

THE GAZETTE

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

SHAPE Fest

Sept. 8-11 with live entertainment, food and beverages, amusement rides and kids zone. Disco night starts at 8 p.m. Friday night at the SHAPE Fest Tent.

UTC Training

Mandatory Unit Transportation Officer training will be held:

- Sept. 6 and 13 in Bldg. 3, classroom A at Schinnen
- Sept. 12 and 19 at 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. 105 on Chièvres Air Base
- Sept. 13 and 20 in Bldg. 220, Rm 113 on SHAPE
- Sept. 25 in Bldg 1, DTS classroom in Brussels.

For information call 361-6309.

PXtra New Hours

- Monday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Sunday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

U.S. holidays hours will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at both the PXtra and the Exchange. Regular hours are applicable on Belgian holidays.

Brussels CAC Office

The USAG Benelux-Brussels CAC office is closed Tuesdays and Thursdays until further notice. If you have an emergency, call DSN 368-9635 or civilian 02-717-9635. The IACS office is open Monday through Friday.

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BOSS helps Chièvres Community



Marie-Lise Baneton

Staff Sgt. William Branch pushes a Chièvres resident to the market during a Better Opportunities for Single Service members community service event Sunday, September 2, 2012.

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BOSS I continued



Members of Better Opportunities for Single Service members (BOSS) took residents of the Chièvres nursing homes to the market Sunday, September 2, 2012 as a part of their outreach efforts to the local population. The BOSS committee offered assistance to the Notre-Dame de la Fontaine and the Résidence des Comtes d'Egmont homes and asked specifically what the residents would enjoy doing with the military community. The market came on the top of the list. The group went to each home to pick up 15 men and women, some of whom had not had such an opportunity in eight years. After a short safety briefing by the staff on how to operate the wheelchairs, the group strolled down the street to reach their shopping objective. Candy, flowers and clothes were some of the most popular items, but the major take-away from the morning was the new friendship that developed between the generations. Several service members volunteered to provide more support in the near future. The market trip is the second event BOSS is organizing in the local community and follows a visit to the children in the Ath hospital last spring. Left: (from left) Staff Sgt. Corey Carter and 1st Sgt. Keith Wells push their charges to the Chièvres market. Below: (From left) Staff Sgt. Corey Carter, Sgt. Pamela Smith and Sgt. Angela Christian escort some of the ladies to the market. (U.S. Army photos by Marie-Lise Baneton)



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A preparedness message from Army leadership

Every September, the Army observes National Preparedness Month, emphasizing the importance of fostering a culture of preparedness to strengthen our ability to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond and recover from all emergencies.

An all-hazard event - either natural or man-made - can occur at any time, and we must be prepared to react accordingly. Planning and preparation are the critical factors that enable the Army to continue vital missions before, during and after such emergencies.

Through Ready Army, a proactive community awareness campaign, we promote a culture of preparedness throughout the Army. The tenets of Ready Army are: Be informed, Make a Plan, Build a Kit and Get Involved. The Ready Army website, www.acsim.army.mil/readymilitary, provides recommended supply lists for 48-72 hour individual and family survival kits. Ready Army also offers

various sources of information and resources for successful emergency planning.

Responsibility for the safety and resiliency of our Army lies with each member of the Army Family. Engagement among Army leaders, Soldiers, Families and Civilians is pivotal to highlighting the role each individual plays in preparedness. Preparedness planning serves as a force multiplier, allowing leaders to dedicate time and energy on the most significant needs of the Army community.

During this year's observance of the National Preparedness Month, we ask leaders to plan and execute appropriate outreach events that actively promote an atmosphere of local hazard identification, risk mitigation and all-hazard planning. Army Strong!

Signed: Raymond F. Chandler III, Sergeant Major of the Army; Raymond T. Odierno, General, Army Chief of Staff; John M. McHugh, Secretary of the Army

598th Transportation Brigade gets new commander

Special to the Gazette

Colonel Matthew D. Redding assumed command of the 598th Transportation Brigade (SDDC) at the Heuberg Kaserne in Sembach, Germany, during a ceremony on Thursday 23 August 2012. Mr. Stephen L. Marshall, Deputy to the Commander relinquished responsibilities.

Prior to Colonel Redding's assumption of command, Mr. Stephen L. Marshall, Deputy to the Commander and Command Sergeant Major Cynthia E. Howard, both from the 598th Trans BDE, started the official actions with uncasing the 598th colors in Sembach, Germany, the new location of Headquarters 598th Trans BDE (SDDC).

As soon as the 598th colors flanked the U.S. and German colors, held by a color guard of U.S. Soldiers of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, the ceremony continued with the Assumption of Command of the new 598th Trans BDE Commander.

The ceremony was attended by many dignitaries from the Kaiserslautern area but also from Belgium and The Netherlands. Among them were Mrs. Gudrun Hess-Smidt, Deputy County Commissioner; Mr. Hans Schläfer; Mayor of the Wartenberg-Rohrbach (Sembach); Mr. Adriaan Adendorf, Deputy Commander of DLA Europe and Africa; the Brigadier General Blaine Holt, ECJ4 USEUCOM, and James Johnson, ACJ4 USAFRICOM; and, many senior ranking military and civilians.

More than a 100 guests were in attendance for the ceremony. They saw the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command's Commanding General Major General Thomas J. Richardson release Mr. Stephen L. Marshall from command responsibilities and transfer command of the Brigade to Col. Redding.

This happened symbolically by Maj.Gen. Richardson handing over the unit colors to Col. Redding.

In his welcome speech, the new commander of the 598th

Transportation Brigade, Colonel Matthew D. Redding, praised the reputation of the 598th and stated that although the 598th Headquarters has moved to Sembach, Germany the center of gravity still lays in Rotterdam. He is no stranger to SDDC. He worked for the 598th as a Detachment Commander in Kuwait as well as other positions in its chain of command.

In other positions he visited SDDC frequently. He thanked the 21st TSC Color Guard and all others for the fantastic ceremony and stated that he is looking forward to working with the many commands in and around Kaiserslautern and all military and civilian experts with whom the 598th work on a daily basis.

SDDC Commanding General Maj.Gen. Thomas J. Richardson praised the 598th Transportation Brigade reputation and mentioned several important episodes of hard work, i.e. the operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The 598th reputation is well known and immense.

He mentioned that the 598th has its roots in Bremerhaven, Germany. In 1970 the headquarters moved from Bremerhaven to Rotterdam and now, 42 years later, the 598th returns to Germany. He thanked the Dutch Government and its workforce for the great cooperation all these years.

In his speech Mr. Stephen L. Marshall thanked the 598th workforce for their dedication and hard work and the support that he received during the three months he functioned as interim commander. Mr. Stephen E. Marshall will remain the 598th Deputy to the Commander.

Following the ceremony there was a reception where Col. Redding, his wife, Kristen, and their son, Alex and daughter, Gracyn, had the chance to meet dignitaries attending the ceremony and all others who attended the assumption of command ceremony.

World Rabies Day: Awareness is the Best Defense against Rabies

Special to the Gazette

The world is again joining together on September 28 to raise awareness and understanding about the importance of rabies prevention. Rabies is the oldest and deadliest disease known to mankind and SHAPE Health Care Facility is supporting this initiative.

Led by the Alliance for Rabies Control and supported by numerous human and animal health organizations worldwide, World Rabies Day is a unique campaign that brings together hundreds of thousands of people across the world to reinforce the message that rabies is a preventable disease, yet kills 55,000 people needlessly each year, half of which are children under the age of 15.

“Rabies is primarily a disease of children, who are particularly at risk from this terrible disease, due to their close contact with dogs, the major global source”, said Dr. Debbie Briggs, Executive Director of the Alliance for Rabies Control. “Children are more likely to suffer multiple bites and scratches to the face and head, both of which carry a higher risk of contracting rabies. Children are often unaware of the danger that dogs transmit rabies and may not tell their parents when a bite, lick, or scratch has occurred from an infected animal”, says Briggs.

Rabies is a viral disease that can be transmitted to animals and humans. The disease is transmitted mainly by bite, but exposure may also occur through contamination of broken skin or mucous membranes with saliva from an infected

animal. Once neurological symptoms of the disease develop, rabies is fatal to both animals and humans. The good news is that rabies is easily preventable.

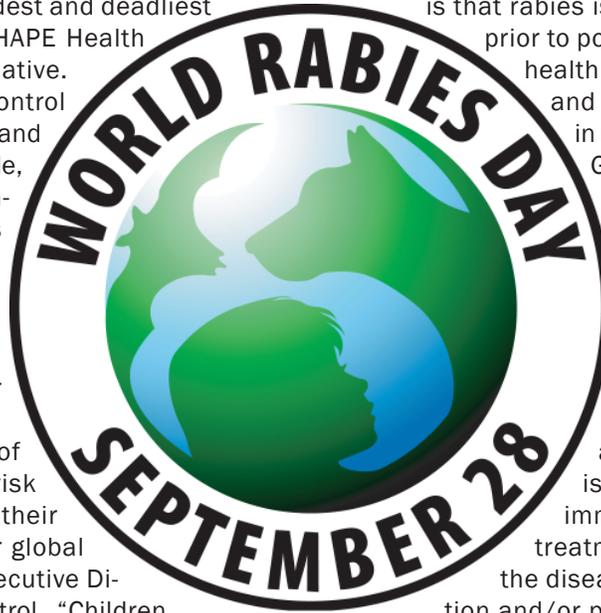
“Vaccination prior to possible exposure is a crucial part of health management of domestic animals, and is the single most important factor in rabies prevention”, said Peter Costa, Global Communications Coordinator for the Alliance for Rabies Control.

Rabies prevention starts with the animal owner. Protect yourself, your pet and your community by taking animals to be vaccinated. Avoid stray animals and wildlife. If you are bitten, wash bite wounds with soap and water and seek medical attention immediately. If your pet is bitten, consult your veterinarian immediately. Prompt and appropriate treatment after being bitten and before the disease develops can stop rabies infection and/or prevent the disease in humans and animals.

The World Rabies Day initiative also raises money towards local rabies prevention and control programs, with eight projects funded since 2008.

“Through the World Rabies Day campaign we continue to engage all the major stakeholders associated with rabies to take action”, says Costa. “We invite everyone to join the team that is Making Rabies History!”

More information on World Rabies Day can be found at the official web site, www.worldrabiesday.org.




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SHAPE Thrift Shops

SHAPE Thrift Shop is closed for the summer. It will open Sept. 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Charity clothing donations

To donate "out of season" clothing that can go directly into Tommy Temple's Charity garage on SHAPE, you can sign out the public key at the SHAPE Chapel, UK Chapel office, Monday through Friday mornings, or call 065-44-5693 or email the IC3 at shape.ic3@gmail.com to arrange a "garage door" meeting at another time during the work week.

Andrews Federal Credit Union

Andrews Federal Credit Union is looking for individuals who want to advance their careers with a progressive full-service local financial institution.

Andrews Federal offers a full-range of financial and lending services for its members. European branches are located in Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany.

Brussels Branch, Belgium

Senior Teller (Full-Time) / Teller (Full-Time) / Member Service Representative (Part-Time)

Schinnen Branch, the Netherlands

Branch Manager (Full-Time) / Member Services Representatives (Full-Time)

Chièvres Branch, Belgium

Two Teller positions (Full-Time)

Chièvres Air Force Base and Benelux Region

Member Services Representative/Teller Floater (Full-Time)
For these and other positions or to apply online, visit andrewsfcu.org.

All applicants must have a U.S. Passport with logistical support.

Chièvres kennel

Effective October 1, the daily boarding fees at the Chièvres Kennel will change. The new fees will be: \$18 for one dog / \$14 for one cat / \$5 each additional cat or dog in the same kennel / \$4 a day small pet (gerbil, hamster, guinea pig, ferret, rabbit, bird) / \$1 each additional small pet in the same cage.

IACS Office

The IACS office at the U.S. in/out processing center on SHAPE has ceased operations. Customers requiring IACS support can report to Bldg. 134, room 104 Chièvres Air Base. The operating hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Fridays are 8 to noon and 12:30 to 3 p.m. For appointments, call DSN 361-5433/5805 or civilian 068-27-5433/5805.

The Brussels community members can get IACS support at the Brussels IACS Office, Bldg. 4, room 311 on USAG Benelux-Brussels. The operating hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday For appointments, call DSN 368-9835 or civilian 02-717-9835.

Works in the local area

Jurbise

Works involving the Jurbise bridge and sidewalks started Aug. 6 and will last for at least three months. The works are scheduled in several phases:

- Works on one side of the bridge and the sidewalk. Traffic to and from Mons will be on one side of the bridge. Half of the crossroad Rue des Anglais - Route d'Ath will also be blocked off. This phase is scheduled to last approximately one month.

- Works will involve the re-pavement. Traffic will be as usual but the access to the Jurbise train station will be blocked off. In order to get to the train station, take Rue de Ghlin. This phase will last approximately 15 days but access to the Jurbise train station will be blocked beyond phase two.

- Works will involve half of Rue des Anglais to the pedestrian crossing (left side, direction Lens). Traffic lights will be installed during this phase to last approximately 15 days.

- Works will be done on the cycling path, sidewalk and borders. Traffic lights will be installed during this phase to last the entire month of October.

- Works will involve the joints and markings. Traffic lights will be installed. Rue des Anglais will be blocked off for one day - the recycling center will remain accessible.

The traffic light times during these works will be adapted pending the traffic flow to and from Mons.

Recommended deviations are:

Towards Ath: At the DECO 3000 store, take Chemin des Charbonniers, then immediately on your left, towards Rue de Masnuy, then Rue du Bourrelrier, Rue de Soignies and back on RN 56.

Towards Mons: Take direction Herchies in Lens, towards Rue d'Erbioeul, Chemin du Prince and back on RN 56 at the Carrefour du Dragon.

E42 Blaton exit

Works have started on the E42 at Basècles:

- Travelling from Tournai to Mons, exit #28 Blaton is closed. Exit at Peruwelz if going to Basècles and Quevaucamps and exit at Harchies if going to Beloeil or Stambruges. During high density traffic, it is recommended to exit before the works at Péruwelz.

- Travelling to Tournai, access to the E42 remains possible at Harchies and Blaton.

Works are expected to last until Sept. 7

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Michelle Martin

Ex-wife of Marc Dutroux, was released from jail last week and is since living in a convent near Namur. Her release has caused numerous reactions in Belgium and not only by Dutroux' victims. As a result, some parties have called for the creation of sentences that cannot be shortened.

General elections in the Netherlands

The Dutch go to the polls September 12. This early general election has been scheduled as the current government fell after one party refused to sanction the austerity measures the government negotiated to implement an economic reform reducing the Dutch deficit in 2013 to an acceptable level below 3%.

Red-haired record

In total, 1,255 natural redheads gathered in Breda this weekend, allowing the city to claim a world record for the most red-headed people in one place. The previous record involved 890 people with auburn and ginger locks and was set in Washington in 2010. According to one report, between 4,000 to 5,000 natural redheads from around the world showed up for the event, but only 1,255 met the rules set out by the Guinness Book of Records organization. The redheads had to stand between fences for 10 minutes to qualify for the record.

Early exit for Kim Clijsters

The current U.S. Open was announced as being Clijsters last major tennis tournament prior to her retirement. Her early defeat against Laura Robson meant that she had to say her goodbyes earlier than expected. She won 41 WAT singles titles of which three times U.S. Open champion, and 11 WTA doubles titles.

Belgian has taken numerous free meals

A 65 year old gentleman has been arrested in Ostend as he failed to pay his restaurant bill. All summer, he was spotted on the coast, taking free meals in countless restaurants and eateries but always failing to pay the bill. He admitted the facts but told the police that he wouldn't put an end to his practices as he said he needs to eat and doesn't have to the money.

Swimming pool on boat

The first floating swimming pool opened recently at Katendijkdok in Antwerpen. Not only is it the first floating swimming pool in Belgium but it is also the largest floating pool on earth. BadBoot is the name given to the swimming pool that can host 150 people, has also two events rooms, a terrace and a restaurant. During the winter, the pool will be converted to an ice skating range.

Office block withstands 100 kilos of dynamite

The demolition of an old Philips office in Eindhoven, the Neth-

erlands last week, was only a partial success, after part of the building refused to collapse. It is not yet clear what went wrong. A large crowd had turned out to watch the 70-meter high tower brought down. The demolition company charged with the task had drilled 400 holes into the structure and loaded it with 100 kilos of dynamite. People living in 30 homes close to the tower, who had been evacuated as a precaution, will now not be allowed back into their homes until further notice.

Belgian prisons

There are four times as many non-Belgian prisoners in Belgian institutions compared to 1980. In 1980, there were 1200 non-Belgian prisoners, while in 2010, there were 4500. Since 1995, approximately 40% of all prisoners have been non Belgian, compared to only 10% of the general population that is non-Belgian.

New speed limits in the Netherlands

A number of autobahns are having their speed limit raised from 120 to 130 km/h in the Netherlands. According to transport ministry figures, some 45% of the country's highway network will have the higher speed limit. Experiments with 130 km/h on a few roads have been running since last year.

WWII bomb at Schiphol airport

The World War II bomb that led to the closure of part of the Amsterdam's airport last week, was safely detonated by explosives experts. The bomb was uncovered during digging work at Schiphol's C pier which had been evacuated and closed off. C pier focuses on European flights inside the Schengen open border zone and has 13 gates. Several flights have been cancelled and others were experiencing delays of up to 90 minutes. Schiphol was used as a military airfield by Germany during the war and was often attacked by allied bombers. It was totally destroyed in 1945. A World War II bomb was also found during the construction of the Polderbaan runway in 2008.

Breast Cancer breathalyzer

Doctors and researchers at Maastricht University hospital are running trials with a machine which screens women for breast cancer.

Women being screened blow into the machinery and their breath is then analyzed for substances which indicate they may have the cancer. Breast cancer is the biggest killer of Dutch women aged 25 to 44.

If successful, the breathalyzer would be an alternative to the current screening method which many women consider painful. However, mammography and x-rays may still be necessary to confirm the presence of the disease. The device was invented by an American company which is running tests in three locations worldwide. One hundred women are involved in the Maastricht trials.



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

6 through 30 September

- **Brussels Design September** - Design September, the annual meeting for people passionate about design, collects more than 100 cultural and commercial events in Brussels. The city becomes, for a whole month, the platform for meetings with Belgian and international designers such as: Michele de Lucchi, Tom Dixon, BarberOsgerby, Ron Arad, Patrick Jouin, David Trubridge, Ronan & Erwan Bouroullec, Maarten Baas, Karim Rashid and Ora Ito. More information on www.designseptember.be/about.php?lng=uk&cat=11

7 September

- **Memorial Van Damme in Brussels** - This annual sports event is a tribute to Ivo Van Damme, a former Belgian athlete. Every year, the best track and field athletes come to Brussels from all over the world to break records. More information on www.diamondleague-brussels.com/en/Tickets/
- **Night flea market in Saint-Ghislain** in the city center as of 6 p.m. (120 booths)

7-9 September

- **Brussels Games in Brussels** - Brussels Gay Sports (BGS) is organizing a weekend of Fun and Fair Play in the capital of Europe. Join for some exciting sports tournaments (Volley, Swimming, Badminton and Tennis) or work out in our different Fitness Taster Workshops and Hiking. All levels welcome. More information on www.brusselsgames.bgs.org.
- **Annual sales in Braine-L'Alleud** from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the city center.
- **Annual sales and flea market (only on Saturday and Sunday) in Etterbeek** from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Chaussée de Wavre. (150 booths)

7-10 September

- **Annual sales in Tournai** in the city center from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

8 September

- **Taptoe Brussels** - Musical show with marching bands on the Grand'Place at 8 p.m. More information on www.muzyiefederatie.be.
- **Uckelrock Festival in Uccle** - Startng at 7 p.m. in the Parc Wolvendael on Dieweg, Uccle. Groups are My Little cheap Dictaphone, Dan San, Whylanders and after party with October. Entrance is free.
- **Volksmarch in Solre-Sur-Sambre** for 6, 12, 20, 30 km. Departure is from the Cultural center on Rue Saint Médrard 6 from 7 to 10 a.m. on the 30 km route, from 7 a.m. to noon on the 20 km route and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the others routes.
- **Flea market in Hornu** from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the Place F. Quinchon. (360 booths)

through 9 September

- **Night craft market in Blaton** - As of 6 p.m. on the Grand'Place. Free entrance.



This column includes events within close distance from Brunssum and Schinnen.

Through 9 Sept

- **Wine Fest & Market in Bielefeld (GE)** in the old and historic center. Open: Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday & Saturday, 11 a.m. to midnight and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Hiswa Fair in IJmuiden (NL)** Europa's most complete in-water boat show held at Seaport Marina with more than 450 luxury yachts on display. More info: www.hiswaterwater.nl.
- **Steam! Exhibition** in Utrecht at Spoorwegmuseum (Railway Museum) on Maliebaanstation tells the history of the railway. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €14.50. More info: www.spoorwegmuseum.nl.

6-9 September

- **Culinary Festival of Lippstadt (GE)** with a chance to taste the many culinary highlights in the beautiful old center town.

7-8 September

- **"Appelpop" in Tiel (NL)** is a free of charge pop festival held on Waalkade. Starts on Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. and on Sept. 8 at 1 p.m. More info: www.appelpop.nl.

7-9 September

- **Scottish Weekend at the Alden Biesen Estate near Bilzen (BE)**. Feel, taste and experience Scotland at this fair held in the scenic surroundings of the estate. More info: www.scottish-weekend.be.
- **Culinary Gouda 2012 in Gouda (NL)** a culinary event held at Houtmansplantsoen where some renowned restaurants from the area present themselves to the public by means of culinary highlights.
- **Spicy Maasmechelen** is a culinary festival held at the festival area across Maasmechelen Village (BE). No entry fees. Open: Sept. 7, 5 p.m. to midnight; Sept. 8, 3 p.m. to midnight and Sept. 9, 2 to 10 p.m.
- **World Harbor Days Festivities in Rotterdam (NL)**. The program includes shows, demonstrations, excursions and lots more. The Netherlands maritime history comes to life during Maritime Quarter as part of the World Harbor Days with old crafts, demonstrations, historic ships and more at Leuvehaven, Wijnhaven and Oude Haven. Open all days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. No entrance fees.

7-11 September

- **Europe Festival in the center of Alsdorf (GE)** with traditional and cultural activities and products, shows and specialties from all over Europe.

7-15 September

- **17th Rotterdam Philharmonic Gergiev Festival** this year's theme: Sea & You. This classical music festival has a rich program of opera, symphonic music, happenings and musical pearls with world famous artists. For more information go to: www.gergievfestival.nl.



8 - 9 September

- **Comic Strip Festival in Brussels** - Each year, Brussels stages a festival dedicated to the Ninth art. The iconic moments of the festival included the "Balloon's Day Parade", the Comic Strip Festival and the "Comics Show", an impressive sound and light show that makes the Place Royale/Koningsplein into the comic strip setting par excellence. More information on www.visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_fr/fete-de-la-bd.do.
- **Fourth Festival "Enter Hermanos" (Between Brothers) in Brussels** - This festival invites citizens of all communities living in Belgium to meet for two festive days and promote respect and tolerance between different communities and cultures. Open from 3:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Parc du Cinquantenaire. Free entrance.
- **Flea market in Woluwe-St-Lambert** on Avenue Georges Henry from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (150 booths)
- **Heritage Days in Wallonia** - This year, the days of heritage will highlight the main places in Wallonia by honoring the men and women who contributed the most to build Belgium's history. Check www.online-brochures.net/files/9206/brochure.asp to get an overview of the famous Belgians by location. In the city of Silly, they will honor the crewmembers of the U.S. Royal Flush B17 that crashed in a field at Fouleng, April 13, 1944. To the residents of Silly, these U.S. service members contributed to the end of World War II and thus contributed to build Belgium's history. A ceremony will be held, September 8 at 11 a.m. on Rue de la Miraine at Fouleng. The ceremony will be attended by 309th Airlift Squadron members. For additional information, contact the USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office at DSN 361-5694 or civilian 068-275694.

9 September

- **Volksmarch in Tubize** for 6, 12, 21 km. Departure is from the Allée des Sports from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Herinnes** for 6, 12, 18, 24, 30 km. Departure is from Chaussée d'Audernarde from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Braine-L'Alleud** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from Chaussée d'Alseberg 704 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Rebecq** for 5, 10, 20 km. Departure is from the Grand'Place in Wisbecq from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ath** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from Rue des Frères Descamps 18 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Thuin** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departure is from rue du Chêne from 9 am. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Braine-L'Alleud** on Rue Charron, Rue Nicage and Rue Merbraine from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. (250 booths)
- **Flea market and crafts market in Ghislenghien** on the square from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (330 booths)



8 September

- **The Military Collections Fair at "De Triangel" on Veenburgerweg 13 in Hattem (NL)** has all kinds of military emblems, uniforms, badges, medals, documents, equipment and more on display. Open: 9 a.m. to noon. Entry: €1.
- **The Feel-Good Market held at "De Ster" Mill, Molenpark 3 in Utrecht (NL)** has everything to make you feel good. It is a bubbly market full of design, art, fashion, vintage, jewelry, lifestyle, food and regional products, crafts, live music and more. Open: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. No entrance fees.

8-9 September

- **Medieval Event & Tourney at Burg Satzvey in Mechernich (GE)** with knights, camp, market, actors, jugglers and more. Starts on Sept. 8 at 5 p.m.; Sept. 9 at 4 p.m. More info: www.burgsatzvey.de.
- **The Euregion Ceramics Market in Raeren (BE)** held at Market Square and around the Castle. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



9 September

- **Antique & Art Market in Catsop near Elsloo (NL)** from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Op de Dries and Daalstraat. Entry: €3.

13-16 September

- **Attractive Summer Fair in Doorn (NL)** held on the grounds of Castle Maarten Maartenshuis. Open all days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €12.50; children 11 and younger - free entrance.

Host Nation Events & Happenings



- **Flea market in Mons** at the Grand Langer, Imagipark parking lot from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. (300 booths)
- **Flea market in Nivelles** on the Grand'Place and pedestrian area from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (200 booths)

Ongoing Events & Happenings

Until 9 September

- **Visit the Royal Palace in Brussels** – Once a year, the Royal Palace on Place des Palais is accessible to visitors who can admire the prestigious rooms. Open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except on Mondays. Visit is free of charge.

Through 9 September

- **The Human Body Exhibition in Oostende** - Open Mondays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. More information on www.kursaalooostende.be.

Through 10 September

- **Salvador Dali exhibition in Brussels** - Over 100 works by Dali on the Grand' Place 19. Open Mondays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entrance fee is €8.

Through 14 September

- **Klara Festival in Brussels** - The KlaraFestival is a distinguished international music festival that, from the historically informed practice, strives for an original alternative for the performance of classical, romantic, modern and contemporary music. More information on www.klarafestival.be/en/about-us.

Through 16 September

- **Summer of photography in Brussels** - During the International Biennial Exhibit of Photography and Visual Arts, 160 artworks by 40 contemporary photographers from the 27 member states will be on display. More information on www.bozar.be/home.php?lng=en&bozar=home&.

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.
- **Visit the garden of the Château d'Havré** – On Chaussée du Roelux 1101 at Havré from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Entrance fee is 1,25 Euro per person.

Through 16 October

- **International sound arts festival in Brussels** - For more information go to www.citysonic.be/2012/EN/. Site available in English.

Through 28 October

- **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.

Through 6 January

- **Expo Toots 90 exhibition in Brussels** - For his 90th birthday, discover the career of one of the greatest Belgian jazzman. In this exhibition, Toots shares his memories and a part of his life. From Belgium to New York City, this great jazz musician will give you chill and emotion. More information on www.toots90.be.agenda



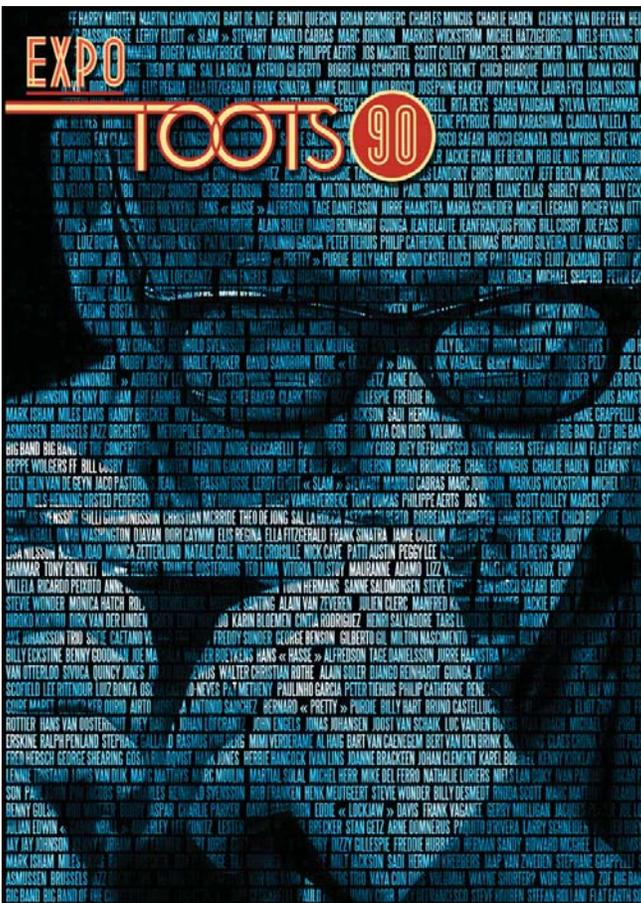
Ongoing Events & Happenings

Through 7 October

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

Through 20 October

- **The Golden Age of China – Treasures from the Tang Dynasty Exhibition** at the Minderbroederskerk on Boomgaardstraat 10 in Maaseik (BE). 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.



SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Adventure Parc, September 15** - Adventure Parc was first created in France 12 years ago by Denis Payan, a former paratrooper who wanted to open a commando obstacle course to members of the general public so that they could experience it firsthand. Adventure Parc has numerous courses designed for every skill level. Price: €50 Adults (over 10 yrs), €48 Youth (8-9 yrs), €46 Child (6-7 yrs), €35 under 5 yrs. Departs SHAPE at 9 a.m., returns SHAPE at 5 p.m. Departs Brussels at 10 a.m. and returns Brussels at 4 p.m.
- **Leeds Castle, September 22** - Listed in the Domesday Book as a Saxon manor, the castle has also been a Norman stronghold, home to six of England's medieval queens and a preferred residence of Henry VIII. Castle is surrounded by 500 acres of parkland. Cost is €130 Adults, €125 Children (4-15 yrs), €105 Children (0-3 yrs).
- **October Fest in Munich, September 29-30** - **Sold out - Waiting List only** - One of the world's largest fairs and famously popular Bavarian event. Price: € 220pp Single, € 175pp Double/ Twin, € 170pp triple, € 155pp quad. Departs SHAPE at 2 a.m. (Sat), returns SHAPE at 11:30 p.m. (Sun). Departs Brussels at 1 a.m. (Sat), returns Brussels at 00:30 a.m. (Sun).
- **Book now: Southern India, October 26 - November 4** - **Only a few spaces left** - Ten days of 'All inclusive' trip. Stop by the office for a complete itinerary. A Visa is required for this trip. Price per person is €2885 Double/ Twin, €3540 Single, €2270 Child (0-11 yrs with two paying adults in triple room).
- **Book now: Moulin Rouge, Paris, November 3** - **Only 15 tickets left for dinner/show**. Price is €205 for trip, three course dinner, half a bottle of champagne and the show. Adults only for the show.



Leeds Castle

Schinnen Trips and Tours

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

- **Wine Fest and Fireworks on the Mosel, September 1** - Be sure to book early for this trip. Spend the day at the wine festival in Bernkastel-Kues and in the evening, watch the fireworks over the Mosel River. Bus departs Schinnen at 11 a.m. and returns approximately 2 a.m. Cost is \$55. Assigned seating is on first-come & first-pay basis. Register with full payment now. The trip requires a minimum of 35 participants. For more info call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031(0)46-443-7561.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trips below call civilian 065-336560
Travel Group members are available every Wednesday and Friday
from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Foyer of the SHAPE Library, Bldg. 307.

- **Buckingham Palace and London, September 18** - Buckingham Palace is the official residence of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in London, and is open for visitors only in August & September of each year. We have time-allocated entrance tickets for 12:30, these include entry into the Palace and part of the gardens, with an audio guide. Afterwards, you have time to explore some of London on your own. Price is €60.
- **A Day in Gent, September 25** - Guided tour of the city followed by free time to see the Van Eyck Brothers' *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb* in St. Bavo's Cathedral, the Castle of the Counts, visit the top of the Belfry, take a canal tour or visit a tapestry shop with Shapian discounts. Price is €25.

For recurring events check on www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/sites/local/pages/gazette/GazetteExtra.pdf.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BRUNSSUM/SCHINNEN COMMUNITY

Book now

- **Stephen Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People** - This training is coming up September 13 and 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (lunch is provided). There are only 20 slots available. U.S. and NATO ID holders have first priority, others welcome if slots are available. For more information or to register, call DSN 364-2940.
- **Wednesday Night League Bowling** - Sign-ups are now underway for Wednesday Night League Bowling at the Schinnen Bowling Center. The first meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. September 5 and League gets underway at 6:30 p.m. September 12. Bowling season runs 28-32 weeks. For full details, please call 31(0)46-443-7207.

5 September

- **First Wednesday Night Bowling League Meeting** - Starts at 6 p.m. at the Schinnen Bowling Center. League starts September 12 at 6:30 p.m. Bowling season runs for 28-32 weeks. For more information, call DSN 360-7207 or civilian 046-443-7207.
- **Save a Life Tour** - From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Schinnen, Community Activity Center. For more information, call DSN 361-5886.

7 September

- **CDC/SAS Parents' Night Out** - Enjoy a night out while CYSS takes care of your children from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. September 7 and October 5. A light dinner will be served. Care is \$20 per child with each additional sibling at \$18. AFC benefits can be used. Care is located at JFC Brunssum BLDG H-501. To sign-up contact PCS at 0031(0)45-526-3121 or stop by to make your reservation. Open to CYSS Registered Children Infant-6th Grade. Fees are non-refundable. Call 31(0)45-526-3008 for details.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

7 September

- **Date Night** from 7 to 11 p.m. at the 3-Star Community Club including dinner, a movie and dancing. Cost is \$30 a couple. For more information, call DSN 368-9822.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

6 September

- **Save a Life Tour** - As of 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the SHAPE Alliance Auditorium. For information, call DSN 361-5886.

7 September

- **Save a Life Tour** - As of 9 a.m. at the Chièvres Community Activity Center. For information, call DSN 361-5886.

11 September

- **09/11 Freedom Run/Walk** - If you want to participate in the Freedom Run/Walk starting at 9:11 a.m., you can register online at <http://usagbeneluxfmwr.wordpress.com/community-recreation/chievresshape/freedom-runwalk-2012-registration-page/>.
- **Homeschool Extras** - 14 sessions for children K-12 every Tuesday from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Sept. 11 through Dec. 18. \$85. To register contact the School Age Center Director at DSN 423-6079 or Civilian 065-44-6079.

Open to all U.S., NATO & (Green) SHAPE ID Card Holders

09/11 FREEDOM RUN

11 September 12

CRC Chievres Air Base

Registration: NOW !!!!
SHAPE Main Gym and Chievres Fitness Center.

9.11 KM Run/4 KM Walk starts at 09:11

Awards: Medals for the top 50 finishers and T-shirt for the first 200 to register.
For details call: DSN 361-9840 (Chievres Fitness) or DSN 423-6079 (SHAPE Main Gym)

Community Roundup