

# THE GAZETTE

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### IN MEMORIAM

A long term USAG Benelux Directorate of Public Works employee, Daniel Libre, passed away August 23 at the age of 49. Libre started working in November 1988. After one week at the Master Planning division, Libre filled the position of civil engineer until present. He was appreciated by all for his competence and reliability in his job but also as the bright spark during festivities like St Eloi, St Joseph and the USAG Benelux Christmas Party.

Libre was also involved in the coordination with the Belgian Red Cross for the blood drives on Chièvres Air Base. He is survived by his spouse, Jacqueline Arvicus, a former DPW Real Property employee, and his four children, Ludo, Fedora and twins Danika and Mederic.

The funeral is held today at 3 p.m. at the cemetery in Grosage (Chièvres).

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Air Force Tech. Sgt John Williams and Army Pfc. Justin Jonquil prepare to take down a high value target at a field training exercise at Camp Elsenborn, Belgium. See more on the exercise on page 3 and 4.

# America pays tribute to workers

**By Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling**  
 U.S. Army Europe Commanding General

In the early 1800s, labor unions set aside a dedicated day to celebrate working Americans who were making our country great. In our history, "Labor Day" – since 1884 an event celebrated always on the first Monday in September – has become a national tribute to the contributions workers make to the strength, prosperity and economic well-being of our nation.

Labor Day has always been celebrated in cities and towns across the United States with parades, picnics, barbecues, and relaxation...especially relaxation! It's also been a day representing the unofficial end of the summer and – even though school here in Europe begins earlier – is a day that usually marks the start of serious academic work for children.

In USAREUR, our Soldiers work side-by-side with civilian em-

ployees, whose work contributes to quality training on the ranges of Grafenwoehr, whose maintenance skills adds to the operational readiness of our vehicles in the motor pools in Kaiserslautern or the flight lines at Ansbach, and whose administration and construction abilities help our Soldiers and families in places like Dal Molin, Italy, or Brussels, Belgium. Our civilians – US and host nation – add to the team of US Army in Europe all over this continent, and I applaud your selfless service, your commitment to duty, your integrity, your loyalty to this family.

Sue and I join all of the "Laborers" of U.S. Army in Europe in celebrating the American worker on this Labor Day. And I ask all of our Soldiers and their family members to help them relish this "workingman's holiday."

Thanks for all you do!  
 Strong Soldiers, Strong Teams!



## Honoring the Fallen

Capt. Michael Quigg, USAG Benelux Headquarters & Headquarters Company Commander, is about to drop a wreath into the IJzer river at Diksmuide honoring the U.S. service members who gave their lives during World War I.

Capt. Quigg was the U.S. Armed Forces representative at the August 26th.

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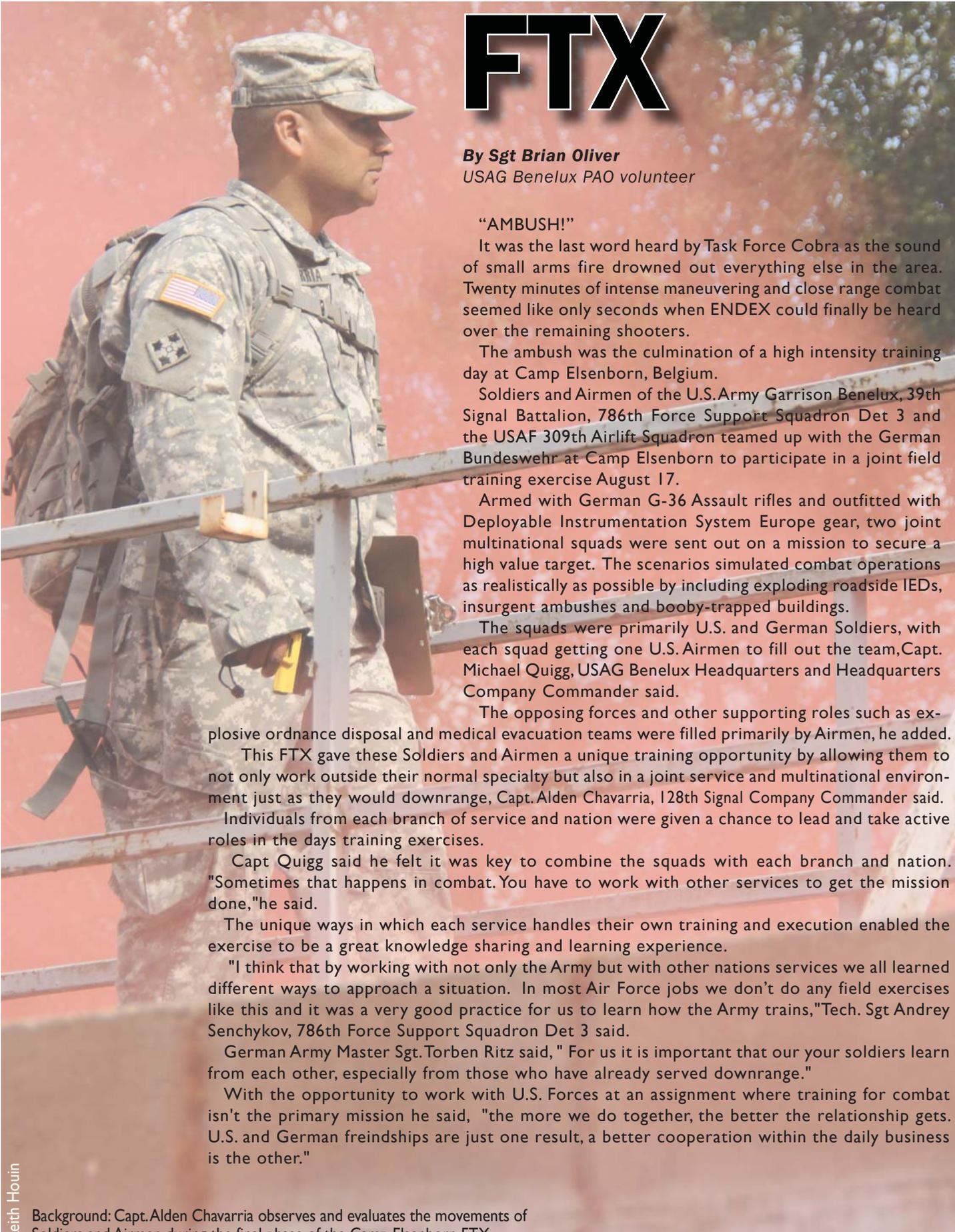
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# FTX

**By Sgt Brian Oliver**

*USAG Benelux PAO volunteer*

**“AMBUSH!”**

It was the last word heard by Task Force Cobra as the sound of small arms fire drowned out everything else in the area. Twenty minutes of intense maneuvering and close range combat seemed like only seconds when ENDEX could finally be heard over the remaining shooters.

The ambush was the culmination of a high intensity training day at Camp Elsenborn, Belgium.

Soldiers and Airmen of the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, 39th Signal Battalion, 786th Force Support Squadron Det 3 and the USAF 309th Airlift Squadron teamed up with the German Bundeswehr at Camp Elsenborn to participate in a joint field training exercise August 17.

Armed with German G-36 Assault rifles and outfitted with Deployable Instrumentation System Europe gear, two joint multinational squads were sent out on a mission to secure a high value target. The scenarios simulated combat operations as realistically as possible by including exploding roadside IEDs, insurgent ambushes and booby-trapped buildings.

The squads were primarily U.S. and German Soldiers, with each squad getting one U.S. Airmen to fill out the team, Capt. Michael Quigg, USAG Benelux Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander said.

The opposing forces and other supporting roles such as explosive ordnance disposal and medical evacuation teams were filled primarily by Airmen, he added.

This FTX gave these Soldiers and Airmen a unique training opportunity by allowing them to not only work outside their normal specialty but also in a joint service and multinational environment just as they would downrange, Capt. Alden Chavarria, 128th Signal Company Commander said.

Individuals from each branch of service and nation were given a chance to lead and take active roles in the days training exercises.

Capt Quigg said he felt it was key to combine the squads with each branch and nation. "Sometimes that happens in combat. You have to work with other services to get the mission done," he said.

The unique ways in which each service handles their own training and execution enabled the exercise to be a great knowledge sharing and learning experience.

"I think that by working with not only the Army but with other nations services we all learned different ways to approach a situation. In most Air Force jobs we don't do any field exercises like this and it was a very good practice for us to learn how the Army trains," Tech. Sgt Andrey Senchykov, 786th Force Support Squadron Det 3 said.

German Army Master Sgt. Torben Ritz said, "For us it is important that our your soldiers learn from each other, especially from those who have already served downrange."

With the opportunity to work with U.S. Forces at an assignment where training for combat isn't the primary mission he said, "the more we do together, the better the relationship gets. U.S. and German freindships are just one result, a better cooperation within the daily business is the other."

# FTX continued



Staff Sgt. Stephanie Weber

Left: Air Force Tech. Sgt. John Ralsten (left) continues to press the attack against the ambushed Blue Forces, while Pfc. Justin Jonquil directs his team on their next course of action.

Below: Sgt. Kore Beverley, 39th Signal Battalion, Master Sgt. Torben Ritz, German Army plan for the next phase of movement during the Camp Elsenborn FTX.



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Above: : Spc. Corey Pogue, USAG Benelux, searches an insurgent while Spc. Dashaun Jackson provides cover. Right: German Sgt. Steve Rottmann (right), Air Force Staff Sgt. John Parker (center) and Spc. Corey Pogue (left) assault a building from which the unit had been taking fire.



Perre Courtejoie

# Ath, City of Giants

The two-headed eagle is the first giant in the Ath giants' procession and weighs 130 kilos without counting the little boy's weight. Two-headed since the royal visit of 1854, the Eagle represents the arms of the town and dances to the music of a local band. The procession dates back to the 15th century and originally celebrated the consecration of the Saint Julien's Church. After the 15th century, the procession slowly lost its religious meaning and the groups taking part in the ducasse became more and more picturesque. This year's parade was August 28.



## Wereth 11 To Be Honored at Ceremony

**By Maj. Lawanda D Warthen**  
*USAHC Kaiserslautern, commander*

The African American Soldiers killed by the German SS during the Battle of the Bulge will be honored at 11 a.m. on September 24 in Wereth, Belgium.

These 11 soldiers were part of a unit that was reactivated in the regular Army as a 155-mm howitzer battalion a year before their deployment. In their first 6 months of combat, they were separated from their unit while evading the Germans. While looking for food and shelter, they approached the Mathius Langer house in Wereth, and the family took them in.

About an hour later, a German patrol approached the house. The Americans surrendered, were taken out, and were shot and dumped into a ditch where their bodies remained until mid-February. The official report noted they had been brutalized, with broken legs, bayonet wounds to the head, and fingers cut off.

These 11 Soldiers from Alabama remained unknown to the world until 1994 when Herman Langer, son of Mathius, erected a small cross in the corner of the pasture where they had been murdered. On it were the names of the soldiers: Curtis Adams, George Davis, Thomas J. Forte, Robert Green, Jim Leatherwood, Bradley Meagler, Nathaniel Moss, George W. Moten, William M.

Pritchett, James A. Stewart, and Due W. Turner.

In 2001, three Belgians took on the task of creating a more prominent memorial to them as well as to honor all African American GIs of World War II.

The dedication of the new memorial was held in May 2004; road signs now indicate the location of the memorial, and the Belgian Tourist Bureau lists it in its "Battle of the Bulge" brochures. These African American men, like so many others, paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

The Wereth Eleven documentary premiered 19 February 2011 at the World War II Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana among those in attendance was Dr Regina Benjamin, the 18th Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service.

On May 17th "The Wereth Eleven" was honored with the Founders' Choice Award at the Fifth Annual GI Film Festival at the United States Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. Learn more about the documentary on Facebook: <http://robchild.blogspot.com/2011/05/wereth-eleven-wins-founders-choice.html>

For more information, go to <http://themoderatevoice.com/13097/the-alabama-eleven-the-black-gis-of-wereth-belgium-memorial-day-2007/> for more information on the history of this event.

# Initial construction on SHAPE International School Begins

Special to the Gazette

Although only a small first step, the initial school construction has begun. Those who have been around the west side of the SHAPE International School may have noticed the construction fence and work being done between the cafeteria and gym. This will soon be the new playground. The new playground is needed to support the building of a world class SHAPE International School Campus by many of the NATO nations. This new campus will be accomplished in phases over the next 5 years with the first major phase of construction now scheduled to start in January 2012 on the site of the current playground.

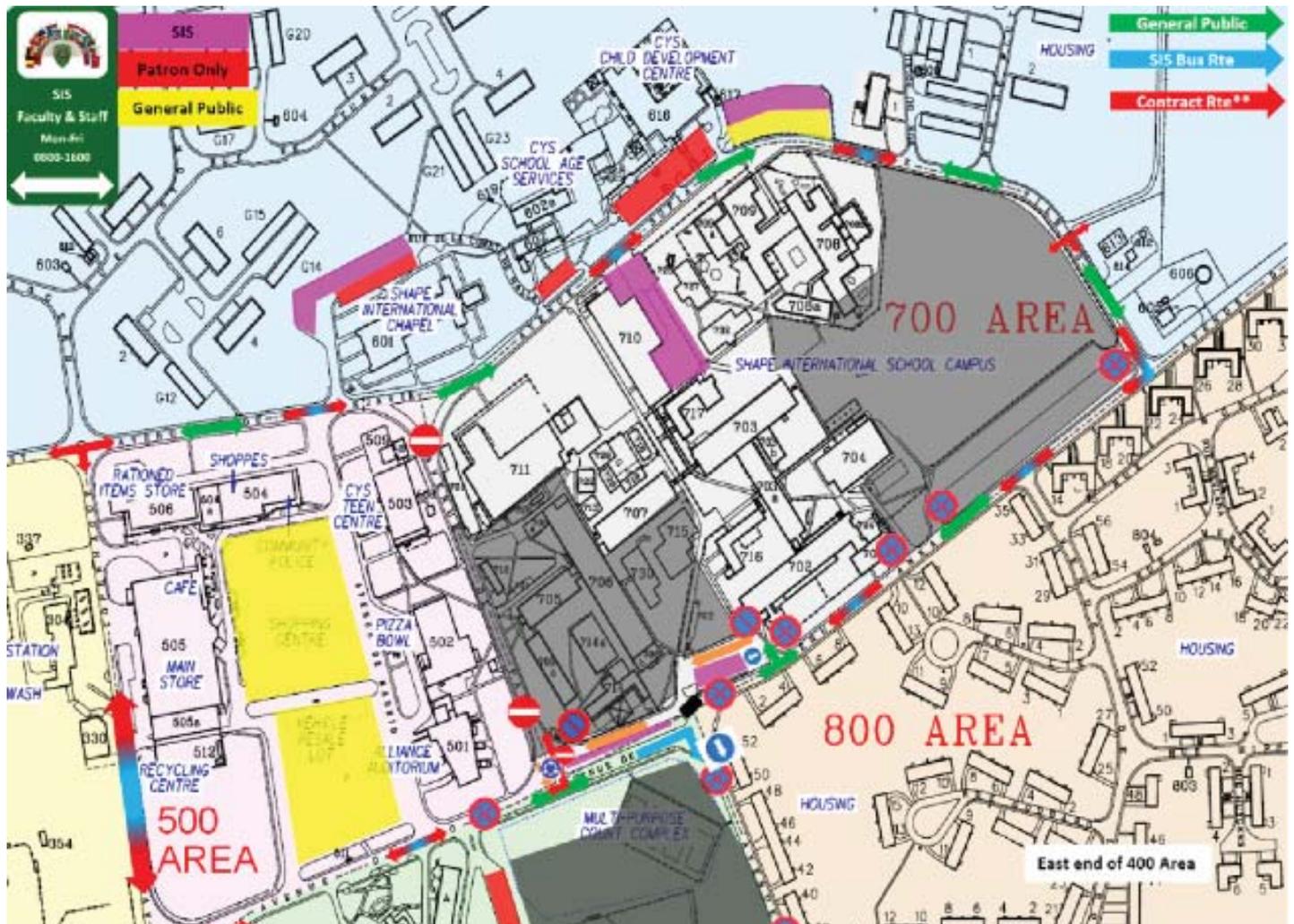
As has been previously disseminated, this project will cause some changes to the already challenging traffic pattern around the school. Some of the changes will go into effect before school construction actually starts while others will be delayed as long as possible for everyone's convenience. The changes going into effect before school construction begins include modifying the parking/pick-up and drop-off areas near the Belgian and German schools by creating a traffic circle and a pick-up/drop-off lane. The lane will be similar to the pick-up/drop-off lanes at airports where you are allowed to stop while your children get into or exit the vehicle, but you can not park or leave your vehicle

because there are others waiting to come through to drop-off or pick-up children. This will require courtesy to and from all involved. The other change in the area will be the full closure of Avenue De Paris except for authorized delivery vehicles.

The traffic pattern on the west side of the campus will remain unchanged. The busses will continue to use the same drop off. Although Avenue de Sofia will continue to be closed while the busses are present, there will be a reduction in the available parking spaces. The accompanying picture shows how parking will be reserved for different groups who will be using the area parking.

Finally, the decision was made to allow everyone to continue to use the parking lot on the northeast side of the current playground (700 Area) until construction requires its closure. Current expectations are that this lot will be closed in January 2012 and SHAPE will provide at least 2 weeks' notice once the actual closure date is established.

To enable the construction vehicles to have access to the work site, they will follow the same traffic pattern that the busses currently follow. In order to help ease the traffic challenges and increase safety for all involved, the construction vehicles will not be allowed on the streets from 0800-0900 and 1500-1600 Monday thru Friday during school days.



**Chièvres auto skills center hours of operations**

Tuesday through Thursday, noon to 8 p.m., Friday noon to 6 p.m. Sat 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday

**Andrews Federal Credit Union Brussels closure**

In recognition of the U.S. Federal Labor Day Holiday, Andrews Federal Credit Union's Brussels Branch located at USAG Brussels will be closed on Monday, September 5. The branch will resume normal business hours, opening at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6. In the meantime, Andrews Federal members can access Online Banking services at [andrewsfcu.org](http://andrewsfcu.org).

**Volunteers needed**

On September 7 and 8 is the Sesame Street event on Chièvres Air Base. FMWR is in need of 23 volunteers (18 years or older) to serve as security, to assist set up & recovery, and volunteers for fulfillment and outreach items. For additional information, contact FMWR at DSN 361-6223 or civilian 068-276223.

**Stroller Time**

Starts September 12. Bring your child and stroller for a walk on the SHAPE path from 10 to 11 a.m. Meet at Bldg 318.

**CYSS Volleyball**

Registration will go through August 31. Ages 12 to 18, boys & girls. Fee is \$40.



**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 Mass**

Each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. at the Daumerie American Chapel and Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at the SHAPE Chapel.

**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*

**Rock Festival Pukkelpop Drama**

On August 18, a heavy storm devastated the site of the rock festival 'Pukkelpop' in Kiewit, close to Hasselt – where an estimated 60,000 music fans were gathered – with as a result collapsing music tents, stages, food stand and trees. A total of five people were killed and over a hundred people were injured.

**Royal Theater in Mons**

On August 18, the storm also blew away the roof of the Royal Theater in Mons without injuring anyone.

**U.S. Ambassador's residence in Brussels**

In its summer series of one-page articles on interesting buildings and houses in Brussels - a series of articles that have so far already reported on the Brussels Palace of Justice, the national airport, the headquarters of the BNP Paribas Fortis bank in Brussels, the Flemish Parliament (formerly an old post office building,) the EU Commission headquarters in the Berlaymont building, French-language public broadcaster RTBF, etc, - the financial daily L'Echo devoted an article on the U.S. Ambassador's Residence in Brussels. Under the heading "A Little Corner of America Very Close to the Royal Palace," Catherine Mommaerts writes: "Located on the corner of the Ducale and Zinner streets along the Brussels Park and very close to the Royal Palace, the Residence of U.S. Ambassador Howard Gutman and of his predecessors since 1953 only contrasts with the surroundings because of the impressive security measures. With its Louis XVI façade behind bollards that prohibit entry to unauthorized people, this house is among the oldest residences of U.S. Ambassadors in the world".

**Thunderstorm**

The thunderstorm on August 23 caused considerable damages across the country. Homes were struck by lightning and cellars were flooded. Many roads throughout the country were flooded as well as the Brussels ring that

got flooded over three lanes. In Mons a school has been destroyed by fire caused by a strike of lightning.

**Belgian politics**

The formateur, Francophone socialist leader Elio Di Rupo, has started negotiations that should lead to the splitting of the controversial Brussels Hale Vilvoorde Constituency (BHV) and, if successful, pave the way for a new federal government. Under Mr Di Rupo's proposals BHV will be split, though inhabitants of six Flemish municipalities where French speakers enjoy special linguistic rights will be able to decide whether they want to vote in Brussels or in Halle Vilvoorde in federal elections. Also among his proposals is that the regions will be able to take control of ten billion euro that is currently raised as personal income tax. The regions will be able to vary tax levels and increase or decrease the amount they generate through income tax.

**Belgian shepherds over German shepherds**

The German police in the western state of North Rhine-Westphalia are phasing out German shepherd dogs in favor of the Belgian version, the so-called Malinois shepherd. While German shepherds are definitely not stupid, they often do not have the potential police need and, among other things, Belgian Shepherds – also known as Malinois – protect their handlers better in crisis situations, are more robust, and act more aggressively when needed. The state's police force stopped breeding German shepherds in 2005 altogether and now has only 26 German shepherds, versus 281 Belgian shepherds. The German federal police is also increasingly using Belgian dogs. Some Germans who considered the German shepherd as a symbol of Germany's pride are not happy with this evolution.

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## Website Updates

The USAG Benelux public website is undergoing some changes. The most notable changes will be available September 1 with the addition of the Features and Photos section. This section will be used to expand coverage of some of the larger events in the community.

There will also be changes to the menu bars and numerous other pages as USAG Benelux and SHAPE directorates and agencies work to improve the information available and make it easier to find what you need. The primary focus will be on improving content, with design changes being implemented where necessary to improve the flow of information.

Though some pages may be unavailable during the update it should not interfere with the overall websites.

Organizations with web pages on the Benelux site that require constant update should call DSN 361-5910.

## Education

### University of Maryland

#### Book Award

This fall, UMUC Europe is offering the new \$150 SAIC Military Book Award for all active-duty servicemembers and will be continuing the \$100 Europe Book Award for spouses and dependents of active-duty servicemembers. Both new and current students are eligible to apply. The book awards open in August and details can be found at [http://www.ed.umuc.edu/financial\\_aid](http://www.ed.umuc.edu/financial_aid).

#### Field study

Field study courses give students the opportunity to explore fascinating locations in Europe while earning university credit. Upcoming field study courses include ENGL 288B/388B Expatriate Writers in Venice: 1800 to Present, held on October 15-22 in Italy, and ENGL 288J/388J Dublin, Ireland: A Brief Literary History, held on October 15-22 in Ireland. The registration deadline for both courses is September 25. For details, visit [www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy](http://www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy).

#### Contact Information

For more information on registration, book awards, field study and services, contact a local UMUC Europe field representative, visit [www.ed.umuc.edu](http://www.ed.umuc.edu), or contact UMUC at DSN 314-370-6762 or civilian +49-(0)6221-3780.



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# Powers of Attorney, who needs them?

## Special to the Gazette

Moving is a part of military life and moving overseas adds to the stress of finding a new place to live, shifting bank accounts, transporting vehicles and household goods, and ensuring family members have everything they need to travel overseas.

Unfortunately, spouses are often separated during this period of time when both of their signatures are required – Enter... the Power of Attorney. What is a Power of Attorney? Simply put, this document grants someone the legal power to act on your behalf.

This raises the question: do I need a power of attorney? People sometimes get a power of attorney because they have been told they need one or they believe they should get one.

Alternate planning may eliminate the need for a power of attorney in certain situations. For example, you might consider an allotment to a separate account instead of allowing someone to gain total access to your bank account.

It is always recommended that you limit the scope of the power of attorney as much as possible and grant it for as short a period as necessary to accomplish what is needed. It doesn't make much sense to allow someone complete access to your bank account, when all you need is for them to receive your

household goods.

What type of power of attorney do I need? There are two types. A General power of attorney is legally sufficient for a person to accomplish almost anything in your name. A special (specific) power of attorney is drafted to grant a person very specific and limited powers.

The broad scope of power associated with a general power of attorney has prompted many agencies to require a special (or specific) power of attorney. While the document is legally sufficient, an agency could still refuse to honor a power of attorney.

Often times, when you allow someone to apply for a loan on your behalf, a bank will have their own special power of attorney drafted that will limit the power to a single transaction.

Always keep in mind these agencies are doing this in an effort to protect your interests, so it is a good idea to check with the agency where you intend to use your power of attorney before you get one.

Whether you need a power of attorney, the type, or the options available, your legal office can answer questions and assist you with drafting a power of attorney that will fit your individual needs.

# Protect yourself and unit from rental liability

## Special to the Gazette

Official government travel often requires the use of a rental vehicle. It is important to do the following so that, in case of an accident, you, or your unit are not held financially responsible for damage to the vehicle:

- Seek a rental company that participates in the US Government Rental Car Agreement. This agreement provides comprehensive insurance for the rented vehicle. Participating companies in Belgium currently include: EUROPCAR and ENTERPRISE. They also offer an approved TDY rate.

In the event of any damage or an accident while on TDY orders, the customer is removed from any liability and there is NO deductible. Information about rental cars is available online at <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Rental>.

- You MUST provide the rental company with official travel orders. This is the most important thing you can do to ensure that you will not be held responsible for damage to the rental vehicle. Providing your orders will inform the company that the US Government Rental Car Agreement will apply in the event of an accident or other damage. Inform the company if you are taking the vehicle outside the country, as this might otherwise void the insurance.

Please note that you may still be held responsible if the loss or damage is caused by fraud, misrepresentation, influence of intoxicants or prohibited drugs, malicious intention, illegal use, etc.

- If you do not have access to a participating rental company and you do not have a government credit card, then you must

purchase insurance coverage from the company. In this case, the Joint Federal Travel Regulation allows reimbursement of rental insurance fees overseas. This expense can be claimed on a TDY travel claim.

- You must provide the rental car company with your unit address and telephone number.

- In the event you are involved in an accident that causes damage to a rental vehicle, make sure to do the following:

- Call the local police. A police report is required.

- Collect the other driver's personal and insurance information.

- Notify the rental company of the incident promptly and keep a record of the company representative who assisted you. Under the US Government Rental Car Agreement, rental car companies must provide a toll-free emergency contact number to renters.

- Fill out a rental company accident report when requested.

- Notify your unit as well as the military claims office. Provide all information from all parties involved and copies of police reports as soon as possible after the accident.

Remember, accidents do happen. It is important to be aware and well prepared. Reserve the rental vehicle well in advance and disclose your official travel orders and business information.

For personal travel, you may choose to purchase insurance with the rental company. Doing so reduces your liability to the deductible and leaves you without a claim on your own insurance.

For additional questions, contact the Northern Law Center Claims Office at DSN 423-4061 or commercial 065-444061.

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Contact BrusselsWeekly@state.gov for more details.

**Until 11 September**

- **Visit the Royal Palace in Bruxelles** on Place des Palais from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day except Mondays. Free access.

**Until 30 September**

- **Harvest your raspberries, strawberries and flowers yourself in Anderlecht** on Rue du Pommoeur 463B. Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 6 p.m. For additional information, check <http://www.fruit-time.be/index.php/en>.

**Until 2 October**

- **Labyrinth in a corn field in Barvaux-sur-Ourthe.** On Rue Basse Commène, open every day from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. throughout 31 August as well as weekends in September, 27 September and 1 and 2 October. Entrance fee is €9.50 per adult, €7 per child under 1m50, free for children under 3. This year's theme is Robin Hood. For additional information, check <http://www.labyrinth.be/en/home.html>.



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Visit the Royal Palace until Sept. 11

**2 September**

- **Evening market in Ath** from 6 p.m. until midnight on Square St Julien and center of town.
- **Evening flea market in St Ghislain** (120 booths) in center of town as of 6 p.m.
- **Floral art display in St Ghislain** at the Ecole Industrielle et Commerciale on the main square from 6 to 10 p.m.

**2-3 September**

- **“Scène sur Sambre” Music Festival at the Abbey d’Aulne** on Rue de l’Abbaye. Floating scene on the Sambre river with Hooverphonic, Puggy, Hindi Zahra, Suarez, Luce,.... Cost is €25 for one day; €38 for a two day pass.

**2-4 September**

- **Annual market (three days) and flea market** (Saturday and Sunday) in Etterbeek on Chaussée de Wavre from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Fiesta Latina in Brussels** on Avenue Louise, parking Bailli-Defacqz, with concerts, dance contests and much more from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday; noon to 2 a.m. on Saturday and noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday. Entrance fee is €5, For additional information, check [www.fiesta-latina.be](http://www.fiesta-latina.be).
- **Beer weekend in Brussels.** On Friday, celebration of the saint patron of the brewers at 1:30 p.m. at the Michel et Gudule Cathedral. As of 6 p.m. and until 9 p.m.: Official opening of the beer weekend on the Brussels main square at which the Belgian brewers will present their best beers. Access is free of charge but beer tasting is not. Saturday, at 10 a.m., gathering of vintage brewer vehicles on Marché aux Poissons. As of 11 a.m. and until 8 p.m.: Belgian brewers welcome everyone on the Brussels main square. As of 2 p.m., brewers parade on the main square. Sunday as of 11 a.m. and until 7 p.m.: Belgian brewers present their beer on the main square.

**3 September**

- **SHAPE International Band concert in St Ghislain** starting at 8 p.m. , Foyer Culturel on the Grand’Place, 37. Pre-sale tickets are at €6 per person, tickets at the door are at €8 Euros. All profits go to Unicef. For reservations, call DSN 423-3339 or civilian 065-44-3339.
- **Orchid fair in La Hestre** from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Domaine du Colombie on Route de Bascoup 316.
- **Flea market in Soignies** (30 booths) from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Rue de Cognebeau.
- **Flea market in Ville-Pommeroeul** (80 booths) from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the square.
- **Manneken-Pis Fest in Brussels.** Every year, the Manneken-Pis association honors the most famous Brussels statue. At 11:45 a.m. the group will be at the Manneken-Pis statue to dress him up in his new costume. In the afternoon, parade starting at 2 p.m. from the Place d’Espagne to Manneken Pis for musical entertainment by a Street Band until 10 p.m.
- **Floral art display in St Ghislain** at the Ecole Industrielle et Commerciale on the main square from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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Floral art display in St Ghislain, September 2 and 3

**3-4 September**

- **Visit a market just like in the 16th Century** and watch blacksmiths, iron workers, painters, etc. at work from 1 to 10 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday on Parvis St Pierre.
- **Street comedians Fest in Braine-L'Alleud** on the main square starting at 2 p.m. on both days with clowns, acrobats, magicians, dancers, etc. Free of charge.
- **Open House Sport Clubs in Jurbise** at the Police Academy on Route d'Ath 25-35. All sport clubs that use the police academy site will be represented and free classes will be offered (volley-ball, circus school, badminton, yoga, dance for children, aerobic, stretching, etc. On Saturday starting at 4 p.m., four workshops (aikido, fencing, judo, taekwondo) will be offering free classes. Also on Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m.: fitness marathon (free of charge).
- **International hunt, nature day and historical parade in St Hubert** with hunting horn bands, blessing of the animals, folklore groups and a parade evoking the life of St. Hubert. On Saturday t 6 p.m.: Mass celebrated in the basilica with the participation of the hunting horns band. At 8:30 p.m. : Concert by the Heidelberg hunting horn blowers and others. Entrance fee is €10. On Sunday at 11 a.m.: Mass with hunting horn blowers. After mass: blessing of the animals. At 2:30 p.m.: historical parade

**4 September**

- **Flea market** (150 booths) in Bonsecours from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the square.
- **Flea market and Arts & Crafts (300 booths)** in Coucrnelles from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Complexe Spartacus Huart on Rue François Chasteler.
- **Flea market** (200 booths) in Cuesmes from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the square.
- **Flea market** (250 booths) in Jambes (Namur) from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Avenue Materne and pedestrian area.
- **Volksmarch in Soignies** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from Rue Tour Lette from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Blaugies (Dour)** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the "Salle Chez Nous" on the main square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in templeuve** (Tournai) for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from Centre Culturo-Sportif on Rue de Roubaix, 94 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Tubize** for 6, 12 or 21 km. Departure is from Stade Leburton on Allée des Sports, parking A from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Herinnes** (Pecq) for 7, 12, 17, 22 or 30 km. Departure is from Salle Roger Lefebvre, Chaussée d'Audenarde from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Evelette** (Namur) for 10, 15, 25, 35, 45 and 55 km. Departure is from Rue du Tige between 7:30 and 11:30 a.m. Fee is €4 – Free for children less than 14 years. Showers and bike wash are available.
- **Bicycle ride in Soignies** for approximately 30 km starting at the Hall Omnisports on Rue de Cognebeau from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Flea market in Jette** (200 booths) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Chaussée de Dielegthem and Rue Décrée.
- **Flea market in Mons** at the Grand Large from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Silly** (30 booths) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Rue Ville Basse.
- **Flea market in Spiennes** (45 booths) from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the main square.
- **Flea market in Uccle** (250 booths) from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Quarter Calvoet Bourdon.
- **Flea market in Watermael-Boisfort** (150 booths) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Place des 3 Tilleuls.
- **Flea market in Wavre** (125 booths) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Rue J. Wauters and Rue du Meunier.

**8 September**

- **Concert in Ath by the Royal Lorette Band** on the Esplanade starting at 8:30 p.m.
- **Fire works for the conclusion of the Ath Giants' Festival** at 9:30 p.m. on the Esplanade



International hunt, nature day and historical parade in St Hubert, September 3-4

# SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

Events & Happenings

- **Loire Valley Overnight, September 3-4.** (Saturday-Sunday) Come spend a magical weekend exploring France's famed Loire Valley and its amazing castles. The first stop will be the breathtaking castle of Amboise, where Leonardo Da Vinci is buried. Next stop is the amazing Château Chenonceaux built on the River Cher. The evening will be spent in Blois with free time for dinner. The next day, spend time wandering the village of Blois or go to the Castle. The final stop will be at the Royal Château de Chambord, the largest Château in the Loire Valley with 440 rooms, 365 fireplaces and 13 great stairways. Price is €232 Single, €190 Twin/Double per person, €180 Youth (7-14 years)/ €165 Child (0-6 years) \*When sharing a room with two fully paid guests. Departs SHAPE 4:30 a.m. Saturday and returns at 11 p.m. Sunday.

- **Knight's Meal at Cochem Castle, September 17.** First stop is at the village of Cochem for free time to explore the narrow streets and cute shops. Then, off to Cochem Castle. After a short tour, the Lord of the Manor will welcome you with a goblet of Moselle wine and make you familiar with medieval customs and table manners. Servants and maids in period costumes serve you lavishly and pass you water to wash your hands so that you can eat with your fingers. Bread and lard make the rounds while a hot and spicy soup is steaming in the cookery pot. Hug drumsticks are served for the main course. Jesters will entertain while a traditional knighting ceremony entertains. The feast comes to an end with cheese, grapes, nuts and biscuits. Price is €105 Adults, €80 Youth (6-17), €50 Child (0-5). Departs SHAPE at 7:30 a.m. and returns at 1:30 a.m.

- **London, September 24.** (Saturday) A day of free time in the city of endless attractions: Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral. Price is €65. Departs SHAPE at 6 a.m. and returns at 1 a.m. (Sunday).

- **Windsor Overnight with Ascot Racecourse, October 1-2** (Saturday - Sunday) For almost 250 years, Royal Ascot has established itself as a national institution, being the ultimate stage for the best racehorses in the world. Enjoy viewing a horserace on day one of this trip. After a night and a breakfast in a nearby hotel, explore the city of Windsor or the Windsor Castle, which is the largest and oldest occupied castle in the world and is one of the official residences of the Queen. Price is €200 Single room, €175 Double/Twin/ Triple, €150 Child 3-12 years\*, €110 Child 0-2 years\*when sharing with 2 adults. Departs SHAPE at 6:15 a.m. (Saturday) and returns at midnight (Sunday).



Cochem Castle

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- **Belgium's Only Castle Wine-tasting and Dinner, October 9** Visit the only wine castle in Belgium. The Genoels-Elderen wine castle is situated next to the old Roman military highway between Tongeren and Maastricht. The climate here is apparently ideal for the cultivation of the best grapes. Even the Romans made wine here. With about 24 hectares of vineyards the Genoels-Elderen castle is the largest wine domain in the country. Expert guides take you through the park, the vineyards, the rose garden, the distillery, the press house and the 13th century wine cellars. You'll have a nice wine tasting here. Around noon we'll have a dinner with fresh pink salmon and parma ham, Maincourse Rumsteak with cave mushrooms a la crème and dessert. After the dinner we head to the historic farm "Apostelhoeve". "Apostelhoeve" is located in the South of Maastricht near the Belgian border. During the Roman time the vineyard of the Apostelhoeve was already covered with grapevines. Productive vineyards settled in Maastricht in 1967 after a long period of neglect. You can view the vineyards and the wine cellar followed by a wine tasting. Price: 80 €. Depart SHAPE 6:15 a.m., Return SHAPE 7:15 p.m.

**31 August**

- **Page Turners Book discussion** group meets at 5:30 p.m. at the SHAPE International Library. The group will discuss *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafón. Registration is not required and there is no fee for this program. For more information, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631.

**31 August**

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets on Wednesdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at SHAPE, ASAP (Army Substance Abuse Program), Bldg. 342. 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 049-405-8137. For English speaking meetings in Brussels and throughout Europe see [www.aa-europe.net](http://www.aa-europe.net).
- **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 ACS DSN 423-4274 or civilian 065-44-4274 for more information.
- **Preschool Story Time** - Meets every Wednesday from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at the SHAPE International Library and helps preschoolers build confidence, learn socialization skills and make friends. There is no fee for this program. For more information, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631.

**1 September**

- **The Illuminati: A book club for Preteens & Teens** will meet at 4:30 p.m. The group will discuss what attendees have read over the summer and pick a reading list for the fall. Registration is not required and there is no fee for this program. For more information, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631.

**12 September**

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE AA Group meets on Fridays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at SHAPE, ASAP (Army Substance Abuse Program), Bldg. 342. 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 recorded message with telephone contact numbers, call 049-405-8137. For English speaking meetings in Brussels and throughout Europe see [www.aa-europe.net](http://www.aa-europe.net).

**Protestant Women of the Chapel**

Every Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Protestant Women of the Chapel Ladies meet for fellowship, worship and Bible study at SHAPE Chapel. Summer study is *Fingerprints of God* by Jennifer Rothschild. Free childcare provided. Call 0493-46-4604 for more information.

**ACS New Operating Hours**

The new operating hours for Army Community Services are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**SHAPE • Headquarters Support Group (HSG)**

**NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION**



*Do not miss it!!!*

**30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> August**  
**13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
**28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September**

**Register @**  
[www.SHAPE2day.com](http://www.SHAPE2day.com)






*Initial briefing will take place in SHAPE Club at 0845*

## AT USAG BRUSSELS

- **Flu Shots** Flu Season will be upon us soon. The Brussels Health Clinic is expected to receive the flu shot sometime in the September time frame. Immunization of the community have been pre-arranged for some. Military employees of both the Garrison and NATO please ask your supervisor about your scheduled dates. Parents of School Aged Children please contact the school nurse. The FluSeason Tab of our Facebook page will provide further guidance and updates for all community members.
- **SHAPE Brussels Health Clinic** The SHAPE Brussels Health Clinic will be closed September 2 and 5. On the training holiday(s) the following applies: Acute Care only. There will be pharmacy service.
  - If you are in need of medical care on days the clinic is closed:
  - For routine Care visit SHAPE Health Facility (at SHAPE) 065-44.5886 (DSN 423-5886)
  - For Urgent Care call the toll-free nurse advice line AT 0800-80149 and/or the international SOS emergency line at 0800-80806 (toll-free number for Belgium).
  - For medical emergencies which are life, limb or eyesight, Call 100 OR 112.
  - The emergency room we use for urgent and if possible emergency care is: Universitaire Ziekenhuizen Leuven, Herestraat 49, 3000 Leuven. Always contact your MTF the next working day after you have been to the ER or when you are admitted to the Hospital.
  - During weekends or after hours the on call Patient Liaison can be contacted through the MP Desk 02-717-9769 for non-medical advice.
- **Brussels Library new operating hours** are Tuesday-Friday from noon to 6 p.m., Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed on Mondays, Saturdays and U.S. Holidays.

## FITNESS CLASSES

All classes are held at the USAG Brussels Fitness Center in Bldg. 3 and are free of charge. For more information, call 02-717-9667.

- **New: Big Will's Body Shop** - Sessions are from 1 to 2 p.m. and from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- **Body Pump** - Every Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m.,
- **Spin Class** - Every Monday and Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Yoga** - Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m.
- **Individualized Strength Training** - Every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m.
- **Step Aerobics** - Every Wednesday, Friday from 6 to 7 p.m.
- **Zumba** - Every Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon and every Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- **Fitness Program** - through October 31. By joining the program you may be eligible for three hours of duty time per week to exercise. Application packets are available at the USAG Brussels Fitness Center.

The Fitness Center is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Holiday hours are from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at DSN 368-9667.

## SHAPE Trips & Tours

USAG Brussels Family & MWR is now partnering with the SHAPE Trips and Tours program. Now you can enjoy the great tours SHAPE offers and catch the bus from either USAG Brussels or the Sterrebeek Annex depending on the tour. Reservations/Payments are made by calling SHAPE Trips and Tours at 32 (0) 65-44-3884 Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tell them that you will be catching the bus from Brussels and if you have a SHAPE ID card. If you don't have a SHAPE ID card, you will be placed on an access roster for the trip.

## Brussels Info Fair 2011

Join us for the Community Information Fair at the United States Army Garrison Brussels.

Over 100 organizations will be in attendance, including: Local Clubs, Communes, Churches, Employment, Youth Organizations, and much more.

Come and pick up free local information and resources.



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Friday, September 16th, 2011  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information, please contact ACS at CIV: 02-717-9783/9729 or DSN: 368-9783/9729 or the CIO at CIO.Brussels@state.gov

