

THE GAZETTE

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

Gazette summer break

The Gazette will be published bi-weekly over the summer. The next publication dates will be: July 18, August 1, 16 and 29. The editorial staff will make sure to include the local events over several weeks in order not to miss any of them.

Email migration

Army .eur email accounts will begin migration to the new Enterprise Email service July 6. The email migration is part of a larger DoD effort to consolidate IT services, improve capabilities, and reduce overall costs. The goal is to migrate all Army users to Enterprise Email by 31 Dec 2011. Each user needs to follow some pre- and post-migration steps to ensure they have a smooth transition to the new system and still have access to older emails once the migration is complete. Users should go to <https://eep.army.mil/119/EE/default.aspx> for pre- and post-migration user responsibilities.

Employment Opportunity

There is a job opening for an Administrative Program Assistant with ACS administrative services at USAG Brussels. For more information on bidding for this contract, contact the ACS Director at DSN 368-9721 or civilian 02-717-9721 or the ACS Employment Assistance Program manager at DSN 368-9735 or civilian 02-717-9735.

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U.S. communities celebrate 4th of July



U.S. communities in SHAPE/ Chièvres and Brussels celebrated the American Independence Day holiday with a day full of events July 2.

Throughout the day there was plenty of food and fun for kids and adults.

The festivities at both garrisons culminated with a fireworks show at 11 p.m. **Continued on page 3**



Pictures from top to bottom: A group of teenagers enjoy one of the rides on SHAPE. Families savor the food and the entertainment inside the fest tent on SHAPE. Participants line up for the 2, 5 or 10k Matt Reimann Memorial Run at the Tervuren Park. Picture left: A 1960 Buick Invicta convertible on display at USAG Brussels.

Summer hires start their job at USAG Brussels



Courtesy Photo

USAG Brussels Summer Hires recite the Oath of Office swearing in to doing their Summer Hire duties. The 13 youths will be working with agencies across the Garrison developing professional personal skills.

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Brian Oliver



Brian Oliver

Top left: Rik Bertrand, USAG Brussels Antiterrorism Officer, is dressed as Uncle Sam and hands out flags to the children during the opening ceremony parade.

Top right: Aiden Oliver, son of Sgt. Brian Oliver, Military Pay NCOIC, Benelux Finance Office and Cloe Oliver takes a rest during the festivities in Brussels.

Bottom left: Kids enjoy the many rides available on SHAPE.

Bottom right: Fireworks explode over SHAPE at the conclusion of the festivities.



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Bobbie Camp

Summer Vacation Travel Tips

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Nothing defines the summer season better than the ultimate vacation. In 2009, U.S. residents logged 1.5 billion trips for leisure purposes and most often traveled to visit relatives, shop, visit friends, sightsee and visit beaches. When the kids are out of school and the weather is warm, airports and highways are packed during the months of June, July and August with travelers eager to reach destinations more exciting, fun or relaxing.

Preparing for an upcoming vacation requires a good deal of planning. We put a lot of thought into where we'd like to go, how we'll get there, where we'll stay, and what we'll do. In the midst of making those preparations, however, remember to plan for your safety as well. While vacations are meant to relieve stress, they often include traveling to unfamiliar locations and situations which can place you at greater risk of injury, illness or crime.

To help make your next vacation worry-free, follow these simple travel tips:

- **Tell a trusted friend.** Make sure someone knows where you are going, the route you plan to take, and when you plan to arrive and return. Give them the phone number of the place where you are staying and your cell phone number so they can contact you in case of an emergency.
- **Route it out.** Know before you leave the route you plan to take. Make an itinerary and include contact information for the airline and rental car company. If you're driving, identify safe places to stop for a meal or to stretch your legs about every two hours.
- **Action plan for emergencies.** Pack a basic first aid kit and copies of important paperwork, especially for international travel. If you're traveling with children, make sure they know what to do if they become lost or separated from you.
- **Vigilance is key.** Educate yourself on the area before you head out to explore. Always stay alert and aware of your surroundings.
- **Exercise caution when discussing your vacation plans.** You may be making polite conversation when you talk to neighbors or co-workers or post on social networking sites about your vacation plans, but remember that you are also advertising that you won't be home for a specific length of time.
- **Lock it up.** Keep your valuables safe by locking up your house and leaving the key with a friend, not under a doormat. When you arrive at your hotel, ensure that the door to your room can be adequately secured. Do not leave valuables in plain sight in your rental car.

Follow these simple tips to keep you and your family safe this summer and create positive memories of your vacation. Safe travels.

For more information on safe summer travel:

U.S. Travel Association, <http://www.ustravel.org/sites/default/files/page/2009/11/USTravelAnswerSheet.pdf>.

Filing Article 139 Claims

If someone in the military stole something from you, broke your window or threw your controller at the wall, you are entitled to file an Article 139 claim against a person or a unit even if the individual is not known to you.

An Article 139 claim is a claim against any service member for willful or wrongful damage, loss or destruction of property done while the service member is not on duty. You are eligible to file an Article 139 claim if you are a civilian or military, a business, a charity, a State or local government.

Claims covered by Article 139:

- Claims for damage to property inflicted intentionally, knowingly, purposefully, and without a justifiable excuse.
- Claims for property wrongfully taken. A wrongful taking is an unauthorized taking or withholding of property, not involving the breach of a fiduciary or contractual relationship, with the intent to temporarily or permanently take the property.

Claims that are NOT covered by Article 139:

- Claims resulting from negligent acts such as, normal "fender-benders".
- Claims for personal injury or death.
- Claims resulting from acts or omissions of military personnel acting within the scope of their employment.
- Claims resulting from the conduct of reserve component personnel who are not subject to the UCMJ at the time of the offense.
- Subrogated claims. That is, a claim where your insurance company is responsible for paying you.

Additional Requirements:

- To be considered, you must submit your claim within 90 days of the incident from which the claim arose.
- Your claim must be presented either orally or in writing. If presented orally, the claim must be reduced to a signed writing within 10 days after oral presentation.
- Your claim must be for a definite sum in U.S. Dollars.
- Indirect, remote, or consequential damages will not be considered under this section.

If someone has willfully destroyed your stuff, or taken it without permission you should go to any officer in that Soldier's command, and let them know of your intentions to file an Article 139 claim.



REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OR BEHAVIOR

- SHAPE/CHIEVRES** – DSN 361-5301 or civilian 068-27-5301
- SHAPE Police Desk** - DSN 423-3333/3334 or civilian 065-44-3333/3334
- BRUSSELS** – DSN 368-9769 or civilian 02-717-9769.
- LOCAL POLICE** - Dial 112.

Donations to the green boxes at the GB go to local charity

Special to the Gazette

Share-A-Meal is a program that was started by Tommy Temple, many years ago and continues today with the International Chapel Charity Council. Every tin, package of pasta, carton of long life milk or small juice packs, gets picked up weekly, and is delivered to local charities. Once a month, a registered charity organization is able to visit a Belgian government warehouse to collect a donation of food for their food banks to support the needy. Unfortunately, this often runs out and they heavily rely on private donations.

The green box food with tin, packages and bottles donations, is currently being delivered to four charities that deal with feeding or providing food for the needy in the local area: 'Société des Soeurs de Saint-François de Sales' in Leuze, 'Avec Vous Ensemble' in Mons, 'Entraide et Solidarité Protestante' in Cuesmes and 'Le Resto du Cœur' in Mons .

The 'Société des Soeurs de Saint-François de Sales' is run by a group of Salesienne Sisters and helps the elderly, the poor and the handicapped. SHAPE has supported them since 1988 with the Share a Meal green box as well as at Christmas, with the Share a Meal Appeal. The association also runs a thrift shop which sells donated used items whose proceeds then buy food for their food bank which provides free food to those who are in need.

The association 'Avec Vous Ensemble' just opened in a single-wide house in February 2011. Volunteer-run by a retired Polish couple, food donations serve two purposes. Coffee, bread and a homemade bowl of soup are served from Monday to Friday. On the last Wednesday of the month, extra food is bagged and given to those who ask. In March 2011, this little kitchen served 300 hot meals. The association also provides assistance to anyone who cannot read or write, and will accept donations of used clothing. Recently, the International Chapel Charity Council had a call for a young couple with a new baby, living in a rat infested apartment. The call out provided diapers, nearly new baby clothes and even a baby bathtub.

The charity 'Entraide et Solidarité Protestante' in Cuesmes, serves hot meals and runs a thrift store as well. SHAPE sup-

ports them currently through a SHAPE Christmas food program.

Lastly, 'Le Resto du Cœur' in Mons offers many services to the homeless from providing shelter, laundry facilities to serving daily hot meals. Last year, they received a monetary donation from the German Kriskringle Market.

Food is also being delivered to one children's home, 'The Foyer Home Bethlehem'. The Spanish Ladies Association's Vaquita provides non perishable items about every two months, with a monthly fresh fruit/vegetable delivery by the ladies of the Protestant Women of the Chapel.

Each does their part to reach out to the hungry, the home-



The association 'Avec Vous Ensemble' in Mons served 300 meals of bread, homemade soup and coffee in March.

less, the sick and the lonely, and as a community, we make a difference to these organizations. Just one can of fruit or a 6-pack of shelf milk into the green box at the door in the GB/Carrefour, makes a difference, one family at a time.

For more information or to volunteer, send an email to the coordinator of the International Chapel Charity Council at shapeiccc@hotmail.ca.



KEEPING YOU CONNECTED
 The Official Website of the American Forces Network Benelux
benelux.afneurope.net
 Brussels: 101.7 FM – Chièvres 107.9 FM – SHAPE 106.5 FM and 104.2 FM

USAG Brussels community members learn to strike, kick, disengage and take down



Megan Calero



Megan Calero

Some 24 community members recently participated in the USAG Brussels Self Defense Class. Supported by the USAG Brussels Military Police and instructed by Yvette Castro, ACS Director and certified self defense instructor, the class provided the basic self defense skills specific to the prevention of sexual assault.

"The DoD is committed to fighting sexual assault and an important part of that fight is education and prevention. We all hope that we are never faced with a situation that would require us to defend ourselves. However, it is reassuring to know we have the opportunity to not only educate ourselves about defense and prevention, but to also practice those skills in a safe environment," commented Charlene O'Sullivan, USAG Brussels Sexual Assault Response Coordinator on the class.

SHAPE Chapel's Vacation Bible School

The Vacation Bible School is scheduled 1-5 August from 9 a.m. to noon at the SHAPE Chapel, Bldg. 601 for children entering K through 6th grade. To register or to volunteer, visit <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/SHAPE> or email your questions to shapevbs@gmail.com.

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100 Days of summer Plan Before you Party

The 100 Days of Summer can be one of the most dangerous and deadliest times of the year on the nation's roadways. One major reason is the significant jump in the number of alcohol-related traffic crashes and fatalities.

The increase in alcohol use throughout the summer, and particularly around major holiday weekends, beginning with Memorial Day, continuing through the 4th of July and ending with Labor Day, has made the summer season a very grim time for local law enforcement, emergency medical staff, highway safety officials and the friends and families of alcohol-related crash victims.

Our goal this summer is to remind everyone, whether they are heading out to the beach, the lake or the mountains, to their favorite summer concert, to the ballpark, or just going to a barbecue with friends, if they plan to drink alcohol, they need to designate a sober driver before they get started.

Here are a few tips for a safer summer season:

- Designate your sober driver before going out
- If drinking alcohol, don't even think about driving when impaired – and never let your friends drive if you think they are impaired; remember, friends don't let friends drive drunk
- Drink lots of water during your activities to avoid dehydration, and don't drink alcohol on an "empty stomach"
- When impaired, ask a sober friend for a ride home, use mass transit, call a cab or your local sober rides program, (Contact your Unit for more information)
- Ask a friend or family member to come get you, or just stay where you are until the effects of alcohol consumption have worn off
- Refrain from engaging in drinking games to avoid the potential of having dangerously high amounts of alcohol in your bloodstream
- And, of course, always remember to wear your safety belt. It is still your single best defense against death or injury in a crash.

For more information contact your local ASAP, DSN 361-5886 or civ 068-27-5886.

CYSS Trips with the Teen Center

July 13- \$50 - Riveo/Hotton Caves in Hotton
 July 15 - \$15 - Swimming in Mons
 July 20 - \$40 - Cosmodrome in Genk
 July 22 - \$35 - The Pass in Frameries
 July 27 - \$40 - Namur Citadel in Namur
 July 29 - \$10 - Canal and the Locks bike trip
 August 1-5 - \$350 - Camping in Garmisch
 August 10 - \$40 - Earth Explorers in Oostende
 August 12 - \$50 - Walibi

CYSS Flag Football

Registration will go through August 19 for ages 9 to 15. Fee is \$40. Age groups are Bantam League coed (9 to 11 years old) and Junior League coed (12 to 15 years old).

CYSS Developmental Soccer

Registration will go through August 26 for ages 4-5. Fee is \$20.

CYSS Cheerleading

Registration will go through August 19 for girls 9 to 13 (age by November 15). Fee is \$40.

CYSS Soccer

Registration will go through August 26 for ages 6 to 15. Fee is \$40.

Age groups are:

- Peewee League coed: 6-7 years old
- Minor League coed: 8-9 years old
- Bantam League coed: 10-12 years old
- Junior League Boys: 13-15 years old

CYSS Golf

Registration will go through July 18 for ages 7 to 10 years Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. and ages 10 to 15 years Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m., July 18 -August 10. Fee is \$20.

Mayer's House Band

The Mayer's House Band is composed of amateur musicians playing music for fun. They can provide the musical entertainment for events and parties in the Brussels and SHAPE community. The band is currently looking for members of the community who enjoy playing music and more specifically a guitarist, drummer, a piano and or a keyboard player. Rehearsals are every Monday from 5 p.m. in Pater-Rupert-Mayer House. For additional information, call civilian 0479-129822.

SHAPE Community Choir

The SHAPE Community Choir is an international choir open to



Sunday worship service schedule

SHAPE/Chièvres area

9 a.m. - Catholic Mass at SHAPE Chapel
 10:15 a.m. - Anglican service at SHAPE Chapel
 11:45 a.m. - Contemporary Protestant service at SHAPE Chapel

For additional information, contact the Chaplain's Office at DSN 361-5381

Jewish Community Liaison: contact DSN 423-4938

Muslim Community Liaison: contact DSN 368-9814

Catholic Mass

Each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. at the Daumerie American Chapel and Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at the SHAPE Chapel.

Brussels area

10:30 a.m. - Protestant service at Chaussée de Louvain 13, St. Stevens Woluwe

all Shapian adults and High School students. Ability to read music is not a requirement. The choir meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the SHAPE East Chapel. For more information, call DSN 423-8326 or civilian 065-44-8326.

Write a review, win a tote bag

Summer readers may like to participate in Army Europe Libraries' "Write a Review Raffle." Just sign into your "My Account" at www.library.eur.army.mil/, and write a review on any library title for a chance to win a handy bag to carry all your library materials. Multiple entries are encouraged. Entries must be received no later than August 15 and must be at least 10 words. After signing into your "My Account," find the title in the web catalog, click on "What others say," click on "add a review" and write your review in the pop-up window. Click "Submit" and you're entered into the raffle. For more information, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631.

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By Cis Spook

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

Belgian government

Formateur Elio Di Rupo, the man entrusted with the task of preparing a major state reform and forming a new coalition government, is not really optimistic about his chances to complete his mission successfully. Still, he hopes to avoid new federal elections. Di Rupo gives himself a 5 to 10 percent change to succeed.

Belgium's Crown Prince

During their official visit to the United States, Belgium's Crown Prince Filip and Princess Mathilde laid a wreath at the grave of the Unknown Soldier at the military cemetery in Arlington, Washington D.C. and paid a tribute to the American Soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes. Eight war veterans were present and were given the opportunity to shake hands with the royal couple. Among them was a veteran who fought in Bastogne, the city where Princess Mathilde was born.

Charleroi airport

The airport in Charleroi, also called "Brussels South", welcomed over 5 million passengers last year and recently unveiled a new terminal of four new gates with the intend to welcome and additional 5 million passengers. The airport in Charleroi was built 20 years ago and keeps on growing at a fast and steady pace. Zaventem now has 17 to 18 million passengers and the competition between the two airports is increasing.

Rail chaos last week

Last week, on the hottest day of the year so far, thousands of rail passengers got stranded in stations and on trains. The chaos was triggered by a number of problems with rail infrastructure. It all started around 5 p.m. with a failure of the

overhead wire system in Oostkamp, near Bruges, on the very busy rail link between the coast, Ghent and Brussels. This first incident left thousands of passengers stranded, many of them were returning from a daytrip to the Belgian coast. Soon hereafter, new problems emerged with a rail bridge in the area of Veurne (due to the sudden heat). On top of that, two electric locomotives broke down due to technical problems on the busy Brussels stretch between the North and South Station. This last incident also happened during the busy afternoon rush hour. Belgian Rail has built a bad reputation in recent months and years, with an endless number of delays and strikes. Both the overhead wire system and the electric locomotives are old. On top of that, the rail links are very busy, that is the reason why when one problem emerges, a whole number of train services are affected.

The Smurfs

On 25 June, people across the world assembled dressed up as Smurfs to set a new world record, an event which turned out to be a great success. The date of 25 June is the birthday of the late Belgian comic strip author Peyo, who died in 1992. Part of this event, 267 Belgians dressed up as Smurfs and gathered at the Kinopolis complex in Brussels. At the same time, a total of 4,891 Smurfs gathered across the world. The new world record was confirmed by the Guinness Book of Records.

Belgians in the Tour de France

The Tour de France that started last Saturday, includes 15 Belgian riders and will be headed by Philippe Gilbert, who hopes to win at least one stage in the opening week, and Jurgen Van den Broeck, who hopes for a good overall ranking.

Education

University of Maryland

- Registration for Resume Writing (EDCP108A) is ongoing. This one semester hour course is scheduled for July 16 and 17. If you would like to register please contact your UMUC Field Representative at DSN 423-5173 or civilian 065-44-5173.
- UMUC through Bowie State University offers a Master of Arts (MA) in Counseling Psychology and Master of Education (MEd) in School Counseling. If you are interested or have questions about this program for the upcoming Fall Session, please contact your UMUC Field Representative to be placed on our Student Interest List. See contact information, here above.

University of Oklahoma

Next on-site course - IAS 5940: EU, NATO, and European Security from 26-31 July. For more information about OU's Master of Arts in International Relations program, please call DSN 423-3654 or send an email to apshape@ou.edu.



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Visit the ruins of a former monastery from 637 AD

By **Raquel Thiebes**

Volunteer writer

A wonderful day trip opportunity lies only a short 40 minute drive from SHAPE. Near the medieval cobblestoned town of Thuin is the Abbaye d'Aulne. The site of the partially ruined abbey is surrounded by farmfields, forests and a hamlet of restaurants, frite stands, minigolf and boatrides along the River Sambre. This former Benedictine monastery was founded



by Saint Landelinus, a repentant robber, in the year 637 AD. Later it came into the hands of the Cistercian monks from Clairvaux in 1147 and flourished until the French burned it to the ground during the French Revolution after it just had been rebuilt in all its glory. Even the treasured library which contained over 40,000 books and 5,000 manuscripts was destroyed. The ruins are as they were then, although parts of it are overgrown with greenery and trees, giving it a true sense of its age and grace. While walking the peaceful grounds and watching the birds roosting in every nook and cranny, let the audioguide familiarize yourself with life as it once was and capture the grandeur of the massive mainbuilding which now consists only of huge stone pillars, alcoves and the remains of beautiful but shattered stained glass windows. A local beer that is still brewed in the heart

of the ruins in what was the former stables, is available for purchase at the abbey shop. Brewery workers carry on the tradition of the monks who brewed here since the Middle Ages. Back then, two beers were brewed, a lighter beer that was dispensed to the lesser monks and paupers as a charitable act. The stronger beer was reserved for the drinking of the higher level monks and their guests. The residual of the beer brewing process was also used as animal feed, so nothing went to waste.

After the visit to the Abbey, explore the surrounding village of Gozee with its numerous restaurants and cafés. Most of the eating establishments have outdoor seating with breathtaking views of the ruins behind the abbey walls. If times allows, take a walk or bike the trails that radiate out from this little hamlet, take up a quick game of minigolf or take a boatride along the river.



The Abbaye d'Aulne is open as follows:
July and August: from 1 to 6 p.m. every day
1 April to 30 September: from 1 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays to Sundays
During October: from 1 to 5 p.m. weekends only.
Entry tickets can be purchased at the little hut on the back of the grounds opposite the still standing church.
Price (entrance + audio-guide) : Adult € 5 - Senior € 4 - Student (13-18 years) € 3 - Children up to 12 years (accompanied): free. Languages available: French, Dutch and English.
Address is:
Rue Vandervelde 275
6534 Thuin (Gozée)
To find more places in Wallonia and throughout Belgium that are worth a visit, pick up the 365 guide, available in English, French, German and Dutch. It is a handy catalog of tourist attractions all throughout Belgium, organized by area and province. It includes the descriptions, photos, websites, opening hours and costs involved of every attraction. This is a free resource available at many tourist attractions throughout the country, as well as from the tourist bureau in downtown Mons. You may also access the attractions through the website <http://www.365.be/?lang=EN>.

Until 31 July

- **Classical music concerts in Mons.** Each Sunday in July, a classical music concert will be held at 6 p.m. in the Collegiate Church Ste Waudru.

Until 7 August

- **Brussels Beach.** Urban beach along the canal of Brussels open daily, except Mondays from 11 a.m. Free access.

Until 30 September

- **Harvest your raspberries, strawberries and flowers yourself in Anderlecht** on Rue du Pommoeur 463B. Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 6 p.m. For additional information, check <http://www.fruit-time.be/index.php/en>.

Until 2 October

- **Labyrinth in a corn field in Barvaux-sur-Ourthe.** On Rue Basse Commène, open every day from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. throughout 31 August as well as weekends in September, 27 September and 1 and 2 October. Entrance fee is €9.50 per adult, €7 per child under 1m50, free for children under 3. This year's theme is Robin Hood. For additional information, check <http://www.labyrinth.be/en/home.html>.



6-7 July

- **Koksijde International Air Show** – Air show at the Koksijde Air Base is on Wednesday from 2 to 10 p.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be a range of activities, flight demonstrations and static demos, fun and recreational stands. Attracting over 100,000 visitors each year, come see several demonstration teams, including the U.S. Thunderbirds, Belgian F-16 Solo Display, the A109BA Display and the revived Red Devils. Many military aircraft and helicopters will be part of a large static display. Entrance is €10 per adults. Kids under 1m50 are free. Disabled (with a supervisor): €5. Soldiers in uniform & Civilians working for Defense (with ID) get free access. Parking is €2. Program: €5. For additional information, check www.mil.be/airshow.

7 July

- **Ommegang Pageant in Brussels.** Yearly colorful historic parade on the Brussels' Grand'Place commemorating a celebration in honor of Emperor Charles V in the 16th Century (narration will be in English, French and Flemish). For detailed information and program, go to www.ommeegang.be/index2.php?idx=2&lg=en.

9 July

- **Flea market in Ath** on Place du Faubourg de Mons from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

9-10 July

- **Flea market in Mons** (100 booths) on Quartier du Trieu from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Evening market and Arts & Crafts in Strey-Bracquegnies** on Rue Monnoyer and Rue Noulet from 5 to 11:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.
- **International Brosella Folk & Jazz Festival in Brussels.** Festival will be held at the Groentheater, Ossegem park, close to the Atomium. This festival is free of charge and well-known artist will perform as well as new bands. For a detailed program, check www.brosella.be/eng.
- **Open Days at the Naval Base in Zeebrugge,** on Graaf Jansdijk 1. This year is the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Belgian section within the British Royal Navy. In 1941, these volunteers activated the first section of the Belgian Navy in the heart of British Royal Navy. This year celebrates their extraordinary acts during the war. A dozen Belgian and foreign ships will be open every day to the public from 10:30 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. along with many other activities. Entrance is free of charge. For additional information, check www.mil.be/navycomp/subject/index.asp?LAN=fr&ID=184.



9-11 July

- **July Musical d'Aulne at the Abbey d'Aulne site** with a variety of concerts in different styles (classical music, jazz, etc.) For the detailed program, go to <http://j-m-a.be/catalogue/>.

9 July-20 August

- **Let the artists express themselves in Mons** – Each Saturday during the period mentioned, from 4 to 8 p.m., artists will sing, dance, play music on the main square.

10 July

- **Flea market in Gent** (100 booths) on Vrijdagmarkt from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Gent** (100 booths) on Elfjulistraat from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Mons** at the Grand Large (Parking Imagipark) from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Nimy** on the parking Hubo (60 booths) from 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- **Flea market in Nivelles** (200 booths) on the main saure and pedestrian area from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in St Symphorien** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the "Local Paroissial" on Rue A. Clerfayt 7 near the square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Wodecq** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the soccer field on Quesnoit 23 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Tractor Pulling competition in Silly** starting at 11 a.m. on Rue du Moulin de Chêne at 7850 Marcq and follow directions.



The Abbey d'Aulne - See 9-11 July

15-18 July

- **Dinant Jazz Nights Festival** – in the Saint Norbert park of the Leffe Abbey. For information and detailed program, check <http://www.dinantjazznights.org/program.asp>.

16 July

- **10th Jogging in Ath** –Departure from the Ath Shopping Center on Chaussée de Bruxelles 60-62 at 4:15 for 11,03 km. Registration on site (€3.5 per participant).
- **Volksmarch in Binche** for 4, 6, 12 or 25 km. Departure is from Salle du Kursaal on Avenue Wanderpepen, 30 from 6 to 11 a.m. for the 25 km route and from 7 to 2 p.m. for all other routes.

16-17 July

- **Agricultural fair in Brugelette** at the Parc Communal from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Free entrance. Numerous activities planned: draft horse races, display of vintage tractors,....

16 July-21 August

- **Foire du Midi - Brussels' funfair**, on Boulevard du Midi. Merry-go-rounds, games, ice cream, waffles, popcorn, and much more. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. For information visit www.fete-foraine.be.

17 July

- **2nd Duathlon in Ath** – Departure is from the Ath Shopping Center on Chaussée de Bruxelles 60-62 at 3:30 p.m. for 5 km jogging, 20 km bicycle and 2,5 km jogging. Pre-registration is required at www.athtriathlon.be/spip.php?page=rubrique&id_rubrique=21.
- **1st Youth Duathlon in Ath** – Departure is from the Ath Shopping Center on Chaussée de Bruxelles 60-62 at 11:30 a.m. for youth category C (1,25 km jogging, 5 km bicycle and 1,25 km jogging); at 12:15 p.m. for youth category B (2,5 km jogging, 10 km bicycle and 2,5 km jogging); at 1:30 p.m. for youth category A (5 km jogging, 20 km bicycle and 2,5 km jogging). Pre-registration is possible at www.athtriathlon.be/spip.php?page=rubrique&id_rubrique=21.
- **Flea market in Cuesmes** on the square (parking omnisports) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market and Antiques in Ieper** (200 booths) at Torrepoortwijk on Kalvalstraat from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market in Vilvoorde** on the square from 8 a.m. to noon\
- **Flea market in Ath** on Place de Lorette from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Soignies** for 5, 10 or 20 km Departure is from the school on Chemin de l'Épinois, 61 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Templeuve** for 5, 10 or 20 km Departure is from the school on Rue de Tournai 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

18 July

- **Annual sales in Frameries** on Rue des Alliés from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

21 July – Belgium's National Day – Belgian stores will be closed

- **Late night opening of the panorama of the Basilica of Koekelberg**, on Parvis de la Basilique in Koekelberg (Brussels area). A unique location to discover Brussels by night and admire the fireworks.
- **Flea market in Cuesmes** (200 booths) on the square from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Graty** for 5, 10 or 20 km Departure is from Le Beau Séjour on Rue de Thoricourt 48 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Annual sales and Art & Crafts in Dour** (260 booths) on Rue Grande, Grand'Place and Place Verte from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

21 July – Belgium’s National Day – Belgian stores will be closed - Continued

- **Celebrating the nation's first king in 1831** - July 21 is a Belgian holiday to celebrate Belgium’s National Day. Many activities are scheduled, with the highlight being the military parade in Brussels in the presence of King Albert II:
 - **Party in the park in Brussels.** From 10 a.m. to midnight, folklore and fun for young and old: sports initiations, concerts, demonstrations and more. The festivities take place from the Park of Brussels to the Place Poelaert, passing by Rue de la Régence, Sablon and Place Royale. Entrance is free of charge. Fireworks from the Place des Palais at 11 p.m. For full program, visit www.sibp.be or www.brussels.be.
 - **Military parade** from the Place des Palais at 4 p.m.
 - **Fireworks** at the Place des palais from 11 to 11:25 p.m.



- **Flea market in Harchies** on the parking of the Mine Museum from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Havré** on Rue de la Goulette and Rue de la Bruyère from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Mons** at the Grand Large, Parking Imagipark from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Peronnes-lez-Antoing** for 4, 7, 12, 17, 22, 30 km. Departure is from L’Escale on Rue du Centre, 57 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Flea market in Namur** (300 booths) along the Meuse river from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Soignies** on Place Van Zeeland from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Zaventem** (140 booths) on the parking and soccer field from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

22-24 July

- **“Ciney Antiquités” antiques fair in Ciney** (350 booths) on Rue du Marché Couvert at Ciney Expo from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

22-27 July

- **Agricultural fair in Libramont** – Fair is from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.offers a showcase for the rural world in all its many shapes and forms, livestock breeding, forestry, machinery, agrifood industry, research,...Pre-sale tickets are at €8 per person per day. For additional information, check <http://www.foiredelibramont.com/libramont-fair/>.

23 July

- **Flea market and annual market in Ciney** (100 booths) on Rue Tasiaux and Rue d’Omalius from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

International Marches

- **Nijmegen March**, July 19-22. 95th International Four Days March. Three different distances every day: 30, 40 or 50 km. For military servicemen the distance is set to 40 km, providing they carry at least ten kilograms of marching kit. For detailed information and registration, check www.4daagse.nl/en.
- **Four days of the Yser**, International March organized by the Belgian Defense, 24 – 27 August. 32, 24, 16 or 8 km each day. Different walk options and registration are available at www.mil.be/vierdaagse.

MUSIC FESTIVALS

- **Dour Festival**, 14 – 17 July. Dour Festival in Dour (Mons area), on Site de la Machine à Feu. European alternative music event for music lovers. Bands and festival-goers from all over Europe gather at Dour every summer. 200 bands on 7 stages and one campsite. €93 for a four-day pass (€110 camping included) on pre-sale. One-day ticket will be for sale later. Detailed program and tickets on www.dourfestival.be.
- **Brussels Summer Festival**, 12-21 August. More than 280 concerts in a diverse range of styles, rock, world music, jazz, hip hop, folk and reggae. Also street theater, circus,... For a complete program, check <http://www.bruxelles.be/artdet.cfm?id=4843&agendaId=699>. Pre-sale tickets are at €20 per person for the first four days and €30 for 10 day pass.
- **38th International Street Arts Festival in Chassepierre**, 20-21 August. During two days, the village of Chassepierre is turned in a theater with the participation of some 200 artists. Pre-sale tickets are at €13 per adult for one day or €19 for a two day pass. For tickets and complete program, check http://www.chassepierre.be/index2.php?m=chassepierre_en-8-program.
- **Musicales de Beloeil**, 27 August. Starting at 3 p.m. and until 11 p.m. at the Château de Beloeil. Nine simultaneous classical music concerts at 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. and two large finals at 6:30 and 10:30 p.m. with the Brussels Philharmonic & José Van Dam among others. Tickets at a reduced rate (€30 instead of €38) can be ordered at the Public Affairs Office, USAG Benelux, DSN 361-5419 or civilian 068-275419.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

Events & Happenings

- Alsace Weekend , July 9-11.** The Alsace region of France is unique among French regions, due to its dual Franco-Germanic cultures. The first day we will spend in the capital Strasbourg. We will enjoy a guided tour of “Le Petit France” and the famous cathedral and will be staying in a design hotel for both nights. On day two after breakfast, we head to the imposing Chateau de Haut-Koenigsbourg for a visit and exceptional panoramic views. Then we are off to Riquewihr, known for its scenic beauty and location in the heart of the Alsatian vineyards. Our stops on day three are Kaysersberg and Colmar, known as the prettiest villages on the Wine Road. Departs SHAPE at 6 a.m. (Saturday), and returns at 11 p.m. (Monday). Price: Single: 265 €, Double/Twin: 215 €, Triple: 195 €, Child (0-2): 105 €
- Amsterdam, July 16.** Spend the day exploring this unique city. Shop for tulips at the flower market, explore the Van Gogh Museum, take a carriage ride through the city or spend the day at a sidewalk café people watching. Price: 40 € Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns at 00:30 a.m. (Sunday).
- Dolfinarium, July 21** (Thursday and Belgium's National Day). Come spend a day with some of the coolest animals on the planet. We'll have time to see the nine different shows going on. Price: €75 Adults, €70 Youth 3-11, €45 Children 0 - 2 Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m.
- Paris overnight for the end of the Tour de France, 23-24 July.** Stroll along the Seine, go window shopping down the Champs-Élysées and be part of the final phase of the “Tour de France”. Departs SHAPE at 8 a.m. on Saturday and returns at midnight on Sunday. Price: Single: 175 €, Double/Twin: 160€ per person, Children: 130 € (3-12)** , Children: 55 € (0-2)**
**When sharing a room with 2 adults.
- Medieval dinner in Brugge, 23 July.** Get transported from the 20th century back to 3 July 1468. Charles the Bold and Margaret of York bid you welcome to the wedding feast. You will be feasting in an imposing former church, surrounded by dozen of other revelers. The meal itself is a four-course dinner, richly washed down (that’s how they used to describe it in those days) with as much beer and wine as you can drink. But you will not only be eating and drinking: during the meal, you will be feasting your eyes and ears on the entertainment and the 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 entertainment. Departs SHAPE at 1 p.m. and returns at 00:30 a.m. (Sunday). Price is €90 for adults, €60 youth 11-14, €40 Children 6-10, €30 Children 0-5.
- English history tour, 30 July.** Our first stop will be Kent’s premier heritage farm attraction. Come and explore 28 acres of fun for every generation. Next, we head to Chartwell, the family home and garden of Sir Winston Churchill. After our visit to Chartwell, we will go to the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, Hever Castle. Depart SHAPE at 6:45 a.m. and returns at midnight. Price: 120 € adults, 100 € Youth (4-15), 80 € Children (0-3)



Courtesy Photo

Dolfinarium, 21 July



Archive Photo

Paris, 23-24 July



Medieval dinner in Brugge, 23 July

Now

- **Registration for Summer Reading Program at the SHAPE International Library starts.** Participants will receive or may download and print a reading log, where they can keep track of what they read over the summer. Then, between July 6 and August 31, participants may come to or email the library once a week to tell a little something about what they've read and receive a small prize. At the end of the summer, participants will receive "A Midsummer Knight's Read" t-shirt and a certificate of participation. For more information, please call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065- 44-5631, or e-mail at shape.library@eur.army.mil.

5 July

- **Anger & Conflict Management, Part 1** - Focuses on building skills that will support positive relationships at work, home and community. Class is held in Bldg. 318, SHAPE. Registration is required by calling ACS at DSN 423-5263 or civilian 065-44-5263.

6 July

- **Sponsorship Class** - Learn from ACS Relocation Program how to be a great sponsor for newcomers to the Benelux. The class held in Bldg. 318, SHAPE from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. equips you with practical information and useful resources to ease the transition to Belgium. To register, call DSN 432-4332 or civilian 065-44-4332.
- **Make the Right Move** - Class is held in Bldg. 318, SHAPE from 2 to 3 p.m. ACS Relocation Program provides information to assist people departing from SHAPE/Chièvres to other locations. Open to all U.S. card holders. To register, call DSN 423-4332 or civilian 065-44-4332.

6 and 13 July

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets on Wednesdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at SHAPE, ASAP (Army Substance Abuse Program), Bldg. 342. Members support one another's 12 Step recovery program and freely share their AA story with newcomers. Family members, friends, and anyone interested in AA are welcome to attend. For a recorded message with telephone contact numbers, call 049-405-8137. For English speaking meetings in Brussels and throughout Europe see www.aa-europe.net/.
- **Infant Massage Class** - Meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the SHAPE Healthcare Facility second floor conference room. Expectant mothers and mothers with newborns and older infants are welcome. Mats and oils are provided. No pre-registration is required. Open to all U.S., NATO and SHAPE ID cardholders. Call ACS DSN 423-4274 or civilian 065-44-4274 for more information.
- **Preschool Story Time** - Meets every Wednesday from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at the SHAPE International Library and helps preschoolers build confidence, learn socialization skills and make friends. There is no fee for this program. For more information, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631.

8 and 15 July

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE AA Group meets on Fridays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at SHAPE, ASAP (Army Substance Abuse Program), Bldg. 342. Members support one another's 12 Step recovery program and freely share their AA story with newcomers. Family members, friends, and anyone interested in AA are welcome to attend. For recorded message with telephone contact numbers, call 049-405-8137. For English speaking meetings in Brussels and throughout Europe see www.aa-europe.net/.

13 July

- **Breastfeeding Support Group** meets from 10 to 11 a.m. in the SHAPE Healthcare Facility second floor conference room. The group is English speaking and is open to any SHAPE or NATO ID card holder. Any pregnant or breastfeeding mothers are invited to attend.

15 July

- **Page Turners Book Discussion Group** - The group will meet at 5:30 p.m. to discuss *The Uncommon Reader* by Alan Bennett. Registration is not required and there is no fee.

16 July

- **Family Fun Night** at the Community Recreation Center from 6 to 9 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

Every Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Protestant Women of the Chapel Ladies meet for fellowship, worship and Bible study at SHAPE Chapel. Summer study is Fingerprints of God by Jennifer Rothschild. Free childcare provided. Call 0493-46-4604 for more information.

Summer Reading Program at the Chièvres Library

The schedule of the Summer Reading Program is as follows:

Thursday July 7 - Knights and Castles from 3 to 5 p.m.

Activity: Create Armor

Thursday July 14 - School of Sorcerers from 3 to 5 p.m.

Activity: Magic Wands

Thursday July 21 - Magical Friend from 3 to 5 p.m.

Activity: Clothes Pin Unicorn

Thursday July 28 - Tame a Dragon from 3 to 5 p.m.

Activity: Dragon Sock Puppets

Saturday July 30 - Knighting Ceremony from 10 a.m. to noon

Call the Chièvres library for more information at DSN 361-5767 or civilian 068-27-5767.

AT USAG BRUSSELS

- **Auto Skills Center reopened.** The shop will operate Wednesday thru Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Designed to give authorized patrons a venue to perform work on their privately owned vehicles and to provide instructional classes, the staff will offer a limited schedule of services. The shop will also maintain a list of local shops that can perform more extensive repairs. For more information call DSN 368-9743 or civilian 02-717-9743.
- **The 3-Star Recreation Center** is closed for the summer and will resume its operations in the fall.
- **Brussels Library new operating hours** are Tuesday-Friday from noon to 6 p.m., Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed on Mondays, Saturdays and U.S. Holidays.

22 June-20 July

- **Summer Reading Program.** Program will run on Wednesdays in the library. For more information, call DSN 368-9791 or civilian 02-717-9791.

19, 20 and 21 July

- **Transition Assistance program (TAP)** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the ACS conference room, Bldg. 4. This is a three day workshop to learn the necessary skills to be competitive in today's job market. Learn new skills or brush up on old ones from resume writing, effective job search strategies and interviewing techniques and tips for both civilian and government sectors. To register, call ACS at DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.

FITNESS CLASSES

All classes are held at the USAG Brussels Fitness Center in Bldg. 3 and are free of charge. For more information, call 02-717-9667.

- **New: Big Will's Body Shop** - Sessions are from 1 to 2 p.m. and from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Mon, Wed and Fri.
- **Body Pump** - Every Sat from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and every Tue from 6 to 7 p.m.,
- **Spin Class** - Every Mon and Thu from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Yoga** - Every Mon, Wed and Fri from 10 to 11 a.m.
- **Individualized Strength Training** - Every Tue and Thu from 1 to 2 p.m.
- **Step Aerobics** - Every Wed, Fri from 6 to 7 p.m.
- **Zumba** - Every Sat from 11 a.m. to noon and every Mon from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- **Fitness Program** - Starts May 1 through October 31. By joining the program you may be eligible for three hours of duty time per week to exercise. Application packets are available at the USAG Brussels Fitness Center.
- **Adult Intramural Softball League** - starts June 18. To sign your team up or for more information, contact USAG Brussels Fitness Center.

The Fitness Center is open Mon-Fri from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sat and Sun from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Holiday hours are from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at DSN 368-9667.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

USAG Brussels Family & MWR is now partnering with the SHAPE Trips and Tours program. Now you can enjoy the great tours SHAPE offers and catch the bus from either USAG Brussels or the Sterrebeek Annex depending on the tour. Reservations/Payments are made by calling SHAPE Trips and Tours at 32 (0) 65-44-3884 Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tell them that you will be catching the bus from Brussels and if you have a SHAPE ID card. If you don't have a SHAPE ID card, you will be placed on an access roster for the trip.

CYSS

- **Summer camp.** Both SAS and MST centers offer an exciting camp program during the summer months. Camps last 10 to 11 weeks and provide a wonderful way for youth to visit many exciting places in Belgium and Europe. Summer camps run every day during the DoDDs school summer break with the exception of July 4. Registration has started and first-come, first-served spots fill up fast.
- **Soccer.** For age groups 6 - 7 year olds (Co-Ed), 8 - 9 year olds (Co-Ed), 10 - 12 year olds (Co-Ed) and 13 - 15 year olds (Co-Ed). Registration will go through August 26. Season starts on September 1 and ends November 19. Fee is \$40.
- **Flag Football.** For age groups 10 - 12 year olds (Co-Ed) and 13 - 15 year olds (Co-Ed). Registration will go through August 26. Season starts on September 1 and ends November 19. Fee is \$40.
- **Cheerleading.** For ages 8 - 13 year olds. Registration will go through August 26. Season starts on September 1 and ends November 19. Fee is \$40.
- **Start Smart Soccer.** Registration will go through September 19 (Limited to the first 20 people to register); Start date is September 20 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for a 6 week program (Tuesday's and Thursday's). Fee is \$40.