

# THE GAZETTE

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

## Military Spouse Appreciation

Stop by Army Community Service, Bldg. 318 on SHAPE May 6 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. or the PX on Chièvres Air Base from 10 a.m. to noon for light refreshments as we celebrate our community's military spouses.

## Overseas Housing Allowance

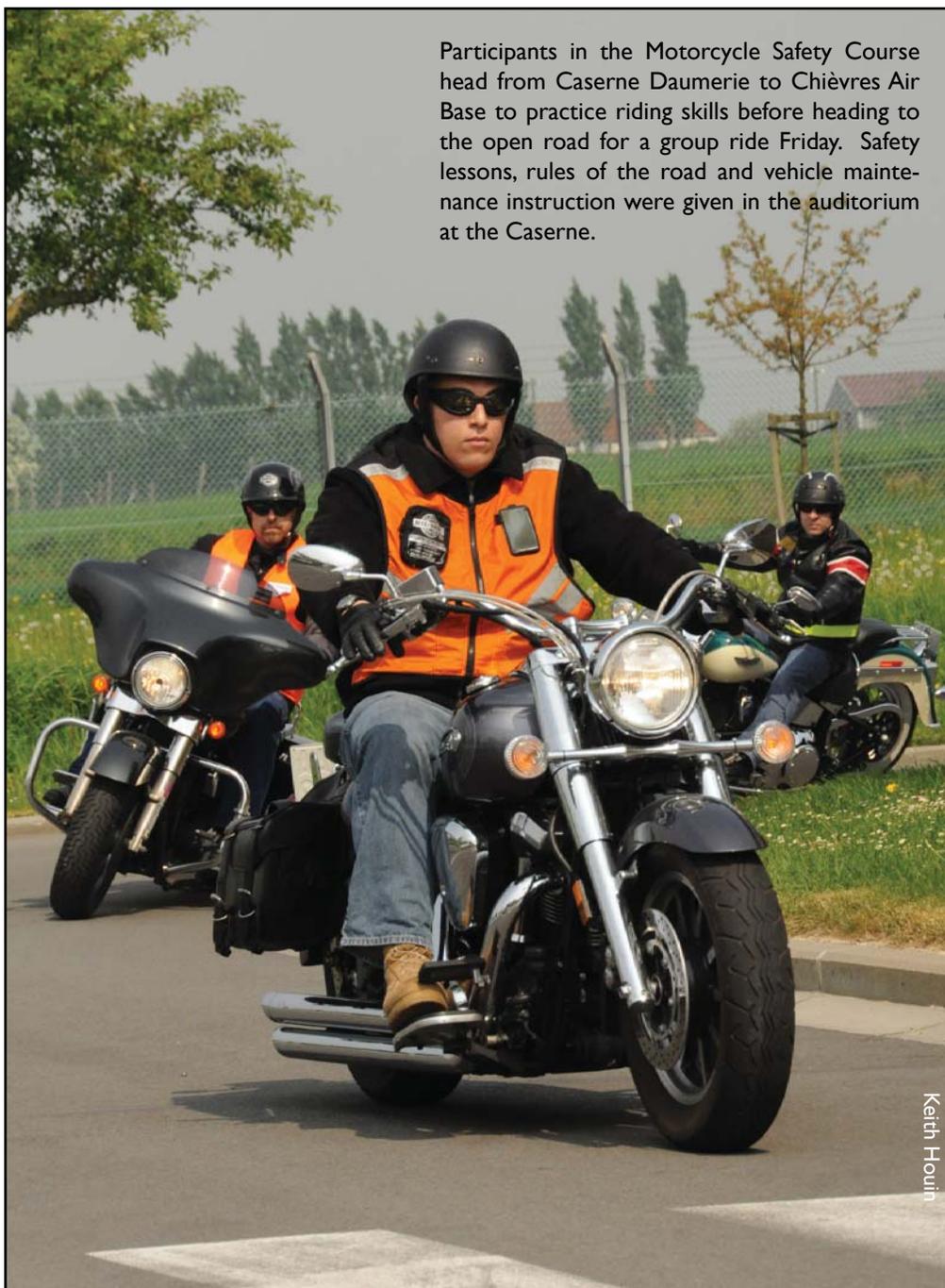
The annual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Utility/Recurring Maintenance survey is accessible at [www.defensetravel.dod.mil/ss/wsb.dll/s/eg4e](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/ss/wsb.dll/s/eg4e). The fullest participation possible in this survey is essential as the utility/recurring maintenance allowance for Belgium will be updated based on the results of this survey.

## Belgian Brown Tax Envelops

If you received a brown envelope from the Belgian tax services in the Belgian mail, you should drop it off at the U.S. Community Service Center, Bldg. 253 on SHAPE in order for them to prepare a statement of exemption. They will also let you know when to pick it up again to send the envelop with the statement back to the Belgian tax services. The U.S. Community Service Center is open Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with the exception of lunch between 1 and 2 p.m. and early closure on Thursday at 3 p.m. For more information, call DSN 366-6191 or 065-32-6191.

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Keith Houin

Participants in the Motorcycle Safety Course head from Caserne Daumerie to Chièvres Air Base to practice riding skills before heading to the open road for a group ride Friday. Safety lessons, rules of the road and vehicle maintenance instruction were given in the auditorium at the Caserne.

# Motorcycle Safety

# 2011 Volunter Awards Announced

**2011 USAG BRUSSELS VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS**

*Organization* - Parent, Teacher, Student Organization, Brussels American School  
*Teen/Youth* - Jacob Henderson  
*Family*- Rudy; Jane, Joseph, Patricia and Marty  
*Military* - SGT Ryan Cody  
*Tender Heart*- Elinara Mahmudova  
*Volunteer of the Year* - Jacquie Petersen

**2011 SHAPE/CHIEVRES VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS**

*Family* - Gomez; Claudio, Julie, Melyssa  
*Youth* - Nick Ladue  
*Military* - LTC John Anduaga-Arias  
*Volunteer of the Year* - Jill Belarmino



Kathy Garrity-Cantwell

Jill Belarmino  
 SHAPE/Chièvres  
 Volunteer of the Year



SGT Brian Oliver

The Rudy family, Patricia, Peg, LTC Marty Rudy, Joseph, and Jane, flanked by LTC Francesca Ziemba, USAG Brussels Commander (left) and Command Sgt. Major Robert Lehtonen II. (right).

***USAG Brussels Military Spouse Appreciation Day***  
***May 6 from 10 a.m to 11 p.m. at the Food Court***

for more information call DSN: 368-9783 or CIV: 02-717-9783

## THE GAZETTE

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# Holocaust Remembrance

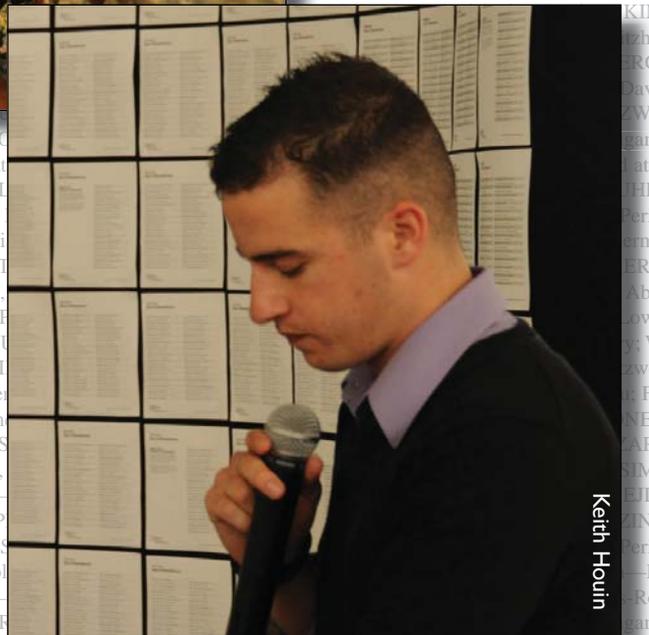
**66 years ago one of the world's greatest atrocities ended as the last of the German concentration camps were liberated**



Keith Houin



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USAG Benelux, SHAPE and Chièvres community members came together at the Community Recreation Center Monday to observe Holocaust Remembrance Day. The event included presenters at various stations telling the Holocaust story, and featured a video of holocaust survivors telling their personal stories. As visitors went from station to station the names of the dead were read aloud and lightly echoed through building. (top right) Dean Jordan looks at some of the family stories from the holocaust. (center) SGT Matthew Faux briefs visitors on liberation of the camps. (right) PFC John Mills reads off the names of the known Holocaust victims. (background) A small portion of the names of those who died during the Holocaust.

# Army is changing online hiring tool

**Special to the Gazette**

Over the next two years the U.S. Army will transition from one automated recruitment tool to another for advertising vacant civil service positions, accepting applications from job seekers, and evaluating the job seeker's eligibility and qualifications. This is an interim solution as DoD works on a long-term automation acquisition effort, currently titled the "Defense Enterprise Hiring Solution." It is anticipated we will use USAS as our primary recruitment automation for at least three years.

In Europe, the transition from Resumix to USA Staffing has begun January 2011 and will end in April 2012. During the transition period, each job announcement will have instructions to guide job seekers through the application process for the specified recruitment tool. USA Staffing is a single, integrated software solution used to staff Federal jobs. It provides full integration with USAJOBS to support competitive examining and merit promotion vacancies.

You will notice the following differences between USA Staffing and Resumix:

- USA Staffing uses assessments to determine the best

qualified candidates instead of Resumix skills.

- Announcements will be available on [www.USAJobs.gov](http://www.USAJobs.gov) and [www.ArmyCivilianService.com](http://www.ArmyCivilianService.com)
- Applicants must apply through USA Jobs-Application Manager, not the Army Resume Builder.
- Applicants must answer assessment questions for each vacancy.
- Applicants can upload supporting documentation, for example DD-214 or SF-50.
- Managers will receive a referral list by logging in to an automated system called Selection Manager instead of receiving a PDF referral list via email.

Army officials recommend that you create a resume in both Resumix and USA Jobs-Application Manager. Once your resume is on file in both systems, you can easily apply for jobs from the job announcement. The job announcement will provide guidance on which system to use to submit your resume. For more information about the transition go to [www.armycivilianservice.com](http://www.armycivilianservice.com) and to [https://cpolrhp.cpol.army.mil/eur/employment/Application\\_Process\[1\].pdf](https://cpolrhp.cpol.army.mil/eur/employment/Application_Process[1].pdf).

## Ten things you need to know about Belgian criminal charges

The criminal justice system in Belgian is very different than that of the United States. This is particularly true with respect to the rights that an accused has when he or she is arrested by the police. If you are ever detained by Belgian authorities, here are the top ten things to remember when dealing with local police:

1. Belgian police can detain you for 24 hours at the police station.
2. For the first 24 hours, you have no right to a phone call. You have no right to an attorney.
3. Your command representatives will not be allowed to talk to you or be in the room with you while you are being questioned by Belgian police.
4. You will have an interpreter. If you are a suspect, you have the right

to remain silent. You may not be told that you have that right. Ask whether you are a suspect and ask for your rights to be explained.

5. Witnesses have no right to remain silent. Even if you are only a witness, you may be charged with lack of cooperation if you do not answer questions.

6. During the time that you are in custody, even if it is only a short time, ask for water and food when you need it. Ask for toilet breaks. Ask for medical attention if you need it.

7. If you are charged, you will be given a written notification of the charges in French and you will be told what they mean in English. Always ask for copies of all papers you sign.

8. Northern Law Center will provide a translation of your statements. The

police make you sign statements in French. You must rely on the interpreter to tell you what it means in English. A translation will assure you that no "extra" statements were included.

9. You may ask that an investigative action or interview be performed. You may use documents that are in your possession and demand to include those in the report.

10. Restrictions will be placed on your movements by a Belgian judge. If you wish to leave Belgium for vacation or TDY, Northern Law Center will seek the permission of the judge to enable you to do this.

If you have any questions concerning Foreign Criminal Jurisdiction in Belgium, please call the Northern Law Center at DSN 423-4868 (065-44-4868).



**KEEPING YOU CONNECTED**  
The Official Website of the American Forces Network Benelux

Brussels: 101.7 FM – Chièvres 107.9 FM – SHAPE 106.5 FM and 104.2 FM

# Know before you go this summer

**Special to the Gazette**

People moving to the States this summer should start preparing now by finding new homes for the things that are banned from import. It is also a good idea to apply early for import permits on restricted items since the process can take months, customs officials advise.

“Prohibited items include meat and meat products such as sausage, pâté and salami, as well as plants and destructive devices,” said Bill Johnson, director of the U.S. European Command’s Customs and Border Clearance Agency. “If you’re planning on shipping firearms, ensure you have proof that you owned them in the States or have an import permit,” Johnson added.

He also explained that other important points to remember are:

- Owners of vehicles not made to U.S. standards have to ship them through commercial importers registered with the Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agency. However, vehicles more than 25 years old are exempt from this rule.
- Mopeds and motorcycles must also meet U.S. safety and pollution standards and all vehicles must be free of dirt, insects and vegetation.
- Wine collections can only be shipped with advance approval from the transportation office.
- Endangered species items such as ivory and some furs may only be shipped if owners can prove they were previously owned in the U.S. or are antiques over 100 years old.
- State attorneys general must approve imports of gambling devices. These devices must be registered with the Justice Department in Washington D.C.
- Dogs must be free of disease and be vaccinated against rabies at least 30 days before they reach the USA. Puppies younger than three months and dogs in rabies-free areas such as the United Kingdom are exempted. Unvaccinated dogs will be inoculated on arrival and confined for 30 days at the owner’s expense. Cats must show no signs of disease and rabies vaccination is required in most U.S. states.
- People wanting to ship pet birds should consult the USDA web site for the latest information on shipping birds as the procedures may change at short notice due to Avian flu. The address is [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/animals/nonus\\_pet\\_bird.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/nonus_pet_bird.shtml).
- Hawaii is the only place in the USA that is permanently free of rabies. Personnel PCSing to the Aloha State should check with the Hawaii Department of Agriculture web page to find out about their special quarantine requirements for pets at <http://hawaii.gov/hdoa/ai/aqs/info>.



## FORCE PROTECTION TOPIC OF THE WEEK

### PERSONAL PROTECTION MEASURES AGAINST TERRORISM

At all times:

- Be Alert to surveillance attempts, report using iWATCH
- Vary routines, take a different route to work, and to home
- Check in often to let you family know changes in your plans
- Have available emergency telephone numbers to local police, fire, and ambulance service
- Memorize and/or write down the route and telephone number to the local hospital
- Learn emergency phrases in French such as “I need the police, I need a doctor; and, Where is the hospital”
- Carry information showing blood type and list any special medical conditions (Have these in both English and French)
- Note: There will be more on this topic next week...

# Resurgence of measles in Belgium in 2011

*Special to the Gazette*

Since the beginning of 2011, Belgium has seen an increase in the number of measles cases. As of April 14, a total of 155 cases were reported through mandatory notification. In 2009 and 2010, only 33 and 40 cases, respectively, were reported.

Measles also called rubeola, is an acute and highly contagious viral respiratory disease. Widespread use of measles vaccine has led to a greater than 99% reduction in measles cases in the United States compared with the pre-vaccine era; however, it is still common in many parts of the world with an estimated 10 million cases occurring each year.

Europe is now experiencing outbreaks of measles in a number of countries. France faces the largest outbreak with 4937 measles cases officially reported from January to March 2011, almost equal to the 5090 total cases for all of 2010. Spain has reported two ongoing outbreaks since October 2010 primarily affecting the Andalusia region in the South. Rising numbers are also reported in Britain, Germany, the Netherlands, Romania, Russia, Switzerland, Bulgaria and Belgium. In Germany, at least 300 cases have been reported this year with a large number occurring in the state of Baden-Wurtemberg.

Measles resurgence in Belgium this year began with an outbreak in anthroposophical schools in Ghent (Flanders) in February. A total of 56 non vaccinated children were affected. At the same time, outbreaks and sporadic cases were reported elsewhere in the country, especially in Brussels and Wallonia. These outbreaks often occurred after people had travelled to France, with spread of the measles virus to unvaccinated family members or pupils at school.

Vaccination status was known for 103 cases (66%). Of these, 90 had not been vaccinated with the measles vaccine. Of the 13 vaccinated cases, all had received one dose of vaccine, but sometimes this could not be verified on the vaccination chart. No recently vaccinated measles case was reported. In the cases older than one year, and thus old enough to be vaccinated, the main reasons for non-vaccination were their parents beliefs (55%), anti-vaccination counselling of the paediatrician resulting in parental refusal (26%) or vaccination could not be carried out due to circumstances such as illness or travelling (13%).

The incubation period of measles averages 10-12 days and is usually 14 days to onset of rash (range 7-18 days).

A typical case begins with a mild to moderate prodromal fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes, and sore throat. Two or three days after symptoms begin, small white spots (Koplik's spots) may appear inside the mouth. A characteristic red blotchy rash may appear on the 3rd to 7th day, beginning on the face and spreading to the neck, trunk, and extremities. When the rash appears, fever may spike to more than 104 degrees Fahrenheit. After a few days, the fever subsides and the rash fades with the rash lasting about 4-7 days.

Measles is one of the most highly communicable infectious diseases. It is transmitted by airborne droplets, direct contact with nasal or throat secretions of infected persons, and less commonly by articles freshly soiled with nose and throat secretions. Infected persons are usually contagious from 4 days before onset of signs or symptoms, and until 4 days after the onset of signs or symptoms. Measles virus can remain active and contagious for up to 2 hours in the air and on surfaces following coughing or sneezing.

At the present time, military health officials in Europe feel the risk for military communities is low due to the high level of current measles immunization coverage among our population. ERMC pediatric and public health experts are monitoring the situation and do not currently recommend lowering the age for childhood measles vaccination, but early vaccination of infants 6-11 months may be considered for planned travel to an affected area or other special circumstances. Updates and new guidance will be published as warranted. Providers should ask about recent travel and measles vaccination history. Mask the patient and place in a separate room for further evaluation. Notify your supporting military public health office as soon as possible for suspected and confirmed measles cases. For patients requiring hospitalization, notify infection control and place under airborne transmission precautions. Persons with suspected or confirmed measles must be excluded from daycare, school or work for 4 days after the appearance of rash. Unvaccinated contacts of confirmed or suspected measles cases should see their healthcare provider for possible treatment and remain away from the exposure area until further instructed by their healthcare provider.

For additional information, check the European CDC at <http://ecdc.europa.eu/en> or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html).



#### 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.

**Family Advocacy needs Assessment**

The USAG Benelux Family Advocacy Program Annual Needs Assessment Survey is available on line now.

Responses to the needs assessment help guide planning education and prevention activities for the USAG Benelux Community. Use the following to link to give your input on the communities needs.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/sBeneluxFAPNeedsAssessment>.

For further information or questions call ACS Family Advocacy Program at DSN 423-5623 or Civ: 065-445263.

**Army Emergency Relief Campaign**

The annual campaign runs through May 15 and helps active duty Soldiers, retirees, Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers in need of financial assistance.

AER provides interest free loans and grants to help pay for essential needs. AER also provides education scholarships to Family Members. Funding for the program comes from voluntary donations by Soldiers and civilians, plus investments made by AER.

Tax deductible contributions can be made by contacting your unit representative, Campaign Coordinator, DSN 361-6334 or DSN 423-4332 or online at [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org).

**Ladies' Day**

The SHAPE "Ladies day" to be held May 31, will guide participants through the Town Hall of Mons, a building dating from the second half of the 15th century. A visit to some unique shops is also included as well as a welcome by the Alderman for Tourism and Economic Development at the World Craft Council where an exhibition of contemporary gold-silversmith trade and jewellery from Denmark takes place. This will be followed by an aperitif and a lunch in a local restaurant. The cost is €25 per person. Prior reservation is required by sending an email to [dlima-e-beneluxpao@eur.army.mil](mailto:dlima-e-beneluxpao@eur.army.mil). The schedule of the day will be as follows:

9 a.m. - Meet at the Events Centre car park and depart for Mons by SHAPE Bus\*

9:15 a.m. - Visit of the Town Hall and of the nearby historical streets

10:15 a.m. - Tour of shopping side streets

11:30 a.m. - Visit of an exhibition of contemporary gold-silversmith trade and jewellery from Denmark at the World Craft Council (WCC)

noon - Welcome by Nicolas Martin, Alderman for Tourism and Economical Development and small reception

12:45 p.m. - Lunch in a local restaurant

Free time after lunch

3 p.m. - Meet the SHAPE bus on the Mons square for departure.

\*Ladies who live closer to Mons may join us in front of the Tourism office, main square of Mons, at 9:15 a.m., provided they inform the organizers in advance.

**Bus Driver Job Opening**

USAG Benelux FMWR, Services Division, is seeking a contractor to drive buses on trips. The driver must have a Belgian, class D license. The person will be an on-call driver. If interested, call DSN 361-5508 or civilian 068-27-5508.



**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

**Volunteer Opportunity**

The USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office is looking for volunteers. Volunteers can assist with photography and writing news and features, as well as help plan and support community events. For more information contact Keith Houin at DSN 361-5910 or Civ 068-27-5910. You can also email at [dlima-e-beneluxpao@eur.army.mil](mailto:dlima-e-beneluxpao@eur.army.mil).

**Job Opening at the Dry Cleaning**

The dry cleaning services on Chièvres Air Base are looking for an individual to work one or two days intermittently per week or as necessary, starting immediately. Individual must be reliable and flexible. For more information, call DSN 361-5417 or civilian 068-455636.

**Grandma's Attic**

Grandma's Attic is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 5 to shoppers in our community. Come by and check out what's new or pick something up for Mother's Day in our craft section. Our regular hours are Tues, Thurs and Sat from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**SHAPE Community Choir**

The SHAPE Community Choir is an international choir open to all Shapians 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.

**Local Basketball Club is looking for U.S. coach**

The JSE Enghien Basketball club is looking for a U.S. coach for its youth teams, 9 to 12 years old or 16 to 18 years old. They practise twice a week with a game on Saturdays at Petit-Enghien. For information, please call 0485/674396 (English spoken).

**Chièvres Transportation Motor Pool**

The Chièvres Transportation Motor Pool will be moving from Bldg. 29 to Hangar 3 May 4 through 6. During the move, the motor pool will be minimum manning and personnel members will have limited access to emails and faxes but dispatch services will still be provided. All transportation requests during this period should be submitted to the SHAPE TMP. Their fax number is DSN 366-6556.

**SHAPE/Chièvres Newcomers Orientation**

The next Newcomers Orientation will be held May 10 and 11. In order to streamline the inprocessing program, SHAPE Headquarters Support Group and USAG Benelux ACS are combining their newcomers activities. Don't miss this opportunity to be guided through your new community. The orientation consists of three half day programs.

The first morning consists of a series of briefings. In the afternoon members are invited to tour the SHAPE Base.

On the second morning newcomers have the opportunity to enjoy a guided tour of Mons and other sites in the area. The intention of the orientation is to offer the incoming families useful information which will assist them in facilitating their integration into both SHAPE and Belgium.

As such, all SHAPE newcomers and family members are strongly advised to participate. Chièvres personnel and their families are encouraged to attend.

Prior registration is required. To do so, go to [www.shape2day.com/newcomers.aspx](http://www.shape2day.com/newcomers.aspx). For more information, call DSN 423-3339 or civilian 065-44-3339.

**Emma & Friends Playgroup**  
0-5 years







Join us: Shape Chapel  
when: Wednesdays (starting May 11, 2011)  
time: 9:30-11:30 am  
All SHAPE families are welcome!  
contact: Cindy 0472823961 or Teri 0471795228  
**\*volunteers are needed\***



SHAPE Players Presents

**Rodgers and Hammerstein's**

**OK LA HO MA!**

*Performs*  
May 19, 20, 21,  
26, 27, 28 @ 1930  
May 22 & 29 @ 1500  
June 2, 3, 4 @ 1930  
June 5 @ 1500

*Special Opportunity*  
May 21<sup>st</sup> to benefit  
the Boy Scouts!  
Help Us Fly Fund  
Show and Lunch  
June 5<sup>th</sup>!!

Directed by Dan LaMorte

**TICKETS-ADULTS: 14€ STUDENTS: 8€ CHILDREN: 6€**  
**BOX OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY - CALL 065.44.3312 FOR TICKETS**  
**SHAPE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE, BUILDING 207 [WWW.SHAPEPLAYERS.ORG](http://WWW.SHAPEPLAYERS.ORG)**

**1st Annual AOMDA FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER**

**A FUN EVENING FOR A GREAT CAUSE!**

Live Music 

Food & Drinks

Kids Welcome!

Prize Raffle

Please join us for an informal evening of  
**AMERICAN FOOD & MUSIC**



**MAY 12, 2011**  
from 6.30 to 10 pm

All proceeds benefit the American Overseas Memorial Day Association (AOMDA) Foundation.

**ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY!!**

Tickets: €15 EUR (includes meal & first beverage);  
Kids just €5

Where: De Kam Cultural Center,  
Beekstraat 172, 1970 Wezenbeek-Oppem

**Tickets & Info:**  
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RSVP@AOMDA.ORG  
TEL 0475 65 81 88

Brody Letson, TMA ticket sales  
LETSONBE@STATE.GOV  
TEL 02 811 50 75

**Education**

**University of Maryland**

- UMUC is offering a \$500 scholarship this summer to eligible military family members. The application and eligibility requirements are available on our website at the following link [http://www.ed.umuc.edu/financial\\_aid/militaryfamilyscholarship.html](http://www.ed.umuc.edu/financial_aid/militaryfamilyscholarship.html). Summer Session 1 Registration is ongoing through June 5 for on-site courses and ongoing through June 12 for online courses.
- UMUC Europe is now scheduling student appointments to meet with a member of our Academic Advising Team on May 12, 2011. Reasons to see an Academic Advisor:
  - Go over your Degree Progress Report together.
  - See how transfer work will come into your UMUC Degree.
  - Explore different majors and/or minors.
  - Receive information regarding college level testing.
  - Discuss residency, upper level, G.P.A. and requirements.
  - Explore resources regarding your chosen career field.
 Appointments are first come, first serve. If you are looking to have face to face time to talk about your academic advising issues, be sure to sign up with your Field Rep at DSN 423-5173.

**University of Oklahoma**

The University of Oklahoma is accepting applications for Master of Arts in International Relations. Accelerated class and program format. On-site and online classes are available. No GRE requirements. For more information, call DSN 423-3654 or civilian 065-44-3654.

**Central Texas College**

Central Texas College offers online classes leading to an Associate's degree or certificate in Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Professions, Applied Management/Military Science, Hospitality Management and certificates for Fire Science.

**CYSS New Classes coming up**

- **Parent & Child music class** - Introduction to music for children and their parents. A great way to connect with your child and at the same time learn about music instruments such as the flute, the guitar and the piano. This class will meet twice a week - in the morning.
- **Flute class** - Flute lessons for beginner, intermediate and advanced students. We will have group classes and also one-on-one lessons. For more information call Parent Central Services Office at DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

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**By Cis Spook**

*USAG Benelux Public Affairs*

**One entire year without a full government**

Belgium marked an anniversary, but no one in the country is celebrating. One year ago, King Albert II accepted the resignation of the government and one election and countless negotiating sessions later, the search for a new government coalition is still continuing.

Ever since the June 13 elections, negotiations have snarled over the linguistic divisions and the future make up of the country, with parties representing the 6 million Flemings seeking more autonomy in line with their wealth and the 4.5 million Walloons trying to keep together a sense of Belgian nationhood. Caretaker Prime Minister Yves Leterme said last week that up to three more months could be required to form a coalition.

**Fire in Eastern Belgium**

One third of the national park "Les Fagnes" in the Eastern part of Belgium burnt in a fire that started last Monday. The origin is still unknown but the firemen had a hard time controlling the fire because of the dryness.

**Flood risks**

During the past fifteen years, the risk of flooding has grown by 20%. This is partly due because of the growth of hard surfaces.

**Yellow dust on cars**

Recently cars have been covered with yellow dust. This

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dust is not sand from the Sahara as sometimes happens here in Belgium but pollen from the trees.

**Smoking ban in bars**

As of July 1, the smoking ban in public spaces will widen to cover bars, casinos and cafés as well. Smoking has been banned in work places, restaurants and pubs that serve food since 2009, while temporary exemptions had been granted to casinos and cafes that only serve snacks. Bar owners fear loss of turnover of up to 50 percent, and warn of a knock-on effect on breweries and other suppliers. They want the option to declare their premises smoking or non-smoking.

**Two Belgians received "Maundy money" from the British Queen**

The annual Royal Maundy Service took place at Westminster Abbey in London last week. For the first time, two Belgians were invited to the ceremony, Elisabeth Frazer-Loose and Ray Jones, a priest. Both are of British descent and are active in the Anglican Church. The ceremony has a long tradition and goes back to the 15th century. The Queen hands out purses containing coins and the number of people receiving the gift is related to the Sovereign's age. This year saw 85 female and 85 male recipients in the service. As Maundy Thursday coincided with the Queen's birthday this year, the ceremony had a more special touch than in other years.

**Through 8 May**

- **International Flower Exhibition in Groot Bijgaarden**, at the Castle of Groot-Bijgaarden, on 5, Van Beverenstraat. Around 400 types of tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and other grape hyacinths, pansies, azaleas and rhododendrons will be presented to the public in the 14 hectares castle park. The visitors can discover new creations by flower growers as well as the most beautiful varieties which have become great classics. Open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fees are €10 per adult, €5 per child between 6 and 14 and free for kids under 6. For additional information, visit [www.grandbigard.be](http://www.grandbigard.be).

**Through 9 May**

- **Royal greenhouses of Laeken** open to the public, on Avenue du Parc Royal. A winter garden created to fulfill Leopold II's dream, the greenhouses are filled with rare flowers and exotic trees. Entrance fee is €2.50. Open on:
  - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. and from 8 to 10 p.m.;
  - Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8 to 10 p.m.
  - 19 April reserved for disabled people. Closed on Mondays (except April 25) and on April 26.

**Through 20 May**

- **Keukenhof, the Netherlands**. This year's theme at the famous bulb flowers park is "Germany, Land of Poets and Philosophers." Keukenhof is located at Stationsweg, 166a at 2161 AM Lisse, the Netherlands. Open daily from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Front desk closed at 6 p.m. Entrance fees are €14,50 per person and €7 for children between 4 and 11. Parking fee is €6. This year's highlights are:
  - April 1-3: Traditional Dutch costumes festival
  - April 8-10: Summer-flower bulb market
  - April 16: Flower parade
  - April 21-25: Vincent Van Gogh's flower mosaic. For additional information, visit [www.keukenhof.nl](http://www.keukenhof.nl).

**6 May**

- **Flea market (400 booths) in Ghlin**, on Rue du Grand Large. Open from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market (150 booths) in Cuesmes**, on Place de Cuesmes. Open from noon to midnight.

**6 - 8 May**

- **Horse show in Ciney**, at Ciney Expo on Rue du Marché Couvert. Open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Entrance fee is €10 per person.

**7 May**

- **Flower Market at Thuin** on Avenue de Ragnies from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Kain** for 100, 85, 60 or 45 km. Departure is from Tournai Expo on 2B, Rue du Follet from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Participation fees range between €8 and €10. Bike wash and showers are available.
- **European Institutions Open Days in Brussels**, on Quartier Européen. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., visit the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union, the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee. For additional information, visit [http://europa.eu/festivalofeurope/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/festivalofeurope/index_en.htm).
- **Flea market (250 booths) in Morlanwelz**, on Quai de la Haine. Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market (300 booths) in Thuin**, on Avenue de la Couture. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**7 - 8 May**

- **Iris Days in Brussels** – Free concerts both days from 7 to 11:30 p.m. on Place des Palais and New Rock talents concerts on Sunday from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Boulevard de l'Empereur. A variety of activities will be going on in the area located between the Brussels Parc and the Brussels parliament. For more information, check [fetedeliris.be](http://fetedeliris.be).

**7 - 28 May**

- **Kunstenfestivaldesarts in Brussels** - Theatre, music, dance, film, visual arts. This festival not only presents the cultural diversity of the country, but also invites a large number of foreign groups. There are a large number of first performances, testing out their audience for future developments. For information and booking, visit [www.kfda.be](http://www.kfda.be).



Iris Days in Brussels - 7 and 8 May

**8 May (Victory in Europe Day and Mothers Day in Belgium)**

- **Flower Market in Ath** near the Saint Julien Church as of 8 a.m.
- **Concert in Ath** by the Ath Band near the Saint Julien Church at 11 a.m.
- **Volksmarch in Auderghem** for 31, 22, 15, 11 or 5 km. Departure is from the school on 2 Avenue de la Sablière from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Naast** for 21, 12, 6 or 4 km. Departure is from 10, Rue du Moulin from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Jogging in Huissignies (Chièvres)** for 10 km from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting at "La Marcotte" on Rue de l'Eglise.
- **Volksmarch in Braine-Le-Comte** for 20, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from 100, Allée de la Dinzelle from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ormeignies** for 20, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from the community room on Rue du Vert Buisson from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Overijse** for 60, 50, 35 or 25 km. Departure is from the soccerfield on Bredestraat from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Bike wash and showers are available.
- **Mountain bike ride in Beaumont** for 45, 35, 25 or 5 km. Departure is from the soccerfield on Chemin de Buse from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Participation fees range between €3 and €5. Bike wash and showers are available.
- **Japanese Classic Bikes display** at the Ronquières slope from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entrance fee is €5 including the display and a visit to the slope.
- **Flea Market in Le Roeulx** (50 booths) on Place de la Tannée from noon to 8 p.m. All profits go to the children in the Tivoli Hospital.
- **Flea Market in Bouffioulx** (150 booths) on Rue Longue from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Victory in Europe Commemorative Ceremonies** are held at 11 a.m. on the Chièvres square and at noon in Brugelette at the monument next to the Church.



Flea Market

**13 - 22 May**

- **Botanique Nights in Brussels** – Music festival featuring reggae, French songs, electro and rock at the Botanique, the cultural center of the French community. For the full schedule and ticket information, check [www.botanique.be](http://www.botanique.be).

**14 May**

- **Flea Market in Ath** on Place du Faubourg de Mons from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Braine-le-Château** (90 booths) on the main square from noon to 7 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Ghlin** (100 booths) on Place de Bustiau from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Mons** (65 booths) on Chemin de la Cense Gain from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Etterbeek** (150 booths) on Avenue des Casernes à la Chasse from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Sports articles, toys and children's clothing Market in Evere** at the Sports Center on Avenue des Anciens Combattants from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**14 - 15 May**

- **Flea Market in Mons** (200 booths) on Avenue des Guerites from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days.

**15 May**

- **Volksmarch in Moulbaix (Ath)** for 20, 10 or 5 km from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting at the "Salle Patronage" on Place Henri Stourme 2 – near the Church.
- **Local fest in Moulbaix (Ath)** starting at 8 a.m. with a local products market, local bands festival at 11:30 a.m., display of vintage tractors, visits of the mill etc.
- **Volksmarch in Nivelles** for 20, 10 or 5 km from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting on Rue Clarisse, 10.
- **Volksmarch in Peruwelz** for 30, 20, 12 or 7 km from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. starting at the Sports center on Verte Chasse.
- **Flea Market in La Louvière** (100 booths) on Rue Ferrer from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Woluwe Saint Lambert** (100 booths) on Avenue Albert Dumont from 8 a.m to 3 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Tertre** (150 booths) on Rue du Progrès from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Visit the Moulbaix mill - 15 May

## BOOK NOW

- **The Bota Nights music festival in Brussels**, May 10 - 29 at the Botanique on 236, Rue Royale. The "Bota Nights" mark the beginning of the festival season. Mainly dedicated to live music, the "Botanique Nights" host artists from all continents, whatever kind of music, rock, folk, hip hop, electro... Concerts will be given in four different halls (le Chapiteau, l'Orangerie, la Rotonde and le Musée). Some concerts will also take place in the Cirque Royal on 81 Rue de l'Enseignement. For detailed program and booking, visit <http://www.botanique.be/en/les-nuits-botanique-2011-10th-may-29-nd-may-en>.
- **Rock Werchter Festival**, 30 June – 3 July. This is the 37th edition of this rock festival held in the Flemish Brabant. Featured artists include The Black Eyed Peas, Linkin Park, Underworld, Magnetic Man, Hurts, Goose and many more. €76 for one-day ticket on pre-sale and €195 for a four-day pass on pre-sale. For detailed schedule and tickets, visit [www.rockwerchter.be](http://www.rockwerchter.be).
- **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](http://www.dourfestival.be).
- **Power Prog and Metal fest - PPM fest in Mons**, 30 April at the Lotto Mons Expo on 2 Avenue Thomas Edison. 2 stages, 18 bands. With the participation of Europe, Hammerfall, Edguy, ... Entrance fee is €65 per person (€55 on pre-sale). Doors open at 10 a.m. For pre-sales location and detailed program, visit [www.ppmfest.com](http://www.ppmfest.com)
- **Couleur Café festival in Brussels**, 24-26 June. at the Tours and Taxis site on Avenue du Port 86c. Couleur Café is dedicated to all currents of urban music across the world including R'nB, hip hop, reggae, dub, flamenco, salsa, zouk, folk, pop and electronic music. Entrance is €43 per person per day (€35 on pre-sale); three-day pass is €76 (€91 camping included). For tickets and detailed program, visit [www.couleurcafe.be](http://www.couleurcafe.be).
- **Musical Night in Beloeil**, 27 August. This year, the event will feature the Brussels Philharmonic and José Van Dam. More information in future editions of the Gazette.

## SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Rhine in Flames, May 7.** The trip begins in the German city of Bonn for some free time to explore. In the evening, board on a ship and start a cruise of the Rhine River while enjoying the scenery and the fireworks. Trip includes evening meal. Price is €110 per adult, €50 for children between 0 and 3. Departs SHAPE at 11 a.m. and returns at 4 a.m.
- **Champagne, France, May 8.** Our first stop through rolling champagne country will be Reims, France. We will enjoy a guided tour of the Mumm Cellars followed by a champagne tasting. Afterwards, we will have free time in Reims for lunch and sightseeing. Next we will tour the picturesque wine fields of Hautvillers, the birthplace and burial of Dom Perignon. We will then have a guided tour of the family cellars of Vadin-Plateau for another tour and tasting. See the age old custom of opening a champagne bottle with a sword. Price is € 82 per adult, € 66 for children (age 3 - 17), € 50 per infant (age 0 - 2). Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns at 9:30 p.m.
- **Paris, May 14.** Come enjoy the city of lights and explore its many museums, shops, and restaurants. You will have time to explore everything that Paris has to offer including the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, The Louvre, the many markets and eat the fantastic food available in this amazing city. Departs SHAPE at 7 and returns at 11 p.m. Price: € 45.
- **Castles of Luxemburg, May 21.** Spend the day in three of Luxemburg's most well known castles (Vianden, Bourscheid, and Beaufort). Bring a picnic lunch and spend time with your family on this historical tour. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns at 9:30 p.m. Price: €67 Adults, €60 Children (6-12), €50 Children (0-5) \*\*Includes entrance to all three castles, does not include lunch.
- **Le Mont Saint Michel, May 21-22.** This magnificent island built upon granite boulders in the sand off the coast of France has centuries of history. From the magnificent abbey at the top built by monks around 700, to the stunning twice daily tidal changes that are the largest in the world. Come see why this Island is a National treasure. Price: Double/Twin Room €180, Triple Room €170, Single Room €210 Departs SHAPE at 6 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m. \*Prices are per person and include transportation, one night in a three star hotel, gourmet dinner, and breakfast.
- **Dover and Canterbury, May 28.** Explore the Dover Castle and its grounds and tour the war tunnels. After lunch, visit to Canterbury, where you will have free time to see and explore the Cathedral, Canterbury Tales and other attractions. Price: €70 Adult, €65 Child (5-15), €55 Child (0-4).

**May 4**

- **Preschool Story Time** - Meets 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.
- **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 up 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.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the SHAPE International Chapel, Bldg. 601, room 51. 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 welcomed to attend. For recorded message with telephone contact #'s, call 049-405-8137. For English speaking meetings in Brussels and throughout Europe see <http://www.aa-europe.net/> <<http://www.aa-europe.net/>> .

**May 6**

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets from noon to 1 p.m. at the SHAPE International Chapel, Bldg. 601, room 51. For recorded message with telephone contact #'s, call 049-405-8137. For English speaking meetings in Brussels and throughout Europe see <http://www.aa-europe.net/> <<http://www.aa-europe.net/>> .
- **Active parenting for children ages 5 to 12** - A lunch and learn series as a part of Child Abuse Prevention Month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at ACS, Bldg. 318, SHAPE. Learn how to win cooperation with your child, how to raise a responsible child and how to redirect your child's misbehavior. For more information and to register, call DSN 423-5324/5263 or civilian 065-44-5324/5263.

**New Fitness Center Hours**

The following Chièvres Air Base Fitness Center hours go into effect today: Monday - Friday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, Sunday and U.S. Holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., USAREUR Holidays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**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.

**Play Morning**

Until further notice, the play morning classes held every Tuesday and every second Saturday of the month, have been interrupted.

**SHAPE Players**

The 2011 Theater Summer Camp will begin 27 June for 5 weeks and will culminate with 4 performances. The fee is €275 and includes T-shirt and snacks. Theater Summer Camp children will be introduced to the craft of acting and various aspects of theater including creative choreography and musical staging, costume design and development, property management, set design and building, lighting effects, sound development and marketing. Spaces are limited. To register and for more information, call DSN 423-3312 or 065-44-3312.

*Military Spouse Appreciation Day is May 6th.*



*Army Community Service, in cooperation with AFN Radio, invites you to shout the praises of your spouse.*

*Tell us what you appreciate about your spouse. Your tribute will be shared on AFN radio for Military Spouse Appreciation Day.*

*Submissions can be made through the AFN website at [benelux.afneurope.net](http://benelux.afneurope.net) or dropped off at AFN, building 318 on SHAPE. Deadline for submission is April 28th.*

*For more information, contact ACS at 065/44-5324.*



## AT USAG BRUSSELS

5 May

- **"National Day of Prayer Luncheon"** sponsored by the Chapel at 11:45 a.m. in the 3-Star. Lunch is free and all are invited. For more information, call DSN 368-9708.

10 May

- **Veterans Administration Benefits Briefing** from 9 a.m. to noon at the ACS Conference Room. See flyer on this page.

## 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.

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 all of 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, that's OK, you will be placed on an access roster for the trip. See page 11 for a listing of the upcoming trips.

# Veterans Administration Benefits Briefing

Tuesday 10 May 2011  
9- 12 pm  
USAG Brussels, Bldg 4  
ACS Conference Room

*This is a great opportunity for Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and Sailors, active duty and retired, to find out the latest in VA policies and get answers from the people who know.*

**To register or for more information, please contact  
USAG Brussels Army Community Service at  
368-9783 or 32 02/717-9783**



