

# THE GAZETTE

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

## Gazette transformation

As of this issue, the Gazette is including information for our community members stationed at Schinnen, the Netherlands. Welcome to our new readers. For comments, submissions, ideas, contact the USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office via email at [usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil).

## Fuel Coupons in Italy

Only active duty military personnel, federal employees and government contractors who are authorized logistical support and have valid TDY orders in Italy may purchase a limited supply of fuel coupons. If you are headed south of the Alps on leave, be sure to budget for host nation fuel prices. For more information, click the Vicenza FAQs page at <http://bit.ly/H3D1Kz>.

## Math and Science Showcase

The SHAPE American Elementary school will be hosting a Math and Science Showcase, May 2 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Brainstorm ideas with your child now. Display boards can be purchased through the student's homeroom teacher.

## Bicycle race GP Cerami

The GP Cerami bicycle race will go through Enghien, Hoves, Masnuy-St-Pierre and Masnuy-St-Jean (Chaussée Brunehault), April 5. The cyclists will be in the Masnuy area between 2:15 and 2:45 p.m. Roads may be blocked off to traffic for 5 to 10 minutes at a time.

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## Children enjoyed Eggstravaganza



Cis Spook

(From left to right) Cindy White, Penny Gaffney, Toma Garst and Bill Gaffney help kids make their decorated bunny ears at the Eggstravaganza event, Saturday, March 31 on Chièvres Air Base. The event offered lots of children's activities with the highlight being the hunt for 3,400 eggs around the Community Activity Center.

# Winners of the USAG Benelux NCO and Soldier of the Year



Sgt. Anthony Oddo, USAG Brussels (left) and Spc. Jonathan Ellis, USAG Benelux (right) are named Benelux NCO and Soldier of the Year. Both of them will compete at the IMCOM-E level this week, April 2-6. (U.S. Army Photos)

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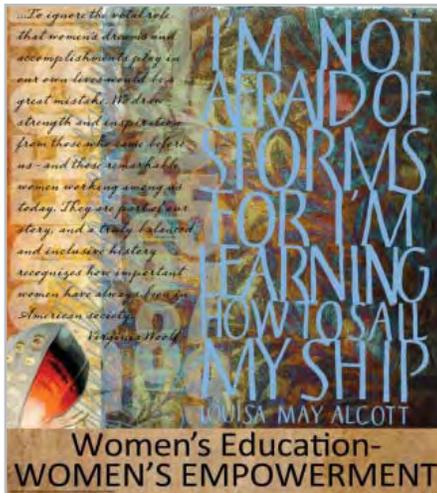
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# Community members celebrate Women's History



Picture right: U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson speaks to guest the Women's History Month Celebration at the SHAPE events center Thursday, March 29, 2012. The General is currently the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and Intelligence, SHAPE, NATO. This year's theme for Women's History Month was "Women's Education - Women's Empowerment." The General used her own education experience to highlight the challenges women have faced throughout history. When she was air force cadet at the onset of her career, she was the first woman to serve as Cadet Wing Commander, the most senior ranking cadet in the U.S. Air Force Academy. She is a command pilot with more than 3,600 flying hours in C-141, T-41, KC-10, C-17, C-5 Galaxy and KC-135 aircraft.



Keith Houin

## SCHOOL TAKE OVER

### Military and civilians from the community speak to the students



Picture above: Col. James Czarnik, SHAPE Health Care Facility Commander, speaks to SHAPE High School students about men's health issues during the School Take Over Day. School Take Over is an annual event that brings more than 25 speakers a year to the school to discuss the variety of observance events that are held during the month of April as well as other important topics. Topics included stress management, internet safety, relocation and how it affects teens and Belgian Legal concerns for teens.

Picture top right: Mrs. Fiona Webster, a registered nurse at the SHAPE Healthcare Facility, has participated in the School Take Over event for many years.

Picture bottom right: Spc. Justin Jelley, SHAPE Health Care Facility Medic, discusses hands only CPR with SHAPE students during the School Take Over Day. (U.S. Army Photos by Keith Houin)



# MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

## Military children to be recognized in April

**By William Bradner**  
*IMCOM Public Affairs*

The “Month of the Military Child” begins April 1. This year’s theme, developed by the Army Teen Panel, is “Military Kids: Heroes for the Future.”

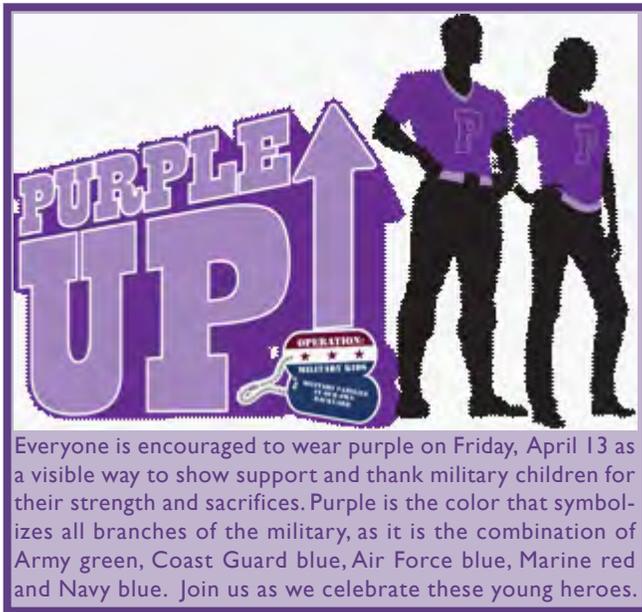
More than 1.7 million children have at least one parent serving in the military. An estimated 900,000 children have had one or both parents deployed multiple times over the last ten years.

“Now that troop strength in combat is being drawn down, there’s a tendency to just breathe a sigh of relief and think things will all go back to normal,” said Lisa Hamlin, Child, Youth and School Services Director at the Installation Management Command.

However, many child development and mental health experts believe military children may need support now, more than ever. Many are now dealing with a new reality; often added to their burden is adjustment to a parent who’s returned home with severe wounds, post-traumatic stress, or other medical issues.

“In many cases, the simple fact that mom or dad is now home, and the family dynamic has changed, can have a big impact in a child’s life,” Hamlin said.

Taking a moment to thank military kids for their service, and the sacrifices they’ve made during ten years of conflict, Hamlin said, is a simple way to remind everyone that as



Everyone is encouraged to wear purple on Friday, April 13 as a visible way to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue. Join us as we celebrate these young heroes.

resilient as they’ve proven to be, our military children still need our support.

Garrisons around the world are developing events and celebrations designed to recognize the sacrifices military children make and the support they provide to their Soldier-parent(s) and families.

The celebrations vary on each installation based on resources, deployment status of installation units, and other factors. They can be as simple as Child Development Center events where parents are invited to share why their children are their heroes at assemblies, or as complex as a day of parades, carnivals and youth activities. In many cases, garrisons combine

spring festivals or other planned events to coincide with MOMC activities.

The Month of the Military Child creates awareness of the service—and sacrifices—of our military’s children. It is an opportunity to thank children for their support to our nation’s war fighters, and recognize the important role they play in the strength of our nation by contributing to the strength of the Army Family.

The Army recognizes and appreciates the sacrifices our children make daily, and is committed to maintaining excellence in schools, youth services and childcare to support our children and their families.

### Activities held in celebration of the Month of the Military Child

**On SHAPE:**

**10-13 April**

- **Story time** read by parents at the Child Development Center

**13 April**

- **Purple Up** - Wear purple to support and thank the military children.

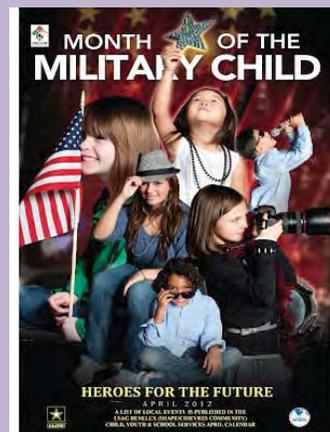
**20 April**

- **Bring a Friend Friday** at the School Age Center
- **SAC & MST Girls Pajama Party** from 7 p.m. to midnight
- **MST Smart Girls Lock In** from midnight to 9 a.m.

**27 April**

- **Bring a Friend Friday** at the School Age Center
- **Ballet recital**

For more information on the above events, contact the Child Development Center at DSN 423-4810/5616/5617/5618 or civilian 065-44-4810/5616/5617/5618 or the School Age Center at DSN 423-5980/6079 or civilian 065-44-5980/6079.



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## AFCU Employment Opportunity

Effective immediately, Andrews Federal Credit Union is offering the following career opportunities in area branches:

- Chièvres Branch at Chièvres Air Force Base, Belgium:
  - Member Services Representative (Two Full-time Positions)
  - Senior Teller (Full-time)
  - Teller (Full-time)
- USAG Benelux, Brussels Branch, Belgium:
  - Branch Manager (Full-time)
  - Member Service Representative (Two Part-time Positions)
- Schinnen Branch, The Netherlands:
  - Member Services Representatives (Two Full-time Positions)
  - Teller (Full-time)
- Chièvres Air Force Base and Benelux Region:
  - Member Services Representative/Teller Floater (Full-time)

To apply online, visit [www.andresfcu.org](http://www.andresfcu.org).

## 10th annual Make A Wish 24 hours 11-12 May

Starts at 4 p.m. on SHAPE. If you want to volunteer, be a food vendor or participate contact DSN 423-5325.

## Electric power cuts

In order to perform safety inspections on the high voltage substations on Chièvres Air Base and Caserne Daumerie, the electric power will be disrupted on:

- **7 April** from 6 to 7 a.m. for all buildings on Caserne Daumerie but power will still be provided by backup generator.
- **7 April** from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. for the Community Recreation Center, the PXtra and Launderette on Chièvres Air Base. No backup power.
- **7 April** from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. for the Single Service Members Quarters on Chièvres Air Base. No backup power.
- **7 April** from 10 a.m. to noon for building 20001, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 52, 41, 41A, 47, 52, 57, 95, 103, 104, 105, 180, POL 10-3 and Gate 14 on Chièvres Air Base. No backup power except for Bldg. 20010, Gate 14 and 20027.
- **9 April** from 5 to 6 a.m. for all buildings on Chièvres Air Base. Backup power will be provided to some buildings.
- **9 April** from 5 to 7:30 a.m. for the Commissary and the PX on Chièvres Air Base. No backup power.
- **9 April** from 8 to 9 a.m. for building 20141, 142, 146, 147, 149, 151 and 153 (NSHQ training center). No backup power.
- **9 April** from 10 to 11 a.m. for building the Army Lodge. No backup power.

For additional information, contact DPW Utilities at DSN 361-5176 or civilian 0476/330333.

## Belgian basketball club is looking for coaches

The basketball club « JSE Enghien » (13 miles off Chièvres/SHAPE) is looking for new coaches for its different kids/teens/juniors and seniors teams for the season 2012-2013.



## SHAPE Holy week services schedule

### 2 April

12:30 p.m. - Anglican / Episcopalian / Lutheran  
Followed by soup and rolls

### 3 April

12:30 p.m. - Anglican / Episcopalian / Lutheran  
Followed by soup and rolls

### 4 April

12:30 p.m. - Anglican / Episcopalian / Lutheran  
Followed by soup and rolls

### 5 April (Maundy Thursday)

12:30 p.m. - Anglican / Episcopalian / Lutheran  
Followed by soup and rolls

7 p.m. - Catholic Mass

### 6 April (Good Friday)

3 p.m. - Ecumenical

6 p.m. - Catholic

### 7 April (Holy Saturday)

7 p.m. - Catholic Mass

### 8 April (Easter Sunday)

9 a.m. - Catholic Mass

10:15 a.m. - Anglican / Episcopalian / Lutheran

11 a.m. - German Catholic Mass

11:45 a.m. - Contemporary Protestant

6 p.m. - Catholic Spanish Mass (West Chapel)

**All of the above services are held at the SHAPE International Chapel Center.**

## Brussels Holy week services schedule

### 8 April at USAG Brussels:

10:30 a.m. - Easter Service

### Jewish Services:

The point of contact is Ms. Lisa Arbeiter for services in Brussels at the International Jewish Center. For additional information, contact [lisa.arbeiter@ncsa.nato.int](mailto:lisa.arbeiter@ncsa.nato.int).

## See next page for the Brunssum/Schinnen schedule

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## Brunssum Holy week services schedule

### 4 April

7 p.m. - UK Anglican Stations of the Cross  
at the West Chapel

### 5 April (Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday)

6 p.m. - Catholic Mass  
at the East Chapel

### 6 April (Good Friday)

2:30 p.m. - UK Anglican Meditation  
at the West Chapel

3 p.m. - Catholic Mass  
at the East Chapel

### 8 April (Easter sunday)

9:30 a.m. - Protestant Service followed by combined  
Congregation Fellowship Meal  
at the East Chapel

10 a.m. - UK Anglican Service  
at the West Chapel

11:30 a.m. - Catholic Mass followed by combined Congregation  
Fellowship Meal  
at the East Chapel

**All services are held at the JFC Chapel in Brunssum.**

## Education

### University of Oklahoma on SHAPE

The University of Oklahoma is now accepting applications for Master of Arts in International Relations. This is an accelerated class and program format with on-site and online classes available. No GRE requirement. For more information, call DSN 423-3654 or civilian 065-44-3654 or via email at apshape@ou.edu. You may also stop by Bldg. 212, room 109 on SHAPE.

### University of Maryland University College on SHAPE

UMUC Europe Summer Session registration has begun with classes starting June 4 and ending July 29. SHAPE is offering on-site BIOL320 Forensic Biology, Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. as well as HIST157 US History Since 1865 Thursday evenings hybrid from 6 to 9 p.m. Brussels is offering on-site IFSM201 Concepts and Applications in Information Technology, Wednesday evenings hybrid from 6 to 9 p.m. Registration is ongoing for online courses at www.ed.umuc.edu with classes starting June 11 and ending August 5. For more information please call SHAPE Field Representatives at DSN 423-5173 or civilian 065-44-5173 or email shap@europe.umuc.edu.

## CYSS

### On SHAPE

#### Middle school spring break camp - Grades 7 and 8

- week 2 "School of Inventions": 10-13 April, Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Spring break field trips - Grades 7-12

- April 4: Walibi. Departs 7:15 a.m. and returns 7 p.m. Fee is \$50.
- April 11: Serpentarium Blankenberg beach. Departs 8 a.m. and returns 6:30 p.m. Fee is \$30.

**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 Gate closures

### 10-11 April

Ottawa Gate will be closed to install the new sliding gate. Berlin Gate will be available, however traffic will be primarily diverted to Luxembourg Gate. Normal operations at Ottawa Gate will resume on April 12.

Luxembourg Gate hours of operations will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the temporary closure of Ottawa Gate.

### 12-13 April

Berlin Exit Gate will be closed to install the new sliding gate. All traffic entering and exiting Berlin Gate during this time will be diverted (signs will be posted). It is highly encouraged to use Ottawa Gate to exit the installation during this time. Normal operations at Berlin Gate will resume April 13 at 7 p.m. (time is subject to change).

## Radar checks in the SHAPE/Chièvres area

### 2 April

10:30 a.m. to noon: Chaussée de Ghislenghien at Silly  
12:30 to 2 p.m.: Chaussée de Bruxelles at Enghien  
2:30 to 4 p.m.: Route d'Ath (30 km/h area) at Jurbise  
4:30 to 6 p.m.: Rue de Baudour at Jurbise

### 5 April

1:30 to 3 p.m.: Chaussée de Soignies at Enghien  
3:30 to 5 p.m.: Chaussée de Soignies at Silly  
5:30 to 7 p.m.: Rue Docteur Dubois at Silly  
7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Chaussée de Mons at Brugelette

### 11 April

9 to 10 a.m.: National Road 56 at Lens  
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.: National Road 56 at Chièvres

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## October 14: city elections in Belgium

The Belgian Ministry of Interior has released figures indicating that of the 800,000 foreigners residing in Belgium and eligible to vote on Oct. 14, only 99,000 have registered to do so. This figure represents 12 percent while in 2006, 20 percent of the then 639,000 foreigners had registered to vote. Of these foreigners, Italians represent the biggest part with 156,000 people. In some cities, the weight of foreign voters could be significant. In Brussels for instance, there are 79,200 Belgian voters and there could be 37,700 foreign voters – but only 6 percent or 2,300 have registered so far. Foreigners have until July 31 to register.

## Chinese cooking fat heading to the Netherlands

A first consignment of 20 tons of processed waste cooking oil was shipped from the Chinese port of Qingdao en route to the Netherlands, where it will be used to power KLM planes. This is the first batch of China's oil refined from leftover cooking oil to be exported. The products will be further processed into aviation fuel for KLM. KLM carried out its first commercial flights using bio-fuel in September and began experimenting with the product in 2009.

## Belgian workers are the most productive

A Price Waterhouse Coopers' study reveals that Belgian workers are the most productive in Europe, pointing out that each full time worker in Belgium generates a turnover of 239,000 Euros, i.e. a record high in Europe, putting Belgium ahead of Switzerland and Ireland. The study also points out that very high labor costs in Belgium actually annihilate this advantage, as in terms of competitiveness, Belgium only ranks 18th.

## Forrest Prison

Lawyers and magistrates have signed a letter to Belgian Minister of Justice to complain about the terrible situation in the prison of Forrest, a very old prison which is supposed to have 402 detainees but where there are currently 739 detainees, i.e. an occupation rate of 235 percent. The most elementary rules of hygiene are no longer respected and two third of the detainees are in preventive custody, i.e. expecting their trial which means that they must be presumed innocent.

## Flu epidemic 2012 is over

Figure show that the flu epidemic is over sooner than in previous years. Fewer than 138 people per 100,000 residents are now ill. The flu epidemic lasted for six weeks this year while eight to ten weeks is common. This year, children under the age of 5 were mostly affected.

## Prins Friso of the Netherlands

Prince Friso of the Netherlands will remain a member of the Telenet board, Flemish telecom giant. The prince was recently hurt in an avalanche in Austria while on a skiing holiday. He suffered massive brain damage and

ended up in a deep coma. He is now being cared for in the UK.

## Parental leave extended in Belgium

The Belgian government decided to extend the parental leave to four months instead of three months. This decision was taken under pressure from the European Union. Parental leave can be taken as fulltime leave or as halftime leave or as one day off a week. Employees on fulltime parental leave receive a €693.20 allowance from the state employment agency.

## Dutch students head for Belgium

The number of Dutch students studying in Belgium increased by 1,000 over the past five years to 4,600 and is set to increase even further. It is expected that the number moving to the Dutch-speaking part of Belgium will increase exponentially once the government scraps grants for masters degree students.

## Schiphol self biometric passport checks

Amsterdam Schiphol airport started tests of a self-service passport control last week. Passengers wanting to use this quicker system will need a new European biometric passport which contains a facial recognition chip. It is expected that the biometric passport system will result in shorter waiting lines this summer.

## Dutch medals at distance speed skating event

In total the Netherlands took five gold, five silver and four bronze medals at the world distance speed skating championships in Heerenveen. On the last day of the championships, Michel Mulder missed out on gold in the 500 meters by 0.01 of a second, allowing Olympic champion Mo Tae-bum to take the title.

## Former U.S. rap artist Loon

The Belgian Minister of Justice has signed the extradition for the former U.S. rap artist. There are three possibilities for his return to the States: either he returns voluntarily, or he will be taken by police to the airport or he will be escorted to the U.S.

## Belgian Chief of Defense submitted resignation

The 64 year-old Lieutenant-General Charles-Henri Delcour, Belgian Chief of Defense – Belgium's highest-ranking military official – has offered his resignation to Belgian Prime Minister Elio Di Rupo late last week, reportedly after Delcour had had a serious disagreement with Belgian Minister of Defense Pieter De Crem on the appointment of a couple of Belgian Generals on important positions. The first disagreement is on the replacement of the chief of the military intelligence service; the second is on the name of the General that will be appointed to lead the Eurocorps, a joint European defense force of 60,000 military from the armies of Belgium, France, Germany and Spain.



This column is for our SHAPE/Chièvres and Brussels community members and lists events in the local area, within reasonable distance from Chièvres.

**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.

**Through 1 July**

- **Display "Stanley Kubrick, Photographer" in Brussels,** Musées royaux des Beaux-Arts de Belgique on Rue de la Régence, 3. The display is showing the first creative works of Stanley Kubrick. Opening hours are Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**5-17 April**

- **Brussels International festival of Fantasy Thriller & Science-Fiction Films** - during the two weeks, over 150 movies will be shown, the majority of them as previews. The majority of the movies are shown at Tour & Taxis on Avenue du port 86 in Brussels but some will also be shown at Plaza Art, Rue de Nimy in Mons. For a detailed schedule, check [www.festivalfantastique.org/festival/](http://www.festivalfantastique.org/festival/).

**6 April**

- **Flower market in Tournai** - Market starts at 8 a.m. and continues until 6 p.m. on Rue Royale, Quai St Brice and Quai Dumon. More than a hundred horticulturists take part in this annual market held since 1825 in Tournai.



Flower Market in Tournai, April 6

**6-9 April**

- *The information listed last week on the Carnival in Stavelot was erroneous. Sorry for any confusion that this might have caused.*
- **Antique & Flea Market** with hundreds of participants at Ciney Expo on Rue du Marché Couvert, 3 in Ciney. The indoor market is open all days from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entrance fee is €10 on Friday and €8 on Saturday and Sunday.



This column is for our Brunssum and Schin-nen community members and lists events in the local area, within close distance from Schin-nen.

**Through 20 May**

- **Keukenhof Gardens** near the town of Lisse shows an unprecedented wealth of spectacular floral displays planted in endless varieties among beautiful works of art. This year the international flower exhibition has chosen "Poland - Heart of Europe" as its central theme. The Keukenhof is open daily 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ticket office closes at 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €15; children age 4 to 11: €7. More info in English: [www.keukenhof.nl](http://www.keukenhof.nl).



**5 April - 7 October**

- **Floriade 2012 "World Horticulture Expo"** which takes place every 10 years. This year the fair/show can be found in Venlo (NL) and has, besides Europe's largest indoor flower exhibition, more than 100 participants from all over the world. More info: [www.floriade.com](http://www.floriade.com).

**Through 6 April**

- **Large Easter Market** held in the center of Essen (GE) with lots of art, decorations, traditional Easter pastries and more Easter delicatessen. Open Mondays-Saturdays, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**7 April**

- **Kennedy Mars** begins and finishes in Sittard. In a 1963 speech, John F. Kennedy said as a result of the modern affluent society, "nobody can walk 50 miles within 20 hours anymore". After this statement, many people all over the world walked 50 miles/80 km to prove him wrong. In Sittard this has become an annual event. Info: [www.kennedymars.org](http://www.kennedymars.org). Walk starts at 5 a.m.

**7 - 9 April**

- **Lifestyle & Garden Fair** at the Park of Castle Ooidonk in Bachte Maria Leerne (BE) with more than 90 vendors offering flowers, plants, garden furniture and decorations, homemade products and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Entry: €7; children free.



7-9 April

- **Book Fair at Redu** – Redu, also called the village of books, is well known for its 22 bookshops. During the book fair, books will be everywhere, not only in the shops but also on sidewalks and booths. The event attracts more than 200,000 visitors coming from all over the world.
- **Orchids display in Enghien** – Display is held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the park of the château. Entrance fee is €5 per adult, €3 for students and residents of Enghien.



8 April

- **Volksmarch in Naast** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from Place de Naast 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Jurbise** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from Chemin du Prince 183 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Moustier** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from Place Charles Lenoir 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Easter Egg Hunt in Soignies** – Starting at 10 a.m. at Parc Paternoster on Rue Melle Hanicq. Participating fee is €5 per child and €1 per accompanying adult.

8-9 April

- **Folklore and Tradition Days in Namur** – On Place d'Armes as of 10 a.m., market with regional specialties; from 10:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., traditional music and dance, medieval combat and other folkloric events. As of 3 p.m., historical parade.

8-10 April

- **Carnival in Jemappes** – Starting on Sunday with the evening parade through the main street as of 9:30 p.m.; on Monday, there will be a parade at 3 p.m. and one at 9:30 p.m.; on Tuesday, fire at the conclusion of the event at 9 p.m. on the square.

9 April

- **Volksmarch in La Hulpe** for 5, 12, 21, 30 and 42 km. Departure is from the school on Rue des Combattants, 112 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Dion-Valmont (Chaumont-Gistoux)** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from Rue de la Cure 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Parking is available on Rue du Brocsous 3.
- **Volksmarch in Ghlin** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from Rue Simonon 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Quevaucamps** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from Rue Georges Mauroy 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Easter Egg Hunt in Chièvres** at the soccer field on Rue de Mons as of 11 a.m. For children 18 months to 12 years old.
- **Mountain bike ride in Beaumont** for 25, 35, 55 km. Departure is from Rue du Vivier at the sports center at 7:30 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available. Participating fee ranges from €3 to €5.
- **Bike race in Beaumont** for 65 km. Departure is from Rue du Vivier at the sports center at 8:30 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available. Participating fee is €5.



7 - 9 April Continued

- **Easter Egg Market** at Kreismuseum Zons on Schlossstrasse 1 in Dormagen (GE). Artists will display their artistically decorated Easter eggs. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entrance fee is €3; children €1.
- **Easter Market** in the center of Leverkusen (GE) is a combination of Art-, Flea- and Antique-market. Open April 7, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; April 8-9, from noon to 6 p.m.

7 - 15 April

- **“Anno Dazumal” Year Market** at LVR-Freilichtmuseum Kommern in Mechernich (GE) has all kind of amusement and activities from the 19th century through the sixties in the 20th century. Entrance fee is €5.50; children have free entrance.

8 April

- **Antiques Market** at Theodoor Dorrenplein in the center of Valkenburg, open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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8-9 April

- **Quality Fair** located near Maarsseveenseplassen on Herenweg 53 in Maarsse is meant to show visitors the new trends for in and outdoor living. Several “villages” are created with different themes. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €7.50; children: €4.
- **Annual Easter Market** at Castle Satzvey in Mechernich (GE) opens both days at noon. Entrance fee is €6; children (6-12) €4.
- **Easter Antique & Flea Market** held both days from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Alleestrasse in Remscheid (GE).

9 April

- **Historic Festival** at Manege ‘de Hooge Weg’ in Raalte has a knight’s tourney, medieval market and many actors displaying life in the middle ages. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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- **Easter & Flea Market** (4 km stands) will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the center of Verviers (BE).

# SHAPE Trips & Tours

For information, call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-44-3884.

**Spain, April 5-14 - First bus is full, bookings are now on second bus** - Spend a week in Spain and stay at the 4 Star Hotel Olympic Parc located a few minutes from the beach. During your stay, you'll visit the Parc Marineland, a zoo with variety of water attractions. You can watch dolphin, fur seal and parrot shows. The park also features a small zoological garden and an open air aqua park with waterslides. A visit to Barcelona is also scheduled. Visit the Gaudi's Park Guell, Gaudi's apartment, the Barcelona Zoo and the Sagrada Familia cathedral. Prices: single €630, double €500, triple €475, quad €475. Children 0-1 years €190 (when sharing a room with two full paying adults). Family pricing varies. All prices are per person and include transportation, 7 night hotel stay, plus breakfast and dinner. Departs SHAPE and Brussels 5 April. Returns SHAPE and Brussels April 14.

**Versailles, April 14** - Tour the palace and royal apartments and the many fanciful gardens, original fountains, and other magnificent buildings on this grand estate. Take lunch in one of the many cafes on the grounds or even do some shopping in the town beyond. Price is €60 Adult, €40 Children (0-17). Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns SHAPE at 10 p.m. Departs Brussels at 6 a.m. and returns Brussels at 11 p.m.

**Keukenhof, April 21** - The first stop will be at Gouda, the cheese capital of the Netherlands. After lunch, visit Keukenhof, the tulip capital of the world. Spend the day admiring flowers displays, strolling through the gardens and photographing beautiful sceneries. Keukenhof is one of the most beautiful places in the world. Prices: Adult €50 Youth (4-11) €43 Child (0-3) €35. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and Brussels at 8 a.m. Returns Brussels at 10 p.m. and SHAPE at 11 p.m. Price includes entrance to the gardens.

**War Horse/London overnight, 24-25 April - only 2 Seats Left** - Experience "War Horse", the sell-out production at the New London Theatre. There are only 15 seats available for this winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Play. In this production, life-sized puppets depict a journey through history, as a young man embarks on an odyssey to find his beloved horse during World War I. After your theater experience explore the attractions of London: Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Tower Bridge, and the West End theatre district. Prices: €265 pp single, €215 pp Double/Twin, €180 Children (3-12) (when accompanied by two full paying adults). Departs SHAPE Tuesday at 6 a.m. Returns SHAPE Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. No Brussels pick-up.

**Dover Castle & Canterbury, 28 April** - Have a view of the White Cliffs of Dover while crossing the English Channel. Visit the castle, its grounds and secret war tunnels. The trip continues to Canterbury where you can see the Cathedral, Canterbury Tales and many other attractions. Price: €75 adult, €70 child (5-15), €55 child (0-5). Departs SHAPE Saturday at 5:15 a.m. Returns SHAPE Sunday at 1 a.m. Departs Brussels at 4a.m. Returns Brussels at 2 a.m.

## 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.

**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.

**Delft & Keukenhof, April 26** - Tour the Royal Delft Factory to see how the beautiful blue and white porcelain is made. After some shopping and lunch, tiptoe through the tulips in Keukenhof. Tour and entrance to Keukenhof are included in the price of €45.

## Schinnen Trips & Tours

For information, call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031-(0)46-4437561.

**Keukenhof, April 21** - Visit the Netherlands' world famous Keukenhof Gardens near the town of Lisse (NL) and enjoy an unprecedented wealth of spectacular floral displays planted in endless varieties among beautiful works of art. This year, the international flower exhibition has chosen "Poland - Heart of Europe" as its central theme. In the 15th century, the area where Keukenhof is located was still unspoiled nature and part of the estate of Jacqueline of Bavaria, Countess of Holland. She used the lands for hunting and her kitchen staff gathered herbs here - the Dutch name 'Keukenhof' means kitchen garden. Prices: Adult €59 Youth (4-11) €55 Child (0-3) €45. Assigned seating on first-come & pay basis. Register with full payment by April 13 at the Trips & Tours office located inside the Andre Bruls Fitness Center in Schinnen.

As of this week, all recurring events and activities will no longer appear in the community roundup. These recurring events are now posted on the USAG Benelux website under "The Gazette Extra" at <http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/sites/local/pages/gazette/GazetteExtra.pdf>.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

### 17-18 April

- **Family Readiness Group Conference** - Join FRG leaders, volunteers and the Commander to discuss FRG 101, regulations and fundraising, FRG Best Practices, Community Resources and more at the Chapel Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Limited childcare is available on a first-come, first-serve basis, to include after school care. Contact ACS at DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

### 20 April

- **Take Back the Night** - The Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) Campaign activity "Take Back the Night 5.5K Run" starts in the SHAPE Library parking lot at 3:45 p.m. with the opening remarks by Command Sgt. Maj. Allan K. Fairley. Registration and t-shirt pick up starts at 3 p.m. Each participant will receive a free t-shirt while supplies last. This activity is held in order to raise awareness and promote the prevention of sexual violence.
- **Zumba Fitness Party** - At the SHAPE Events Center from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Come dressed in your flag colors. Price is €5 in advance, €10 at the door. More information at [www.facebook.com/ZumbaWithNandN](http://www.facebook.com/ZumbaWithNandN).

### 26 April

- **Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony** - Hosted by ACS, the event will be from 2 to 3 p.m. at the SHAPE Club.

### 30 April - 1 May

- **Transition counselor institute phase one** - The purpose of the course is to prepare education and installation professionals to recognize and address transition concerns that impact the mobile military child. Registration and breakfast from 8 through 8:30 a.m. Institute training from 8:30 a.m. through 4 p.m. at USAG Benelux Youth Center Ballroom, Bldg. 503 SHAPE. Participants will have the opportunity to earn educational credits in the form 1.2 CEU's for \$25.00 and/or 1 hour of graduate credit Texas A&M-Central Texas for \$175.00, payable at the completion of the training. Limited seats available. For more information call civilian 254-953-1923. To register for the training visit [www.MilitaryChild.org](http://www.MilitaryChild.org) and click on the training tab.

## BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

- **Late Fridays** - The Youth Center will remain open until 9 p.m. on Friday evenings. Come and enjoy free food and special events such as movies, games, tournaments, team activities and trips for youth grades 6-12th. Youth must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services. For more information, call DSN 364-3008 or civilian 0031-(0)45-526-3008.

### 25 April

- **Heinsberg Hospital Tour** - Touring the maternity/obstetrics ward of local hospitals is an important way for pregnant women and expectant fathers or birth partners to prepare themselves for the big day. Tour addresses admitting procedures and your childbirth concerns. Meet at 6 p.m. in the Heinsberg Hospital lobby. For more information, call the New Parent Support Program at DSN 360-7335 or commercial 0031- (0)46-443-7335 .

### 26 April

- **Volunteer Recognition Ceremony** - Volunteers will be recognized in the following categories: military, civilian, youth, sponsor, family member, volunteer family. For more information, contact the Army Volunteer Coordinator at DSN 360-7451 or civilian 0031-(0)46-443-7451 or the Air Force Volunteer Coordinator at Geilenkirchen at DSN 458-6015 or civilian 0049-2451-63-3781.

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## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

### 8 April

- **Library** - Due to a temporary reduction in its staffing level, the USAG Brussels Library will be closed. For more information please contact the USAG Brussels Library at DSN 368-9705 or civilian 02-717-9705.

### CLINICS

The Brussels Health Clinic will be closed for training holiday April 6 at noon. Patient care and see acute care only. The clinic will also be closed on April 12 (exercise - no service).

The Brussels Dental Clinic will be closed for training April 5, sick call only in the afternoon, clinic will also be closed April 6 (training holiday), April 9 (holiday); April 12 and 16 through 20 (no providers).

On the training holiday the following applies: acute care only due to minimal staffing and limited services. There will be pharmacy services. If you are in need of medical care on days the clinic is closed:

- For routine care visit SHAPE Health Facility (at SHAPE) DSN 423-5886 or civilian 065-44-5886.
- For urgent care call the toll-free nurse advise line at 0800-80149 and/or the international SOS emergency line at 0800-80806 (toll-free number for Belgium).
- For medical emergencies which are life, limb or eyesight may call 100 or 112. The emergency room we use for urgent and if possible emergency care is: Universitaire Ziekenhuizen Leuven Herestraat 49, 3000 Leuven.
- During weekends or after hours the on-call patient liaison can be contacted through the MP desk 02-717-9769 for non-medical advice.
- Always contact your MTF the next working day after you have been to the ER or when you are admitted to the Hospital.

### 2012 ADULT INTRAMURAL

**Dodgeball competition**- Register by April 5. Play begins April 9 through May 9, Monday/Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information contact the fitness center at DSN 368-9667 or civilian at 02-717-9667.

### CYSS

USAG Brussels CYSS is looking for volunteer coaches for the upcoming spring sports season (soccer camp, baseball camp, tee-ball and girls softball). Anyone wishing to coach must attend the coaches' clinic and becomes certified through the National Alliance Youth Sports Association (NYSYA). For more information call DSN 368-9680/9738 or civilian 02-717-9680/9738.

### FITNESS CENTER

- **BODYZ IN MOTION** classes are from 11:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. This class consists of cardio interval training using weights stability balls and functional exercises.
- **BODY SHOP** classes are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m.
- **YOGA** classes are offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. The class builds upon the fundamental postures techniques of yoga for beginners and returning participants.
- **YOGA FLOW** classes are offered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m.
- **ZUMBA TONING** classes Tuesday and Thursdays at 6 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 11 a.m. to noon. This class targets body-sculpting exercises and high energy cardio with Latin-infused Zumba moves.



## USAG Brussels

### Volunteer Recognition Ceremony





Friday, 27 April 2012

1830-2030

3 Star Recreation Center

If you are a volunteer in the Brussels Military Community  
or a Volunteer Organization Point of Contact

Call Army Community Service (ACS) for more information

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Attendees RSVP 20 April

*Hourly Childcare (@ \$4.00/hr) Available at CYSS - RSVP 20 April*

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