

# THE GAZETTE

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### Gazette submissions

On March 2, Ms. Judi Patrick, the Army IMCOM-Europe Region School Support Specialist, will be at SHAPE for an Anti-Bullying Workshop. Ms. Patrick is offering a workshop to bring awareness to school and community members about the Army's commitment to our children's well-being. Please plan on joining us as we join together to take a stand against bullying: March 2, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bldg. 503, Middle School/Teen Center.

### Soldiers' PT on base

Be cautious when driving on base as Soldiers may be running on the main road. They may not be visible in the dark, in the fog or in the rain. Respect the speed limits and don't pass them as other Soldiers may be coming from the opposite direction.

### POV Orientation Class

The Brussels community is invited to take the POV Orientation class at SHAPE. For information, call DSN 366-6603/6175 or civilian 065-32-6603/6175.

### Now we can

Tetra Pak's can now be recycled at Chièvres and Brussels. Flatten and drop the milk/juice/soup cartons in the same bags as the plastic bottles in the office recycling bin and contribute to the community's recycling efforts.

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## Chôlette!!!



Cis Spook

Robert Buchwald sends the cholette' down the streets during Crossage in Chièvres, Belgium as Luke Burns and Bob Purtiman look on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012. More than 170 Chièvres/SHAPE community members and friends took part in this year's event.

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## Celebrating Black History Month

Above: Bryanna Hines and Shanice Smith perform a dance to Whitney Houston's *I Look to You*. Inset: Col. Gwendolyn Roland, Branch Chief, Defence Planning Support Allied Command Transformation-Staff Element Europe spoke of the many accomplishments of black women throughout U.S. history. The theme for this year's event was Black Women in American Culture and History.

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# Schinnen celebrates Military \$aves Week



More than 250 Family Members joined USAG Schinnen's Army Community Service to celebrate Military \$aves Week Feb. 24. The event featured money saving tips mixed in with rock climbing, piggy bank painting and more.



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Top Left: Tools of the trade. Rabots (the mallet) and chôlettes (the ball) are often decorated and used for years. Top Right Staff Sgt. Canty gets ready to knock her chôlette down the course. Top Left: Tools of the competition. Left: Phil Thornton gives the Crossage safety briefing before Chièvres and SHAPE members head into the village Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012. More than 170 Chièvres/SHAPE community members and friends took part in this year's event.

## Local tax centers

### Chièvres Air Base - Food Court area

**For an appointment call DSN 361-5706 or civilian 068-27-5706**

This tax season, the USAG Benelux community has the option of having its tax returns prepared on a walk-in basis at the Food Court on Chièvres Air Base. The hours are Tue - Sun from noon to 7 p.m. (closed on Monday) The location offers a weekend and after-hours option for getting your returns done.

### SHAPE - Bldg. 318

**For an appointment call DSN 423-4906 or civilian 065-44-4906**

The SHAPE office is available for tax preparation in bldg. 318 next to the U.S. Post Office. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you believe you have a complex return or individual tax issue, consider making an appointment at the SHAPE location by calling DSN 423-4906 or civilian 065-44-4906.

### USAG Brussels - Northern Law Center (second floor)

**For an appointment call DSN 368-9780, civilian 02-717-9780**

The Tax Center at USAG Brussels is open Monday and Wed - Fri from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (No tax preparation on Tuesdays). Appointments can be made for the timeframe 9 a.m. to noon; the rest of the day will be open to walk-ins. To make an appointment, call DSN 368-9780 or civilian 02-717-9780.

# Brussels Scouting Update

By Rob Fago

The Brussels American School's multipurpose room was converted into an almost life size chess board last week. Two teams of seven year old Wolf Scouts from Pack 457 played a game of chess against each other during their den meeting. Prior to the game, the Wolf Den Chief – Second Class Boy Scout Ben Pelczynski taught the Wolf Scouts how to play chess as part of their Chess Belt Loop requirement. Some scouts already knew how to play and others learned chess for the first time. All scouts practiced good sportsmanship, and enjoyed the team work and mental challenge of this chess competition.

Pack 457 recently completed a close and exciting Pinewood Derby on Feb. 4, more than 30 scouts entered the race on the pack's new state of the art pinewood derby track. The difference in times for the top three competitors was less than three hundreds of a second. The scouts and families enjoyed a light lunch of hotdogs and chips before the race and desserts after the race. The top three finishers were Erik Price, Charles Haen, and Brewster Haen.

Pack 457's next major event will be the Blue and Gold Banquet on March 25. At this event, the Pack will celebrate the 102nd year of scouting and will thank all of the volunteers who have supported Pack 457. The Transatlantic Scouting Council will also give a short presentation on Friends of

Scouting. After dinner honoured guests will judge cakes that scouts have decorated. These cakes will also serve as the dessert for the Blue and Gold Banquet and gifts to the many community volunteers who have helped Pack 457.

If you or someone you know is interested in scouting or volunteering in the Brussels area, please contact scoutmasters@troop457.be.



Scouts from Pack 457 in Brussels play giant chess at the Brussels American School's multipurpose room. Before the giant chess match the scouts learned to play chess as part of their Chess Belt Loop requirement.

## Running a Home Business in Belgium

### Special to the Gazette

Are you considering starting a business from your home while you are here in Belgium? The NATO Status of Forces Agreements governs our rights and responsibilities while we are in Belgium.

Unlike in Germany, there is no SOFA Supplemental Agreement between the US and Belgium. The applicable agreement is the 1951 NATO SOFA. The NATO SOFA requires U.S. personnel to respect host nation law. It also provides that any profitable enterprise will be subject to taxation in the receiving state that is Belgium, and that no customs exemption will be granted for a commercial activity.

Under the NATO SOFA U.S. service members cannot engage in a commercial activity on the Belgian economy and maintain their SOFA Status.

U.S. dependents engaging in a commercial activity are immediately treated as ordinary residents in Belgium. This applies regardless of the type of commercial activity you are involved in such as self-employment or employment with an off-post non-government affiliated company. It also applies where ever the business takes place whether government or private lease housing. A U.S. dependent's "SOFA Status" is derived solely from the service member's status. While running a business you will maintain logistical support and benefits but you will lose eligibility for employment by U.S., NATO and S.H.A.P.E. entities in Belgium. In order to regain

that eligibility in the future it may require that you to leave Europe for three months and re-enter.

Ordinary resident status in Belgium means:

1. The home business or employment wages are subject to all tax, visa, and work permit requirements under Belgian law.
2. You are no longer eligible to take a job with the U.S. Forces, NATO or SHAPE in Belgium to include AAFES, Commissary, USAG Benelux, etc.)

If you or your spouse are thinking of starting a home business here in Belgium be sure to carefully consider the costs and benefits of running that business.

References and useful links:

- a. American Chamber of Commerce in Belgium: [www.amcham.be](http://www.amcham.be). This organization assists people starting a business activity in Belgium.
- b. Belgian VAT and Customs offices are located on SHAPE, Belgium: Building 210
- c. Visa, work permit issues: Northern Law Center host nation attorney can provide basic information concerning visa and work permit issues. DSN: 423-4868 or civilian 065-44-4868.
- d. Forms and other information on working in Belgium: Contact the Belgian Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Office at [www.diplobel.be](http://www.diplobel.be). Click on travel for forms and other useful documents.

# U.S. Army Europe tax officials explain changes

## Special to the Gazette

Many people are unaware that the immunization they received for whooping cough as a child does not last into adulthood. To prevent the spread of this disease, The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Public Health Command Region – Europe and Europe Regional Medical Command recommend a booster vaccine for adolescents and adults.

**What is it?** Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by the bacterium *Bordetella pertussis*. Pertussis usually starts with cold-like symptoms, a runny nose, a mild cough, and a low-grade fever. After 1 to 2 weeks, severe coughing can begin. Coughs end with a “whoop” sound as the person gasps for breath. This extreme coughing can cause vomiting and fatigue and can last for weeks. In infants, the cough can be minimal or not even there. Infants may gag, gasp or have a symptom known as “apnea” (a pause in breathing). Pertussis is most severe in children and can even be fatal in infants. More than half of infants younger than 1 year of age who get the disease must be hospitalized.

**Why is the booster important?** The CDC estimates that 600,000 cases of pertussis occur every year in the United States, and the number of cases is increasing in both the U.S. and Europe. Soldiers, civilians, and their families stationed in Europe may be at even greater risk because traveling to different countries exposes us to many people.

**How can you prevent pertussis?** The best way to prevent pertussis is to get vaccinated. The recommended pertussis

vaccine for infants and children is called DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis) and the series of five shots is completed by the time a child enters school. Vaccine protection for pertussis, tetanus and diphtheria wanes with time but adults can protect themselves and the children they are in close contact with by getting a booster vaccine. Adolescents and adults up to age 64 should receive a one-time booster for protection against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap), preferably at age 11-12. Pregnant women in need of the booster should receive it late in the second trimester or during the third trimester. Adolescents and adults of any age (including those 65 and older), who have close contact with an infant under 12 months old, should be vaccinated with Tdap as soon as possible.

**How is pertussis treated?** Pertussis is generally treated with antibiotics and early treatment is very important. Treatment may make your infection less severe if it is started early, before coughing fits begin. Treatment can also help prevent the spread of the disease. Treatment after three weeks of illness is unlikely to help because the bacteria are gone from your body, even though you usually will still have symptoms. Children, childcare workers, and healthcare workers with suspected or confirmed pertussis should stay home from work, school, or daycare for at least the first five days of antibiotic treatment.

**Getting the vaccine:** At your next appointment, talk to your provider about getting the vaccine. You can also see your local immunization clinic during regular duty hours or make an appointment if it is required.

## SHAPE American Elementary School



**“You are cordially invited to participate in our annual “READ ACROSS AMERICA” event.**

Each year, we invite our community “celebrities” to share a few minutes of their valuable time reading to our Elementary School students.

The event takes place on March 2, from 8:30-9:30. Our Celebrity Guest Readers will gather in the Elementary School Library for a welcome coffee. They will then be escorted to their respective classrooms, where they will share their enthusiasm for reading with a classroom full of eager young listeners.

You may choose which classroom or grade level, and you may choose to bring your own book or have one pre-selected for you.

If you are available to participate in this inspiring event, please call DSN 423-5635 or civilian 065-44-5635.

# USAG Benelux and local community briefs

## SHAPE traffic pattern disruption

The SHAPE 700 area of the SIS Campus playground and parking lot on Avenue d'Ankara are now fenced off as the construction site for the new SIS Elementary School and Middle School. Access to this area will be exclusively for construction vehicles only. Other traffic to include vehicle, motorcycle, bicycle and/or pedestrian will be strictly prohibited. Traffic on Avenue de Vilnius and Avenue d'Ankara will have priority over the construction vehicle traffic crossing to and from the lay down area and construction site. Nevertheless, all traffic on Avenue de Vilnius and Avenue d'Ankara must be mindful of the construction site and construction traffic by utilizing extreme caution when driving around this area. Construction vehicles are restricted from moving between 8 - 9 a.m. and 3 - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, only when school is in session.

## Free and reduced-price lunches

With the increase of lunch prices at the School Cafeteria this month, now would be a good time to see if you qualify for Free and Reduced-Price Lunches for your children.

All U.S. families of all ranks and family size attending the DoDDS schools are invited to complete an application for Free and Reduced-Price (.40 cents per meal) Lunches for the current school year. This program can help you save money, while your kids enjoy a hot meal at the Brussels American School or SHAPE American Elementary/High School cafeterias each school day. Please contact the School Liaison Officer (SLO) at [slobenelux@eur.army.mil](mailto:slobenelux@eur.army.mil) for an application and additional information. The SLO can also be reached at DSN 423-5635 or civilian 065-44-5635 at SHAPE, or DSN 368-9670 or civilian 02-717-9670 in Brussels.

## AFCU opens 2012 Scholarship Program

Andrews Federal Credit Union announced the opening of its 2012 Scholarship Program. Eight \$1,500 non-renewable college scholarships are available to students who are Andrews Federal members or dependents of members in good standing as of Feb. 1.

Applicants must be accepted to or enrolled in an accredited college or university. In addition to the application, applicants must write an essay on either the necessity of gaining and maintaining financial security or on their plans to reach their short-, medium, and long-term goals. The deadline for receipt of applications is Apr. 27.

Scholarship applications and instructions are available in Andrews Federal branches or can be downloaded at [www.andrewsfcu.org/scholarship2012](http://www.andrewsfcu.org/scholarship2012).

## 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](http://www.apps.collegeboard.org/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp)
- [www.finaid.org/scholarships/](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/)
- [www.fastweb.com/](http://www.fastweb.com/)
- [www.legion.org/needalift/pdf/nal2011.pdf](http://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](mailto: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.

## CYSS Survey

CYSS is conducting its annual Outreach Services Survey. The results of this survey will help improve the CYSS services. The survey is accessible until Feb. 29 and is completely anonymous. Check [www.surveymonkey.com/s/JZH3LV2](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JZH3LV2).

## CYSS Baseball

Registration is open through March 16 for ages 6 to 12. Fee is \$45. Season is from March through June. For more information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

## CYSS Soccer

Registration is open through April 16 for ages 4-5. Fee is \$20. Season is from April through June. For information call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

## SHAPE Fitness Marathon

The annual SHAPE fitness marathon will be held March 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at SHAPE gym bldg. 313. A total of six hours of different fitness sessions will be available to show the kind of classes that are taught at the gym. For information call DSN 423-3924 or civilian 065-44-3924.

## Education

### University of Phoenix

For information on the programs offered, stop by the USAG Benelux Education Center, Bldg. 212, Room 113 or call DSN 423-4645.



## Sunday worship service schedule

### SHAPE/Chièvres area

9 a.m. – Catholic Mass at SHAPE Chapel  
 10:15 a.m. - Anglican service at SHAPE Chapel  
 11:45 a.m. – Contemporary Protestant service at SHAPE Chapel  
 For additional information, contact the Chaplain's Office at DSN 361-5381.

Jewish Community Liaison: contact DSN 423-4938  
 Muslim Community Liaison: contact DSN 368-9814

### Catholic Daily Mass

Monday through Friday at 12:15 p.m.

### Brussels area

10:30 a.m. – Protestant service at Chaussée de Louvain 13, St. Stevens Woluwe.

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**By Cis Spook**  
*USAG Benelux Public Affairs*

**Fuel price at record high**

The price of petrol or gasoline in Belgium reached a record high. As of last Tuesday, the top price for petrol has gone up with another 2.6 eurocents. The previous record was only set 10 days ago. Fuel is getting more expensive because of the higher price for oil products on the international markets. This is because of the increasing demand in emerging economies like India and China, and a smaller supply at the same time due to the revolts in Libya, Egypt and other Arab countries and the problems with Iran.

**Most beautiful book stores**

The American cultural website 'Flavorpill' has selected the Brussels book shop 'Cook & Book' as one of the world's most beautiful book stores. Cook & Book is a large book store that consists of several specialised departments as well as more than one restaurant. The selection of the world's twenty most beautiful book shops includes stores in the Netherlands, Italy, Mexico and Japan.

**Criminal fire during the children's carnival in Jemappes**

A criminal fire started at approximately 3 p.m. Rue Lloyd Georges in Jemappes last Monday. The children's carnival parade had just gone by when the alarm was given. The fire was set to an unoccupied house that was on sale. Nobody got injured.

**Atomium architect dies**

Architect Jean Polak, the last surviving designer of the Atomium in Brussels, has died at the age of 91. The Atomium is one of Brussels' best known monuments. It is a giant steel structure representing a crystal of iron which has been magnified 165 billion times. The Atomium was originally built for the 1958 World Fair in Brussels. It has nine spheres and stands at 102 metres (335 feet) at its highest. The Atomium was created by André Waterkeyn and the Polak brothers. André Waterkeyn had the original

idea to magnify an iron crystal. To carry out his plans in the fifties, he received the help of the architects André and Jean Polak, two sons of the Swiss architect Michel Polak. André Polak passed away in 1988, while André Waterkeyn died in 2005.



**Rue de Nimy in Mons to reopen partially**

Last Friday, the portion between the Lido Hotel and the Rue des Tuileries (first road to the left) on Rue de Nimy reopened to the traffic. As a result, the one way in Rue des Tuileries is now reversed to allow drivers to exit Rue de Nimy.

**Thefts of vehicle registration certificates**

The number of registration certificates that were stolen in Belgian cars has increased to more than 8,000 in 2011. A French gang was recently arrested as they reused the vehicle registrations that they stole in Belgium on vehicles they stole in France and that they were trying to sell. It is therefore highly recommended to take the paperwork of the car with you when you leave your car unattended.

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**[benelux.afneurope.net](http://benelux.afneurope.net)**  
 Brussels: 101.7 FM – Chièvres 107.9 FM – SHAPE 106.5 FM and 104.2 FM

**Through 4 March**

- **Fernand Schirren's (1872-1944) paintings exhibition in Brussels.** Exhibition is held at the Royal Museum of Fine Arts on Rue de la Régence 3. Open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except on Monday. Entrance fee ranges from €5 to €8. More info on [www.fine-arts-museum.be/site/EN/frames/F\\_expo.html](http://www.fine-arts-museum.be/site/EN/frames/F_expo.html).
- **Firmin Bouglione Circus in Ghlin** at Imagipark on Avenue du Grand Large. Price ranges from €16.70 to €27 (adults) and from €11.70 to €22 for children.

**Through 18 March**

- **"The Magic of the Orchid" display in Brussels.** The exposition will be held in the National Basilica of Koekelberg on the Parvis de la Basilique 1. Open every day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and from 1 to 7 p.m. on Sundays. Price ranges from €2.5 to €8. More information on [www.basilicakoekelberg.be/documents/events-items/orchid-exposition.xml?lang=en](http://www.basilicakoekelberg.be/documents/events-items/orchid-exposition.xml?lang=en) (page in English).

**Through 20 May**

- **Painting exhibition "Per Kirkeby and the forbidden paintings of Kurt Schwitters"** in Brussels at the Fine Arts Museum BOZAR on Rue Ravenstein 23. Closed on Monday, open the other days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and to 9 p.m. on Thursday. Entrance fee is €10. More info on [www.bozar.be/activity.php?id=11527&lng=en](http://www.bozar.be/activity.php?id=11527&lng=en).

**Through 3 June**

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

**Through 11 June**

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

**1 through 5 March**

- **Brussels book fair in Brussels** at the Tour et Taxis on Avenue du Port 86 C. Open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 1, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. March 2, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 3, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 4 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 5. Entrance fee ranges from €5 to €7 (free under 6).

**2 March**

- **Latino Jazz concert "Teicher plays Martini" in Brugelette** at the salle Naftil in Gages on Rue Saint-Lambert 19. Yves Teicher, violonist, and his brother Stéphane Martini guitarist accompanied by Tonio Reina Galan percussionist and José Luis Montiel, bassist are playing their new album *Vagabunda* at 8 p.m. Price ranges from €8 to €10.

**2 through 4 March**

- **Wine and cheese fair in Aiseau-Preste** on Rue Président J. Kennedy from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Entrance fee ranges from €5 to €10.
- **Wine fair in La Louvière** on Rue Bouvy from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the weekend.

**3 March**

- **Orientation march in Auderghem** for 4, 8, 16 km. Departure is from the sports center of the Forêt de Soignes on chaussée de Wavre 2057 at 9 a.m.
- **Run & bike ride in Sirault** for 12-17 km. Departure is from the Rue E. Lenoir 97 at 2 p.m. Showers and bike-wash available.
- **Museum night fever in Brussels.** Twenty-four Brussels museums will be staying open until the early hours for various events: exhibitions, concerts, performances, video, workshops and DJs. For information about participating museums, prices, check [www.museumnightfever.be](http://www.museumnightfever.be) (page available in English).
- **Volksmarch in Thuillies** for 4, 6, 12, 20, 30, 50 km. Departure is from Rue de la Cour from 6:30 to 9 a.m. for 50 km and from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the other routes.

**3 to 4 March**

- **Wine fair "Vinorama" in Braine-L'Alleud** on Chaussée de Mont Saint-Jean 83. Open from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entrance fee is €6.



Orchid display in Brussels until Mar. 18

**3 through 11 March**

- **Batibouw (building and renovation) in Brussels** at Brussels Expo. Open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and to 11 p.m. on March 8. Entrance fee is €12 (€10 if you buy your ticket online). More information on [www.batibouw.be](http://www.batibouw.be).

**4 March**

- **Volksmarch in Mont-Saint-Guibert** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from the Saint-Etienne school on Rue des Hayeffes 33 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Nivelles** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from the Institut du Sacré-Coeur (school) on Rue Saint-Jean 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Gosselies** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from the L'Orangerie on Rue des Fabriques from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Soignies** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from the Ecole communale de la Régence (school) on Place Van Zeeland 33 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Villers-Saint-Ghislain** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from Salle Calva on Rue Jules Biresse 3 A from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Willaupuis** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from Rue de la Forge from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Perennes-Lez-Antoing** for 4, 7, 12, 17, 22, 30 km. Departure is from the bar "L'Escale" on Rue du Centre 57 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Braine-le-Comte** for 25, 35, 50 km. Departure is from the Notre Dame School on Rue des Viviers from 8 to 10 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available. Participating fee ranges from €2 to €5.
- **Mountain bike ride in Pipaix** for 25 and 45 km. Departure is from the square from 8 a.m. to noon. Bike-wash available.

**6 March**

- **Classic music concert "Philharmonia Orchestra" in Brussels** in Brussels at the BOZAR on Rue Ravenstein 23 at 8 p.m. Price ranges from €18 to €78. More info on [www.bozar.be/activity.php?id=11189&lng=en](http://www.bozar.be/activity.php?id=11189&lng=en).

**10 March**

- **Volksmarch in Tubize** for 6, 12, 21, 30, 42 km. Departure is from the stadium Leburton on the Allée des sports, parking lot A, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Thirimont** for 6 and 12 km. Departure is from the square from 2 to 7 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Souvret** for 4, 6, 12, 21 km. Departure is from the Rue Paul Janson 2 A from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for 21 km and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the other routes
- **Run & bike in Froidchapelle**. Departure is from the soccer field at 2:30 p.m.

**11 March**

- **Volksmarch in Tubize** for 6, 12, 21, 30 km. Departure is from the stadium Leburton on the Allée des Sports, parking lot A from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Hyon** for 6, 12, 20, 30 km. Departure is from the Place d'Hyon 15 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for 6 and 12 km, from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for 20 km and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. for 30 km.
- **Volksmarch in Ganshoren** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from the school Athénée royal on Rue de Cock 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Baisy-Thy** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from the Place d'Hattain from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Genval** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from the hall Salle du Mahiermont on Rue J.B. Stoffs 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Anderlues** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from the Rue du Douaire 40 from 9 am. To 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Jumet** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from the Place du Chef-Lieu from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Chimay** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from the Boulevard Louise 23 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ronquières** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from the Rue Jules Dekeyn from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Lens** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from the Place de la Trinité from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Diest** for 18, 30, 47 km. Departure is from the Ecocentrum Halve Maan Diest on Leopoldsvest from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available.
- **Mountain bike ride in Wemmel** for 25, 40, 60 km. Departure is from the football stadium on Brusselsesteenweg 111 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available. Participating fee ranges from €2.50 to €3.50.
- **Mountain bike ride in Korbeek-Dijle-Bertem** for 30, 45, 60 km. Departure is from the football club FC De Volle Pot from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available. Participating fee is €4 to €6.
- **Mountain bike ride in Grez Doiceau** for 15, 25, 50 km. Departure is from the sports center on Chaussée de Wavre from 8 a.m. to noon. Showers and bike-wash available.
- **Mountain bike ride in Beignée** for 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 km. Departure is from the Rue de Jamioulx 8 A. Showers and bike-wash available. Participating fee is €5.

# Carnival in Belgium

## Carnival in Arlon

- March 9: costumed ball at the plaine des Manoeuvres
- March 10: children's parade downtown Arlon at 1:30 p.m. At 2:30 p.m. entry of the Prince Carnival in the streets of Arlon with the Gilles. Dance party at 9:30 p.m. on Place des Manoeuvres.
- March 11: carnival parade downtown Arlon at 2:30 p.m. Burning of the humps on the Grand'Place at 9 p.m.

## SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Amsterdam and Van Gogh Museum (optional), March 3** - Spend the day in Amsterdam, walk the town along the canals or visit the Anne Frank House. Visit the Van Gogh Museum (optional). Prices: Van Gogh Museum included €50 (17 years and overs), €40 (under 17); Amsterdam only is €40. Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m. and returns SHAPE at midnight. Departs Brussels at 7:30 a.m. and returns Brussels at 11 p.m.
- **Medieval Dinner in Brugge, March 10** - Experience a medieval evening in Brugge with a festive banquet, a dozen attractions, medieval costumes and music, delicious food and drinks. Get transported back to 3 July 1468 as Charles the Bold and Margaret of York invite you to the wedding feast enlivened by jesters, minstrels and dancers. There will be also sword fighting, falconry, flame swallowing, a witches' dance, jousting, parrot shooting and more. Prices: €92 adults, €65 youth (11-14), €45 children (6-10), €35 children (0-5). Departs SHAPE at 1 p.m. and returns SHAPE at 1 a.m. on Sunday. Departs Brussels at 11:45 a.m. and returns Brussels at 2 a.m. on Sunday.
- **Maastricht, March 17** - Visit the oldest town in the Netherlands and experience a cruise on the Meuse river followed with a guided tour of the caves under the St. Pietersberg hill. Departs SHAPE at 8 a.m. and returns at 7:30 p.m. Departs Brussels at 7 a.m. and returns at 8:30 p.m.



## SHAPE Travel Group

*For information on the trips below,  
call civilian 065-336560*

- **Brussels Craft Fair Expo, March 15** - Creativa exhibition has 200 exhibitors and offers workshops for adults and children from scrapbooking to floral art. Price is €20 including entrance to the expo and transportation.
- **Amsterdam, March 27** - Enjoy the city, its museums, go shopping or walk along its canals.
- **Le Creuset and Champagne, April 17** - Visit Le Creuset factory outlet in France. Spend a couple of hours in Reims to tour the cathedral then head to the Pommery champagne house for a guided tour. Price is € 35.

**28 February**

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- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets on Tuesdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at SHAPE Chapel Annex Classroom. Members support one another's 12 Step recovery program and freely share their AA story with newcomers. Family members, friends, and anyone interested in AA are welcome to attend. For a recorded message with telephone contact numbers, call 0494-058137. For English speaking meetings in Brussels and throughout Europe see the website [www.aa-europe.net](http://www.aa-europe.net).
- **Protestant Women of the Chapel International** - Meets at the SHAPE International Chapel on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Childcare is provided. For information, email to [pwoc.shape@gmail.com](mailto:pwoc.shape@gmail.com).
- **The Protestant Men of the Chapel** offers opportunities for fellowship, Bible Study, and service outreach for men in the SHAPE community. Currently, PMOC continues The Great Adventure series, a 20-week look at helping men discover Biblical manhood in the midst of a confusing, misguided world. PMOC meets each Tuesday at 6:30 a.m.

**29 February**

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- **Infant Massage Class** - Meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the SHAPE Healthcare Facility second floor conference room. Expectant mothers and mothers with newborns and older infants are welcome. Mats and oils are provided. No pre-registration is required. Open to all U.S., NATO and SHAPE ID cardholders. Call WIC Overseas DSN 423-5971 or civilian 065-44-5971 for more information.
- **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults classes** - Meets each Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. For more information, contact the parish coordinator at DSN 423-6019 or civilian 065-44-6019.

**1 March**

- **Teen Mass and Meal** - Meets Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at the SHAPE Chapel.

**2 March**

- **Rosary Warriors** - Meets every Friday at 9:15 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to pray the rosary. For more information, contact the parish coordinator at DSN 423-6019 or civilian 065-44-6019.
- **Mary Queen of Peace Parish** will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at the SHAPE International Chapel (East Chapel) at 6 p.m. followed by a meatless soup supper. All are welcome to participate in this Lenten devotion. For more information, contact the parish coordinator at DSN 423-6019 or civilian 065-44-6019.



**HEART'S APART**

**February 28, 2012**  
**1300-1530**  
**Army Community Service**  
**Building 318, SHAPE**

*Separated from your sponsor due to a long TDY or deployment?*

*Join us for a cup of coffee, a great movie and friendly conversation with other spouses to share your experience*

For more information or to register call ACS at:

DSN 423-5324  
CIV 065/44-5324

ACS provides reasonable access for individuals with disabilities. Please specify any need for special accommodations when registering.



**27 February**

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- **Stroller Time** - Meets on Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m. at the ACS, Bldg. 318, SHAPE. Bring your child and stroller for a walk on the SHAPE path. For more information contact the ACS at DSN 423-5324.
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Open to ALL US & SHAPE (Green) ID cardholders 18 years of age and over.

**2012**  
**TEXAS HOLD'EM**  
*Play Big! Win Big!*

**THE WARRIOR ZONE**  
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS PRIME TIME LOUNGE)  
**DAUMERIE CASERNE**  
**FRIDAY, 2 MARCH**  
**1700-1745 PLAYER REGISTRATION**  
**1800 FIRST DEAL**  
**GRAND PRIZE: UP TO \$1000**  
(DEPENDING ON NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS)  
**SECOND THRU FIFTH PLACE PRIZES**  
**ENTRY: \$50.00**

FOR INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER CALL  
 DSN: 361-5643 CIV: 068-27.5643

Army Community Service provides assistance access to individuals with special needs.

## AT USAG BRUSSELS

Through 23 March

- **Annual Weight Loss Challenge** - The weight loss challenge is specially designed to educate you on the importance of proper nutrition for weight loss and optimum health. At the end of the 12-week program the top 2 individuals with the greatest percentage of lost pounds and the top 2 with the greatest percentage of lost inches will be awarded prizes. For more information, contact the USAG Brussels Fitness Center at civilian 02-717-9667.

## LIBRARY

Due to temporary staffing levels the Library will be closed Mar. 4 and 18. For more information please contact the USAG Brussels library at DSN 368-9705 or civilian 02-717-9705. The library is looking for applicants to fill a vacant Library Technician position. If interested, call the library for more information.

## CYSS

Registration for the following sports will be accepted until Mar. 12:

- **Soccer Camp**, season April 16 - May 25, ages 7-9, 10-15 - Cost \$20.
- **Tee Ball**, season April 17 - Jun. 8, ages 5-6, cost \$40.
- **Start Smart Baseball**, season April 24 - June 5, ages 3-4, cost \$40
- **Girls Softball**, season April 16 - June 8, ages 9-12, Cost \$45.
- **Baseball Camp**, season April 17 - May 26, ages 7-12, Cost \$20.

## CONSIGNMENT SHOP

The Brussels consignment shop located on USAG Brussels is now open late night the last Wednesday of each month. The shop is open from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. for shopping and consignments. For questions, contact the shop at [brusselsconsignmentshop@gmail.com](mailto:brusselsconsignmentshop@gmail.com).

USAG BRUSSELS

# Pancake Breakfast

Saturday  
March 10  
2012



11:30-1:00  
\$6/Adults, \$4/Kids  
(Age 3-12)

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Join us at the  
**3 STAR  
RECREATION CENTER**  
for a Saturday brunch.  
Enjoy pancakes,  
bacon, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee.




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For more information contact the 3 Star Recreation Center at  
Comm. 02-717-9822 or DSN 368-9822

## USAG BRUSSELS Spring Fling

### Saturday, March 31st, 2012

Join us for a pancake breakfast with the Easter Bunny followed by an Egg Hunt!

\*\*Bring a basket and dress appropriately for the OUTDOOR Egg Hunt!\*\*

\*\*Bring your camera to take a picture with the Easter Bunny!\*\*

**\*9:30-11:30**  
Pancake Breakfast  
with the Easter Bunny and crafts  
**3 Star Recreation Center**  
\$6/Adults \$4/Kids (Ages 3-12)

**\*10:30**  
Egg Hunt, Ages 0-5  
**USAG Brussels Courtyard**

**\*10:45**  
Egg Hunt, Ages 6-12,  
**CYS Services Garden**

For more information contact MWR Special Events at  
Comm. 02-717-9763 or DSN 368-9763

