

THE GAZETTE

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Demonstration in Brussels

A demonstration against the Belgian participation in Libya is scheduled June 8 starting at 4 p.m. in the vicinity of the Belgian Ministry of Defense in Brussels, Rue Lambermont. Local authorities are expecting approximately 100 individuals to participate in this demonstration. If you cannot avoid the area, practice extreme vigilance.

Sexual Assault Hotline Number Change

The Sexual Assault Hotline number for the USAG Benelux has changed. The new number is: 0497-904762. The USAG Brussels and Schinnen number will remain the same.

Works on the E19 Autobahn

Works have started on the E19 between Houdeng and Obourg and will last for a couple of weeks during late May and June. The exit to the N55/La Louvière will be closed during the works and deviation signs have been posted.

AFN Europe

AFN Europe is moving to a new satellite. If you watch AFN-TV via a decoder in your living quarters and a personal satellite dish, you will need to re-point your satellite dish and change the settings on your decoder by 31 July.

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Memorial Day in Bastogne



USAG Benelux participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at the Mardasson monument in Bastogne, May 31, honoring the 76,890 American Soldiers who gave their lives, were wounded or missing in the Battle of the Bulge.

(Photo above) Jerome W. Sheridan, Chairman of the American Overseas Memorial Day Association lays a wreath during the ceremony.

(Photo left) The USAG Benelux Color Guard led by Sgt. Timothy Strick and composed of Spc. Dean Pushard (left guard), Sgt. Landon Gilbert (U.S. Flag bearer), Adjudant Chef Henri Plessiet (Belgian Flag bearer) and Spc. Alexander Frye (right guard) has a long history of participating in the Bastogne commemorative events.

The Mardasson monument, built in the shape of a star, represents the friendship between the United States and Belgium. On the walls is a description of the Battle of the Bulge and a list of the names of the main units that participated in the battle as well as the names of the 50 states.

IMCOM Korea, Europe take home Soldier, NCO of the Year honors

By **Shayna E. Brouker**
IMCOM

After an exhausting week of rucking, wrestling, shooting and Soldiering, each of the nine best Soldiers and noncommissioned officers in the U.S. Army Installation Management Command received an award for participating in the command's first-ever Best Warrior competition. But only two became Soldier and NCO of the Year.

Sgt. Jeremy Brake, an automated logistics specialist for U.S. Army Garrison Daegu, representing the IMCOM Korea region, was named NCO of the Year. Spc. Jonathan Melendez, a military police officer for USAG Schinnen, Netherlands, representing IMCOM Europe, was named Soldier of the Year for the command.

Sgt. Jacob A. Brewster from USAG Stuttgart and Spc. Paige Plumlee from USAG West Point, N.Y., were runners up.

The event took place May 22-26 in the rolling hills of Camp Bullis near San Antonio, Texas.

Brake and Melendez will go on to represent IMCOM at the Army-wide Best Warrior Competition in October at Fort Lee, Va. At the Army level, they will face the same challenges they overcame in Texas, including a board appearance, weapons qualification, 12-mile road march, day and night land navigation, warrior tasks testing and combatives " though likely in cooler conditions. Fort Lee averages 72 degrees Fahrenheit in October, while the average temperature in San Antonio hovered around 95 degrees throughout the competition week.

All competitors were winners no less, said Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, commanding general of IMCOM, addressing the Soldiers alongside IMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Neil Ciotola.

"Don't leave this competition thinking you're not a winner," Lynch said. "You're all winners. Noncommissioned officers are



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Soldiers from installations across the world competed at Camp Bullis, Texas, in the IMCOM Best Warrior competition May 22-26.

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Veteran Affairs (VA) benefits going paperless

Special to the Gazette

To provide federal beneficiaries with a safer and more convenient alternative to receiving payments via paper checks, the Department of Treasury is encouraging all Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Social Security Administration, and Railroad Retirement Board beneficiaries to elect electronic payment for recurring benefits. The Treasury will begin contacting new beneficiaries after May 1, 2011, and all beneficiaries after March 1, 2013 to encourage enrollment.

Beneficiaries are encouraged to provide VA with their local bank account information in order to enroll in the Direct Deposit program. Beneficiaries without bank accounts may enroll in the Direct Express debit card program with Comerica Bank. Payments will be directly deposited into that account and made accessible through a debit card that is mailed by Comerica Bank to the beneficiary's home address. Personal funds cannot be transferred into this account as it can only be used to receive Federal benefits.

Department of Treasury's Financial Management Service Division selected Comerica Bank as its banking agent to issue the debit cards. Comerica was selected in part because of its years of experience with card services for state government benefit recipients and its lower charges compared to other popular banks. The following are some of the advantages of the debit card program:

1. The Direct Express debit card offers beneficiaries the opportunity to receive their payments electronically even if they do not have a bank account.
2. Cardholders have 24/7 access to their money at automated teller machines (ATMs) and are able to make purchases at any retailer that accepts MasterCard.
3. Cardholders can access their account information by telephone and Internet, make purchases over the Internet, and receive cash back with no fee at retail locations.
4. Debit cards eliminate the cost of cashing a check.
5. Debit cards are a safe and reliable means of receiving a payment.

For additional information on the Direct Express program, please visit <http://www.godirect.org/>.

Beneficiaries receiving benefit payments by check or those who have just become eligible to begin receiving benefit payments have two choices for electronic payments:

Option 1 - Receive payments by Direct Deposit through the financial institution of the beneficiary's choice.

- The federal government makes payments electronically through a program called Direct Deposit. Direct Deposit is a safe, convenient, and reliable way to receive federal payments through a financial institution.

- If a beneficiary chooses to receive payments by Direct Deposit, he or she needs to designate a financial institution (e.g. a local bank) through which the payment may be made and then notify and update VA with his or her Direct Deposit account information by calling 1-800-827-1000.

Option 2 - Receive compensation and pension payments via Direct Express Debit MasterCard program, a prepaid card program established as an alternative to Direct Deposit.

- The Direct Express card is a MasterCard debit card issued by Comerica Bank. There are no fees to sign-up for, or activate, the card; receive deposits; make purchases at retail locations, online or by telephone; get cash at retail locations and financial institutions; or check the card's balance at an ATM, by telephone or online. Additionally there are no fees for declined transactions and overdrafts. For additional information or to enroll in the program, please go to: <http://www.godirect.org/> or call the GoDirect Help Line at 1-800-333-1795.

Beneficiaries should select an option from above and take immediate action. A local bank may provide you with greater flexibility, lower fees, and convenient access to ATM's. If the beneficiary elects the Direct Express option during application, VBA will establish an account for the beneficiary with Comerica Bank and send his/her recurring benefit payments via the Direct Express Debit MasterCard described in Option 2. If beneficiaries do not elect one of the above options, they will be contacted directly by the Department of the Treasury regarding the importance of enrollment as well as the process to request a waiver from this program.

New procedures are in place to report a lost SHAPE document

The procedure for reporting a lost SHAPE document, whether it be an identity card, an entry card, ration card or driving license, has been amended in order to streamline reporting and improve efficiency of re-issue to the SHAPE community.

- Immediately report loss to Central processing (CEO) Registration Section in Bldg. 210 or during non-duty hours to the Joint Police Desk in Bldg. 102.
- The Registration Section will fill out SHAPE form (SF) 16 and re-issue the documents.
- If the loss was due to theft all reporting will go through the Joint Police Desk as a criminal matter.

Soldier, NCO of the Year I Continued

the backbone of the Army. Officers might come up with the ideas, but you all are the ones who get it done.”

All nine competitors received a small statue commemorating their experience at Camp Bullis, and the winners were given a shadow box containing a coin from each of the IMCOM garrison commanders as well as a \$1,000 savings bonds from Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command.

Both Menendez and Brake credited their family, sponsors, garrisons, regions -- and fellow competitors -- for getting them this far.

“Winning this competition was very challenging because I had to distinguish myself from all these great warriors,” Menendez said. “I would not have been able to achieve this without the support of my wife, Mary, my parents and the outstanding leadership I have had throughout my military career.”

Brake echoed his sentiment with a nod toward the eight other Soldiers he battled alongside and against over the past five days.

“It’s been a crazy week, everybody,” Brake said. “To the rest of the competitors, you guys are outstanding. Each and every one of you could have been standing up here.”

Ciotola, who led the competition, took time to commend the competitors, highlight the purpose of the five-day event and outline the mission of IMCOM " to support and sustain the Army’s home."

The IMCOM Best Warriors continue a tradition going back to the very beginning of the U.S. Army, Ciotola said. “Six companies of expert riflemen formed the foundation of what we’ve become " the most feared and revered land fighting



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Installation Management Command's Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Neil Ciotola congratulate Sgt. Jeremy Brake and Spc. Jonathan Melendez May 26 for winning the Best Warrior Competition.

force in the history of humanity. And you represent that. That’s who you are. I’m so proud of you,” he said.

“You lift me up, you fill my heart, you have proven my words: That you have boundless potential. Don’t ever be satisfied with what you are.”

USAG Benelux Safety Stand Down Day

June 9

Chièvres Air Base Community Recreation Center

- Opening Remarks by Commander/DGC/CSM. 1 to 1:15 p.m
- Federal Police 1:15 to 2 p.m.: Class on :
 - Cell Phone and Seatbelts
 - Driving under the influence (drugs/crash test and alcohol test)
 - Priority to the right rules in Belgium
 - Speed limits in Belgium
 - Home Watch Security.
 - Fire Extinguisher Ex 2 to 2:30 p.m. outside CRC
 - Jaws of life Demo 2:30 to 3 p.m. outside CRC
- Roll Over Car, Fire truck with Hose, HAZ Prod truck demo, Riding simulator and other vehicles on display. 2 to 4 p.m.
- Various displays 2 to 4 p.m. inside CRC
 - Federal Police
 - Civil Protection/Fire
 - Drug and Alcohol Office (special goggles, movie)
 - ACS (well being/physical & emotional fitness)
 - OH (vision tests)
 - Driver Testing (safety quiz, licensing, process,...)
 - Force Protection

PRODUCE SAFETY

Know how to handle raw fruit and vegetables*Special to the Gazette*

There have been recent concerns about E. Coli outbreaks in the European Region. While it is important to use caution it is also important to know the facts so that you know how to properly react to the situation. Until more information is released Public Health Command Region – Europe and Europe Regional Medical Command health officials encourage everyone to practice safe food preparation practices. Those practices include washing hands before preparing food and before eating, storing food at proper temperatures, cooking food to proper temperatures, washing fruits and vegetables prior to eating and not allowing cooked food to contact raw food or dirty utensils.

Eating contaminated produce (or fruit and vegetable juices made from contaminated produce) can lead to foodborne illness, which can cause serious - and sometimes fatal - infections. However, it's easy to help protect yourself and your family from illness by following these safe handling tips.

Buying Tips for Fresh Produce

- Purchase produce that is not bruised or damaged.
- When selecting freshcut produce choose only those items that are refrigerated or surrounded by ice.
- Bag fresh fruits and vegetables separately from meat, poultry and seafood products when packing them to take home from the market.

Storage Tips for Fresh Produce

Keep your refrigerator set at 40° F or below. Use a fridge thermometer to check!

Preparation Tips for Fresh Produce

- When preparing any fresh produce, begin with clean hands. Wash your hands for 20 seconds with warm water and soap before and after preparation.
- Cut away any damaged or bruised areas on fresh fruits and vegetables before preparing and/or eating. Produce that looks rotten should be discarded.
- All produce should be thoroughly washed before eating. This includes produce grown conventionally or organically at home, or produce that is purchased from a grocery store or farmer's market. Wash fruits and vegetables under running water just before eating, cutting or cooking.
- Even if you plan to peel the produce before eating, it is still important to wash it first.
- Washing fruits and vegetables with soap or detergent or using commercial produce washes is not recommended.
- Scrub firm produce, such as melons and cucumbers, with a clean produce brush.
- Drying produce with a clean cloth towel or paper towel may further reduce bacteria that may be present.

What About Pre-washed Produce?

Many pre-cut, bagged, or packaged produce items like lettuce are pre-washed and ready to eat. If the package indicates that the contents have been pre-washed and ready to eat, you can use the product without further washing.

What is Escherichia coli (E. coli)

E.coli are a large and diverse group of bacteria. Although most strains of E.coli are harmless, others can make you sick. Some kinds of E.coli bacteria cause disease by making a toxin called Shiga toxin.

People of any age can become infected. Very young children and the elderly are more likely to develop severe illness and complications, but even healthy older children and young adults can become seriously ill.

The symptoms of E. coli infections vary for each person but often include severe stomach cramps, diarrhea (often bloody), and vomiting. If there is fever, it usually is not very high (less than 101 degrees F/38.5 degrees C). Most people get better within 5-7 days. Some infections are very mild, but others are severe or even life-threatening.

Around 5-10% of those who are diagnosed with E.coli infection develop a potentially life-threatening complication. Clues that a person is developing complications include decreased frequency of urination, feeling very tired, and losing pink color in cheeks and inside the lower eyelids. These persons should be hospitalized because their kidneys may stop working.

The incubation period is usually 3-4 days after exposure, but may be as short as 1 day or as long as 10 days.

If you are in need of medical care:

- Contact the Brussels Health Clinic at DSN 368-9500 or civilian 02-717-9500

- Contact the SHAPE Health Facility at DSN 423-5886 or civilian 065-44-5586

- For Urgent Care call the toll-free nurse advice line at 0800-80149 and/or the toll free international SOS Emergency line at 0800-80806.

- For medical emergencies call 100 or 112.

- For the Brussels community: during weekends or after hours the on call Patient Liaison can be contacted through the MP Desk 02-717-9769.

Always contact your MTF the next working day after you have been to the ER or when you are admitted to the hospital.

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 helping 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.

Job Opening at the Dry Cleaner

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 068-45-5636.

SHAPE Community Choir

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

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 practice twice a week with games on Saturdays at Petit-Enghien. For information, please call 0485/67-4396 (English spoken).

Brugelette survey

A Belgian agency is surveying projects that could be considered for the future site where the Brugelette sugar beet factory used to be. They would like to reach out in order to find out what projects the American Community would like to see included. As of now, there is no limit on the variety of the potential projects: sports, cultural, commercial, etc. Whether you live in the Brugelette area or work on the Air Base, your ideas can be submitted through the Public Affairs Office at dlima-e-beneluxpao@eur.army.mil.

EFMP Respite Care

The EFMP respite care is a program that provides a temporary rest period for Family members responsible for regular care of persons with disabilities. Eligibility is based on EFMP enrollment and the Family member's medical or educational condition. Contact EFMP to apply for respite care at DSN 423-7598 or civilian 065-44-7598.

CYSS Trips with the Teen Center

- June 22 - \$20 - Black Lighted Mini Golf in Mons
- June 29 - \$45 - Pairi Daiza in Brugelette
- July 1- \$35 -The Magic Spell/Atomium
- July 4-8-\$375 - De Kempervennen in The Netherlands
- July 13- \$50 - Riveo/Hotton Caves in Hotton
- July 15 - \$15 - Swimming in Mons
- July 20 - \$40 - Cosmodrome in Genk
- July 22 - \$35 - The Pass in Frameries
- July 27- \$40 - Namur Citadel in Namur
- July 29 - \$10 - Canal and the Locks bike trip
- August 1-5 - \$350 - Camping in Garmisch
- August 10 - \$40 - Earth Explorers in Oostende
- August 12 - \$50 - Walibi



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

Job Opening

Choctaw Profession Resources Enterprise is seeking qualified applicants for the position of New Parent Support Program Home Visitor for the SHAPE/Chièvres community.

Candidate must be a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) or Licensed RN with a BSN. For information, call DSN 379-6522 or civilian 0049-6202-80-6522.

CYSS Flag Football

Registration starts June 20 and will go through August 19 for ages 9 to 15. Fee is \$40.

CYSS Developmental Soccer

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

CYSS Cheerleading

Registration starts June 20 and will go through August 19 for girls 9 to 13 (age by November 15). Fee is \$40.

CYSS Soccer

Registration starts June 20 and will go through August 26 for ages 6 to 15. Fee is \$40.

Age groups are:

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

||| BELGIAN NEWS |||

By Cis Spook

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

Belgian Army needs more recruits

The Belgian armed forces need 1,800 new recruits next year in addition to the 1200 new people being hired this year.

Explosive packages at Ikea

Three packages exploded at three Ikea stores in Belgium, France and the Netherlands, with no one claiming responsibility for the acts. The light explosives detonated at the Swedish furniture chain's stores in the Belgian city of Ghent, near Lille in northern France and Eindhoven in the Netherlands, on Monday late afternoon. The Ikea premises in Ghent were evacuated after two small explosions took place almost simultaneously inside the store before closing time. An employee and a security agent complained of ear aches. The devices were triggered by old mechanical alarm clocks that were attached to the explosives. Similar clocks, which are not sold at Ikea, were used near Lille and Eindhoven, said a Ghent police spokesman.

Starting June 1

- Inbev Belgium, Belgium's leading beer producer, is raising its prices by a 3 percent average.
- Nuclear power plants in Europe are to undergo stress tests, a kind a safety check to see how well the plants would resist a natural disaster or other types of problems. 143 nuclear stations across Europe will be tested.
- The Spanish airline Iberia has introduced a direct freight link between Madrid and Brussels. The planes will transport a number of items including fruit, vegetables and flowers.
- The EU has banned baby bottles containing Bisphenol A (BPA). The BPA substance could have a negative impact on the health of young babies.

||| BELGIAN NEWS |||

Fresh vegetable sales collapse due to E.coli crisis

Belgian vegetable farmers are hardly selling any tomatoes or cucumbers at the vegetable auction as uncertainty continues about the source of the contamination. Russia announced an import ban for fresh vegetables from the European Union. Belgian farmers are heavily affected by the measure, as a major part of their export is destined for Russia. At the auction in Flanders, half a million kilos of tomatoes and 600,000 cucumbers could not be sold. The bulk of these vegetables will be destroyed.

Weight Watchers store in Brussels

International dieting company Weight Watchers has opened a shop in Rue Juste Lipse, in the Schuman area, the first in Belgium and the fifth in Europe. About 30,000 people in Belgium attend Weight Watchers meetings every week. Products, recipe books and even a special calculator that works out the number of points in each food product are available in the new store. It also organizes individual and group classes in English, French, Dutch and Spanish. Weight Watchers was founded in America in 1963, but the Belgian family Witouck and Baron Ulens de Schooten is currently a major shareholder.

Belgium and Facebook

Some 40% of the Belgian citizens now has a Facebook account compared to 48% in the States and 49% in Canada. Over the last three months, 60,000 new accounts were created by Belgians aged 25 to 34 and some 25,000 new accounts by the age group 35 to 44. The 13 to 15 age group only represents 9% of the accounts, which is equal to the age group over 55 years old. The Belgian page having the most fans (174,000) is the Walibi attraction park's.

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.
- UMUC Summer Session 1 Registration is ongoing through June 12 for online courses. Please visit www.ed.umuc.edu for class schedules or contact your local UMUC Field Representative at DSN 423-5173/Civilian 065-44-5173.

University of Oklahoma

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

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.

University of Phoenix

Enrollment has started for the Master of Business Administration. This program can help you develop managerial tools needed to identify and solve organizational problems using a systematic, decision-making approach. The program is based on current research of managerial competencies and graduate business standards as tested by existing national standardized graduate business examinations. The MBA consists of 36-54 credit hours. Thirty-six credit hours constitute the required course of study.

For more information, visit the USAG Benelux Education Center at Bldg. 212, room 113 or call DSN 423-4645 or civilian 065-44-4645.

7-14 June

- **Festifolk in St Ghislain.** 28th Folkloric festival held on Rue de Chièvres with the participating countries of South Africa, Venezuela, Mexico, Serbia, Sakha Republic, Lithuania, Brazil and Swaziland starting at 8:30 p.m. June 7 with the official opening and daily evening shows at 8:30 p.m. Tickets start at €12.

10 June

- **Flea Market in Ghlin (400 booths)** on Avenue du Grand. Large from 10 a.m. until midnight.

11 June

- **Flea Market in Mons (75 booths)** on Chemin de la Cense Gain from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Ghlin (100 booths)** on Place de Bustiau from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Havré (50 booths)** on Rue de Beaulieu and Avenue du Charbonnage from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Paturages (50 booths)** on the square from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Annual sales in Schaerbeek (100 booths)** on Quartier Josaphat from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Watermael-Boisfort (150 booths)** on Quartier Duc - Pinson from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Flobecq for 25, 45, 65, 85 or 110 km** starting from 7:30 a.m. to noon on Place de la Station. Fee is €4-5. Showers and bike wash are available.



11-12 June

- **"Ladies in Blues" Festival in Montignies-sur-Sambre** at the "Ecole Clinique Provinciale" on Rue de la Paix 102 with the participation of Angela Brown (USA) and Sharrie Williams & The Wiseguys (USA). Festival is starting at 1:30 p.m. and tickets are at €20. For more information, go to www.freewebs.com/nuitdublues.
- **Belgian Heli Days in Enghien** where model helicopters will be displayed at the AMCE on Pavé de Soignies, 26. From 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.
- **Bicycle ride in Binche for 20, 45, 75 or 115 km**. Starts as of 7 a.m. from the Mask Museum on Rue du Saint Moustier.

11-13 June

- **Retro Moteur in Ciney** - Display of prestigious vehicles and bikes at the Ciney Expo on Rue du Marché couvert. Open from 5 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday and Monday. Entrance fee is €12. Children under 12 are free.

12 June

- **Flea Market in Binche (90 booths)** on Rue du Coeur Dolent from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Woluwe Saint Pierre (400 booths)** on Rue René Declercq from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Braine L'Alleud (280 booths)** on Rue des Berges du Ruisseau from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Limelette (225 booths)** on Fond de Bondry - behind the Intermarché store from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Old postcards market in Woluwe Saint Lambert (120 booths)** at the Poseidon on Avenue Vaillants 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Local products and artists Fair in Thulin** on the square from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance is free of charge.
- **Visit the undergrounds of the former Tournai stronghold.** Pre-registration is required at the Tournai Tourism Office at civilian 069-222045. Visit starts at 3 p.m. in front of Caserne Ruquoy on Rue de la Citadelle, 42. Visit lasts 2 hours. No fee but open to adults and children above 8 years old. For more information, go to www.act-tournai.be.
- **Volksmarch in Ladeuze for 30, 20, 12 or 6 km** starting on Rue de la Liberté, 23 from 8 a.m. to noon for the 30 km route and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the other routes.
- **Volksmarch in Casteau for 20, 10 or 5 km** starting on Rue Saint Antoine 8 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



The undergrounds of the former stronghold - see 12 June

12-13 June

- **Flea Market in Floreffe (700 booths)** in all downtown streets from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

13 June - Belgian Holiday

- **Flea Market in Cuesmes (175 booths)** from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Square.

13 June - Belgian Holiday Continued

- **International Collectors Items Fair in Peruwez (75 booths)** at the Foyer Culturel in front of the train station from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Tournai (100 booths)** at Quartier St Lazare from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m

17-19 June

- **Flea Market and Annual Sales in Anderlecht (100 booths)** on Chaussée de Mons as of 1 p.m.

17-20 June

- **Annual Sales in Ieper (250 booths)** in the center of town from 2 to 7 p.m.

18 June

- **Evening Market in Ath (60 booths)** at Quartier St Julien from 6 p.m. to midnight.
- **Flea Market in Ath (50 booths)** on the Quai de l'Entrepot from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market and Annual Sales in Etterbeek (250 booths)** on Rue des Champs, Rue Général Henri and neighboring streets from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Saint-Gilles (240 booths)** on Place Van Menen from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Schaerbeek (150 booths)** at Quartier Meiser, Patrie, Dailly from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Woluwe Saint Lambert (200 booths)** on Rue Dries from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Antiques Fair in Woluwe Saint Pierre (100 booths)** on Parvis St Alix from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Evening Mountain Bike ride in Ellezelles for 25 or 35 km** starting from 6 to 9 p.m. on Rue Arbre St Pierre (tent). Fee is €2. Bike wash available.

Doudou Festival in Mons - 17-21 June

17 June

- 6 p.m., bell concert from the Mons belfry
- 8:30 p.m., in Harmignies: free concert by the Italian military band
- 8:45 p.m., in Ghlin: free concert by the Swedish military band
- 10 p.m., on the Mons main square: free concert by Suarez and Friends

18 June

Military Bands parade throughout Mons:

- 11 a.m. : Danish band in Mons, Bulgarian band in Ciply, Italian band in Saint-Denis, French band in Saint Symphorien
- 7:30 p.m.: Franch band in Nimy and Swedish band in Spiennes
- 8 p.m.: descent of the shrine containing the relics of Sainte Waudru at the Collegiate Church
- 8:30 p.m. Italian band in Le Roeulx
- 9 p.m.: Belgian band on the main square, Danish band in Jemappes and Bulgarian band in Villers Saint Ghislain
- 10 p.m.: Torch Light Parade in rue de Nimy
- 11 p.m.: French band on the main square.

19 June

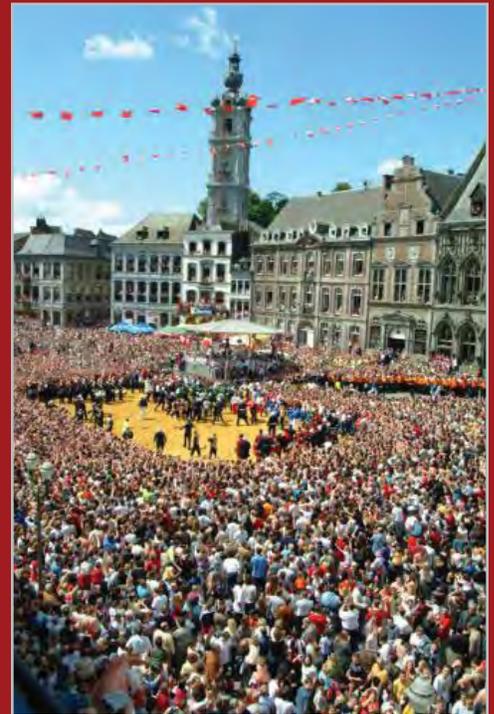
- 7:45 a.m.: religious service at the Collegiate Church Sainte Waudru
- 9:30 a.m.: the golden carriage processions sets off from the Collegiate Church. The procession's history is based on the time when an outbreak of the Plague was ended thanks to the prayers to Sainte Waudru by the people of Mons. The sumptuous golden carriage, which is at the end of the cortège carries the relics of the Saint. The parade ends on the square.
- 12:30 p.m.: the Lumeçon Fight, traditional combat between Saint George and the dragon on the Grand Place.
- 4:30 p.m.: 51st International Festival of Military Bands at Stade Charles Tondreau (Mons soccerfield) on Avenue du Tir. Bands from Bulagria, Denmark, France, Italy, Sweden and Belgium will participate. Tickets required.
- 9:30 - 23:35 p.m.: Military bands concert on the Mons main square

20 June

- 9 - 10:45 p.m.: Military bands concert on the Mons main square
- 10:45 p.m.: Fireworks

20-21 June

All day huge annual sales in the pedestrian areas of Mons.



18-19 June

- **Annual Sales and Flea Market in Soignies** on Rue de la Station and Rue de Mons from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Open House at the Soignies Fire Department.** From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with various activities both days on Rue de Senne. Free of charge.

19 June

- **Flea Market in Bassilly (250 booths)** on the square from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Orientation Volksmarch in Basècles** for 4, 8 or 16 km. The orientation march is in group, alone or with the family and you will need an IGN map (#45, 1/2). Checkpoints will have a letter that needs to be marked on the participant's card. Free of charge. March starts at the Maison du Peuple on 21, Rue des Déportés as of 8 a.m.
- **Volksmarch in Basècles for 5 or 10 km.** March starts at the Maison du Peuple on 21, Rue des Déportés as of 8 a.m. and until 10:30 a.m. Fee is €0.75
- **Mountain Bike Ride in Basècles for 20 km** starting at the Maison du Peuple on 21, Rue des Déportés as of 8 a.m.
- **Mountain Bike Ride in Ellezelles for 25 or 35 km** starting on Rue Arbre St Pierre (tent) from 8 a.m. to noon. Bike wash available.
- **Flea Market and Annual Sales in Braine-le-Château (335 booths)** downtown from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Ixelles (110 booths)** on Rue de l'Arbre Bénit from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Nimy (60 booths)** on the Hubo store parking from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Woluwe Saint Lambert (110 booths)** on Avenue G. Henri (upper part) from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Jogging in La Louvière for 6, 10 or 20 km**, all ages, starting at Rue Saint Patrice 2b in Houdeng-Aimeries. To register, send an email to secretariat@maisonduport.be For more information, go to www.lamaison-duportlalouviere.be.

International Marches

- **European March of Remembrance and Friendship**, 28 – 29 – 30 June and 1 July, Approximately 32 or 15 km each day. Possibility to register for lodging on www.marche-mesa-be.
- **Luxembourg Army March** 18 – 19 June, 20 or 40 km each day. Possibility to register for lodging on www.marche.lu. Departure from Diekirch in Luxembourg
- **Four days of the Yser**, International March organized by the Belgian Defense, 24 – 27 August. 32, 24, 16 or 8 km each day. Different walk options and registration are available at www.mil.be/vierdaagse.



Belgian Soldiers participating in a previous edition of the Four Days of the Yser

BOOK NOW

- **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.
- **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.
- **Couleur Café 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 and B, 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.
- **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.

- **Amsterdam and Dutch windmills, June 11.** The first stop will be the UNESCO World Heritage site Kinderdijk, famed for its many windmills and beautiful setting. The next stop is Zaanse Schans, a popular destination for visitors in search of a bit of Oud Holland (Old Holland). Last stop will be Amsterdam, where you will have time to eat dinner, walk the unique streets or take a carriage ride through the city. (5 Hours in Amsterdam) Price: €45 Departs at 6:30 a.m. and returns at midnight.
- **Oxford & Cambridge overnight, June 11-12.** Home to the oldest University in Britain, Oxford is an architectural marvel. On day one, you will have time to explore this beautiful town, home to royalty and scholars for over 800 years. See all the main sites using your 24 hour hop-on hop-off tour ticket. After a night and a breakfast in a four star hotel, we will head to Cambridge. Be inspired by the many beautiful museums and art galleries and admire the beautiful architecture and majestic college buildings. Price: Double Room €225, Single Room €300, Triple Room €200 per person. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns Saturday at 11 p.m.
- **Paris, June 18.** Whether you're strolling along the Seine or soaking up city life from a sidewalk café, you'll see why Paris is synonymous with the word style. Of course, you can't miss the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, and the Louvre. But be sure to spend a quiet moment in the Jardin des Tuileries and savor an éclair from a patisserie or a glass of Beaujolais in a romantic bistro. From culinary delights to cultural sights, haute couture to heady romance, Paris will tempt every one of your senses. Departs SHAPE at 8 a.m. and returns at midnight. Price: €40.

- **Fort Breendonk, Oostende and the Atlantic Wall, June 19.** Start the day with a guided tour of a transit camp that was considered one of the worst camps in Europe. Then travel to the Belgian seaside and the city of Oostende, the pearl of the Belgian coast, with free time to explore the highlights on your own and lunch. A guided tour of the city by bus follows as well as the visit of the open air museum of the Atlantic Wall, with a two hour audio guided tour through the German Bunkers and tunnels of WWI and WWII. Come see all the Belgian Coast has to offer. Departs SHAPE at 9 a.m. and returns at 8 p.m. Price: €50 Adults, €45 Children (6-10) €40 Children (0-5).



Fort Breendonk

Courtesy Picture

- **London, June 25.** Spend your summer day walking around Hyde Park, riding the London Eye, pub hopping, taking a boat ride down the river Thames, watching a show, visiting Westminster or just discovering the city by foot. Price: 65€. Departs SHAPE at 6 a.m. and returns at 1 a.m. (Sunday).
- **Stonehenge and Salisbury, June 25 June.** Begin the day at the mysterious rocks of Stonehenge. Next is a visit to the Salisbury Cathedral. It is fine example of the early English Gothic style of architecture in Britain. One of the four original Magna Cartas is housed at the Cathedral. After visiting the Cathedral, spend the rest of the time shopping or pub hopping. Prices: 75 € Adult, 70€ Child (5-15), 65€ Child (0-4) Departs SHAPE at 5 a.m. and returns at 1 a.m. (Sunday).
- **Etretat and Fecamp, Normandy, July 2.** Fecamp and Etretat are well placed for exploring and hiking the dramatic cliffs and rock formations. Feel like you stepped back into the Middle Ages and explore Fecamp with the Abbey of the Holy Trinity, enjoy the panorama of Cape Fagnet and spend some time at the small, nice cafes in Etretat. Price: €65 Departs SHAPE at 6:30 a.m. and return at 0:30 a.m. (Sunday).

June 7

- **Anger and Conflict Management, Part I** - From 1 to 4:30 p.m. Bldg. 318, SHAPE. Class focuses on building skills that will support positive relationships at work, home and community. Please register by calling ACS at DSN 423-5263 or civilian 065-44-5263.

June 8

- **Active Parenting for 5-12 years olds** - From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Bldg. 318, SHAPE. Video based interactive learning experience to teach skills such as effective communication with children, preventing the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, discipline while teaching responsibility, encouraging self-esteem and character development, redirecting misbehavior and sidestepping power struggles. Contact ACS at DSN 423-5324/5263 or civilian 065-44-5324/5263 to register.
- **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.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets on Wednesdays, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Religious Support Center, Bldg. 353 (behind Bldg. 318 - AFN, ACS). Enter at the back of the building. For more information, contact DSN 423-2474 or civilian 065-44-2474.
- **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.

June 10

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets on Fridays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Religious Support Center, Bldg. 353 (behind Bldg. 318 - AFN, ACS). Enter at the back of the building. For more information, contact DSN 423-2474 or civilian 065-44-2474.
- **CYSS Parents' Night Out** from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$25 per child and includes small mid-evening snack. Sign up at parent Central Services, Bldg. 503.

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 suspended.

CYSS

Registration for the Golf Summer 2011 runs June 1 through July 18. Golf Summer 2011 is on Mondays and Wednesdays, July 18 through August 10 from 4 to 5 p.m. for ages 7-10 and from 5 to 6 p.m. for ages 10-15. Fee is \$20. For information and to register, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

SAC Summer Camp!

- Week 1** - 20- 24 June - Treasure Hunters
- Week 2** - 27 June - 1 July -All Ball!
- Week 3** - 4 - 8 July - We Are Family (Teamwork challenge week)
- Week 4** - 11 - 15 July - Symphony Of The 5 Senses
- Week 5** - 18 - 22 July - SAC's School of Wizardry
- Week 6** - 25 - 29 July - Space Is The Place
- Week 7** - 1 - 5 August - Going Green
- Week 8** - 8 - 12 August - Raiders Of The Lost ART!
- Week 9** - 15 - 19 August - Home Alone
- Week 10** - 22 - 26 August - Around The World In 5 Days!

Registration : until full!

Ages: grade 1 - 6

AT USAG BRUSSELS

June 16

- **Marriage Enrichment Night** sponsored by the Brussels Protestant Chapel from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Childcare, subs and lemonade will be provided at no cost. The subject will be "Marriages and Personalities." For additional information, call DSN 368-9747.

FITNESS CLASSES

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

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

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

Adult Intramural Softball League

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, you will be placed on an access roster for the trip. For a listing of the upcoming trips, see the SHAPE Trips & Tours page in this Gazette.

ACS

The USAG Brussels ACS offers a class on how to navigate the new Army Civilian Application & Recruitment Process: USA Staffing® & USAJOBS on June 28 in the ACS Conference Room from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

For more information and to reserve a seat, call ACS Employment Program at DSN 368-9735 or civilian 02-717-9735.