

# THE GAZETTE

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## Transit of Venus

Early morning on June 6, the planet Venus will make its final trek across the face of the sun as seen from Earth until the year 2117. The last time this occurred was in 2004 when it was watched by millions of people across the world. Come watch this once in a lifetime event June 6 at 5:30 a.m. at the School Age Center (SAC), Bldg. 602, SHAPE. Breakfast will be provided at this free of charge event.

## SHAPE Girl Scouts

The SHAPE Girl Scouts are looking for volunteers to encourage young girls and women to learn new things and to succeed. Volunteers may be college students, men and women in our community, and active-duty military members. For more information, contact [shape-girlscouts@usagso-na.org](mailto:shape-girlscouts@usagso-na.org).

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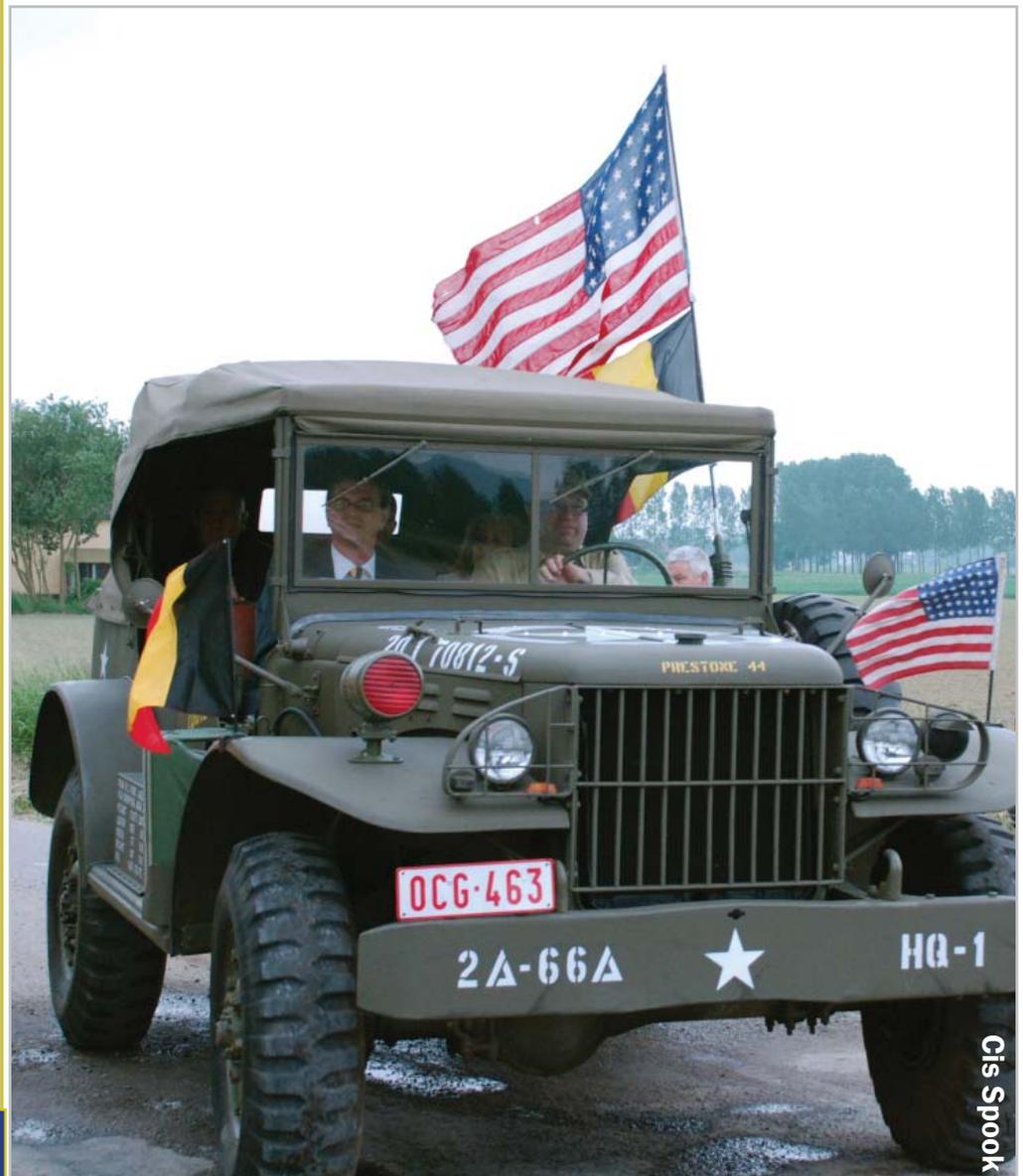
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The Brussels Sports and Fitness center is looking for volunteer instructors to teach spin classes, Group Based Fitness classes, Yoga and Zumba classes. If you are interested contact the Brussels Sports and Fitness Center at DSN 368-9753 or civilian 02-717-9753.

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## U.S. Ambassador visits Frasnés



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U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium, Howard Gutman (left), on board of a World War II Dodge Command Car convoyed from one commemorative ceremony to the other during his official visit to Frasnés-lez-Anvaing, Thursday, May 31. His visit to Frasnés-lez-Anvaing, located 20 kilometers from Chièvres Air Base, is part of his commitment to visit each city, commune and village in Belgium during his assignment here.

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# NATO Special Operations Headquarters Headquarters Support Detachment gets new leader



Maj. Krista Hoffman (left) hands the guidon to Lt. Gen. Frank J. Kisner, Commander NATO Special Operations Headquarters (NSHQ) as she relinquishes command of the Headquarters Support Detachment (HSD) to Capt. Lt. (German Naval Officer) Jan Lazer (right), during a change of command ceremony on Chièvres Air Base, Tuesday, May 29, 2012. The HSD provides the logistic support to NSHQ with equipment in six different nations over two different continents. Hoffman was the first Commander HSD, NSHQ and had to build up the unit. "It is incredible what was shaped for the future. The Detachment is now running smooth and quick," mentioned Kisner in his speech. During the ceremony, Hoffman was presented the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for exceptional service during her command (photo top right).

On her successor, Kisner mentioned that it is the beauty of the NATO Alliance to bring different experience, expertise and a different way to look at things. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook)



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# U.S. Ambassador's visit to Frasnés | Continued



(Picture left, from left to right) Jean-Luc Crucke, Mayor of Frasnés-lez-Anvaing, U.S. Ambassador Howard Gutman, Michelle Gutman and Carl Miclotte, Chairman of the local vintage vehicle club, pay tribute at the monument in Dergneau, honoring the air crew of a B-24 that crashed in a closeby field, February 25, 1945. Three airmen were able to bail out of the plane, two died in the crash and the pilot of the bomber was reported missing in action. The U.S. Color Guard at the ceremony was formed by members of the 309th Airlift Squadron based on Chièvres Air Base and composed of (from left to right) Staff Sergeant Eric L. Fricke, Tech. Sgt. John N. Wyman, Staff Sgt. Warren P. Addison and Senior Airman Bryan A. Calenda.

The second ceremony (picture above) was held to honor two local Belgian resistance fighters, Gérard Dogimont and Gilbert Lagneau, who were shot by the Nazis in the field behind the monument, August 1944 and a U.S. Aviator, 2nd Lt. Jack Hargis, who died in the crash of his airplane August 17, 1943 on a nearby field.

Both ceremonies were part of the official visit by U.S. Ambassador to the city of Frasnés-lez-Anvaing. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook)

## City of Soignies is offering special visit for newcomers

The city of Soignies is offering a group visit (a minimum of 15 people is needed) for newcomers or anyone who is interested from the SHAPE/Chièvres community, June 9.

The program of the day is as follows:

- 9:30 a.m. – Welcome at the Soignies Tourist Office
- 10 a.m. – Departure by bus to the Château de Louvignies for a guided visit
- Noon – Lunch at “La Cabosse” and chocolate demonstration
- 2:30 p.m. – Visit of downtown Soignies

Participating fee is €31 per person.



Lunch will consist of:

- Aperitif (with or without alcohol)
- Stuffed crêpes with either
  - a. Leek with bacon
  - b. Ham and cheese
  - c. Zucchini, spinach and Ser-rano ham

- Dessert Vanilla ice cream with chocolate
- Coffee or tea

### RSVP with menu choices by June 1:

Either by completing the form on [www.shape2day.com](http://www.shape2day.com) and making payment to Nadia Catalano, Bldg. 102 on SHAPE, room 207c, phone DSN 423-4819 or civilian 065-44-4819, or by contacting the USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office (PAO) at [usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil) and making payment at the PAO, Bldg. 30(basement), Caserne Daumerie at Chièvres, phone DSN 361-5419 or civilian 068-27-5419.

# Bastogne honors fallen of the Battle of the Bulge



Belgian Soldiers carry the States flag on top of the Mardasson monument during the Bastogne Memorial Day ceremony, Friday, June 1, 2012.



The U.S. Color Guard led by Sgt. Alexander Frye and composed of Spc. Dean Pushard (rifle), Sgt. Daniel Diaz (U.S. Flag), Adj. Chef (Belgian Army) Henri Plessiet (Belgian Flag), Sgt. Jonathan Ellis (rifle) arrives at the Mardasson.



(From left to right) Mrs. Jocelyne Olivier, Deputy Mayor of Bastogne, André Flahaut, House of Representatives' Speaker, Benoît Ludgen, Chairman of the CDH central party, Maj. Bernard Brohet, Commander Base Bastogne and Colonel Rick L. Tillotson were among the authorities in attendance.



Mrs. Denise Oger (right), representing the CRIBA, the Research and Information Center on the Battle of the Bulge, pays tribute upon laying a wreath.



(From left to right) Marcel D'Haese, Chairman of the 5th Fusiliers Battalion who fought alongside the 1st U.S. Army during the Battle of the Bulge, and his former comrades-in-arms Jean Bartet and Robert Lemaire. (U.S. Army photos by Marie-Lise Baneton)

## JUNE IS MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

# What men should know about prostate cancer

By **Wayne Combs**

U.S. Army Public Health Command

Did you know that the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) does not recommend prostate cancer screening for all men? This article will help you understand more about the latest information on prostate cancer screening and help you discuss this issue with your healthcare provider.

### **What are the latest recommendations for prostate cancer screening?**

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there is currently no scientific agreement on the best ways to prevent prostate cancer and not enough supporting evidence to recommend screening in all men. The USPSTF has concluded that the current medical evidence is insufficient to compare the benefits and harms of prostate cancer screening in men younger than age 75 years. The USPSTF also recommends against screening for prostate cancer in men age 75 years or older.

### **What is prostate cancer?**

Prostate cancer is made up of cells that do not grow normally. The cells divide and create new cells that the body does not need, forming a mass of tissue called a tumor. These abnormal cells can sometimes spread to other parts of the body, multiply and cause death.

### **What causes prostate cancer?**

As with many types of cancers, medical experts do not know what causes prostate cancer. They are studying several possible causes.

### **Who is at increased risk for prostate cancer?**

While all men are at risk for prostate cancer, some factors increase risk:

- Family history - Men with a father or brother who has had prostate cancer are at greater risk for developing it themselves.
- Race - Prostate cancer is more common in some racial and ethnic groups than in others, but medical experts do not know why. Prostate cancer is more common in African-American men than in white men. And, African-American men with prostate cancer are more likely to die from the disease than white men. It is less common in Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander and Native American men than in white men.
- Age - The prevalence of prostate cancer increases rapidly after age 40.

### **Can prostate cancer be prevented?**

Medical experts do not know how to prevent prostate cancer. But they are studying many factors. They do know that not smoking, maintaining a healthy diet, staying physically active and seeing your doctor regularly contribute to overall good health.

### **What does "screening" mean?**

Screening means looking for signs of disease in people

who have no symptoms. So screening for prostate cancer is looking for early-stage disease. The main screening tools for prostate cancer are the digital rectal examination and the prostate specific antigen blood test. However, the DRE and PSA test cannot tell if you have cancer; they can only suggest the need for further tests. Many factors such as age, race, certain medical procedures, an enlarged prostate or a prostate infection can affect PSA levels.

Because of the uncertainty about prostate cancer screening, the CDC recommends that men discuss prostate screening with their healthcare provider. Every man needs balanced information on the pros and cons of prostate cancer to help him make an informed decision about screening.

For more information on prostate cancer, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

[www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/informed\\_decision\\_making.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/informed_decision_making.htm)

[www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/pdf/prosguide.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/pdf/prosguide.pdf).

## Facts

Not counting some forms of skin cancer, prostate cancer in the United States is:

- The most common cancer in men, no matter your race or ethnicity.
- The second most common cause of death from cancer among white, African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Hispanic men.
- The fourth most common cause of death from cancer among Asian/Pacific Islander men.
- More common in African-American men compared to white men.
- Less common in American Indian/Alaska Native and Asian/Pacific Islander men compared to white men.

In 2008 (the most recent year for which numbers are available):

- 214,633 men in the United States were diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- 28,471 men in the United States died from prostate cancer.

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## CYSS

### **CYSS SHAPE Summer camp**

The School Age Center is offering 10 weeks of action packed activities for children ages 6-12. For information call Parent Central Services DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612 or School Age Center DSN 423-6079 or civilian 065-44-6079 or visit <http://usagbeneluxcyss.blogspot.com> or <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/shapecym.html>.

### **CYSS SHAPE Summer trips**

The following trips are available to middle schoolers and teens:

- **Italy Express 8 through 13 July.** Fee is \$325.
- **Conquering Summer 6 through 10 August.** Fee is \$350.

For more information on the above trips or on the other scheduled trips, contact DSN 423-5612/6104 or civilian 065-44-5612/6104.

### **CYSS Soccer at SHAPE**

Registration for the Players Clinic and Goalkeepers Clinic is open until filled for boys and girls born 1998-2003. Fee is \$25 per session. First session is July 24-26, second session is August 7-9. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

### **CYSS Tennis at SHAPE**

Registration for tennis at the SHAPE Green for ages 6 and up is open until filled. Fee is \$50 for 5 hours. First week starts June 18, second week starts June 25. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

### **CYSS Summer Intensive Session French at SHAPE**

Registration for French at Bldg. 503, SHAPE for ages 5 and up is open until filled. Fee is \$90 per session. First session starts July 2, second session starts July 16 and third session starts August 6. Classes are also open to parents. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

### **CYSS Ballet on SHAPE**

Registration for the Ballet summer session at Bldg. 704 for ages 4 to 18, is open until filled. Fee is \$40 per week. First week starts June 18, second week starts June 25, third week starts July 2 and fourth week starts July 9. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

### **CYSS classes on SHAPE**

Other classes available are Driver's Ed, English, Gymnastics, Karate, Piano, Spanish, Swim, Taekwondo and Tennis. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

### **CYSS Golf Clinic at SHAPE**

Registration for the Golf Clinic is open until filled for boys and girls aged 10 to 18. Fee is \$35 per mini-session. First session is June 5-28, second session is July 3-26 and third session is August 2-28. Held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

### **CYSS Schinnen Summer Camps**

Summer camp is planned around a specific theme each week and offers a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities. The summer camp will be lead by Camp Adventure staff from the University of Northern Iowa. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders for youth that have completed 1st grade

though 11th. Camp placement based off of grade attended during 2011-2012 school year. For more information contact DSN 364-2575/3008/3121/4192 or civilian 31(0)45-526-2575/3008/3121/4192.

### **CYSS Fall sports in Schinnen**

Registration for the soccer, flag football and cheerleading for ages 6 to 15 is open from June 1 to July 27. Must be a USAG Schinnen CYSS member before registering for Youth Sports & Fitness Programs. To register or to get more information call DSN 364-3121/4192 or civilian 31(0)45-526-3121/4192. Open to U.S. and NATO ID card holders.

### **CYSS Brussels**

**Start Smart Sports** are developmental sports programs for children ages 3-5. Parents and children participate together in sessions facilitated by the staff. These sessions are designed to develop children's skills and self-esteem within a safe, fun, and non-competitive environment. Contact the Youth Sports Director at DSN 368-9680 or civilian 02-717-9680 for more information.

## SHAPE Girl Scouts

Register for Early Bird now or pass by on June 30 at the 4th of July Festival on SHAPE. Open to girls Kindergarten-High School and all nationalities. For more information contact [shapegirlscout@usagso-na.org](mailto:shapegirlscout@usagso-na.org).

## Education

### **University of Oklahoma**

The University of Oklahoma is now accepting applications for Master of Arts in International Relations. Accelerated class and program format, on-site and online classes available, no GRE requirement. For more information call DSN 423-3654 or civilian 065-44-3654 or email at [apshape@ou.edu](mailto:apshape@ou.edu).

### **University of Maryland**

Register now for the IFSM 201 Informatoin Technology Concepts and Applications taking place from June 6 through July 25 on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Bldg. 4, top floor, USAG Brussels Education Center. For more information contact DSN 368-9704 or civilian 02-717-9704.

## Thrift Shops

SHAPE Thrift Shop and Grandma's Attic are now accepting donations respectively on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (SHAPE Thrift Shop at the SHAPE Events Center) and on Thursday, 1st and 3rd Saturday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. (Grandma's Attic on Chièvres Airbase). Shops are open respectively Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. For more information email IC3 at [shape.ic3@gmail.com](mailto:shape.ic3@gmail.com).

## USAG Brussels Vacation Bible School

For the upcoming vacation bible school to be held July 30 through August 3, the following donations or borrowed items are needed: Turkish-style carpets, baskets, plants, plastic terra cotta pots, stuffed animals, moving boxes, green tissue paper, pop-up party tents and tarps. For more information, call DSN 368-9677 or civilian 02-717-9677.

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## EC orders Belgium to speed up reforms

The European Commission (EC) has formulated a number of recommendations with regard to the Belgian economy. The EC says that Belgium should cut taxes on labor but increase taxation on environmental pollution and energy. In all, the EC makes seven recommendations. Belgium must limit its budget deficit to less than 3% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Wages should not be allowed to rise faster than in neighboring economies and the Belgian economy should be made more competitive. On taxation the EC says that Belgian tax levels, especially on labor, are among the highest in Europe and this must change. It suggests cutting tax on labor and increasing taxes on pollution and energy. One way this could be achieved is by axing tax breaks on company cars. Last year the European Commission singled out the index, the mechanism that keeps public sector wages and benefits in step with inflation. This year the index does not come under fire.

## EC criticizes Dutch austerity plan

The European Commission is critical of the five-party agreement on cutting the Dutch budget deficit, saying it may fail to reach euro zone targets and may even be scrapped after the general election. Poor economic prospects and rising unemployment are creating major challenges for the Netherlands in a very complex political situation. The September 12 general election brings substantial risk that the measures will not be implemented. The commission goes on to say the agreement is too vague to be able to judge the effects accurately.

## Moroccan prisoners in Belgium sent back

Five Moroccans that were serving time in Belgian prisons have been flown back to Morocco to serve the rest of their sentences there. All five were in Belgium illegally when they committed the crimes for which they were imprisoned. This is the first time that Moroccan prisoners have been returned to serve the rest of their sentences in their homeland as part of a repatriation treaty that was signed by the Belgian and Moroccan authorities in 2007. The Belgian Justice Minister Annemie Turtelboom considers the repatriation treaty to be of the solution to overcrowding in Belgian prisons. More Moroccan convicts will be sent back soon. Meanwhile, six European countries have also agreed to allow their nationals imprisoned in Belgium to serve the rest of their sentence in their homeland.

## McDonalds is the Netherlands biggest firm

With an annual turnover of €627 million in the Netherlands, fast food giant McDonalds remains the biggest industry company in country. Second on the list is the Van der Valk restaurant and hotel chain with a turnover of €527 million and third is Dutch Rail's station catering activities with €365 million. Mc Donalds, which is also the biggest investor in the Dutch industry, has a workforce of 17,000 and 228 outlets in the Netherlands.

## Brussels tram killed four people this year

The Brussels local transport company MIVB reported that so

far this year, four people have been killed by a tram in Brussels and a total of 20 accidents involving a pedestrian and a tram have occurred. In 2011 only one person was killed during the entire year, though there were 58 accidents involving pedestrians and a tram. In 2010 three people were killed. In 2009 the death toll was four. The transport company has pledged to take new measures to increase pedestrian safety.

## European Soccer Cup

The Dutch national soccer team beat Slovakia 2-0 last week in the latest of their warm-up matches ahead of the European cup competition in June. The Dutch group B campaign kicks off against Denmark on June 9, followed by Germany on June 13. The tournament runs from 8 June to 1 July.

## Nizar Trabelsi

On June 8, Nizar Trabelsi should be a free man as all legal grounds to keep the Tunisian-Belgian terrorist Nizar Trabelsi in prison, are exhausted. Trabelsi was actually planning to commit a terrorist attack at the American military basis of Kleine Brogel. He was arrested shortly after the September 11, 2001 attacks and convicted to a ten year prison sentence. On June 8, he will have sat out his sentence until the last day, plus a couple of months extra because he had attacked a prison warden. Since 2007, the United States have requested his extradition. The former professional soccer player has always fiercely defended himself against extradition because he risks a lifelong prison sentence. No single Belgian Minister as of yet, has dared to put his signature under an extradition order. Extremist Muslims have always threatened to take revenge if our country would extradite Trabelsi. As far as it is known, our country seems wanting to meet the request of the United States but this is possible at best and at the earliest when both appeal procedures are over and when the Belgian government gets the green light in order to put the Belgian-Tunisian terrorist on a U.S.-bound plane. The question is what will be done with Trabelsi in the meantime as upon his release, chances are high that he will flee our country.

## Brussels Airlines starts flights to New York

As of June 1, the Brussels Airlines will operate a daily service from Brussels Airport to John F. Kennedy Airport in the New York district of Queens. Flights to the New York leave in the morning whereas those returning are flying to Belgium during the night. Re-conditioned A330 aircrafts will be used on the new transatlantic route and the crew, the so-called "New York Ambassadors" will wear a new red uniform as the company promotes their transatlantic route.

## Works have started on new Belgian prison

The new Belgian prison is being built in Beveren, along the E17 highway and will have rooms for 300 prisoners. It should be completed by 2014. New prison complexes are also to be built in Dendermonde, Marche-en-Famenne and Leuze-en-Hainaut and a new "super-jail" is planned in the Brussels district of Haren.



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

**Through 10 June**

- **Rockabilly, a way of life** - Photos exhibition of Charles Chojnacki. A step back to the 50's, gold year of Rock, of the Kustom Kulture, the burlesque trend. Open every day from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Place du Nouveau Marché aux grains 35.

**Through 11 June**

- **Painting Exhibition in Tournai at the Fine Arts Museum on Enclos Saint-Martin.** 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 Tuesdays. Price ranges from €1 to €2.5.

**Through 12 June**

- **29th World Folklore festival in Saint-Ghislain** on the site of the city administration. Participants this year are Gaskarov from Barchkorstan (Russia), Balley Folklorico from Carhue (Chili), company Camargua from Camaguey (Cuba), ballet Altam from the Altai Republic, ballet Halleluyah (Israel), group Trakia (Bulgaria), quartet Mate y Cafe (Argentina), series of songs and dances Lany (Poland), and the Belgian Pas d'la Yau, Spotkanie and Saltarelle. More information on [www.festifolk.be](http://www.festifolk.be).

**Through 1 July**

- **Display "Stanley Kubrick, Photographer" in Brussels,** Musées Royaux des Beaux-Arts de Belgique on Rue de la Régence, 3. Opening hours are Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **BELvue weekends (Breakfast + museum visit) in Brussels.** Every weekend enjoy a breakfast including 1 tea/coffee/hot chocolate/orange juice + an assortment of 3 pastries and tour the museum. Price is €8 for adults and €4 under 18. More information on [www.belvue.be/BELvue/news.aspx?id=290520&LangType=1033](http://www.belvue.be/BELvue/news.aspx?id=290520&LangType=1033).

**Through 2 September**

- **Water for all...and all for water! exhibition in Brussels** at the Atomium. More information on [www.atomium.be/water.aspx](http://www.atomium.be/water.aspx).

**Through 30 September**

- **Sand Magic Dinant** - With just sand and water, artists from around the world create a fantasy world. Celebrating the 20th anniversary of Disneyland® Paris. More info on [www.sandmagic.be](http://www.sandmagic.be).

**Through 28 October**

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

**4 June**

- **Military Band performances:**
  - At 2:30 p.m., parade by French Military Band in Place du Parc, Mons.



This column is events within close distance from Brunssum and Schinnen

**Through 27 June**

- **Sand Sculpture Festival in Scheveningen** held at the beach and Boulevard of Scheveningen. The art of sand sculpting is relatively new and was first introduced to the European public in 1991 in Scheveningen. Since then more and more artists have focused on this creative art form. The sculptures in Scheveningen are designed by international artists.

**Through 7 September**

- **Cheese Market in Alkmaar** -- The city of Alkmaar (NL) is famous worldwide for its cheese market.



Cheese has been weighed in Alkmaar since 1593. Cheese carriers carry thousands of kilos of cheese from 'Waagplein' square to the weighing house. What used to be serious business has turned into a popular attraction for thousands of tourists. Cheese carriers can be seen in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon until the first Friday of September. You'll be surprised at how important cheese used to be and still is for the city of Alkmaar.

**Through 7 October**

- **Floriade 2012 in Venlo** - 'World Horticulturale Expo'. This large horticultural fair takes place every



**4 June Continued**

- At 3 p.m. parade by French military Band on the Marché-aux-Poissons, Mons and by Austrian Military Band in Hyon
- At 3:30 p.m., parade by Mexican Military Band in Havré and by Belarus Military Band in Harveng
- From 9 to 11 p.m., parades by Military Bands on the Mons Grand'Place.

**4-5 June**

- **Doudou sales in Mons** in the pedestrian area from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**4 June through 1 July**

- **Dinner in the sky** - After a world tour (Sydney, Toronto, Rio, Monaco...) accompanied by the best chefs on the



planet. Dinner in the Sky will now take over the sky in 4 different emblematic sites in Brussels: the Atomium, the Bois de la Cambre, Palais Royal Square and the Esplanade of Cinquantenaire. More information on [www.visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE\\_en/brusselicious/culture/28515/dinner-in-the-sky.do](http://www.visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_en/brusselicious/culture/28515/dinner-in-the-sky.do).

**5 June**

- **Military Band performances:**

- At 3 p.m., parade by Belgian Military Band in Ghlin in Barrière, by Belarus Military Band at the Parc du Bois de Mons and by Austrian Military Band in Mons at Bonne Maison de Bouzanton.
- At 3 p.m., parade by French Military Band in Mons (Messines) and by Mexican Military Band in Cuesmes on the square
- At 7 p.m., parade by Austrian Military Band in Flénu.
- At 8:30 through 10:30 p.m., parades by Military bands (Belarus, French, Mexican, French, Austrian, Belgian)
- At 10:35 p.m., final show for all Military Bands
- At 10:45 p.m., fireworks on the Grand'Place, Mons.

**9 June**

- **ReggaeBus night in Brussels** at the Tour & Taxis 86 C Avenue du Port. Starts at 10 p.m. Entrance fee is €10.
- **Flea market in Bernissart** at the Lac de Bernissart from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea market in Etterbeek** on Rue des Champs, Rue Général Henri and surroundings. (250 booths)
- **Flea market in Houdeng-Goegnies** on the square and on Rue L. Duray from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (110 booths)
- **Flea market in Saint-Gilles** on the Place van Menen from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Annual sales in Schaerbeek** in the Quartier Josaphat (Rogier) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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 20 October**

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

**6-10 June**

- **The Roncallis Historic Year Market at Aachen-Kornelimünster (GE)** is an annual event with many antique and art dealers, attractions, rides, entertainers and more. Open: 2 to 10 p.m., June 6, 8 and 9 and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., June 7 and 10.

**7-9 June**

- **Cultural & Culinary Festival in Bergen op Zoom** held at Grote Markt with in the center of attention, besides many regional products, the regions famous asparagus, strawberries and anchovies. Open: June 7, 5 p.m. to midnight; June 8, noon to 1 a.m. and June 9, noon to 8 p.m.



**9 June**

- **Mega Clothes Sale in Gaasbeek (BE)** on Donckerstraat 31 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Besides clothes the sale also offers shoes, accessories and more.
- **“Vlaggetjesdag” in the harbor of Scheveningen** is a festival featuring the first caught herring, available for sampling at practically every corner of the city. Also crafts demonstrations and people will be dressed in the traditional costumes of the area. Open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.





9 June Continued

- **Volksmarch in Thuin** for 4, 6, 12, 20, 30, 42 km. Departure is from the Drève des Alliés 11 at the school from 6:30 to 9 a.m. on the 42 km route and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the other routes.
- **Mountain bike ride in Flobecq** for 55, 75, 105, 130 km. Departure is from the soccer field on Chaussée de Renaix from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Showers and bike-wash available. Participating fee ranges from €5 to €6.

9-10 June

- **Flea market in Court-St-Etienne** on Avenue Wisterzee and Rue E. Henricot and surroundings from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (250 booths)

10 June

- **Flea market in Drogenbos** in the center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (350 booths)
- **Flea market, crafts fair and collection fair in Hellecine** at the Château from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (250 booths)
- **Flea market in Lasne** in the center from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (100 booths)
- **Flea market in Mons** at the Grand Large and the Parking lot of Imagipark from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. (300 booths)
- **Flea market in Nivelles** on the Grand'Place from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (200 booths)
- **Flea market in Schaerbeek** in the Quartier Foucart and Terdelt from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (200 booths)
- **Flea market in Tubize** on Rue de l'Industrie from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. (500 booths)
- **Flea market in Watermael-Boisfort** on Place Winer Middlebourg from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Woluwe-Saint-Lambert** on Avenue Georges Henry from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (400 booths)
- **Volksmarch in Thuin** for 4, 6, 12, 20 km. Departure is from the Drève des Alliés 11 at the school from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Opprebaix** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from Rue du Moulin 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Casteau** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from Rue de Lens 76 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Petit-Enghien** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from the square at the sports center from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Sivry** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from Rue de l'Esclinchamp from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ath** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from Rue M. Thomas 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Diest** for 25, 33, 44, 60 km. Departure is from the Warandestadion on Leopoldvest from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Showers and bike-wash available.
- **Mountain bike ride in Arquennes** for 15, 25, 35, 45, 65 km. Departure is from the soccer field on Rue Omer Lion from 7:30 to 11 a.m. showers and bike-wash available. Participating fee ranges from €3 to €5.
- **Mountain bike ride in Erpion** for 20, 30, 40, 50 km. Departure is from the soccer field on Rue Catton from 8 to 11 a.m. showers and bike-wash available. Participating fee ranges from €4 to €5.



9-10 June

- **Koeckers Knights' Festival in Den Hout** on Ruiterspoor 71 with old crafts demonstrations, archery, market, medieval entertainment and more. Open both days from noon to 6 p.m. Entry: €12.50; children (4-12) €10.



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- **'MP Feesten' in Geleen** is an annual city fest held on the market square in the center of town with on Saturday a 90's party and on Sunday a varied Burgundian fest day with lots of food, big bands and other entertainment.
- **Medieval Festival and Market in Lügde (GE)** with lots of medieval entertainment and happenings, located at a perfect location between the city wall and River Emmer. Entry is €5.
- **Strawberries Festival in Zundert** on Molenstraat with besides of course lots of strawberries also live music, demonstrations, rides and more. Open: June 9, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and June 10, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

10 June

- **Regional Products Market in Tielt (BE)** held around the 'Hallentoren' (tower) at the market in the center of town with all kinds of delicacies to eat and drink from the region. Open: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Fair held along the River Maas in/near Wessem** with lots of entertainment. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

12-17 June

- **Festival Classique in The Hague** offers concerts at attractive locations in the city. It has special programs, festive stages, inspiring concerts and lots more. For more info go to [www.festivalclassique.nl](http://www.festivalclassique.nl).



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## SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Stonehenge with Salisbury, June 9** - We will begin our day at the mysterious rocks of Stonehenge. You will have free time to explore Stonehenge and then we continue on to Salisbury, England. A visit to the Salisbury Cathedral is a must. It is arguably the finest example of the early English Gothic style of architecture in Britain. One of the four original Magna Cartas is housed at the Cathedral. After visiting the Cathedral, spend the rest of your time shopping or pub hopping. Don't miss this once a year trip to magical Stonehenge and Salisbury. Price: €100 Adult, €95 Children (5-15), €90 Children (0-4). Departs SHAPE at 5 a.m. and returns SHAPE at 1 a.m. (Sunday). Departs Brussels at 4 a.m. and returns Brussels at 2 a.m. (Sunday).
- **Belgian Brewery Tour, June 16 (Father's Day weekend)** - Our tour begins at Des Fagnes where you will find a modern working brewery, set alongside a fully restored 19th century brewery. Our next stop will be at Brewery Du Bocq where you will sample beers from many fine brews that are only available in Europe. We will have a late lunch (included) at Brewery Val Dieu where you will enjoy soup, ham with beer sauce served and garnish paired with one of their delicious beers. Price: €90 Adults. Departs SHAPE at 7:30 a.m. and returns SHAPE at 7 p.m. Departs Brussels at 6:30 a.m. and returns Brussels at 8 p.m.
- **Amsterdam, June 23** - Take a ride through the winding canal lined streets on a guided bicycle tour, walk the town or visit the Van Gogh Museum, Anne Frank House, sip coffee at the world's best cafes or enjoy a day of leisure in this beautiful city. Price is €50. Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m. and returns SHAPE at midnight. Departs Brussels at 7:30 a.m. and returns Brussels at 11 p.m.
- **Dutch Day, June 30** - Travel to the Netherlands and visit a Dutch farm where they will show you the art of wooden shoe manufacture and making cheese. Join us for a Dutch lunch before we depart for our second stop at the Zaanse Schans, a popular destination for visitors in search of a bit of Oud Holland (Old Holland). Price: €70 Adults, €65 Children (4-11) and €55 Children (0-3). Departs SHAPE at 6 a.m. and returns SHAPE at 9:30 p.m. Departs Brussels at 7:15 a.m. and returns Brussels at 8:30 p.m.



Dutch windmill

**Book before June 18:**

- **Prague, July 20-23** - Trip first stops in Wurzburg, Germany for free time to visit the historic residence and lunch. Saturday morning, the city of Slavic legends will come alive as you take a guided walking tour (optional). Sunday you are free to discover the city on your own and visit the garnet, crystal, linen, and souvenir shops. Monday, on the way home, there will be a stop in Nuremberg, Germany. Prices: € 435 Single, € 355 Double, € 335 Triple (2 beds), € 305 Child (5-11yrs), € 260 Child (0-4yrs) \*(In same room w/2 Adults). Departs SHAPE at 6 a.m. and returns SHAPE at 10:30 p.m.; departs Brussels at 7 a.m. and returns Brussels at 9:30 p.m.

## Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

- **Day Trip to the Alkmaar and Zaanse Schans, June 15** - Visit the Cheese Market in Alkmaar and beautiful windmills at the Zaanse Schans. Departs Schinnen at 6:30 a.m. and arrival in Alkmaar at approximately 9:30 a.m. Departs Alkmaar at 2 p.m. arrival Zaanse Schans at 2:30 p.m. We are departing the Zaanse Schans at 6 p.m. and expect to be back in Schinnen at around 9 p.m. Price per person is \$59. Assigned seating on First come & pay basis. Register with full payment by June 8 at the Trips & Tours office located inside the Andre Bruls Fitness Center in Schinnen. For more info call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031(0)46-4437561.
- **Day Trip to the Floriade 2012, June 30** - This world horticultural expo is scheduled every ten years and this year is located in Venlo, The Netherlands. Educational, fun and featuring the world's largest indoor flower display. Join us Saturday 10 a.m. June 30. Price is \$69 for adults, \$65 for ages 4-12 and \$55 for 3 and under. Register with full payment by June 22. For more info call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031(0)46-4437561.
- **Legoland Discovery Center, July 21** - An adventure to Legoland Discovery Center in Duisburg, Germany. The \$59 price includes transportation by luxury motor coach and the entrance fee. July 13 is the deadline for registration and payment. For more info call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031(0)46-4437561.

For recurring events check on [www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/sites/local/pages/gazette/GazetteExtra.pdf](http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/sites/local/pages/gazette/GazetteExtra.pdf).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

**Youth Center** - Early Closings at Youth Center. Due to a staffing shortage, the Youth Center will only be open until 6 p.m. on Fridays for the remainder of the school year from now to the end.

**Fitness Center** - Schinnen Fitness Center schedule has changed. For further information about new schedules check The Gazette Extra or call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 31(0)46-443-7561.

### 6 June

- **Managing Your Money** - The First Termers Money Management Class comes to Schinnen ACS 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This course is full of the basics you'll need for a successful future. For more information or for an appointment call Schinnen's Financial Readiness counselor at DSN 360-7450 or civilian 31(0)46-443-7450.

### 7 June

- **Book Discussion** - Next meeting will discuss *Living Life through Words : The Inspirational Writings of Kim McNair* by Kim McNair. Times are 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the JFC Brunssum Library. For more information call DSN 360-7500 or civilian 31(0)46-443-7500.

### 7-8 June

- **Army Family Team Building Level I Training** - Open to all the services, active duty, military Families and civilians will learn about the military lifestyle and how to maneuver successfully through its challenges. Classes are 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Schinnen ACS. For more information or to register contact DSN 360-7482 or civilian 31(0)46-443-7482.

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

### Through 30 June

- **2012 Army Arts and Crafts Contest** - The categories for artwork are Ceramic, Drawings, Fibers and Textiles, Glass, Metals & Jewelry, Paintings, Mixed Media, Wood and Digital Art. Participants will be judged in either a novice or accomplished category. For details on the rules please contact the Special Event Coordinator at DSN 368-9763 or civilian 02-717-9763.

### 20 June - 1 August

- **Summer Reading Program** - Register now for "Reading is So Delicious!" which will take place June 20 through August 1 (no meeting on July 4). Conducted on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. For more information or to register call DSN 368-9791 or civilian 02-717-9791.

### 30 June

- **2012 Matt Reimann Firecracker Run** - Registration opens June 11 for the 5th Annual Matt Reimann Firecracker Ru. Race Day events are 5 km or 10 km run; 2 km or 5 km fun run or walk at the Tervuren Park starting at 9 a.m.

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

### 6 June

- **How to be a good sponsor** from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.
- **Make the right move** from 2 to 3 p.m. For more information, call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

### 8 June

- **Annual Spring Carnival and Silent Auction** sponsored by the SHAPE PTSA at the school cafeteria in Bldg. 710, SHAPE. The proceeds of the event will go toward supporting the SHAPE Elementary and High Schools in areas where DoDDS funding is not available. For information, call DSN 423-6088 or civilian 065-44-6088.

### 11-12 June

- **Culture College** both days from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### 13 June

- **Bingo** - At the Warrior Zone, Caserne Daumerie. See flyer.

This event is open to all US and NATO (green) ID Card holders 18 years of age and older.

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