

# THE GAZETTE

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

## Sesame Street

On Sept. 7 and 8 is the Sesame Street event on Chièvres Air Base. For additional information, contact FMWR at DSN 361-6223 or civilian 068-276223.

## School Lunches

All U.S. families (of all ranks and family size) attending the DoDDS schools are invited to complete an application for Free and Reduced-Price (.40 cents per meal) Lunches for the coming school year. Contact the School Liaison Officer at slobenelux@eur.army.mil for an application or call DSN 423-5635 or civilian 065-44-5635.

## U.S. Air Force's Tops In Blue

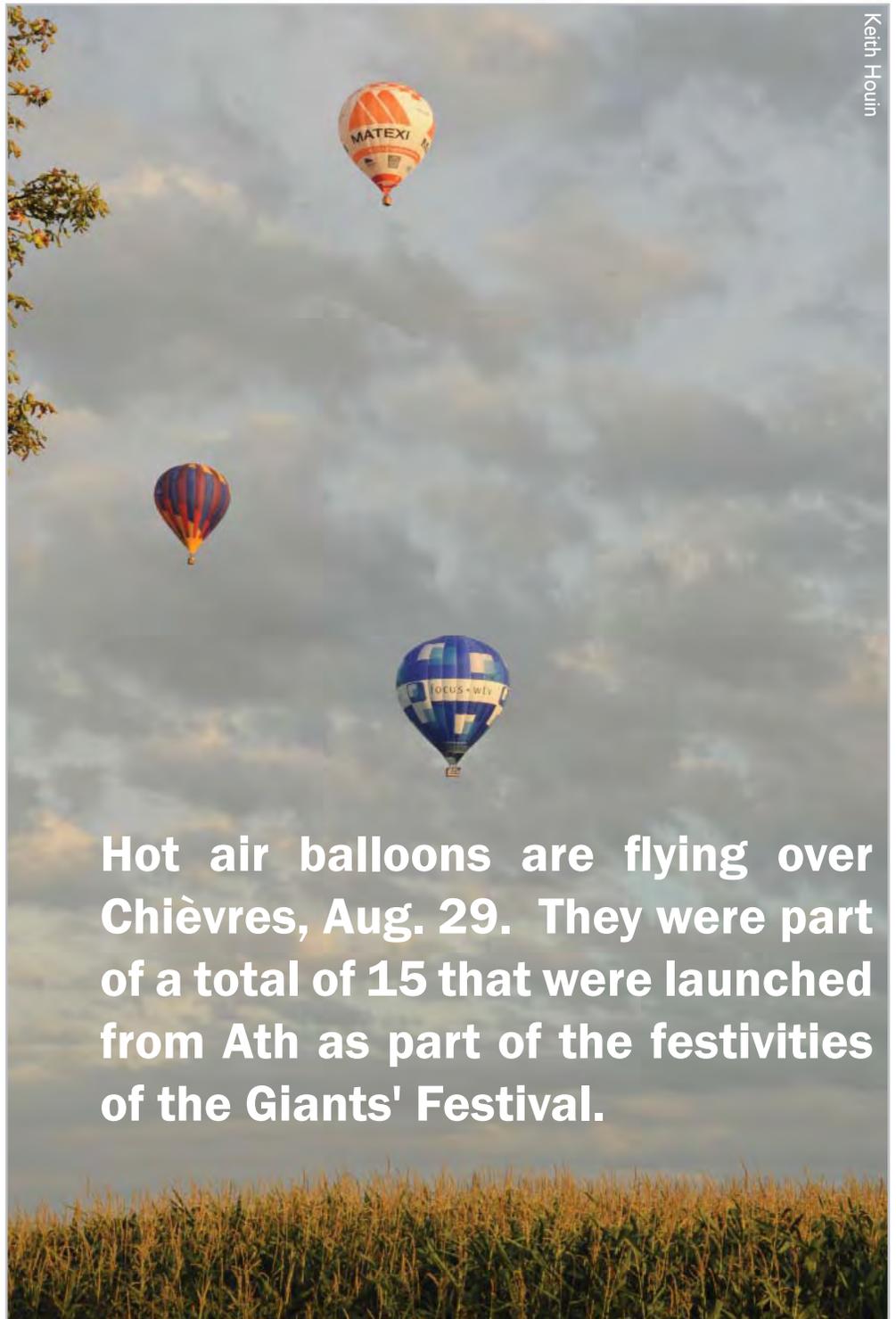
Tops In Blue is offering three nights of family entertainment at the SHAPE Alliance Auditorium, on September 9 at 7 p.m., September 10 at 3 p.m. and September 11 at 2 p.m. The 2011 tour brings to life the music of America, from the early 1900s through today.

## 9.11K Freedom Run

A 9-11 commemorative run will be held September 11 starting at 9:11 a.m. at the Community Recreation Center on Chièvres Air Base. For a listing of the 10th anniversary commemorations in the SHAPE/Chièvres area, see page 2.

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*A date we will remember*

**Army to commemorate 10th anniversary of attacks**

**By Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling**

*U.S. Army Europe Commanding General*

There are dates taught in history classes many Americans will always remember. December 7, 1941, is “a date that will live in infamy,” as that day marks an unprovoked attack on Pearl Harbor. June 6, 1944, saw U.S. troops landing at Normandy and beginning the actions that resulted in the freeing of the continent of Europe from Nazi tyranny. November 22, 1963, was the day President Kennedy was shot, and “the day the music died;” and on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Dr Martin Luther King, Jr was assassinated.

But for those of us of this generation, September 11, 2001, is a date we will always remember.

It has been ten years since the attacks on the World Trade Center buildings in New York, the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and the crash of a plane in Shanksville, Pa., which had as its

target either the White House or the Capital. Many of us remember exactly where we were on that Tuesday morning, and we remember what we were doing when the attacks occurred. Some of us had friends among the nearly 3,000 victims in those buildings, who were mostly American but who also represented citizens of over 70 different countries.

This was more than an attack on our country. It was an attack on liberty, human dignity, and shared security.

On this 10th anniversary, I would ask all the Soldiers, Civilians, and Family Members of US Army in Europe to dedicate time for silence and remembrance, as a tribute to the victims of the 9-11 attack. I would also ask you to remember those Soldiers – and all those who strive to defend liberty and the dignity of mankind – who have dutifully served their country in the aftermath of those attacks, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the ten years since our country was threatened by violent extremism.

**10th anniversary commemorations In the SHAPE/Chièvres area**

**9.11K Freedom Run** - Commemorative run held September 11 starting at 9:11 a.m. at the Community Recreation Center on Chièvres Air Base. A shorter run/walk course will also be available for individuals who do not want to run the 9.11k route. T-shirts will be given to the first 200 people to register. Register now with the Chièvres Fitness at DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643 or with the SHAPE Main Gym at DSN 423-5325 or civilian 065-44-5325.

**Moment of Silence** - At 3 p.m., September 11, the PX and Commissary will observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

**The U.S. Air Force's Tops In Blue** pay tribute to the heroes of the attacks September 11 at 2 p.m. at the SHAPE Alliance Auditorium.

**Guarding the U.S. flag on SHAPE** - U.S. Military Elements will post U.S. military personnel at the U.S. flag located in front of Bldg. 100 on SHAPE for a 24-hour period September 11. Changing of the guards will take place every hour.

**Remembrance Service** - At 7 p.m., September 11, USAG Benelux and SHAPE International Religious Support Services will host a 9/11 Remembrance Service at the SHAPE Chapel.

**National and U.S. Flags flown at half-staff** - All national flags on SHAPE and the U.S. flags on Chièvres Air Base and Caserne Daumerie will be flown at half-staff September 11.

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# Antiterrorism theme underscores real threats, need for community vigilance

**By Sgt. Joel Salgado**

*U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs Office*

Maybe the man you were talking to at the bar last night about your unit was just being friendly. Or maybe he was trying to get information to plot an attack. Terrorism and crime represent a major threat to U.S. forces overseas, say Army force protection and antiterrorism officials.

The experts say knowing that the threat is real and how to recognize and report suspicious behavior is one key way to prevent terrorist attacks on U.S. and host-nation personnel. August is the Army's Antiterrorism Awareness Month and to help boost awareness the theme for this year's observance follows the current Army antiterrorism theme of "Understanding The Threat."

"The theme 'Understanding The Threat' focuses on the need for heightened awareness in order to understand the terrorist threat, tactics, techniques, and procedures, as well as Army resources and processes to enhance threat knowledge and information sharing," said Tim Harmon, physical security specialist for the U.S. Army Garrison Baden-Wuerttemberg Directorate of Emergency Services.

According to the 2011 Europol (European Police) EU Terrorism Situation and Trend Report, terrorist recruitment and support networks are active in many EU member states.

Several prominent attacks in Europe over the last few years highlight the ongoing threat:

- On March 11, 2004, a series of bombs ripped apart four commuter trains during rush hour in Madrid, killing 191 people and injuring 1,800.
- On July 7, 2005, several bombs exploded in London's public transport system - three in underground trains and one in a double-decker bus at Tavistock Square.
- In 2010, 249 terrorist attacks occurred in the EU, resulting in seven deaths.
- On March 2, 2011 a gunman opened fire in the Frankfurt (Germany) International Airport, killing two U.S. airmen.
- On July 22, 2011, a bomb exploded outside Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg's office and other government buildings, followed by a shooting on nearby Utøya Island. Seventy-seven people were killed and 153 injured.

They also underscore the importance of vigilance and reporting suspicious activity, Harmon said. Protecting communities against attack is everyone's responsibility, he added.

"It is our community's awareness and willingness to make reports to local law enforcement or counterintelligence agencies that can help predict and prevent attacks before they happen," said Harmon.

To help streamline the reporting process, USAREUR recently unveiled a new iWatch and iSalute online reporting portal designed to provide a centralized location where members of the U.S. forces community can easily report suspicious activity.

The portal guides community members through the process of reporting potential threats to local counterintelligence services or reporting crimes in progress to military police, Harmon explained.

The reporting portal can be found at <http://www.eur.army.mil/eureport/default.html>.

Servicemembers, civilian employees and family members can also find a link to the portal as well as many other antiterrorism, force protection, information assurance and operational security awareness and education resources by visiting the USAREUR vigilance website at <http://www.eur.army.mil/vigilance/>.



Look for this logo on the USAG Benelux homepage to make a report

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# September is National Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month **ACE, Suicide Prevention for the Army by the Army**

**By Lt. Col. Blain S. Walker, Ph.D., Health Promotion & Wellness Portfolio**  
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“Ask, Care, Escort, or ACE, training is the Army-approved suicide prevention and awareness training model for all Soldiers, leaders and Army civilians. It is also available to family members. Soldiers have been completing ACE suicide awareness training on an annual basis for several years now. These Soldiers can probably tell you all of the warning signs and risk factors of suicide from memory, but is that awareness enough?

Preventing suicide is more than just knowing what puts Soldiers at risk for taking their life, it is all about ACE.

**A**sk is the most difficult challenge when facing someone you think may be suicidal. People fear asking the question “Are you thinking of killing yourself?” for several reasons. First, they may be afraid of offending their friend. In reality, your friend is more likely to be grateful that you care enough about them to ask the question and that you are aware of the pain they are going through. By asking the question, you are letting them know that they have a friend who is listening to them. A second reason we may not ask the question is that it is hard for us to believe someone we know or care about is considering taking that final step. Suicide is something that always happens to someone else. A third reason it is difficult to ask someone if they are suicidal is what if the answer is yes? What do you do? This fear can be overcome by familiarizing yourself with the resources available. Where is the nearest chaplain, behavioral health provider or emergency room? Knowing the answers to these questions will not only help alleviate the fear of getting a yes answer, but will help with the “escort” step in the ACE model.

**C**aring is the key to the whole ACE model. In fact, the model should be CAE, but that acronym doesn’t make any sense and is not as easy to remember. When you care about someone you are likely to listen to them when they are experiencing emotional or physical pain. You are more likely to be concerned about their welfare and see that they get through whatever their trial may be. When you care about someone

you think may be suicidal, it becomes much easier to ask the question, are you thinking of killing yourself? When you care about someone, you are more likely to find out what and where the local resources are and escort your friend to get the help he needs. It is not uncommon for individuals who are suicidal to feel alone, that no one cares whether they live or die. By actively listening and engaging with a friend you are showing that you care. That, in and of itself, may be enough to help prevent a suicide.

**E**scorting is the easiest step in the ACE model. At least it is easy when you already know what and where your resources are located. Take the time to find out where your local chaplain and behavioral health providers are. Find out where the nearest military treatment facility or emergency room is located. When you ask if someone is suicidal and they say yes, care enough to escort them to the nearest resource where they can get help.

*For more information on suicide prevention:*

**Tri-Signed Army Proclamation Announcing Suicide Prevention Observance**, <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/suicide/docs/ProclamationSept2011.pdf>

**Suicide Awareness video aimed at first line supervisors**, [http://www.army.mil/article/63934/Suicide\\_awareness\\_video\\_aimed\\_at\\_first\\_line\\_supervisors](http://www.army.mil/article/63934/Suicide_awareness_video_aimed_at_first_line_supervisors)

**Trainer Facilitation Guide, Shoulder to Shoulder: Finding Strength and Hope Together**, <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/suicide/docs/S2S-2011FacilitationGuide.pdf>

**Trainer Presentation, Shoulder to Shoulder: Finding Strength and Hope Together**, <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/suicide/docs/S2S-2011Training.ppt>

## **USAG Benelux and local community briefs**

### **Chièvres Auto Skills Center**

The opening hours of the Auto Skills Center on Chièvres Air Base are Tuesday through Thursday, noon to 8 p.m., Friday noon to 6 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.

### **Dance workshops in Quevaucamps**

Several dance workshops will start for the new season on September 13 in Quevaucamps. The workshops are:

- *Children’s dance & rhythm workshop* for ages 6 to 9 are held every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m.;

- *Youth folk dance workshop* for ages 9 to 12 are held every Tuesday from 5 to 6 p.m.;
- *World Dance workshops* are held every Monday from 8 to 10 p.m.;
- *Sword Dancers workshops* for men as of 13 years old are held every first and third Wednesday of the month from 8 to 10 p.m.;
- *Folk dance group* with performances in Belgium and abroad as of 13 years of age are held every Tuesday from 8 to 10 p.m.

You can come and watch the rehearsals at “Le Harby” on Rue Georges Mauroy to see if you’re interested in joining a workshop.

### **Combined Federal Campaign Training**

This IMCOM-E training is open to all CFC representatives and leaders or anyone just wanting more information about CFC whether assigned to SHAPE, Chièvres or Caserne Daumerie. Training is held on September 19 starting at 10 a.m., Bldg. 30, Auditorium, Caserne Daumerie.

# CASUALTY DOCUMENTS

## Soldiers, HR specialists must understand their importance

**By Kevin Logan**

*Deputy Chief, Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Branch*

America has now been at war since October 2001, almost 10 years of putting Soldiers in "harm's way." Ten years of "No kidding, you're going to war; you need to ensure your Casualty Documents are current." Ten years of rushing Soldiers through personnel-readiness checks to provide them the opportunity to update their emergency data and life-insurance beneficiary information. Ten years of war with almost 4,400 deaths and 30,000 wounded Soldiers.

It is the responsibility of all Soldiers to update their own casualty documents and to ensure their intent is annotated properly. After all, only the Soldier knows when changes need to be made to either the Record of Emergency Data (DD Form 93) or Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLV).

Likewise, Army leaders and human-resources specialists must understand every field on these forms as well as the ramifications of uneducated choices by Soldiers and how they affect their survivors.

Only then can they educate Soldiers: Informed decisions

allow the Army to carry out the Soldiers' last wishes.

There are two forms critical to supporting your Survivors if something were to happen to you: DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, and SGLV Form 8286, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Election and Certificate. Together these two documents are known in the military as the "Casualty Documents."

If a Soldier becomes a casualty, the Army wants to be able to quickly notify the appropriate family members, and if the Soldier pays the ultimate sacrifice, the Army wants to ensure that we execute the Soldier's intent as they wished.

Leaders must provide every opportunity for Soldiers to update their records, and the human-resources specialist must fully understand "Casualty Documents" and be able to articulate the problems with some elections and decisions made by Soldiers.

They also need to be able to provide guidance to each Soldier so that the Soldier's intent is captured and that the Soldier fully understands the ramifications of individual decisions.

## Project H.E.A.R.T. box or Helping Around Town

In August, IC3 asked the SHAPE/Chièvres community to help them find a new name for the big plastic green box that sits inside the door at the SHAPE GB. The winning entry of "Helping Around Town" or H.E.A.R.T. submitted by John Arceneaux will now replace what was originally called the "Feed the Poor" Box or the "Green Box" program, where non perishable donations are picked up every Wednesday to support three local organizations. One charity is making meals for those seeking solace from the street, another provides meals for a temporary living shelter for women and their children, while the third, puts the food into their food bank room.

IC3 has since learned that these organizations rely heavily on food donations from private citizens and groups as the food support from the government has decreased.



Pam Giacomello



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# Education

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### Book Award

This fall, UMUC Europe is offering the new \$150 SAIC Military Book Award for all active-duty servicemembers and will be continuing the \$100 Europe Book Award for spouses and dependents of active-duty servicemembers. Both new and current students are eligible to apply. The book awards opened in August and details can be found at [http://www.ed.umuc.edu/financial\\_aid](http://www.ed.umuc.edu/financial_aid).

### Field study

Field study courses give students the opportunity to explore fascinating locations in Europe while earning university credit. Upcoming field study courses include ENGL 288B/388B Expatriate Writers in Venice: 1800 to Present, held on October 15-22 in Italy, and ENGL 288J/388J Dublin, Ireland: A Brief Literary History, held on October 15-22 in Ireland. The registration deadline for both courses is September 25. For details, visit [www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy](http://www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy).

### Contact Information

For more information on registration, book awards, field study and services, contact a local UMUC Europe field representative, visit [www.ed.umuc.edu](http://www.ed.umuc.edu), or contact UMUC at DSN 314-370-6762 or civilian +49-(0)6221-3780.

### Functional Academic Skills Training

The FAST Class is an on-duty education program that assists Soldiers in improving their reading, writing, mathematical and test-taking skills. The goals are to:

- Raise GT scores for career advancement and reenlistment purposes.
- Improve writing and mathematical skills in preparation for ALC.
- Enhance education related skills in preparation for enrolling in college, vocational apprenticeship and/or technical training.

A Soldier may be referred by a commander or may self-elect to enroll in the FAST Class. The Soldier will then schedule and take a Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) with the Education Center Testing Office (DSN: 423-5501).

An enrollment form signed by a supervisor/commander is required for attendance. Stop by the USAG Benelux Education Center on SHAPE, Bldg. 212, Room 128 for more details and to enroll. Deadline to enroll is September 14. Classes start September 28.



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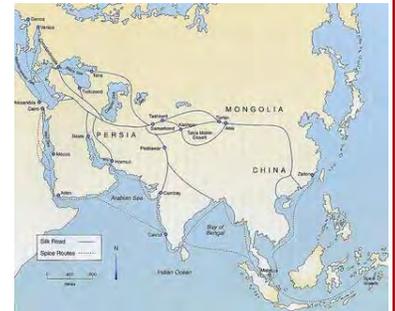
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### Professor: Bruce Hoagland, Ph.D.

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# The story of an unpaid bill

**By Marianne Schoonjans**  
Legal Advisor

Our office has recently seen many people from our community who have had to pay 250 Euros and even up to 300 Euros for an initial bill of 50 Euros. Why? After several reminders, collection agencies will recover unpaid bills. Those agencies charge at least 100 Euros for each act of recovery.

### Utilities

If you rent a house, you will have your bills for utilities but watch out for the following bills too: Water Company, waste removal, waste recycle, and sewer maintenance.

If you are in government housing all you need to do is hand these bills over to the Housing Office and they will inform you how to process those bills. If you rent a house on the economy, you are personally responsible for paying those bills directly.

If you move locally, you must notify the town hall of your new place of residence within 7 days if you move within the same city, or 15 days if you change cities. You are required to report to the town hall with your Belgian ID card to change your address. Most of the time, the change of address is free. The bills will then be forwarded to your new address. If you don't comply with this requirement you may be liable

for bills you are not even aware of. This notification is not necessary when you PCS as settling your bills and utilities will be required as part of your out processing.

### Hospital bills

We also see clients with unpaid hospital bills - in the end Tricare will pay the hospital bills, but the collections agencies fees will be paid by you. You may want to check on a regular basis the status of the payment of your bills by Tricare or any other medical insurance. If the payments are late, you will have to face additional cost not refunded by the medical insurances.

If you get a receipt like the one pictured below, this means that you have registered mail that you must pick up at the Belgian Post Office indicated on the form. Be careful as it is probably a reminder for an unpaid bill. It is better to get the registered mail and either pay it or give it to your housing office.

For any question don't hesitate to contact The Housing Office at DSN 366-6394 or make an appointment with the Belgian legal advisor at the Northern Law Center at DSN 423-4868 or civilian 065-44-4868.

Nous avons un envoi pour vous ! La Poste vous propose plusieurs solutions pour obtenir celui-ci (voir verso).  
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# SHAPE Fest 2011 is coming up

This year's celebration is the 13th edition of the SHAPE Fest. The event provides the community a chance to come together in a festive atmosphere. It is also a unique opportunity to taste traditional food and beverages from the various nations present at SHAPE. The schedule of events is as follows:

## Friday, September 9

3 p.m. - midnight	Carnival rides at Pizza Bowl parking area
3 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Tanks in Town arriving
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	TOPS IN BLUE at Alliance Auditorium
8 p.m. - 2 a.m.	Welcome back disco night at SHAPE Events Centre

## Saturday, September 10

11 a.m. - midnight	Booths open and rides start
1 p.m.	Official Opening Remarks
1:05 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.	"SHAPE International Band"
2 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.	DJ Plays Music
2:10 p.m. - 3 p.m.	"SHAPE International Band"

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	TOPS IN BLUE at Alliance Auditorium
3:05 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	DJ Plays Music
3:15 p.m. - 4 p.m.	"Sanctified"
4:05 - 4:20 p.m.	DJ Plays Music
4:30 p.m. - 5:05 p.m.	"Gallows Pole"
5:05 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.	DJ Plays Music
5:20 p.m. - 6:05 p.m.	"Gallows Pole"
6:10 p.m. - 6:25 p.m.	DJ Plays Music
6:25 p.m. - 8 p.m.	"Task Force 10"
8:10 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	DJ Plays Music
8:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.	"Out Of SHAPE"
10 p.m. - midnight	Saturday Night Disco Fever with Christoph Dreyhaupt

## Sunday, September 11

9:11 a.m. - noon	Freedom Run - For details see page 2 in this Gazette
noon - 6 p.m.	Carnival rides (may close early if participation is low)
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	Free Bowling at the Pizza Bowl
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	TOPS IN BLUE at Alliance Auditorium

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# 09/11 FREEDOM RUN

## 11 September 11

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 finishers and T-shirt for the first 200 to register.  
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**By Cis Spook**

*USAG Benelux Public Affairs*

**Storm**

A severe storm caused a lot of damages in many parts of Belgium last Saturday night. The storm crossed the country from south to north causing massive rainfalls in a very short period of time accompanied by strong winds and hail in some areas. The highway lighting was turned on along three sections in the Antwerp and Brussels area. Although the government had recently decided to turn off lighting on the highways in order to save money, the federal police can ask the road agency to turn the lights back on in the event of bad weather like Saturday.

**Belgians at World Championship in South Korea**

The Belgian Borlée twin brothers finished third and fifth in the 400 meters final of the Athletics World Championship in South Korea. The Borlée brothers were the only Europeans taking part in the championship. Kevin Borlée who finished third and earned a bronze medal was beaten by Kirani James from Grenada and the American athlete and favorite LaShawn Merritt.

**Belgian drug manufacturer arrested**

The Antwerp PhD student Randy Lambreghts has been arrested at Dartmouth University, New Hampshire – where he was working in a chemical lab directed by Jennifer Loros – on suspicion of intentions to produce the dangerous hard drug methamphetamine, also known as ‘crystal meth’, reportedly very popular in the United States. It was reported that the police found all ingredients and tools for the production of the hard drug in Randy’s apartment on Sunday. The report also relays that Randy’s family reacted with great surprise, as Randy was known ‘as good and extremely smart’.

**Foreign nationalities in Belgium**

Eurostat figures show that in Belgium, 9.7 percent of the population – i.e. 1.05 million people – are foreigners, which is way above the EU-27 average which is 6.5 percent. Of these foreigners, 6.6 percent are from other European countries and 3.1 from non-European countries. The foreign nationalities that are the most represented are Italians (165,000,) French (140,000,) Dutch (133,000,) Moroccan (82,000) and Spanish (45,000).

**U.S. Ambassador at Ath Giants’ Festival**

Ambassador Gutman had visited Ath during the spring and was very much interested in the folklore of Ath, which is why he came back to see the Giants’ Festival. “I had already seen the giants but seeing them dance and seeing the people around was wonderful, especially

because it is a historical festivity dating back to the 15th century,” the Ambassador stated.

**New tram line in Brussels**

A new tram line is now going through Schaarbeek and Evere. Tram 62 rides from the Weldoenersplain in Schaarbeek to the Bordet train station on the Leopold III laan. The route covers a distance of 3.7 km and includes 11 stops.

**Light Bulbs**

Starting today traditional 60 Watt electric light bulbs are no longer on sale in the shops. The EU earlier decided on a gradual withdrawal from sale of these polluting light bulbs. They are being replaced by lower wattage efficient light bulbs. Earlier 100 Watt and 75 Watt light bulbs were also taken out of sale. By September 1 next year, the 25 Watt and 40 Watt bulbs will also be taken out of sale.

**Taxis in the Brussels Region**

As of today too, the 1,300 taxis in the Brussels Region must all display the same colors as shown on the picture.



**Road works on Vilvoorde Viaduct at an end**

A week earlier than planned road workers have completed renovation work on the Vilvoorde Viaduct that forms part of the outer Brussels orbital ring road.

**Boxing champion’s father shot dead by son**

The father of the boxing champion Junior Bauwens was shot by his autistic son last week. He was the father of seven including four autistic children. The incident occurred at Junior Bauwens’ residence where his father and brother were visiting. All of a sudden, Junior Bauwens heard a shot and found his autistic brother in hysterics beside his father who had been shot. Junior Bauwens is one of Belgium’s most promising boxers and is the reigning WBC champion in his category.

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**Until 11 September**

- **Visit the Royal Palace in Brussels** on Place des Palais from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day except Mondays. 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 and to check what is available for harvest, 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>.



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Visit the Royal Palace until Sept. 11

**8 September**

- **Concert in Ath by the Royal Lorette Band** on the Esplanade starting at 8:30 p.m.
- **Fire works for the conclusion of the Ath Giants' Festival** at 9:30 p.m. on the Esplanade

**9-11 September**

- **Annual sales in Tournai**, downtown from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Hopfestival in Erquelinnes** with best-gatherer contest, musical entertainment, guided tours of the brewery on Rue de Maubeuge 197, demonstrations etc. Free access.

**10 September**

- **Flea market in Antwerpen** (275 booths) on wijk Dam (North), Lange Labroekstraat and neighborhood from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ath** (55 booths) at Vauban area from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Equestrian market in Cuesmes** on the main square from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Harchies** (70 booths) on Place Croix from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Flea market in Hornu** (300 booths) on Place F. Quinchon from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Flea market in Mons** (80 booths) at Quartier du Trieu from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Open House at the cement factory in Obourg** on Rue des Fabriques from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with visit of the plant, the quarry, the geologic garden and the biodiversity house. Prior registration is recommended at [www.holcim.be/fr/holcim-belgique/nouscontacter.html](http://www.holcim.be/fr/holcim-belgique/nouscontacter.html) and click on the little envelope on the right to send an email with the names of those who will be part of the visit.
- **Volksmarch in Ladeuze** for 6, 12, 25, 40 or 50 km. Departure is from the Cultural Center on Rue de la Liberté 23 from 6:30 to 9 a.m. for the 50 and 42 km route, from 8 a.m. to noon for the 25 km route and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the other routes.
- **Demonstration on how to make your own bread, sandwiches in Moulbaix** (Ath) at the mill on Rue du Moulin de Moulbaix from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Youth Fest in St Ghislain** with bouncing castles, games, face painting, death ride from the city tower, clowns, etc. from 2 to 8 p.m. on the main square. Free access.

**10-11 September**

- **Patrimonium Days in Wallonia**. This year's theme is "Stones and letters". Among many activities:
  - **Photo Display in Mons** at the Beaux-Arts on Rue Neuve, 8. Free of charge access both days from noon to 6 p.m.
  - **"Giant Mine Torch" Bicycle ride in Cuesmes**. Departure is Sunday at 2 p.m. for a 18 km route.
  - **Medieval Fest at the Château in Boussu** with historical re-enactment, medieval market, medieval combats and the opportunity to witness the renovation works at the château. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Guided tours at 10 and 11 a.m. and 3, 4, and 5 p.m.



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Mill at Moulbaix, close to Ath

**10-11 September Continued**

• **Patrimonium Days in Wallonia Continued**

- **Visit the Montignies-sur-Roc château and park in Montignies-sur-Roc**, Place Fulgence Masson between 2 and 5 p.m. both days for guided tours of 60 minutes each.
- **Visit the château in Havré** on Chaussée du Roeulx 1101 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with guided tours both days Free entrance.

• **Arts and Crafts market in Binche** (60 booths) on Avenue Wanderpepen from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

• **Annual market and flea market in Ganshoren** (250 booths) on esplanade Charles-Quint and Quarter St Martin from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **“Animal Passion” fair in Ghlin** at the hippodrome from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **“Retro Tacots” oldtimers fair in Mons** at the Hall des Expositions from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Flea market and annual market in Woluwe St Lambert** (150 booths) on Avenue Georges Henry from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

• **Horse Fest in Cuesmes** with equestrian demonstrations from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in and around the square. At 12:30 p.m. on Sunday is the benedictions of the horses and small animals.

• **Health and Well Being Weekend in Jurbise** at Salle Jacques Galant on Rue du Moustier 8 starting at 10 a.m. and until 6 p.m. Free access. On Saturday, displays and opportunity to ask questions to health, well being and sports professionals. On Sunday you can participate to the following free classes:

- *Dance Boxing* at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.;
- *Zumba* at 11 a.m., noon and 3 p.m.;
- *Stretching* at 1 p.m.;
- *Martial mix art* at 1:30 p.m.;
- *Salsa* at 2 p.m.;
- *Fit For Fun* at 3:30 p.m.;
- *Vale Tudo* at 4 p.m.;
- *Aikido* at 4:30 p.m. and
- *Breakdance* at 5 p.m.



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Château in Havré

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Flea Market

- **Flea market in Bonsecours** on the square from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market in Braine-l'Alleud** (260 booths) on Rue Charron, Rue Nicage and Rue Merbraine from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Etterbeek** (180 booths) on Rue Tervoete and Rue Pervyse from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market and local products market in Ghislenghien** (330 booths) on the square from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market in Nimy** (60 booths) on the parking lot at Hubo from 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- **Flea market in Thuin** at (150 booths) Rond Point du Berceau from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Watermael-Boisfort** (150 booths) at Quartier Keym-Vander Elst from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- **Ceramic exchange fair in Nimy** at the School on Rue Mouzin, 31 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Saint Vaast** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the back of La Louve Domaine on Rue de la Barette 249 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ath** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure from “Maison verte” on Rue des Frères Descamps 18 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Thuin** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the fest tent on Rue du Chêne from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Honoring the Resistance Fighters in St Ghislain** with a parade starting at 10 a.m. on the main square, wreath laying at “Les Arcades” and wreath laying at the Resistance Fighters monument, the Memorial and the Monument to all victims.
- **Volksmarch in Frameries** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from “Maison du Peuple” on Place Defuisseaux 5.

# SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

Events & Happenings

- Knight's Meal at Cochem Castle, September 17.** First stop is at the village of Cochem for free time to explore the narrow streets and cute shops. Then, off to Cochem Castle. After a short tour, the Lord of the Manor will welcome you with a goblet of Moselle wine and make you familiar with medieval customs and table manners. Servants and maids in period costumes serve you lavishly and pass you water to wash your hands so that you can eat with your fingers. Bread and lard make the rounds while a hot and spicy soup is steaming in the cookery pot. Hug drumsticks are served for the main course. Jesters will entertain while a traditional knighting ceremony entertains. The feast comes to an end with cheese, grapes, nuts and biscuits. Price is €105 Adults, €80 Youth (6-17), €50 Child (0-5). Departs SHAPE at 7:30 a.m. and returns at 1:30 a.m.



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Cochem Castle

- London, September 24.** (Saturday) A day of free time in the city of endless attractions: Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral. Price is €65. Departs SHAPE at 6 a.m. and returns at 1 a.m. (Sunday).
- Windsor Overnight with Ascot Racecourse, October 1-2** (Saturday – Sunday) For almost 250 years, Royal Ascot has established itself as a national institution, being the ultimate stage for the best racehorses in the world. Enjoy viewing a horserace on day one of this trip. After a night and a breakfast in a nearby hotel, explore the city of Windsor or the Windsor Castle, which is the largest and oldest occupied castle in the world and is one of the official residences of the Queen. Price is €200 Single room, €175 Double/Twin/Triple, €150 Child 3-12 years\*, €110 Child 0-2 years\* when sharing with 2 adults. Departs SHAPE at 6:15 a.m. (Saturday) and returns at midnight (Sunday).
- Belgium's Only Castle Wine-tasting and Dinner, October 8** Visit the only wine castle in Belgium. The Genoels-Elderen wine castle is situated next to the old Roman military highway between Tongeren and Maastricht. The climate here is apparently ideal for the cultivation of the best grapes. Even the Romans made wine here. With about 24 hectares of vineyards the Genoels-Elderen castle is the largest wine domain in the country. Expert guides take you through the park, the vineyards, the rose garden, the distillery, the press house and the 13th century wine cellars. You'll have a nice wine tasting here. Around noon we'll have a dinner with fresh pink salmon and parma ham, Maincourse Rumsteak with cave mushrooms a la crème and dessert. After the dinner we head to the historic farm "Apostelhoeve". "Apostelhoeve" is located in the South of Maastricht near the Belgian border. During the Roman time the vineyard of the Apostelhoeve was already covered with grapevines. Productive vineyards settled in Maastricht in 1967 after a long period of neglect. You can view the vineyards and the wine cellar followed by a wine tasting. Price: 80 €. Departs SHAPE at 6:15 a.m., and returns at 7:15 p.m.



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Amsterdam

- Amsterdam With optional Anne Frank House, October 15** Explore Anne Frank's hiding place. Wander around the labyrinth of hallways, stairs and little rooms. Inspect the furnished rooms and listen to the stories of those who hid there, and their helpers. Or visit the Van Gogh Museum, sip coffee at the worlds best cafes and enjoy a day of leisure in this beautiful city. Price: Amsterdam only: €42, with Anne Frank House: € 52 adult, € 47 10-17 years, € 42 0-9 years. Departs Shape at 7 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m.

**7 September**

- **Make the Right Move** - Prepare yourself for your next PCS by attending the make the Right Move briefing on the first Wednesday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. at ACS, Bldg. 318 , SHAPE. For information, call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets on Wednesdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at SHAPE, ASAP (Army Substance Abuse Program), Bldg. 342. Members support one another's 12 Step recovery program and freely share their AA story with newcomers. Family members, friends, and anyone interested in AA are welcome to attend. For a recorded message with telephone contact numbers, call 049-405-8137. For English speaking meetings in Brussels and throughout Europe see [www.aa-europe.net](http://www.aa-europe.net).
- **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 September**

- **Asperger/Autism Support Group** will meet from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Rendezvous Café next to GB on SHAPE. If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome or Autism Spectrum Disorder, join us for education and support in a safe, confidential environment. For more information and to register, contact ACS at DSN 423-7598 or civilian 065-44-7598.

**9 September**

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

**9-11 September**

- **SHAPE Fest** - The event provides the community a chance to come together in a festive atmosphere. It is also a unique opportunity to taste traditional food and beverages from the various nations present at SHAPE. See page 10 in this Gazette for full schedule of events.

**10 September**

- **Visit the Library's booth at the SHAPE Fest** - You will be able to register for a library card, get a helium balloon or bookmark, browse for free used books, learn more about the library's adult and preteen/teen book clubs, preschool story time and exciting international collection.

**12 September**

- **Newcomers' Orientation.** At ACS, Bldg. 318 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.
- **Stroller Time.** Bring your child and stroller for a walk on the SHAPE path from 10 to 11 a.m. Meet at Bldg. 318.

**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.

**ACS New Operating Hours**

The new operating hours for Army Community Services are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**SHAPE • Headquarters Support Group (HSG)**  
**NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION**



**Do not miss it!!!**

**Register @**  
[www.SHAPE2day.com](http://www.SHAPE2day.com)

**13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
**28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September**



**Initial briefing will take place in SHAPE Club at 0845**

## AT USAG BRUSSELS

- **Flu Shots** Flu Season will be upon us soon. The Brussels Health Clinic is expected to receive the flu shot sometime in the September time frame. Immunization of the community have been pre-arranged for some. Military employees of both the Garrison and NATO please ask your supervisor about your scheduled dates. Parents of School Aged Children please contact the school nurse. The FluSeason Tab of our Facebook page will provide further guidance and updates for all community members.
- **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.
- **The Brussels American Community Chorus** is seeking new singers. Adults and students 12 years and older are welcome, and all nationalities can join. No audition, and no experience needed. The group rehearses every Monday beginning September 26 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Kraainem. Fall music includes "Christmas on Broadway," "Medieval Carol Fantasy," and traditional holiday carols and songs. For details, contact Lamdm@attglobal.net.

## FITNESS CLASSES

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

- **New: Big Will's Body Shop** - Sessions are from 1 to 2 p.m. and from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- **Body Pump** - Every Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m.,
- **Spin Class** - Every Monday and Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Yoga** - Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m.
- **Individualized Strength Training** - Every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m.
- **Step Aerobics** - Every Wednesday, Friday from 6 to 7 p.m.
- **Zumba** - Every Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon and every Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- **Fitness Program** - through October 31. By joining the program you may be eligible for three hours of duty time per week to exercise. Application packets are available at the USAG Brussels Fitness Center.

The Fitness Center is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Holiday hours are from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the Fitness Center at DSN 368-9667.

## 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.

The Brussels Chapel sponsors "Marriage Enrichment Night" on September 10 at the USAG Brussels Chapel, Fellowship Hall from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m.

The subject will be "Good & Bad Patterns of Communication". Child care and sandwiches are provided at no cost.

For more information and to register, call DSN 368-9747.

## Brussels Info Fair 2011

Join us for the Community Information Fair at the United States Army Garrison Brussels.

Over 100 organizations will be in attendance, including: Local Clubs, Communes, Churches, Employment, Youth Organizations, and much more.

Come and pick up free local information and resources.



Friday, September 16th, 2011  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information, please contact ACS at CIV: 02-717-9783/9729 or DSN: 368-9783/9729 or the CIO at CIOBrussels@state.gov

