

# THE GAZETTE

Published for members of the Chièvres Air Base, Caserne Daumerie, SHAPE and Brussels communities

## Trunk or Treat

The Trunk or Treat event on Chièvres Air Base is tonight with the carnival rides starting at 4 p.m. and the trunk trail opening at 5:30 p.m. This event is open to SHAPE Green and U.S. ID card holders. For more information, call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-27-5643.

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## Free Apples

Bldg. 30 on Caserne Daumerie is surrounded by apple trees. The apples can be picked up by anyone interested in getting free apples.

## Washing machine

One of the orphans' homes, Le Clos, located at Arbre is looking for a washing machine. Theirs just broke down and they don't have the budget to replace it. If you are PCSing and would like to donate your washing machine, contact the USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office at DSN 361-5419 or civilian 068-27-5419.

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## Team USAG Benelux



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From left to right: Lt. Col. Francisco Rivera, Patrick Delmotte, Brigitte Gabreau, Dean Jordan, Spec. Corey R. Pogue, and Tracy Manera participate in a game during the first USAG Benelux Halloween Team Building, Oct. 28. The event was held to bring USAG members together in a festive way. A costume contest was also part of the activities. The winners were Col. Rick Tillotson (3rd place), Patrick Delmotte (2nd place) and Lt. Col. Rivera (1st place).

# Benelux Soldier competes in USAREUR Paralegal of the Year Board

**Special to the Gazette**

Sgt. Ryan Frick of the Northern Law Center has been busy this summer. He competed and won the quarterly 21st paralegal competition early this year and gained a spot to compete in the 21st Paralegal of the Year competition, a grueling two-day event that spanned both garrison and field competencies. Frick was selected as the 21st TSC Paralegal Noncommissioned Officer of the year and was selected to compete in the USAREUR Paralegal of the Year Board competition that was held in Heidelberg, Germany, Oct. 21.

The board consisted of Soldiers and leaders from throughout Europe competing for the top honors. It was a long day starting with an Army Physical Fitness Test and an eight mile ruck march, and ending with paralegal examinations and board appearances.

Frick competed and represented the Northern Law Center, Benelux Community, and 21st Theater Sustainment Command as a motivated Noncommissioned Officer.

The Northern Law Center would like to proudly congratulate Sgt. Frick on his efforts and initiative to set himself apart from his peers by volunteering and successfully competing in these boards. His efforts are just another example of the quality of Soldiers who are a part of the Benelux community.



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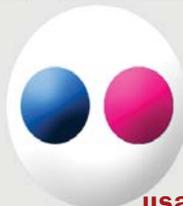
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# Troop 325 scout receives the Eagle Scout at Lens

By **Cis Spook**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs



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Troop 325 scout Ed Britt repeats the Scout Oath prior to receiving his Eagle Scout Badge.

The city hall of Lens, a local commune located at six miles from the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers of Europe (SHAPE), was the unusual site where William Edward Britt, 16 years old, received the Eagle Scout Badge, Oct. 23 in presence of his parents, friends and fellow troop members.

About one year ago, Ed with the help of his parents, contacted Ghislain Moyart, Mayor of Lens, because he had a project in mind to improve the Lens park. As a resident of Lens, Ed believed it was important to do something for the local Lens community. The park is located next to the city hall and holds a monument dedicated to the victims of both World Wars. It also has some benches where local residents can pause and enjoy the quietness of this little city. Ed's project was to make this park nicer and the Mayor gave him all the support he needed. "Youth is our future. It is therefore our role to do all that is possible for the education of the younger generation and help them fully live their youth," said Moyart during his speech.

Despite the language barrier, Ed worked closely with the city administration. With his team of volunteer scouts from Troop 325 he cleaned the monument, added borders to the flower beds, converted a non-functioning fountain into a flowerbed, re-stained the benches and planted flowers in various areas.

After one year of planning, preparing the work, purchasing the items and flowers needed while keeping all costs within the set budget, Ed completed his project that helped him attain the Eagle Scout Badge.

This badge is the highest youth award which may be earned by a member of the scouting program. "To receive this award, candidates have to show proficiency in outdoor skills, first aid, citizenship, service to community and leadership," explains Richard Wampler, Scout Master of Troop 325. "Only 3% of the scouts earn this distinction and the fact that he did his project with the local community was an added challenge for him but it was an achievement for both our troop and the Lens community and it helps getting us closer." Wampler continued.

"I thought it was a nice change to do my project with the city of Lens versus doing it on the installations of SHAPE or Chièvres," Ed stated. "Nevertheless, it was sometimes hard to communicate because of the language barrier but it was good to help the local community."

In recognition of all his efforts, Mayor Moyart also unveiled a plaque in the park to let the Lens residents know of the work Ed has done in beautifying and renovating the park. "The park is very symbolic: in 2009 it welcomed American

veterans for the 65th Anniversary of the Liberation of Belgium and in 2011 it was beautified upon the personal initiative of a young American," Moyart added. "The park could in the future be referred to as the park of the good relations between Americans and Lens residents."

Not only did Ed accomplish his project that made him a recipient of the Eagle Scout Badge, he worked to get both communities closer and he was as successful in doing so.



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Part of his project was to convert a non-functioning fountain into a flowerbed.



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A plaque was unveiled in the park by Mayor Moyart (right), Ed and his parents Lt. Col. Bill and Deborah Britt. The plaque reads "This parc was renovated in 2011 by William Ed Britt III for his Eagle Scout project, Boy Scout Troop 325 du SHAPE avec le soutien du Service Environnement de la Commune de Lens".

# 21st TSC legal service team wins DA level awards

**By Sgt. Maj. Rodney Williams**  
21st TSC Public Affairs

The motto of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, “First in Support,” was clearly evident during the Department of Army level Client Services Awards ceremony on Kleber Kaserne, Oct. 13.

Annually Army legal services compete for the Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance and The Judge Advocate General Award for Excellence in Claims. The fiscal year 2010 competition was dominated by the 21st TSC law centers which are scattered throughout the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany.

The 21st TSC law centers won four out of five of the legal assistance awards and three out of the five claims awards in U.S. Army Europe. For the first time ever, all of the 21st TSC legal assistance offices were winners and for the first time in history, the Stuttgart Law Center won the TJAG’s Excellence in Claims Award culminating a dedicated effort to improve the claims operations in Stuttgart.

“Historically the 21st has been winning these awards every year,” said Brig. Gen. Aundre F. Piggee, the commanding general of the 21st TSC. “In the past 10 years we (21st TSC)

have won 66 Department of the Army level awards. That is an indication of the leadership and true professionalism of that entire team.”

“We are privileged to have a great group of people who have worked very hard to take care of the needs of our clientele,” said Stephen Smith, the senior civilian attorney for the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, and the Chief of Client Services for the 21st TSC. “The Department of the Army saw fit this year to recognize those who work in the trenches day after day.”

The overall concept of the ceremony was to acknowledge the singular accomplishments of the client services team, while at the same time showcasing some of the talent that contributed to winning the awards.

“The one common denominator is the quality of the people and the experience of the people who work in those offices,” said Smith. “I feel tremendously proud and it is very gratifying to see them get the recognition that they have always deserved, particularly at the DA level.”



Sgt. Frank Sanchez III

Brig. Gen. Aundre F. Piggee, the commanding general of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command (center), poses with all of the award winners of the 21st TSC Office of the Staff Judge Advocate team during the Department of Army level Client Services Awards ceremony on Kleber Kaserne, in Kaiserslautern, Germany, Oct. 13. The 21st TSC won seven DA-level awards in legal assistance and claims in U.S. Army Europe.

# Prompt reporting of damage to your property is important

## Special to the Gazette

Moving to the Benelux community can be a confusing and stressful time. The anxiety of a household goods and vehicle shipment only adds to that stress, especially when your goods have been damaged. A better understanding of your responsibilities and options during the claims process can help to alleviate that stress. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

### Household Goods Shipments

- Claimants are expected to report losses promptly. The longer the delay in reporting a loss, the more substantiations you will be expected to provide.
- Claimants are expected to list missing inventory items and obvious damage at time of delivery.
- Unpack and inspect all of your goods for damage as soon as possible after delivery.
- Do not throw out any damaged property until you have been cleared to do so by your Transportation Service Provider (TSP) or your Military Claims Office (MCO).
- You must provide notification to the TSP through the DOD Defense Personal Property System within 75 days of the date of delivery. However, if you are unable to provide notice online, you must send the notification document by certified mail or fax to the TSP by midnight of the 75th day following delivery.
- You must keep a copy and proof that the notification was sent on time.

### Damage to quarters during a household goods Delivery/Pickup.

- If the movers caused damage to your house or apartment while delivering or picking up your property, report such damage to housing authorities within a few days.
- Write a statement that includes: the delivery date, nature of the damage, location of the damage, the landlord's name, address, insurance company, and policy number.
- Send the statement to the moving company by registered mail within 10 days of delivery/pickup.
- Keep a copy for your records and provide a copy to your landlord and your local Housing Office.
- The rest of the process involves the moving company's insurance company and your landlord's insurance company.

### Shipment of Privately Owned Vehicles.

- Thoroughly inspect your vehicle. Damage to privately owned vehicles must be noted on the back of the Vehicle Inspection and Shipping Form (VISF) provided by the contractor when the vehicle is picked up at the Vehicle Processing Center (VPC).
- Damage the claimant could not reasonably be expected to notice at the VPC must be reported to the VPC within a very short time, usually just a few hours after leaving the VPC.
- If you have any issues or concerns during the joint inspection at the VPC, please ask to see the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) on site for assistance and report any issues to the MCO within 24 hours of the pick up date.

### Theft and Vandalism

Theft or vandalism to your home, property or vehicle must be reported to police authorities within 24 hours.

For additional information, contact the Northern Law Center's Claims Office at DSN 423-4061 or civilian 065-44-4061.

## Winter tires law in Germany

### Special to the Gazette



Germany has always had requirements for winter tires during the ice and snow season, but in November 2010, those requirements turned into a much more specific federal law for all of Germany.

The new German law does not set any time limits, but it does clearly state that under icy conditions you must not drive without snow tires on your vehicle. So, since it's difficult to predict the weather, for all practical purposes, it is recommended that one should make the change from regular tires to snow tires in October, and leave them on until Easter. (In Austria, winter tires are mandatory from November 1 to April 15).

The new law also spells out what a "winter tire" is. Specifically, it is a M+S-Reifen, a mud-and-snow tire that has an official M+S (Matsch und Schnee) marking on it. (M+S tires do not have to be "winter" tires. All-year or all-weather M+S tires also qualify.) The German automobile club ADAC recommends going a step further and getting tires with the "three-peak-mountain" seal, an indication of snow tires that meet the highest standards.

If the police catch you driving in winter conditions without M+S tires, you'll have to pay a 40 Euros fine. If you are involved in an accident or you block traffic in icy conditions without M+S tires, the fine goes up to 80 Euros.

The snow tire law applies to all drivers, even if they do not own the vehicle. That means if you are renting a car in the winter, make sure it has M+S tires. The law also applies to motorbikes, trucks and buses.

# Army Child Care fees increase for the 2011-2012 school year

By Karla A. Seijas

Installation Management Command Public Affairs

Fees for Army child care and related child and youth programs increase between now and Dec. 1 as part of a phased program designed to reduce the impact of a changed Department of Defense policy.

The second step in a three-year program to align Army fees to the 2010 DoD fee policy, the Army child care fee policy for school year 2011-2012 increases most fees by \$4 to \$8 per week.

Despite the increase, Child, Youth and School Services “continue to be a great value for Army Families because of the quality of the programs, the support they provide for a military lifestyle and the fee assistance provided by the Army for all patrons in every income category,” said Mary Nelsen, of Parent and Outreach Services, with the Installation Management Command’s Family and MWR Programs.

Each year, DoD reviews fee ranges in all categories of child and youth service programs.

In 2010, the Army analyzed that year’s DoD fee policy and worked to mitigate the financial impact on Army Families through an exception to policy.

The DoD exception to policy established an Army-specific transitional fee structure for installations that would otherwise have significant fee increases. As a result, the DoD fee increase is being phased in over the next two to three years.

Depending on total family income, most fees for a full day of child care will increase by \$4 to \$8 per week in school year 2011-2012. Families with multiple children using child and youth services programs will receive a 15 percent discount for the second and each subsequent child enrolled.

Child care fees remain based on the total family income, not the military rank or civilian grade. Child care fees may differ from one installation to the next until the beginning of school year 2013-2014, when the phase-in process is complete.

The National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) -- billed as the nation’s leading voice in child care -- assists in ensuring families have access to high-quality, affordable child care. In 2009 NACCRRA reported, “DoD ranks No. 1 on standards and oversight criteria. DoD stands alone as a model.”

A U.S. Senate report in 2002, also noted that the Military



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For USAG Benelux and USAG Brussels, the new fees will go into effect Dec. 1.

Child Development Program is a model for the nation for providing high-quality affordable child care.

Civilian child care facilities charge a flat rate per child, while the Department of the Army subsidizes the cost military families pay. Parent fees cover less than half of the cost of child care and the Army pays the remainder.

“The military’s systemic approach to child care continues to serve as a model for our nation’s civilian child care needs. The military’s child care improvements over the past 15 years offer significant lessons for the civilian child care sector,” according to a 2004 National Women’s Law Center report.

The Army maintains its commitment to provide quality affordable child care and youth programs by providing fee assistance to maintain prices that are lower than comparable non-Department of Defense child care facilities for all Army families using child care services.

The fee increase impacts all services associated with the installation child development center, school age care, part day preschool programs, hourly child care, CYS Services outreach programs, youth sports and Army community based child care programs.

Wounded Warriors, Warriors in Transition and Families of fallen Soldiers pay the lowest fee category available, and a 20 percent fee reduction is available for qualified Families while a Soldier or Department of the Army civilian parent is deployed.

For specific information, parents can contact the Parent Central Services Office on SHAPE at DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.



**SAM** Share A Meal Appeal 2011

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**Nov. 2 at the Silver Spoon Café from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
**Nov. 8 at the Continental Mess Cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
**Nov. 10 at the Rendez-Vous Café from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

## Soldier Show accepting nominations



The IMCOM, G9/U.S. Army Entertainment Division (USAED) is accepting nominations for the 2012 U.S. Army Soldier Show.

Nominations are accepted for technicians, performers, lighting, audio, video, costuming and stage technicians. Nominations will be submitted to the USAED. All nominations should reach USAED not later than (NLT) 30 December 2011. Selections for the U.S. Army Soldier Show will begin in January and will be completed by February of each calendar year.

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Additional information can be found here: [www.army-entertainment.net](http://www.army-entertainment.net), the official website of the U.S. Army Soldier Show.

Examples of nominating documents can be found here: <http://www.armymwr.com/UserFiles/file/Soldier%20Show/SoldierShowMemo2010.pdf>.

## Official USAG Benelux CFC Kickoff



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Spec. Ryan Brown (left), Chaplain Assistant and Col. Rick Tillotson, USAG Benelux Commander cut the cake which marks the official kickoff of the USAG Benelux Combined Federal Campaign. As of Oct. 27, the USAF Benelux community raised \$6,908.00. The CFC-Overseas campaign runs through Dec. 2.



You can give online at [www.cfcoverseas.org](http://www.cfcoverseas.org) and show you care in three easy steps:

1. **Choose your charities.** go to the "Donate now" button and use the online search to select from more than 2,400 charities,
2. **Make a commitment.** Donate via payroll allotment, credit/debit card, e-check, cash or check.
3. **Submit your pledge.** If you gave through the printed pledge option online, you must give a copy to your representative to complete the pledge process. For the paperless options (check, credit or e-check) you do not need to submit a form to your representative but remember to retain a copy of your pledge for tax purposes.

**GIVE ONLINE AT [WWW.CFCOVERSEAS.ORG](http://WWW.CFCOVERSEAS.ORG)**

# USAG Brussels ACS Staff Training and Team Building Day



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USAG Brussels Army Community Service conducted its first annual staff training and team building day, Oct. 24. The staff completed the American Red Cross certification in First Aid, CPR and AED, conducted by Red Cross Instructor, Jaye Urban. During a working lunch, staff enjoyed team building activities finishing with a personality and relationships class facilitated by the Military Family Life Consultant.

"I intend to make this an annual event for my staff where we all get the opportunity to devote the day to developing our skills as well as enhancing team cohesion," stated Yvette Castro, USAG Brussels ACS Director.

Photo left: From left to right, Jaye Urban, Red Cross Instructor, shows Megan Calero how to provide CPR to an infant while Charlene O'Sullivan and Valerie Woods practise on their side. Photo right: Charlene O'Sullivan immobilizes Sarah Henderson's arm as part of first aid training.

## Local community briefs

### Barber shop on Chièvres Air Base

Opening hours are:  
 Tue - Sat from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Sun & Mon closed  
 For information, call DSN 361-5635 or civilian 068-27-5635.

### Beauty Shop on Chièvres Air Base

Opening hours are:  
 Tue - Thur from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 Fri & Sat from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
 Sun & Mon closed.

### Barber and Beauty Shop at Family Care Center, Brussels

Opening hours are:  
 Tue - Fri from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Each 1st and 3rd Sat from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Each 2nd and 4th Sat closed.

## Education

### University of Phoenix

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 Master of Business Administration  
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 For more information stop by the USAG Benelux Education Center, Bldg. 212, Rm 113 or call DSN: 423-4645.

### University of Oklahoma

Next on-site course at SHAPE for the Master of Arts, International Relations program will be IAS 5940: Topics in International Studies: Contemporary China. The course will be November 15-20 and students will discover how China became an international financial power, better understand the Chinese perspective of Americans/Westerners, develop a basic understanding of the current social, political and economic situation in China. For more information, call DSN 423-3654 or civilian 065-44-3654.

# USAG Benelux and local community briefs

## Abandoned vehicles on Chièvres Air Base

The following vehicles have been declared abandoned and are currently being stored at an impound lot. If you own, or know the person who owns one of these vehicles, please contact the Chièvres Military Police Station at DSN 361-5301 or Civilian 068-27-53-01. These vehicles are not for sale:

- Green Ford Escort
- Black Ford Explorer
- Black Volkswagen Golf

## Harvest Time driving

Now through mid-December is harvest season. Roads will have increased traffic of slow moving vehicles which requires extra caution while driving. Distracted driving has become a major issue and increases your risk when driving in rural areas.

## Volunteers Needed

The Chièvres kennel is in need of volunteers mainly Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from 8 to 11 a.m. Duties include cleaning kennels, feeding pets and playtime. Must be over 16 years old to volunteer. Call DSN 361-5436 for more information.

## Suicide Prevention hotline in Europe

All active-duty military, civilians, family members and contractors can now reach the toll-free European National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by dialing DSN 118 from any Army garrison DSN phone or commercially via a toll-free European number, 00800-1273-TALK (8255). The toll-free number can be dialed from fixed-line telephones and most cell phones in Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. The toll-free number may not be reachable from all prepaid cell phones and some cell phone callers may incur charges. A live Internet-based chat service is also available at [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org).

All calls are confidential and will be answered by trained crisis counselors.

## CYSS Skies Classes

- **Badminton** for ages 9-15 starting Nov. 7 through Dec. 12 on Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Main Gym. Fee is \$20. Registration is open until Nov. 4
- **Basketball** for ages 6-15 from Dec. through Mar. Fee is \$40. Registration is open Oct. 24 - Nov. 25.
- **Cheerleading** for girls 6-12 from Dec. through Mar. Fee is \$40. Registration is open Oct. 24 - Nov. 25.
- **Indoor Soccer** for ages Co-ed 8-9 from Nov. 10 through Dec. 15. Fee is \$20. Registration is open Oct. 24 - Nov. 4.

Sign-up at Parent Central Services, SHAPE Bldg. 503 Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to noon (appointments only) and 1:30 to 5 p.m. (walk-ins welcome). For information, call Parent Central Services DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612 or DSN 423-5611 or civilian 065-44-5611.



## 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

## Christmas Mailing Deadlines

SAM Parcels – Nov. 25

PAL Parcels – Dec. 2

Priority Parcels – Dec. 9

1st Class Letters – Dec. 9

Express Mail – Dec. 16

### Extended Hours

**Nov. 14 - Dec. 23:**

**Chièvres** Postal Finance: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Chièvres** Parcel Pick-up: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**SHAPE** Postal Finance: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**SHAPE** Parcel Pick-up: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Nov. 15 - Dec. 23:**

**Brussels** Parcel Mailing: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Brussels** Parcel Pickup: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**The Holiday season dates of closure are Nov. 24, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2**

# Bastogne commemorations are coming up

Bastogne will be commemorating the Battle of the Bulge, Dec. 10-11.

The events will kick off with the 34th Historic Walk covering this year the sector of Noville and Recogne. Walkers will have the choice between three distances: 7, 13 or 22 km. Departure of the walk will be from the Sports Center between 8 and 9:30 a.m.

Registration for the walk will be on site at the sports center on Friday, Dec. 9 from 3 to 8 p.m. or on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 7 to 9:30 a.m. The participating fee is €6 per person which includes a certificate, a free drink along the route, a map of the walk, a historical booklet and a souvenir. All profits from the walk will be donated to organizations that benefit U.S. veterans.

Maurice Sperandieu, a Belgian WWII veteran who fought with Gen. George Patton's Third Army during the Battle of the Bulge retraces the defensive lines held by American Soldiers since 1977 and will be leading the walkers again this year.

The Bastogne sports center is also offering lodging in a common room and breakfast. Reservations can be made on line at [www.centresportifbastogne.be](http://www.centresportifbastogne.be) by filling out the form and making payment of €15 per person for one night or €25 per person for two nights. Check-in will be possible on Friday from 3 to 8 p.m.

Walkers will have the time to complete the walk prior to the official commemorations that will start at 2:30 p.m. at the city hall.

A parade headed by the USAG Benelux Color Guard and composed of Belgian and U.S. Soldiers as well as dignitaries will go to Patton's Monument and McAuliffe's monument for wreath laying ceremonies. After returning to the city hall, dignitaries will proceed to the traditional nuts' throw from the city hall balcony.

On Sunday at 2:30 p.m., vintage military vehicles will be parading through the center of town.

During the entire weekend, a static display will be open to visitors from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This display is organized by re-enactors associations and the local village associations.

Also during the entire weekend, one can visit McAuliffe's cave at Base Bastogne on Rue de La Roche from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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Walkers of various nationalities march alongside Belgian, Dutch and U.S. Soldiers in the Bastogne Historical Walk every year.



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Re-enactors set up camps at historical locations along the route of the walk and show different aspects of a Soldier's life during WWII.



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The USAG Benelux Joint Color Guard stands next to Gen. George Patton's monument during the official commemorations of the Battle of the Bulge.

### The Battle of the Bulge numbers

- Military Strength = more than 1,000,000  
600,000 Americans - 500,000 Germans  
55,000 British
- American Military Casualties  
81,000 casualties. Of those, 19,246 were killed
- British Military Casualties  
1,400 casualties. Of those, 200 were killed
- Belgian Casualties  
Approximately 3,000 civilians killed  
More than 20,000 houses were destroyed
- German Military Casualties  
Estimated between 81,000 and 103,000.

**||| BELGIAN NEWS |||**

**By Cis Spook**

*USAG Benelux Public Affairs*

**Belgian princess to participate in New York marathon**

Princess Astrid, daughter of King Albert II, along with her husband Lorenz and son Amadeo, will be participating in the New York marathon, Nov. 6. Amadeo, 25 years old, and oldest of the five children, lives in New York since two years, as does his sister Maria Laura who will be supporting her family at the marathon.

**Tintin**

Steven Spielberg's "The adventures of Tintin: The secret of the unicorn" premiered in Brussels, Oct. 22 in presence of the producer. Belgium rolled out the red carpet for Tintin in the comic book hero's home city. Belgian specialists were impressed by Spielberg and Jackson's determination to respect the spirit of Tintin's world, to not turn him into an American super-hero.

**Gestapo torture rooms in Brussels revealed**

For the first time ever a television crew has been given access to cellars on the Avenue Louise in downtown Brussels where resistance fighters were held captive and were tortured by the Gestapo during World War II. Inscriptions on the wall by the prisoners can still be seen and are of great historical importance.

**First "asbestos trial" in Brussels**

A woman who died after developing pulmonary membrane cancer took legal action against the Belgian asbestos manufacturer Eternit a couple months before her death. The legal battle is now being continued by her sons, and has a big symbolic meaning as there are quite many asbestos victims in Belgium. Victims are not only former personnel members but also some that lived in close vicinity of the asbestos manufacturer.

**Four seals released at Koksijde**

Four young seals were released in the sea at the beach of Koksijde recently. The seals were washed ashore in August and transferred to the Blankenberge Sea Life Center to recover. They should join other groups of seals living off the Belgian coast.

**Weapons at Jemappes**

The Mons Police seized numerous weapons and arrested

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six people in Jemappes. Among the weapons were Uzi submachine guns ready to use, shotguns, hunting guns, guns, revolvers and ammunition for all 15 weapons. The police also discovered some stolen and concealed items as well as some drugs. Investigations will have to determine where these weapons are coming from and if they have been used or not. This operation was held in relation to the murder attempt in Quévry late August of this year.

**Belgian beer gets golden medal**

The Biolo Blond beer (6.4%) brewed by Belgoobier at Binche was awarded the golden medal at the Strasbourg World Beer recognition. It is the first time that a Belgian beer wins gold at this third edition where some 150 brewers compete.

**Belgian politics**

Wednesday of last week marked the 500th day since Belgians voted on June 13, 2010 and are since waiting on a new gouvernement. In the best case, Belgium will have a government by the end of November, a government whose term will end in June 2014.

**Starbucks Opening in Gent**

The U.S. Ambassador and the Mayor of Gent tasted the first Starbucks coffee during the official opening of the sixth Starbucks in Belgium.

**Port of Antwerpen**

Works have started last week in Antwerpen to build the largest lock in the world. The port of Antwerpen already has the biggest lock in the world, i.e. the Berendrecht lock but this new one, the Deurganck lock, will take over as largest dock as it will be deeper to accommodate the ever larger ships. It should become operational in 2016.

**Bomb with sugar beets**

A bomb was discovered last Thursday in one of the sugar beet storages at the sugar plant in Warcoing. This bomb was probably picked up along with sugar beets from a farmer's field and transported to the sugar plant. The police secured the area and the Belgian DOVO (the Belgian Forces bomb disposal services) was dispatched on the scene to evacuate the bomb.

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**31 October**

- **Halloween walk in Silly.** Participants are encouraged to be in costume. Prior registration is required at [silly@skynet.be](http://silly@skynet.be). Children must be accompanied by an adult. Walk will start from the square, Place Communale 18 at 7 p.m. but participants are encouraged to arrive 15 min. prior to departure. Face painting is available as of 6 p.m. Participation is free for the children, adults pay €2.5.

**1 November**

- **Flea market in Blaton** on the main square and neighboring streets (250 booths) from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Flea market and antiques in Brugge** at Beurshalle on Hauwersstraat from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €2.
- **Countryside Fair** (decorations, hobby & Fashion, tourism, garden decorations, arts & craft, culinary theater etc.) in Gent at Flanders Expo from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entrance fee is €11.
- **Indoor Flea market and Antiques in Oudenaarde at Zaal Qubus** on Lindestraat from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €2.
- **Flea market in Waterloo** on the Carrefour parking lot as of 6 a.m.
- **Volksmarch in Rixensart** for 5, 11 or 16 km. Departs from the "Martin Luther King" on Rue de la Gare from 2 to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Deux-Acren (just North from Lessines)** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the sportscenter "Complexe sportif des Camomilles" on Rue de l'Ordre from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Saint-Symphorien** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the parish room on Rue Clerfayt between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

**3 November**

- **Late openings at some Brussels Museums.** Every Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m., at least six museums are open to the public with special activities. Today, the following museums can be visited for €3 per person; up to 25 years old only pay €1.5: Royal Belgian Library; the Botanique; the Brussels Mill and Food museum; Musée Charlier; Ixelles Museum; the Toy Museum and the Brussels Planetarium. For additional information, visit [www.brusselsmuseumsnocturnes.be/index.php?page=2](http://www.brusselsmuseumsnocturnes.be/index.php?page=2).



**4-6 November**

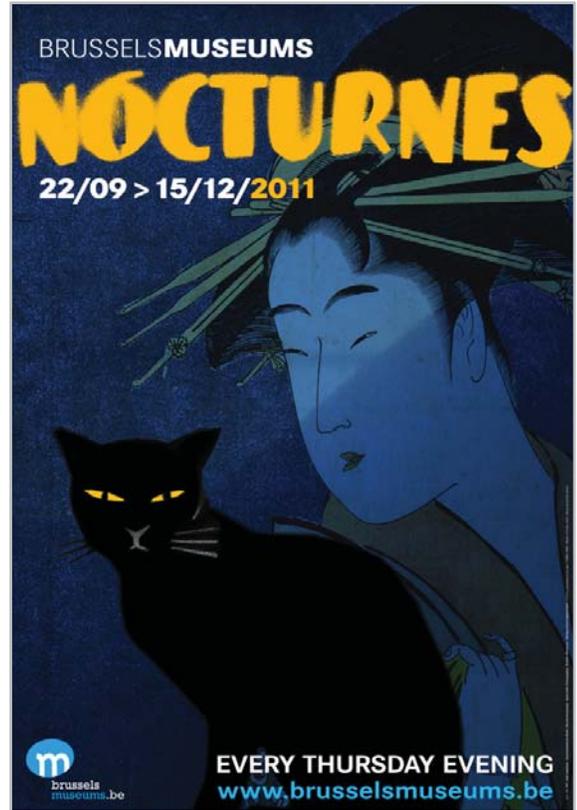
- **Wine Fair in St Ghislain** at the Hall de Maintenance on Rue de Chièvres 17. Some 50 vendors will offer their wine selection and quality products. Friday from 5 to 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Free entrance.

**5 November**

- **Children's Fair in Lessines** for toys and clothing at Salle Saint Roch from 2 to 5 p.m.
- **Toy Fair in Ecaussines-d'Enghien** on Rue Pouplier 46-48 from 10 a.m. to noon. Entrance fee is €5 per person.

**5-6 November**

- **Moto Classic in Ciney** at the Ciney Expo on Rue du Marché Couvert 3. This third edition provides parts, technical manuals, accessories, books etc. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Marriage, Child and Beauty Fair in Mons** at the Mons Expo on Avenue Thomas Edison. Open Saturday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Bird display in Jurbise** at the "Salle Jacques Galant" on Rue du Moustier 8.



**6 November**

- **Planet Toys – old toys fair (100 booths) in Nivelles** at the Shopping Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entrance free is €5 per adult, children get in free.
- **Volksmarch in Binche** for 4, 6, 12, 20 and 30 km. Departure is from Salle du Kursaal on Avenue Wanderepepen, 30 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ronquières** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the former train station on Rue Jules Dekeyn from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Basècles** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the “Salle des Fêtes” on Rue des Déportés, 21 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Erbisoeul** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the school on Chemin du Prince 115 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Cuesmes** on Rue du Comment Lemaire from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Inside Flea Market in St Gilles** on Rue Moris, 19 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Open House in Uccle** at the farm on Vieille Rue du Moulin, 93. Unique opportunity to see the sheep, rabbits, chicken, donkeys, etc. from 10 a.m. to noon. Free of charge.
- **Cat Fair in Tournai** at the Tournai Expo on Rue du Follet, 2B from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. entrance fee is €4 per person as of 2 years old.

**11 November - Armistice Day**



Armistice Day commemoration at 11 a.m. in Chièvres and Brugelette.

- **Commemorative ceremony in Chièvres and Brugelette** starting at 11 a.m. with USAG Benelux participation.
- **Volksmarch in Cuesmes** for 7, 14, 21, 50 km. Departure is from CALVA, Rue Ferrer 1 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for 50 km and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for 7, 14, 21 km
- **Mountain bike ride in Bruyelle** for 25, 40, 45, 55 km. Departure is from the soccer field, Chaussée de Tournai from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available.
- **Flea market in Soignies** on Chaussée du Roelux 22 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Concert in Ath**, at Saint-Martin church: Vivaldi and his contemporaries. Participating fee is €10.
- **Flea market in Waterloo** at the parking lot of Carrefour. Starting at 6 a.m.

**11-13 November**

- **Belgian beers weekend in Hasselt** at the Culture Center on Kunstlaan 5. From 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday, from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday and from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday. More than 130 Belgian beers will be available.

**12 November**

- **Open House at the Cantillon Brewery in Anderlecht** on 56 Rue Gheude. Guided visit of the brewery with explanation on the brewing process of the Lambic and the Gueuze. From 6.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ; guided visit every half hour starting on 7 a.m. Croissant and coffee offered till 8.30 a.m. Participating fee €6 per person, entrance, visit and tasting included.
- **Flea market in Ath** on the Place du Faubourg de Mons from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**12-13 November**

- **Bike fair in Tournai** on Rue du Follet 2 B, Kain. Open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with a stunt pilot show at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

**13 November**

- **Mountain bike ride in Baudour** for 25, 45, 65 km. Departure is from Salle Polyvalente, Parc Communal from 8 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Participating fee ranges from €3 to €5 depending on distance choice. Showers and bike wash available.
- **Mountain bike ride in Petit-Roelux-Lez-Nivelles** for 13, 25, 35, 50 km. Departure from the school on the main square from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Participating fee ranges from €4 to €5 depending on the distance choice. Showers and bike-wash available.
- **Mountain bike ride in Blandain** for 30, 50 km. Departure from the soccer field from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- **Flea market in Froyenne** on the parking lot of the commercial center from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.



# SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Thermes de Spa, November 5** - A relaxing day at the Thermes de Spa. The entrance fee includes access to the spa, sauna, hammams and thermal spring. A variety of soothing spa treatments are available such as: Beauty treatments, Body treatments, Massages, Balneotherapy and figure/Self image treatments. Call and book your a la carte spa services ahead at +32(0) 87 772560. For more information on spa services and accommodations please visit <http://www.thermesdespa.com>. Price: €65 (no children under 6 years). Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m.
- **Luxembourg City, November 12** - Start the day with a special stop at the legendary Villeroy and Boch tableware outlet to purchase high quality dishes for a low price. Enjoy the many historical and cultural sights of Luxembourg City. Explore the famous fortress walls, check out some of the 23km of hidden tunnels built under the city, take in a museum, or just enjoy a sidewalk café in this beautiful city. Price: €50. Departs SHAPE at 8:15 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m.
- **Amsterdam, November 19** - Spend the day sipping coffee in a café, visiting the Van Gogh Museum, relax in Vondelpark or rent a bike and tour the city on your own. Price: €40. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns at midnight.
- **Aachen and Monschau Christmas Markets, December 3** - Visit the many wooden stalls embellished with fairy lights on the Monschau market square. Trip also stops at the Aachen's 'Christmas City'. Price: €50. Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m. and returns at 10:30 p.m.



- **London Christmas Shopping, December 10** - The day is yours to see London in lights. Price: €65. Departs SHAPE at 5:30 a.m. and returns at 1:30 a.m.
- **Brugge Snow & Ice Sculpture Festival, December 17** - Come see 300,000 kilos of ice & 400 tons of snow, kept at minus 5°C, that a team of 40 international artists have transformed into an Ice Fantasy. Enjoy a drink "on the rocks" at their very own ice bar. Dress warmly. Then head into town for the festive Christmas Markets complete with ice skating rink. Price: €43 Adult, €40 Youth 4-12, €30 Child 0-3. Departs SHAPE at 9 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m.
- **Christmas at Gran Canaria on the Canary Islands, Dec. 21-27** - Gran Canaria is the meeting place for people from a thousand different places. The first of so many happy moments comes with the fine weather enjoyed here throughout the year, which makes life friendly and quiet. Spend some nice and sunny holidays with us on this wonderful island. This package includes: Airfare, airport taxes and transfers, accommodation, all meals, Christmas Gala Dinner December 25, all drinks during dinner till midnight. Price per person: Single €1,305, Double/Twin €1,175 Euro, Triple €1,125 Euro, Child (0-10) €700 when sharing room with two fully paying guests.

**31 October**

- **Stroller Time** - Bring your child and stroller for a walk on the SHAPE path from 10 to 11 a.m. from the ACS, Bldg. 318 on SHAPE.

**1 November**

- **Dads 101** - Bring your lunch and learn with other dads about taking care of your bundles of joy from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at ACS, Bldg. 318, SHAPE. For more information or to register, call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

**2 November**

- **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).
- **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.
- **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.

**4 November**

- **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).

**7 November**

- **Stroller Time** - Bring your child and stroller for a walk on the SHAPE path from 10 to 11 a.m. from the ACS, Bldg. 318 on SHAPE.

**Protestant Women of the Chapel**

Every Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Protestant Women of the Chapel Ladies meet for fellowship, worship and Bible study at SHAPE Chapel. Monday night fall studies are Essentials of Effective Prayer and How Do You Know God's Your Father? Tuesday fall studies choose from the following: Crazy Love, The 10 Best Decisions Every Parent Can Make, Becoming a Woman of Prayer or Precept Upon Precept: Sermon on the Mount. Free childcare provided. Homeschool moms, ask us about our special program for your children. Call 0493-46-4604 for more information or visit us at [www.facebook.com/pwocshape](http://www.facebook.com/pwocshape).



## AT USAG BRUSSELS

### • Fall Town Hall Meeting

USAG Brussels will host its fall 2011 Community Town Hall at the 3 Star Lounge on November 3 at 6 p.m. during Taco Night. Call DSN 368-9793 should you need further details on this important community event.

- **Taco Night** Taco Night is back at the 3-Star Recreation Center on USAG Brussels. Join us Thursday, starting at 5:30 p.m. Prices are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children 10 years and under. Children 2 and under eat for free. For more information contact the 3-Star Recreation Center at 02-717-9822 or DSN 368-9822.
- **Movie Night** Before you plan a trip to the movie theater, check out the listing of free first run movies being shown at the 3-Star Recreation Center. Movies are shown on Thursday and Friday evening beginning at 6 p.m. Showing on Nov. 4 is *Cowboys & Aliens* at 6 p.m. and *The Change Up* at 8 p.m. For more information contact the 3-Star Recreation Center at 02-717-9822 or DSN 368-9822.
- **Youth Sports** Youth Sports and Fitness has begun its fall sports seasons for cheerleading, flag football, and soccer. For more information on games and practice times please see your child's coach or contact the Youth Sports and Fitness office at 02-717-9680 or DSN 368-9680.
- **Transition Assistance Program (TAP)** workshop will be Oct 25-27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the USAG Brussels ACS conference room. To register, call ACS at DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.

### 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.

### FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu vaccinations are available now. Walk in to the SHAPE-Brussels Health Clinic on normal immunization days:

**Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.**

**Thursdays from 8 to 10 a.m.**

Please take into account that you will have to wait for 15 minutes after your immunization is given. You also need to allow time for filling out all required forms. Due to heavy volume, there may be long lines for the immunizations.

Appointment line: DSN 368-9500 or civilian 02-717-9500.

### CYSS

Upcoming CYSS winter youth sports are:

- **Basketball** for ages 6-7, 8-9, 10-12, 13-15. Cost is \$40. Season: Dec. 5 - Mar. 30
- **Wrestling** for ages 6-14. Cost is \$45. Season: Dec. 5 - Mar. 30
- **Start Smart Basketball** for ages 3-5. Cost is \$40. Season Jan. 24 - Mar. 1 (20 spaces available)
- **Cheerleading** for ages 8-12. Cost is \$40. Season: Dec. 5 - Mar. 30.

Registration for the above sports is through Nov. 19. Children must be registered with CYSS and must have a current physical on file with the CYSS Central Registration Office prior to the start of the sports season. On a space available basis, late registrants will be accepted and assessed a \$5 late fee per child. Late fees will be waived for new arrivals. For more information, contact the Youth Sports Office at DSN 368-9680/9738 or civilian 02-717-9680/9738.