

# THE GAZETTE

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

### Chièvres fitness center

The courts at the fitness center will be closed for resurfacing from Nov. 6 through Nov. 8. For more information call the Chièvres fitness center at DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-27-5643.

### Chièvres kennel

The kennel is almost fully booked for Christmas holidays. If you need to make reservations for your pets call the Chièvres kennel at DSN 361-5436.

### Next Gazette issue

Nov. 12 being Veterans' Day, the next Gazette will be issued Nov. 13.

### Brussels NATO Dental Clinic

The NATO Dental Clinic will not provide dental services today due to training. There will be limited sick call coverage at SHAPE Dental Clinic. The clinic will remain open for appointments and administrative tasks.

### Entertainment in the Benelux

In order to provide our community members with a list of things to do/visit in the Benelux, we would like to get the top five places you enjoyed while in the Benelux. Please provide your input to [usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil).

### U.S. Clinic

The U.S. Clinic has extended hours for children flu vaccines Nov. 6-8 from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information call DSN 458-3300 or civilian 0049(0)2451-99-3300.

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## Red Devils fly into Chièvres



Cis Spook

The Belgian Aerobatic team Red Devils landed on Chièvres Air Base for the Red Devils Day, Tuesday, October 30, 2012.

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# Red Devils fly into Chièvres I Continued

The event co-sponsored by the International Museum of Chièvres Air Base, the 424th Air Base Squadron and USAG Benelux was held to link up the former Red Devil pilots who used to fly out of Chièvres with the current team members. At the same time, the event marked 45 years of U.S. presence in Chièvres and a display covered the entire history of the air base from 1917 through today. The 424th Air Base Squadron displayed two of their vehicles while the SHAPE Helicopter Flight Detachment parked one of their UH-60s inside the hangar where guests were briefed namely by Lt. Col. (ret) Jacques "Red" Dewaelheyns, one of the former pilots who is also the current team's mentor.



(Picture above) Former pilots shake hands with the team leader Commandant Alain Collard during the Red Devils Day, Tuesday, October 30 on Chièvres Air Base.

(Picture left) Former Red Devils read the display board on the Belgian Forces that were stationed on Chièvres Air Base from 1949 through 1967.

(Picture top right) Red Devils team crest as painted on their Marchetti airplanes. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook)

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# USAG Benelux Website gets a new face

**Keith Houin**

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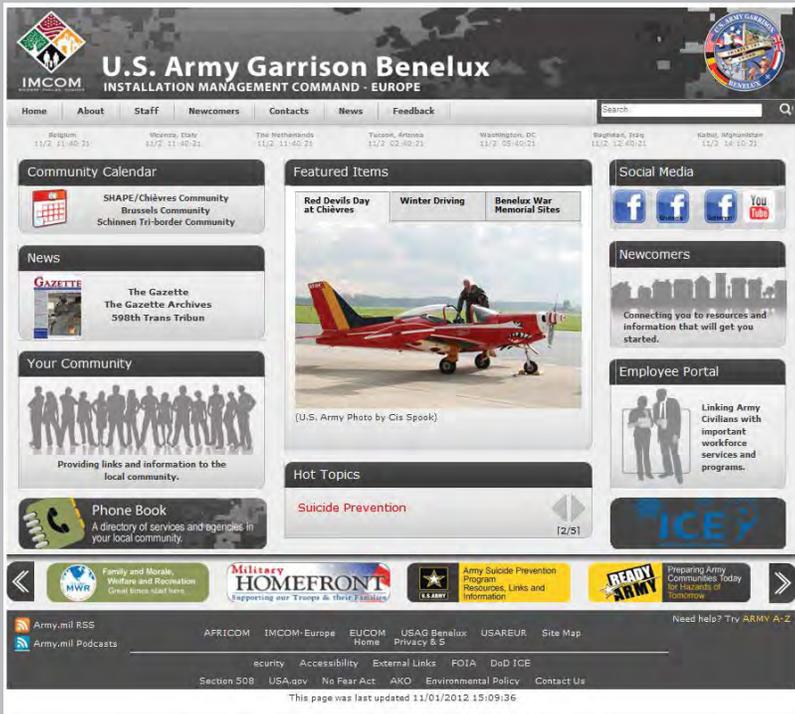
The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux website is getting a makeover. During that time users may experience difficulty viewing some content. Due to temporary files stored by your browser.

Go to your internet options and clear temp files. Then open [www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil](http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil). If the new site does not come up refresh the page. You may also want to change your internet settings to always look for new data.

We have a lot planned for the new site. We have already created community calendars to give you

a quick look of what's happening at your locations. We have a War Memorial Site map and will be adding more maps of places to go and things to do. We need your input to maintain the most accurate maps. If you visit somewhere that you think other community members would enjoy send us the information with either a street address or GPS coordinates.

The website is a living tool for the community and we want to provide you with the things you need. Not every idea can be implemented, but your feedback is essential.



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# Driving safety tips

**Between dusk and dawn and when it's no longer possible to see clearly over a distance of +/- 200 meters (220 yards)**

- Always use dipped headlights and rear light when you're riding a motorcycle or a moped.
- Use dipped headlights or main beam headlights, together with two red rear lights when you're driving a car.

**Headlights have to be dimmed**

- When you're approaching an oncoming vehicle (avoid dazzling other drivers).
- When you're following another vehicle at less than 50 meters (55 yards).
- When you're on a road with continuous and sufficient lighting.

**Rear fog lights must be switched on**

- In case of mist, snow or heavy rain with visibility reduced to less than 100 meters (110 yards).

**Front fog lights may be used**

- In case of fog, snow or heavy rain. They can replace dipped or main beam headlights in those conditions or can be used at the same time.

**Fog lights**

- Never use them in conditions other than those mentioned above.
- A vehicle with U.S. specifications also requires a rear fog light.

**Hazard warning lights**

- Use them to warn of a possible danger or imminent accident.
- Use them to draw attention to a defective vehicle that cannot be moved or that is located in a place where waiting and parking is prohibited (such a vehicle is considered as a parked vehicle).
- Use them to draw attention to a load which has fallen on the road.

**Make sure all the lights are in good working order and don't forget that replacing a bulb can make the difference.**



# Trunk or treat?



Rita Hoefnagels

Ghouls and other spooky beings came from all over to give out candy to kids Trunk or Treating at USAG Benelux-Schinnen on Halloween evening Wednesday, October 31, 2012. Some were really scary, especially the ones belonging to the Haunted House. Screams were heard all night coming from that direction. A map guarded by an Alien (picture left) showed parents and children how to walk.



Kathleen Garrity-Cantwell

Ghouls and spooky beings were also giving candies to kids at USAG Benelux Trunk or Treat event Wednesday, October 31, 2012. The trunk with eyeballs (picture right) won first place at the competition rewarding the best trunk based on spookiness, originality and effort.

# Local battered women's shelter receives donations

Special to the Gazette



Courtesy photo

Eric Urkens and Rudy Degreve, USAG Benelux-Brussels 405th AFSB Logistics load a van with donated clothing, household goods, toys and canned food, Tuesday, October 30, 2012.

Donations received by Army Community Services were delivered October 30 to a local Battered Women's Shelter in Brussels. The location of the shelter is a secret, in order to keep women and children safe. Thanks to the kindness of members of the Brussels community, residents of the shelter now have coats, shoes, clothing, toys, household goods and kitchen items with which to rebuild their lives. The staff and residents were very excited about the donations and helped unload the two vehicles full of goods. he staff stated that the kitchen items were much needed, as was the winter clothing. Sandra Ward, the Brussels Family Advocacy Program Manager wishes to thank everyone who donated items for their kindness and consideration of others in need.

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## Chièvres fitness center

- Courts at the fitness center will be closed Nov. 6 to 8 for stripping and re-waxing work. No court play will be allowed. (Weight rooms will remain accessible)

- Quest's fitness classes will not meet on the following dates: Nov. 6 through 8, Nov. 10, Nov. 12.

For more information, call the Chièvres Fitness Center at DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-27-5643.

## Education

### University of Maryland University College Europe

University of Maryland University College Europe (UMUC Europe) is celebrating American Education Week with a special application fee waiver for all new students who apply Nov. 11-17. Also during this time, prospective and current students can receive a free UMUC Fast Plan with an academic advisor. Students can apply online at [www.ed.umuc.edu](http://www.ed.umuc.edu).

With a free UMUC Fast Plan, both prospective and current students can find out which program fits their goals best, how many previous credits could transfer, how close they are to earning a degree, and the classes needed to get there. Local field academic advisors stand ready to help students get started: [www.ed.umuc.edu/advising](http://www.ed.umuc.edu/advising).

Registration is available now for Holiday Express Intersession – a shortened session that gives students the opportunity to earn university credit in half the time during the holidays – beginning Dec. 17. Many of these courses are offered face-to-face at downrange locations like Afghanistan and Bahrain, so deployed servicemembers can work toward their future goals while fighting for their country this holiday season. The schedule can be found at <http://webapps.umuc.edu/soc/europe.cfm>.

For more information, contact a local UMUC Europe field representative, visit [www.ed.umuc.edu](http://www.ed.umuc.edu), or call DSN 314-370-6762 or civilian 0049-(0)6221-3780.

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## Energy conservation meeting

The meeting will be held Nov. 15 and 19 at 6 p.m. at the auditorium, Bldg. 30, Caserne Daumerie and is mandatory for all U.S. service members and spouses (if available) residing in family housing areas in Attre, Lens, Maisières, Casteau and Ghlin. The purpose is to have a better understanding on how to save energy within the assigned family housing units. Sign in rosters will be provided at the door and compared to current tenant rosters, all service members need to attend and sign-in.

## Brussels American Chapel

The Brussels American Chapel has started "Affirmation Classes" for Junior and Senior High students at the Chapel. Classes will meet approximately every other Sunday for one hour with a special service around Easter. Subjects will include "Overview of the Old Testament", "Overview of the New Testament", "The Lord's Prayer", "Importance of Spiritual Disciplines", "The Apostle's Creed" and other subjects. The "Affirmation Classes" are similar to the "Confirmation Classes" of some denomina-

tions. If you have any questions, call the chapel at DSN 368-9708 or civilian 02-717-9708.

## Schinnen Community Bank

The Schinnen Community Bank has changed banking hours. New schedule will be as follows: Mon closed, Tue 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wed 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thu 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fri 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sun closed.

## CYSS

### Schinnen CYSS

- CYSS is looking for volunteer coaches for tennis, rock climbing, skateboarding, swimming, skiing/snowboarding, archery, and basketball. Enrollment for Basketball for age group 13-15 both boys and girls is open through Nov. 30. For information call DSN 364-4195 or civilian 0031(0)45-526-4195.

- Snowboarding Clinics at CYSS - Enrollment open for 6th through 12th Grade students until Nov. 23 at CYSS Central Parent Services in Brunssum. The \$240 fee includes transportation to and from Snow World, helmet, skis or snowboard, two hours of professional instruction and a snack. The December 6 to February 5 clinics include Freestyle Snowboarding, Beginner/Advanced Skiing and Snowboarding. For details call 31(0)45-526-3121.

- CYSS Sports & Fitness Basketball - Enrollment for boys and girls basketball ends Nov. 30 and spaces are limited. Cost for boys is \$20 for ages 3-5, \$40 for ages 6-15 and \$40 for girls 13-15. Enrollment at Parent Central Services is open to all US/NATO ID card holders. For information please contact 31(0)45-526-3121.

### Brussels CYSS

Brussels CYSS is looking for volunteer coaches for baseball, basketball, cheerleading, flag football, soccer and wrestling. If you are interested, call Youth Sports & Fitness at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651.

Registration for wrestling, basketball and developmental basketball is open through Nov. 30. For more info call CYSS at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651.

### SHAPE/Chièvres CYSS

SHAPE/Chièvres CYSS is looking for volunteer coaches for racquetball, cross country and table tennis. If you are interested, call Youth Sports & Fitness at DSN 423-6143 or civilian 065-44-6143.

Registration is open for Table Tennis and Indoor soccer respectively through 9 and 15 Nov.

For more information call DSN 423-6143 or civilian 065-44-6143.

## SKIES Unlimited

- Enrollment for Spanish classes fall session is now open until full. Session is for 6-12 and 13-18 years old. Parents are welcome to enroll with their child. Price is \$120 for 12 classes.

- Enrollment for cheerleading and basketball open through Nov. 30. For age group 6 to 12. Fee is \$40.

- For more information, contact Parent Central Services at DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

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## Belgian royalty files complaint against journalist

The Belgian Royal Palace is about to file a complaint to the Journalism Council following the publication of the book by journalist Frédéric Deborsu's book. The journalist who also works for public broadcaster RTBF speculates on details of the private lives of the royal family. Deborsu based his work on the words of countless, often anonymous, witnesses. The journalist concedes that he does not possess any hard evidence. The Journalism Council will now examine whether or not Deborsu made any professional errors. Last week the Francophone broadcaster suspended the journalist, who is now only allowed to continue working behind the scenes.

## Money isn't making happy

That is one of the findings in a private bank's report on the assets and ideas of the Netherlands' millionaires. Some 86% of the 200 plus millionaires questioned for the report say they are happy, and that percentage improves with age. Women are more likely than men to say money is behind their happiness. Seven out of 10 female millionaires say money makes people happy, compared with one in six men. The report says one in 100 Dutch citizens is a millionaire and they control some 39% of the country's wealth. Their average age is 50 but only 40% have a university education.

## Belgians want a new name

A constant flow of Belgians apply for a new name. Last year 1,797 people initiated the procedure that should end in the adoption of a new last or first name. Many of those applying are immigrants who want a more Belgian-sounding name. Changing names costs 49 Euros, but changing a first name is more expensive and can cost 490 Euros. In certain cases when first names are deemed to be ridiculous or hateful the fee can be lowered.

## Shortage of technical workers in the Netherlands

Companies in the technical sector are going bankrupt or moving abroad because they cannot find well-trained workers to fill vacancies. The aging workforce and the lack of students who graduate from technical schools is causing a huge shortage of well-trained staff.

## Keys to Leuven prison are missing

The loss is leading to some concern as the set of keys that is missing, can open the doors of 180 prison cells as well as twenty prison sections. It remains unclear whether the keys are simply 'lost' or have been stolen with a malicious intent.

## QR code on Flemish gravestones

A company in the Flanders has launched the country's first QR code on the gravestone. People scanning the code with their iPhone, get access to the deceased website. The company believes the code can add an extra dimension to a visit to the cemetery. Social networking sites can be linked

to the deceased's website and in this way people can send the deceased a personal message.

## Five Belgians killed in Jordan bus accident

Five Belgians were killed in a bus accident in Karak, Jordan, last week and six others were injured and were transferred to local hospitals. The bus carried 20 people, among which 16 Belgians. The accident happened around 5 p.m. on a road through the desert, linking Petra to Amman. According to the first reports, there was a head-on collision as oncoming traffic had ended up on the wrong lane.

## Dutch engineering group scraps 900 jobs

Gouda-based technical engineering group Imtech is scrapping 900 of its 29,000 workforce in the Netherlands, Belgium and Spain. Two-thirds of those jobs will be lost in the Netherlands and Belgium, the rest in Spain. The division providing technical facilities in buildings has been struggling in the three countries since the start of the economic crisis.

## American beer gets most awards

American breweries picked up the most medals at this weekend's Brussels Beer Challenge. American brewers picked up a total of 43 medals, including 13 gold awards. This is one more than the 42 medals won by Belgian brewers and 11 Belgian gold awards. A jury of 40 tasters spent three days tasting dozens of beers. The Belgian gold medal winning beers were:

- Armand Ter Dolen (De Dool Kasteelbrouwerij)
- Duvel Trip Hop (Duvel Moortgat)
- Liefmans Gouden Band (Duvel Moortgat)
- Gueuze Cantillon (Cantillon)
- Malheur Bière Brut (Brouwerij Malheur)
- Oude Kriek Oud Beersel (Oud Beersel)
- Rodenbach Caractère Rouge (Palm Breweries)
- Rodenbach Grand Cru (Palm Breweries)
- Stoutarik (Brasserie de la Senne)
- Straffe Hendrik Quadrupel (Brouwerij De Halve Maan)

## Baby in "baby drawer"

For the second time this year a baby has been left in the so-called "baby drawer" of the Antwerp non profit organization "Mothers for Mothers". The baby boy was found in the drawer on Saturday. The "baby drawer" is a location where mothers can anonymously abandon their newborn baby knowing that it will be taken care of. Mothers for Mothers have not released any information as to the age of the infant; they only confirmed that he is a baby boy and will be given the surname De Kleine (little one) for the time being. Social services are now looking for foster parents to take care of the baby. In June of this year another baby boy was left in the "baby drawer" that is in the Antwerp district of Borgerhout.

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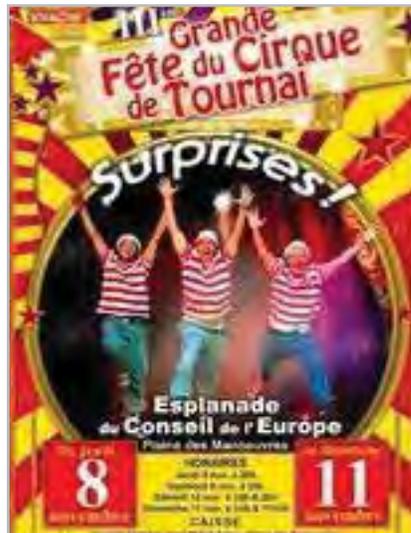
This column includes events within close distance to Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

**8 November**

- **Late Openings of Brussels Museums** – Among others, the Brussels Mill and Food Museum, the Museum of Fantastic art, the Children’s Museum and the Royal History and Art Museum will be opening their doors from 5 to 10 p.m.

**8-11 November**

- **Circus Fest in Tournai** – The top world of circus will be represented with the participation of elephants, clowns, horses and even parrots. Event is held on Esplanade de l’Europe, Boulevard des Frères Rimbaut. Tickets are from € 17 to € 32 and can be purchased at www.ticketnet.be. Shows on 8, 9 and 10 November are at 8 p.m.; there is an additional show at 3 p.m. on 10 November. On 11 November, shows are at 2 and 5:30 p.m.



**10-18 November**

- **Antica Fair in Namur** – The 36th edition of the Namur Antique Fair is held at the Namur Expo from 2 to 7 p.m. on weekdays and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends. Ladies’ Day is on November 13 and access will be free of charge for women from 2 to 7 p.m.

**11 November (Veterans Day)**

- **Veterans’ Day Ceremonies** will be held at Brugelette and Chièvres at 11 a.m. to commemorate and honor the war victims, resistance fighters and allied service members.



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

**8-11 November**

- **Christmas Creations Fair in Den Bosch** at Brabantallen, Diezekade 2. Indoor fair which provides ideas to decorate your home for the holidays. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 9. Entry is €11.50; children €5.
- **La Table Fair in the center of the fortified city of Naarden** at Grote Kerk. This attractive Christmas fair features festive table settings. Over 50 exhibitors display antique and modern china, silverware, glassware, wines and more. Entry is €15; children 13 and younger free. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**2-11 November**

- **Norwegian Christmas Fair in Rotterdam** at the Norwegian Naval Church (Noorse Zeemanskerk) on Dr. Fortuynplein 2-6. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Nov. 8-9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nov. 10 and noon to 5 p.m., Nov. 11.



**8 November - through 3 February**

- **Winter Efteling in Kaatsheuvel** at Efteling Amusement & Fairy Tale Park on Europalaan near Tilburg offers good old-fashioned winter fun. Open on weekdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekends and Dec. 22 through Jan. 6 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Entry is €35.

**9-11 November**

- **Art & Living Fair at Ahoy in Rotterdam** is a must for art enthusiasts and those appreciating the beautiful things in life. Open: Nov. 9, 5 to 10 pm. And Nov. 10-11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €12.50; children €5.

**10 November**

- **Lifestyle Fair in Nijmegen** with all kinds of things making life enjoyable at St. Stevenskerk on Stevenskerkhof 62 Open from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €7.50.

**10-11 November**

- **Traditional and annual Art Market in the center of Bad Driburg (GE)** from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Town Hall.



**11 November (Veterans Day) continued**

- **Volksmarch in Gouy-Piéton** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the school on Rue des Communes 5A from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ligne (Ath)** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the school on Rue de la Brasserie 92A from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Mons** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from Chaussée de Beaumont 21 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Cuesmes** for 7, 14, 22, 30 or 42 km. Departure is from Place de Cuesmes, 29 from 7 to 9 a.m. for the 50 km route and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the other routes.



Donovan Abrassart

**Ongoing Events & Happenings**

**Through 6 January**

- **Expo Toots 90 exhibition in Brussels** - For his 90th birthday, discover the career of one of the greatest Belgian jazzmen. In this exhibition, Toots shares his memories and a part of his life. More information on [www.toots90.be.agenda](http://www.toots90.be.agenda).



**10-11 November continued**

- **Open House Days at Royal Delft Blue Museum and factory in Delft** on Rotterdamseweg 196 with demonstrations, guided tours, a special sale and lots more. Open Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Fall Fair in Simpelveld** with fashion shows; demonstrations, jewelry, paintings, art, candles, herbs, delicatessen and lots more at Huize Damiaan (Abbey) on Pater Damiaanstraat 38. Open both days from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**13-15 November**

- **Winter Fair in Maarsbergen** in Kaasboerderij (cheese farm) "De Weistaar" on Rottegatsteeg 6 with lots of home and garden decorations; delicatessen; flowers; plants; demonstrations; live music; fashion; jewelry and lots of good food. Open Nov. 13-14 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €7.50, free entrance for children 11 and younger.

**Ongoing Events & Happenings**

**Through Dec. 3**

- **Altstädter Nikolaus Market in the old historic center of Bergheim** - Attractive and traditional Saint Nicolas Market located in the Heimatmuseum among the timber-framed houses. Open daily from 6 to 10 p.m

**Through 27 January**

- **Jordaens and the Antique exhibition in Brussels** at the Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium. Around 80 paintings and drawings, tapestries and sculptures from major museums and little-known private collections from around the world. More information on [www.fine-arts-museum.be/site/EN/frames/F\\_expo.html](http://www.fine-arts-museum.be/site/EN/frames/F_expo.html).

**Through 1 July**

- **Renaissance 2.0 in Mons** A journey through the origins of the web exhibition at the Mundaneum. Discover the history of knowledge. In less than two decades, the numerical technologies have turned our working, consumption and leisure habits upside down, and have infiltrated every area of everyday life. Come and discover what happened before... and what could happen after this "web age".



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## SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Flanders Field - WWI Tour, November 10** - Visit the Ypres Museum at your own pace. You will also have free time to explore the city. Be sure to walk to Menin Gate to see the archways that hold the British Memorial to the Missing. After spending the morning on your own, you will receive a professional guided tour by bus of Ypres which will end at the original WWI trenches. Prices are €55 Adults, €50 Youth (3-17 years.), €45 Children (0-2 years) Departs Brussels at 7:30 a.m.. and SHAPE at 8:45 a.m. Returns SHAPE at 7 p.m. and Brussels at 8 p.m.
- **Medieval Dinner in Brugge, November 17 - (Only 3 tickets left)** - Experience a festive banquet, a dozen lively attractions, medieval costumes and music, food and drinks. You will be transported from the 21st century back to July 3, 1468. Charles the Bold and Margaret of York bid you welcome to the wedding feast. The meal itself is a four-course dinner, richly washed down with beer and wine. Apart from the meal, you'll also enjoy the entertainment and atmosphere. The wedding feast will be enlivened by jesters, minstrels and dancers. There is also sword fighting, falconry, flame swallowing, a witches' dance, jousting, parrot shooting and more for your enjoyment. Prices: € 92 Adults. € 65 Youth (11-14 years.) 45 Children (6-10 years) €35 Children (0-5) Departs Brussels at 11:45 a.m. (Saturday), departs SHAPE at 1 p.m. (Saturday). Returns SHAPE at 1 a.m. (Sunday) and returns Brussels at 2 a.m.
- **Brugge Snow & Ice Sculpture Festival, November 24** - Come see 300,000 kilos of ice and 400 tons of snow, kept at minus 5 °C, which a team of 30 international artists have transformed into Ice Magic. The theme of this year's event is inspired by the stories of Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit. Top off the afternoon by warming your mitts around a hot cocoa or Irish coffee at the ice bar next-door. Don't forget to dress warmly. Then head into town for the festive Christmas Markets complete with ice skating rink. Prices- 45€ Adults, 40€ Youth 4-11, 30€ children under 4. Departs Brussels at 8 a.m., departs SHAPE at 9 a.m. Returns SHAPE at 8 p.m., returns Brussels at 9 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 Paris, November 17** - Spend a day of exploring, sightseeing or shopping in the City of Lights. Price is \$75 with full payment by November 10. This trip requires a minimum of 35 participants, so book early by email or at the Fitness Center. Departs Schinnen at 4 a.m. and returns at 2 a.m. the following morning. For more info call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0031(0)46-4437561.

## 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.

- **Canterbury, England, November 13** - Canterbury began as a Roman settlement and has played a significant role in England's history ever since. It was here that Augustine came in AD 597 to bring Christianity to England and the ruins of this abbey are just outside the city walls and are now a UNESCO world heritage site. On the way back we will be stopping at Tesco, a large supermarket with a wide selection of traditional English goodies. Stock up on puddings, cakes, mince pies, biscuits and crackers just in time for Christmas. Price is €60 Adults.
- **Cologne Christmas Market, November 27** - Get in the Christmas spirit with this annual favorite to Cologne, Germany. It's a unique experience with several Christmas markets in the city. You may also visit the magnificent Cologne cathedral or the Farina Fragrance Museum, home of Eau de Cologne. Price is €25 Adults.
- **Monschau Christmas Market and Coffee Mill, November 30** - Guided tour of an artisanal coffee house to follow the evolution of coffee bean to a cup of java. You will then have time to stroll through the stalls of the quaint Monschau Christmas Market, set in a little postcard village. Price is €35 Adults.

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

#### November 5

- **Prayer Luncheon** - Join for a brief time of devotion and fellowship. Lunch provided. Held at JFC Brunssum, Club 13 from noon to 1 p.m. Open to U.S. ID card holders.

#### November 7

- **Heinsberg Hospital Tours** - Tours address admitting procedures and your childbirth concerns. The meeting place is the Heinsberg Hospital lobby at 6 p.m. For more information contact the New Parent Support Program at ACS at 0031(0)46-443-7335.
- **Parent Advisory Group Meeting** - From noon to 1 p.m. at the Alliance Restaurant on JFC Brunssum. Share your thoughts and suggestions on our programs: CDC, SAC, YC, Sports & Fitness, Outreach Services, and Parent Central. Email CYSS at [cys.schinnen@eur.army.mil](mailto:cys.schinnen@eur.army.mil) or call DSN 364-3121/4192 or civilian 0031 (0)45-526-3121/4192 to identify any issues, concerns, or questions you have for Parent Advisory Group.

#### November 9

- **CDC/SAS Parents' Night Out** - Enjoy a night out while CYSS takes care of your children from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. 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 call 31(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.

#### November 12

- **Self-Defense Class** - From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., GK Old NATO Gym, open to all US and NATO ID card holders. Open to ages 16 years and up. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a parent. **Pre-registration is required by Nov. 7.** For more information or to sign up Call Tri-Border Victim Advocate at 0031(0)46-443-7367.

### BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

#### November 7

- **Youth basketball clinic** with the Belgian basketball team "Leuven Bears" from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Sterrebeek gym for group age 6 to 15, followed by a pizza lunch. Fee is \$20. For more information contact DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651.

#### November 9

- **Bingo** from 6 to 8 p.m. at the 3 Star Community Club. For more information contact the 3 Star Community Club at DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-717-9822.

#### November 14

- **Social Networking Security Community Seminar** - Free and open to all persons with USAG Benelux-Brussels access from noon to 1 p.m. Lunch composed of soup, salad bar and potato bar will also be provided at the price of \$6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Held at the 3 Star Community Club. For more information or to make reservations contact the 3 Star Community Club at DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-717-9822.

### SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

#### November 6

- **Munch & Mingle & Learn** at SHAPE CDC, Bldg. 616 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dr. Mark Friberg, guest speaker and new pediatrician at SHAPE Health Clinic, will answer questions submitted by parents about health and child development. Free of charge with light lunch offered. For more information call civilian 065-44-5970.

#### November 8

- **Holiday spending seminar** - Get ideas on "smart" spending for holiday parties and gifts to avoid going into debt with holiday spending. Held at SHAPE ACS from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information or to register call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

#### November 14

- **Resilience day - Problem solving** - Accurately identify what caused the problem and identify solution strategies. The class is held at SHAPE ACS, Bldg. 318, from 10 to 11 a.m. Pre-registration is required by the Monday before each class. For more information or to register call DSN 423-5324/8217 or civilian 065-44-5324/8217.