friend's for dinner or attending a more formal affair, a lovely box of chocolates is always a welcomed offering. At any restaurant or café a hot drink is always accompanied by a piece of chocolate or a little cookie. I am now convinced that this is the way coffee should be served.

Gene and I took our job sampling chocolate very seriously; I think we sampled chocolate from almost every major chocolatier. Without a doubt, Belgium and chocolate are inter-twined. Chocolate is not just a dessert, it is a food group.

And we can't speak about our time in Brussels without discussing champagne. Whether having guests over for dinner, networking at a work reception or attending a formal gala, a flute of champagne marked the start of every festivity. But why wait? The bubbly effervesce of champagne made any day a special day. Gene and I quickly adopted champagne Monday, followed by champagne Tuesday, which naturally led to champagne Friday.

When we moved to Brussels, we were told that our standard of living might be lower, but our quality of life would be higher. Now that we're back in the States, where the dollar rules, our money does buy more. But that is no longer enough. Our hope is that our quality of life remains European rich. We now know the importance of taking a vacation—not just a day or two off—for the body and soul. We are eating later and spending more time at the table savoring each course. We appreciate the art of serving beer in the appropriate glass. Chocolate will always be a food group in our house. And most importantly, for us every day is worth celebrating with champagne.

Champagne Friday, anyone?

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SHAPE Thrift Shops

SHAPE Thrift Shop is closed for the summer. It will open Sept. 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Charity clothing donations

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

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 Force Base and Benelux Region

Member Services Representative/Teller Floater (Full-Time)
For these and other positions or to apply online, visit andrewsfcu.org.

All applicants must have a U.S. Passport with logistical support.

Chièvres kennel

Effective October 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) / \$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 operating hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday For appointments, call DSN 368-9835 or civilian 02-717-9835.

Works in the local area

Jurbise

Works involving the Jurbise bridge and sidewalks started Aug. 6 and will last for at least three months. The works are scheduled in several phases:

- Works on one side of the bridge and the sidewalk. Traffic to and from Mons will be on one side of the bridge. Half of the crossroad Rue des Anglais - Route d'Ath will also be blocked off. This phase is scheduled to last approximately one month.

- Works will involve the re-pavement. Traffic will be as usual but the access to the Jurbise train station will be blocked off. In order to get to the train station, take Rue de Ghlin. This phase will last approximately 15 days but access to the Jurbise train station will be blocked beyond phase two.

- Works will involve half of Rue des Anglais to the pedestrian crossing (left side, direction Lens). Traffic lights will be installed during this phase to last approximately 15 days.

- Works will be done on the cycling path, sidewalk and borders. Traffic lights will be installed during this phase to last the entire month of October.

- Works will involve the joints and markings. Traffic lights will be installed. Rue des Anglais will be blocked off for one day - the recycling center will remain accessible.

The traffic light times during these works will be adapted pending the traffic flow to and from Mons.

Recommended deviations are:

Towards Ath: At the DECO 3000 store, take Chemin des Charbonniers, then immediately on your left, towards Rue de Masnuy, then Rue du Bourrelier, Rue de Soignies and back on RN 56.

Towards Mons: Take direction Herchies in Lens, towards Rue d'Erbioeul, Chemin du Prince and back on RN 56 at the Carrefour du Dragon.

E42 Blaton exit

Works have started on the E42 at Basècles:

- Travelling from Tournai to Mons, exit #28 Blaton is closed. Exit at Peruwelz if going to Basècles and Quevaucamps and exit at Harchies if going to Beloeil or Stambruges. During high density traffic, it is recommended to exit before the works at Péruwelz.

- Travelling to Tournai, access to the E42 remains possible at Harchies and Blaton.

Works are expected to last until Sept. 7

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ExxonMobil is going to invest 1.3 billion Euros in its refinery in the port of Antwerp – the second biggest refinery in Antwerp behind Total – explaining that the refinery needs to convert heavy fractions of crude oil into light fractions as the need for the former – which for instance produces asphalt – has decreased whereas the need for lighter fractions which produces gasoline has increased. Total will also invest 1 billion Euros in its Antwerp refinery, which is the biggest the French group has in the world. A third refinery, i.e. the Russian Gunvor, will also invest millions after taking over the formerly Belgian BRC. The three refineries in Antwerp process 774,500 barrels per day and account for as many as 2,000 jobs.

Crime in Belgium

Whereas big cities still face a high crime rate, 40 percent of the communes have seen the crime rate go down between 2005 and 2011. The ranking is based on the number of offenses per 100 inhabitants in 2011 such as thefts but also other offenses. The top three of the highest crime rate is Brussels with 37 offenses per inhabitant, Saint-Gilles with 29 – mainly as a result of the presence of the South (Midi) train station – and Liege with 24, while the average for all communes is ten offenses per inhabitant.

Rotterdam port busier

The volume of goods shipped through Rotterdam port rose 3.2% to 222 million tons in the first six months of this year. Imports were up 1% to 115 million tons while exports rose 8%. The port is benefiting from trade outside the EU, the port authority said. For example, heating oil from Russia is shipped to Singapore via Rotterdam and exports to China and South America are also increasing.

Teenage arson suspected in Maastricht

A 19-year-old youth has recently been arrested in Maastricht on suspicion of setting fire to at least 50 cars in the Limburg town of Weert since 2009. Weert town council doubled the reward for information leading to an arrest to €10,000 in April but it is unclear if a tip-off led the police to the teenager.

WWII mine

A World War II mine was recently detonated in the main channel of the Westerschelde in Zeeland, the Netherlands. The mine was dragged up in the nets of a fishing boat. The fishermen threw it back into the sea before reporting it. They were lucky the mine did not explode as the mine, a type CG, not only has a magnetic and acoustic detonator but can also explode when it is moved.

Dutch retirement funds lose on investments

The two biggest Dutch pension funds lost millions of euros invested in internet company Facebook. The civil service pension fund ABP and health service fund PGGM have been hit by Facebook's collapsing share price. Launched at \$38 a share in May, Facebook is now trading at around \$19. APB owned 330.500 Facebook shares at the end of June this year and PGGM had 316.226 Facebook shares.

Belgian F16 crashes

A Belgian F-16 crashed at Kleine Brogel air base. The pilot could bail out of the plane on time and is not injured. The cause of the crash is a bird strike. Not much is left from the F16 as it caught fire upon touching ground. Some ten bird strikes occur every year without fatal consequences.

Explosion at Belgian Army base

While performing a routine monthly mission at the Army base in Houthalen-Helchteren last week, one Soldier from the demining unit DOVO lost his life and seven were injured, of which four seriously. They were removing rejected explosives from the shooting range in order to burn it in a concrete ditch when the explosion occurred. This mission is not considered very dangerous and the Soldiers were not wearing any protective gear at that time.

Death of Guy Spitaels

Guy Spitaels, former Socialist Party president, former Walloon Government President and former Mayor of Ath for twenty-three years, passed away at the age of 80 a couple of days prior to the Ath Giants' festivities.

Nuclear sector in Belgium

For the time being, the closures of Doel III and Tihange II do not represent a problem in terms of electricity supply in Belgium. However, a problem might occur if Belgium faces a very cold winter. Belgium usually buys electricity from France and Germany but these countries are unlikely to have electricity for sale in case of a tough winter – they might even have to buy from abroad themselves.

New border surveillance

A new camera-based surveillance system used by immigration police at Dutch national borders allows the Netherlands to carry out stringent checks on who is coming into the country without breaking EU free movement rules. The new system, named @migoboras, recognises suspect cars entering and leaving the Netherlands from a database which uses traffic flow analysis. Vehicles are picked out for inspection based on their being 'a certain type or color, or passing at certain times, possibly in combination with other vehicles.' The system came into effect at the beginning of this month. The cameras have been installed at the 15 most important border crossings with Belgium and Germany. @migoboras is an acronym standing for 'Mobile Information-Driven Action – Better Operational Results and Advanced Security'

Cockroaches

Hundreds of cockroaches found in a new residential area in Etten-Leur, the Netherlands, were probably meant to be fed to reptiles and may have been dumped by their owner. Hundreds of the insects have been found on streets and in gardens in the southern town. The creatures are the Argentine Blaptica dubia which cannot stand the cold and cannot adapt to conditions in the Netherlands. The town council has brought in a specialist company to help catch the insects. Police are making door-to-door inquiries to try to find out the origin of the plague.



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

27 August

- **Giants Festival in Ath.** This event dates back to the fifteenth century and presents the Giants of Ath to the public. One of these giants is the renowned Gouyasse, (Goliath), King of the Festival.

Monday:

- at 5 p.m.: Hot-air balloon festival on the Esplanade (weather permitting).

29 August

- **Volksmarch in Wodecq** for 7, 14, 21 km. Departure is from the local school on Rue du Vieux Moulin 4 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

31 August

- **Night craft market in Blaton** - As of 6 p.m. on the Grand'Place. Free entrance.

31 August through 2 September

- **Belgian Beer Weekend** - To celebrate the famed Belgian and Brussels beer-brewing tradition, all the scions of the humble hop will be parading on the Grand'Place and sprawling out towards the Bourse with new activities. About 51 breweries will be proposing more than 350 different Belgian beers on the Grand'Place. At the back of La Bourse (the Stock Exchange), there will be also a 50 meters Bar with a wide range of



Belgian Specialty beers. Open on Friday from 6 to 11 p.m., on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. More information on www.belgianbrewers.be/beer-sector/belgian-beer-weekend/article/belgian-beer-weekend.

- **Belgian Formula 1-Grand Prix of Spa** - The Grand Prix was held almost every year between 1950 and 1970. It returned to Spa in 1983 after the length of the track was reduced from 14 to 7 km. It is considered by many pilots as one of the best track in the world. For more information go to www.f1belgium.com.

31 August through 16 September

- **International sound arts festival in Mons** - For more information go to www.citysonic.be/2012/EN/. Site available in English.

1 September

- **Night flea market in Soignies** from 3 to 8 p.m. in Rue de Cognebeau. (30 booths)



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

29 August through 1 September

- **French Gourmet Market at Dr. Ruer Platz in Bochum (GE)** with specialities from all over France: such as olives from the Provence; pastries from Brittany; cheese, pâté and lots more.

1 September

- **The Celtic Festival at Park Wijhezicht in the center of Wijhe (NL)** - Celtic Market, Celtic crafts, Celtic games, Highlander clans, lots of music, demonstrations and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is free.

1-2 September

- **Large Flea Market at MECC in Maastricht (NL)** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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- **A Taste of Country Life fair in Posterholt (NL)** - At the Castle Aerwinkel with lots of activities, demonstrations (horse whisperer), shows (horses, falconry), crafts, culinary local delicacies and more. Open both days 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €4; children 11 and younger get free entrance.
- **Medieval Event & Tourney at Burg Satzvey in Mechernich (GE)** with knights, camp, market, actors, jugglers and more. Starts on Sept. 1 at 5 p.m.; Sept. 2 at 4 p.m. More info: www.burgsatzvey.de. (also on September 8 and 9)

Through 2 September

- **The Taste & Eat Fest at Oude Markt in Enschede (NL)** - A culinary event where some 20 international and renowned restaurants from the area present themselves to the public by means of culinary highlights. Open: Aug. 31, 4 to 10:30 p.m.; Sept. 1, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sept. 2, noon to 9 p.m.
- **Wine Fest at Friedlandplatz in Geilenkirchen (GE)** with lots of live music and wine. Open: Aug. 31, 6 to 10 p.m.; Sept. 1, 2 to 11 p.m. and Sept. 2, noon to 6 p.m. Have fun but don't drink and drive!
- **Royal Enjoyment is an Old Crafts Fair & Lifestyle Event at the former royal palace of Soestdijk on Amsterdamsestraatweg in Baarn (NL)**. Visitors can taste and enjoy products prepared according to traditional methods; walk through the beautiful gardens and take a look inside the old royal palace with Escher Exhibition. Open all days 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €17.50; children 12 years and younger have free entrance.



1-2 September

- **Flea market and annual sales in Braine-Le-Comte** from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Rue Commercante and Rue de la Station. (Annual sales on Saturday and flea market on Sunday - 200 booths)
- **Flea market in Berchem-Ste-Agathe** from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Rue Courte and Rue de l'Eglise. (100 booths)

2 September

- **Motorcycle ride in Cuesmes** - Registration is from 8:30 to 9:55 a.m. and departure is at 10 a.m. Participating fee is €6 for the driver and €4 for the accompanying person. Departure is from the Harley-Davidson garage on Rue de la Poire d'Or 23. Open to 18 years old and above. Croissant and coffee offered. Police escort for maximum security.
- **Flea market in Watermael-Boisfort** from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Place des 3 Tilleuls. (150 booths)
- **Flea market in Cuesmes** from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Grand'Place. (200 booths)
- **Flea market in Courcelles** from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Grand'Place. (400 booths)
- **Flea market in Bonsecours** from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the Place de la forêt. (150 booths) (Held on all Sundays of September)
- **Flea market in Ath** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Institut Vauban. (20 booths)
- **Volksmarch in Brugelette** for 4, 6, 12, 20, 30 km. Departure is from Avenue G. Petit 3 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Soignies** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from Chemin du Tour Lette from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Ongoing Events & Happenings

Through 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 music on Tuesday, 18th century music on Wednesday, contemporary music on Thursday, and 19th century music on Friday. More information on www.midis-minimes.be.

Through 2 September

- **Water for all...and all for water! exhibition in Brussels** at the Atomium. More information on www.atomium.be/water.aspx.

2 September

- **Rural Festival at Heltenbosdijk 10 in Altweeterheide (NL)** with old crafts, old machines, animals, history and entertainment. Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €4; children €1.50.
- **Rural Festival at the renovated 18th century farm-castle on Rue du Petit Pont in Andenne (BE)** - It as guided tours, craftsmen, animals, history and entertainment.
- **Horse & National Heritage Event held at the Eikenhof grounds horses** - The country side and recreation are in the center of attention. It has shows, demonstrations, crafts, culinary delicacies, activities and lots more. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €6, children (3-12 years) €4.
- **Culinary Event in Kelpen-Oler (NL)** - Taste the culinary delicacies offered from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on and around Grathemerweg.
- **Nostalgic Year Market in Leur near the town of Wijchen (NL)** with old crafts, culinary delicacies, demonstrations and lots more from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **"Knapkoek" Festival in Maaseik (BE)** a humongous "knapkoek" (local cookie) will be baked in an original wood oven at Market Square in the center. There are also a lot of activities going on. Everything starts at 2 p.m.



- **Annual and large Antique and Flea Market in Maastricht (NL)** - From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Alexander Battalaan and Stationsstraat in the center.
- **Taste of Limburg Festival in Maastricht (NL)** - At the grounds of Castle Vaeshartelt with regional products, music, entertainment, activities and more. Opens at 11 a.m.
- **Year Market in Meerssen (NL)** - At the beautiful square in front of the Basilica from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Art & Crafts Market in Tremelo (BE)** from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Damiaanplein in the center.
- **Antique & Flea Market** in Valkenburg, in the center of town at Th. Dorrenplein, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

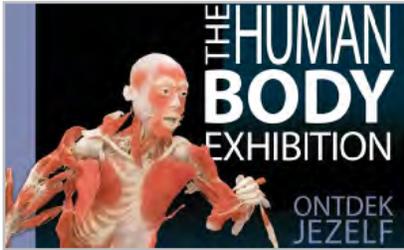


Until 9 September

- **Visit the Royal Palace in Brussels** – Once a year, the Royal Palace on Place des Palais is accessible to visitors who can admire the prestigious rooms. Open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except on Mondays. Visit is free of charge.

Through 9 September

- **The Human Body Exhibition in Oostende** - Open Mondays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. More information on www.kursaalooostende.be.



Through 10 September

- **Salvador Dali exhibition in Brussels** - Over 100 works by Dali on the Grand' Place 19. Open Mondays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entrance fee is €8.

Through 16 September

- **Summer of photography in Brussels** - During the International Biennial Exhibit of Photography and Visual Arts, 160 artworks by 40 contemporary photographers from the 27 member states will be on display. More information on www.bozar.be/home.php?lng=en&bozar=home&.

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.
- **Visit the garden of the Château d'Havré** – On Chaussée du Roeulx 1101 at Havré from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Entrance fee is 1,25 Euro per person.

Through 16 October

- **International sound arts festival in Brussels** - For more information go to www.citysonic.be/2012/EN/. Site available in English.

Through 28 October

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

Through April 2013

- **Golden Sixties exhibition in Liège** - Those were the times when a wind of change swept across people's vision of life and the world around them: the Nasa landed on the Moon, Jimi Hendrix performed in Woodstock, Mao wrote his little red book, Martin Luther King had a Dream, Kennedy was killed, women gained freedom, hippies and so much more.



Ongoing Events & Happenings

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 Horticulturale Expo'. This large horticultural fair takes place every 10 years. This year the fair/show can be found in Venlo (NL) and has, besides Europe's largest indoor flower exhibition, more than 100 participants from all over the world. More info: www.floriade.com.

Through 20 October

- **The Golden Age of China – Treasures from the Tang Dynasty Exhibition** at the Minderbroederskerk on Boomgaardstraat 10 in Maaseik (BE). Displays treasures and art from the Tang Dynasty, a period in China, named the Golden Age which was known for its culture and wealth. Open Tuesdays-Sundays and Holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €15. More info: www.degoudeneeuwvanchina.be.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Mosel Wine Festival, September 1** - The day begins with free time to stroll around the town of Bernkastel-Kues during its annual wine festival. After lunch is a tour of the vineyards and traditional wine cellar of Weingut am Rosenberg. Dinner will follow with a tasting of all 12 delicious wines they produce. Price: € 85 per person, €65 under two years old. Price includes wine tasting, dinner and winery tour. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m., returns SHAPE at 1:30 a.m. Departs Brussels at 8:15 a.m., returns Brussels at 00:30 a.m.
- **Adventure Parc, September 15** - Adventure Parc was first created in France 12 years ago by Denis Payan, a former paratrooper who wanted to open a commando obstacle course to members of the general public so that they could experience it firsthand. Adventure Parc has numerous courses designed for every skill level. Price: €50 Adults (over 10 yrs), €48 Youth (8-9 yrs), €46 Child (6-7 yrs), €35 under 5 yrs. Departs SHAPE at 9 a.m., returns SHAPE at 5 p.m. Departs Brussels at 10 a.m. and returns Brussels at 4 p.m.
- **Leeds Castle, September 22** - Listed in the Domesday Book as a Saxon manor, the castle has also been a Norman stronghold, home to six of England's medieval queens and a preferred residence of Henry VIII. Castle is surrounded by 500 acres of parkland. Cost is €130 Adults, €125 Children (4-15 yrs), €105 Children (0-3 yrs).
- **October Fest in Munich, September 29-30 - Sold out - Waiting List only** - One of the world's largest fairs and famously popular Bavarian event. Price: € 220pp Single, € 175pp Double/ Twin, € 170pp triple, € 155pp quad. Departs SHAPE at 2 a.m. (Sat), returns SHAPE at 11:30 p.m. (Sun). Departs Brussels at 1 a.m. (Sat), returns Brussels at 00:30 a.m. (Sun).
- **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.



Courtesy Photo

Leeds Castle

Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

- **Wine Fest and Fireworks on the Mosel, September 1** - Be sure to book early for this trip. Spend the day at the wine festival in Bernkastel-Kues and in the evening, watch the fireworks over the Mosel River. Bus departs Schinnen at 11 a.m. and returns approximately 2 a.m. Cost is \$55. Assigned seating is on first-come & first-pay basis. Register with full payment now. The trip requires a minimum of 35 participants. For more info call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031(0)46-443-7561.

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.

- **Gouda Cheese Market and Kinderdijk Windmills, August 30** - Spend the day exploring Holland's largest farmer's market in the centre of Gouda with opportunities to buy cheese, admire the Gothic town hall, enjoy a warm stroopwafel, explore the streets along the canals, or visit the Waag. In the afternoon you can visit a preserved windmill and/or opt for a boat ride to look at all the windmills at this UNESCO World Heritage site. Price is €35.
- **Buckingham Palace and London, September 18** - Buckingham Palace is the official residence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in London, and is open for visitors only in August & September of each year. We have time-allocated entrance tickets for 12:30, these include entry into the Palace and part of the gardens, with an audio guide. Afterwards, you have time to explore some of London on your own. Price is €60.
- **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 or visit a tapestry shop with Shapian discounts. Price is €25.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

Book now

- **Stephen Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People** - This training is coming up September 13 and 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (lunch is provided). There are only 20 slots available. U.S. and NATO ID holders have first priority, others welcome if slots are available. For more information or to register, call DSN 364-2940.

29 August

- **Marketing your Volunteer Experience in a Resume** - Get tips on how to use your volunteering in finding future employment from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

5 September

- **First Wednesday Night Bowling League Meeting** - Starts at 6 p.m. at the Schinnen Bowling Center. League starts September 12 at 6:30 p.m. Bowling season runs for 28-32 weeks. For more information, call DSN 360-7207 or civilian 046-443-7207.
- **Save a Life Tour** - From 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Schinnen, Community Activity Center. For more information, call DSN 361-5886.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Brussels Clinics

- **The Brussels Health Clinic** will be closed August 31 (Training Holiday) and September 3 (Labor Day).

28 August

- **Newcomers Briefing** - Key agencies will present a brief overview of their services, answer questions, ensure a smoother transition for new arrivals. Meeting at the ACS Conference Room Bldg. 4. For more information or to sign-up for a workshop, call Brussels ACS at DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.

7 September

- **Date Night** from 7 to 11 p.m. at the 3-Star Community Club including dinner, a movie and dancing. Cost is \$30 a couple. For more information, call DSN 368-9822.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

30 August

- **Kids's Education Funding seminar** - Meets at SHAPE ACS Bldg. 318 from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information contact DSN 423-4904 or civilian 065-44-4904.

4 September

- **Protestant Women of the Chapel Fall 2012 Studies Kick Off** - At the SHAPE Chapel from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

6 September

- **Suicide Prevention Stand Down Day and Save a Life Tour** - As of 9 a.m. at the SHAPE Alliance Auditorium. For information, call DSN 361-5886.

7 September

- **Suicide Prevention Stand Down Day and Save a Life Tour** - As of 9 a.m. at the Chièvres Community Activity Center. For information, call DSN 361-5886.

11 September

- **09/11 Freedom Run/Walk** - If you want to participate in the Freedom Run/Walk starting at 9:11 a.m., you can register online at <http://usagbeneluxfmwr.wordpress.com/community-recreation/chievresshape/freedom-run-walk-2012-registration-page/>.

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11 September 12

CRC Chievres Air Base



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SHAPE Main Gym and Chievres Fitness Center.

  **9.11 KM Run/4 KM Walk starts at 09:11**

Awards: Medals for the top finishers and T-shirt for the first 200 to register.
For details call DSN 361-5643 (Chievres Fitness)
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Community Roundup