

THE GAZETTE

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

Auto Skills opens Sundays

The Chièvres Auto Skills Center will now be open on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The center is available to U.S. and SHAPE ID cardholders. For more information, contact the Auto Skills Center at DSN 361-5796 or civilian 068-27-5796.

Tax Centers

The tax centers at SHAPE and Brussels are open Mon through Fri from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with last appointment or walk-in at 4 p.m. At Chièvres, a tax center is open during the same hours but only on Wednesdays. For information, call DSN 423-4906/4868 or civilian 065-44-4906/4868.

Radar Checks

The Belgian Federal Police will proceed to radar checks on the following dates and locations:

16 February

Chaussée de Soignies, Ghislenghien
Chaussée de Grammont, Ghislenghien

Rue de la Sylle, Meslin-l'Évêque
Chaussée de Mons, Ath
Rue de Soignies, Ath

18 February

Chaussée de Valenciennes, Ath
Chaussée de Tournai, Ath
Chaussée de Mons, Ath
Rue de Soignies, Ath
Chaussée de Bruxelles, Ath

Celebrating African American Heritage Month



Sylvia Williams



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Top Picture from left to right: Dr. Christian Sheka Kargbo, Sierra Leone's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium and the European Union, retired Col. Monique Hale Bagby and Maj. Gen. Byron S. Bagby, director of operations at NATO Allied Joint Force Command (JFC) Headquarters in Brunssum, the Netherlands attended the U.S. SHAPE and Chièvres community's African American Heritage Month Celebration at the SHAPE Event Center Feb. 9.

Picture Bottom Left: Kenneth F. Kelly, Information Security Officer at USAG Benelux, provided the committee with a selection of his personal collectibles that made it possible for the attendants to dive into the history of African Americans from the Civil War until today.

Picture Bottom Right: Master Sgt. Ann Renay Pruitt from SHAPE Battalion (left) and Tech. Sgt. Christine Hunt from the 309th Airlift Squadron (right) are waiting their turn to personate Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth - two influential Americans during the Civil War.

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USAG Brussels Army Community Services to open doors

By Marie-Lise Baneton
USAG Benelux Public Affairs

The US Army Garrison Brussels Army Community Services (ACS) will open their doors to the larger Brussels community Feb. 17.

During the event, visitors will have an opportunity to meet the newly reformed ACS staff and to learn more about the garrison and some of its service agencies and partners.

A week later, on Feb. 24, the team will hold its Army Family Action Plan symposium, a program designed to solicit community issues of concern or suggestions on improving and effecting military life locally or even worldwide.

“The main goal that we hope to achieve with our newly reformed ACS team is to improve our outreach efforts to community members,” said Yvette Castro who took charge of the office about two months ago. “We’re reaching out to our customers, instead of them having to come to us,” she added.

Castro has worked for the U.S. Army for the last four years, starting as a victim advocacy coordinator for the Brussels and SHAPE/Chièvres communities. She is impressed with her team, and with the mission. “When I first entered the world of ACS four years ago, I was amazed at how many phenomenal services were on offer. If you look at the services compared to those on the economy or in private industry, ours are comparable, and they’re right here,” she said.

Castro started with restructuring the office to make the ACS wing more pleasant, comfortable and organized. She is now introducing her staff and programs to customers in order to familiarize them with the services on offer so that service members and Families are aware of all services available, and have a better understanding of which ones would be best for their specific situation.

“We want to be known as the place to call up if you need a question answered,” Castro said. “And if we don’t have

the answer, we’ll go out and find it. We’re really customer service based,” she added.

Castro is confident that the mix of new employees with long time specialists, combined with the quality of the services offered, will help ACS meet customers’ needs in the spirit of the Army Family Covenant that was unveiled in October 2007.

If you’re interested in meeting the new ACS team, and to learn more about the Brussels community and services, visit ACS, USAG Brussels, Bldg. 4, Feb. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and enjoy the hospitality. For more information, call DSN 368-9721 or 02-717-9721.

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U.S. Army Photo

Yvette Castro
Director

Manages and implements a full range of programs designed to identify and resolve problems, and to promote Soldier, Family and civilian employee readiness through awareness, prevention, and education. "I am honored to be leading a team of highly qualified and talented staff who provide services to a very unique community. At the Brussels ACS, we go the extra

mile to provide exemplary customer service which meets the needs of the community members that we serve."



U.S. Army Photo

Cathy Blumenthal
Relocation Readiness Program Manager

Provides assistance to military personnel, DA civilians, and family members moving to or from Brussels. "I want to provide as many tools as possible to build the self confidence needed to enjoy the Brussels experience, and to live and work effectively in a multinational and multicultural environment."



U.S. Army Photo

Valerie Woods
Employment Readiness and Volunteer Program Manager

Assists active duty members, DA civilians, spouses, retirees, surviving spouses, and family members with identifying immediate and long range career goals and runs the volunteer program.

"Brussels volunteers play a key role in connecting people to one another, and deserve to be recognized for all they do. People who are looking for

jobs in Brussels have few opportunities, and a lot of competition, so they need to optimize their job search making sure they have the most current information, contacts and sites."



U.S. Army Photo

Maggie Clifford
Family Advocacy Program Manager

The program offers both community-wide and individual education focusing on anger management, conflict resolution, communication, as well as, prevention and awareness programs focusing on Family violence issues. "The Family Advocacy Program creates, strengthens, and preserves healthy Families, which in turn promotes Soldier retention and readiness. We ensure that our customers have the education and support they need in order to be the best possible parents and spouses."



U.S. Army Photo

Megan Calero
Information, Referral (I&R), Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) and Army Emergency Relief (AER) Manager

The I&R Program is a one stop information source for questions concerning the garrison and the local community.

The AFAP is the Army's grassroots process to identify and elevate the most significant quality of life issues impacting Soldiers, retirees, DA civilians and Families to senior leaders for action.

AER is the Army's own emergency financial assistance organization and is dedicated to "helping the Army Take Care of Its Own." "My programs can make a difference in Families' lives throughout their entire stay in Brussels, whether it's providing them information or helping them in times of crisis."



U.S. Army Photo

Deborah Wheeler
Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) Program Manager and Exceptional Family Member (EFMP) Program Manager

SOS is an Army program developed to better serve the surviving Families of the fallen by keeping them connected to the Army for as long as they desire. The EFMP services and advocates for community members with educational, medical and developmental special

needs. Working with governmental agencies and schools, the EFMP can assist in addressing the needs of the special needs population.

"I understand what Families go through during times of crisis because I too have survived the loss of an active duty spouse."



U.S. Army Photo

Charlene O'Sullivan
Victim Advocate Coordinator (VAC) and Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)

The program provides 24/7 advocacy services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Services include the ability to take both restricted and unrestricted reports of domestic abuse and sexual assault, emotional support, safety planning, coordination of emergency services, and information

on other available resources. Victim advocates do not provide counseling, they provide services to support and empower victims to make and carry out decisions.

"The primary role of a Victim Advocacy Coordinator is to facilitate support for victims and help them become empowered and regain control after experiencing the trauma of an assault."

Community members met to identify and prioritize issues

Comel Rooms, ACS Core trainer, explains to 23 delegates how to best develop a Army Family Action Plan issue paper at the AFAP Symposium on SHAPE Feb. 10. The goal of the symposium is to identify and prioritize service member and Family issues for the military leadership in reshaping the military for the 21st Century. The Feb. 22 edition of the Gazette will include a summary of all the issues that were identified along with some suggested recommendations.



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Sexual assault contrary to Army values

By Gen. Carter F. Ham



U.S. Army Photo

In Iraq and Afghanistan, a Soldier will place himself or herself in danger to protect a comrade in harm's way. We need to apply that same instinct

at our home stations and provide aid to a Soldier in the fight against sexual assault.

We have a unique opportunity to build on this culture through our bystander intervention programs and capitalize on this instinct to protect our fellow Soldiers, friends and Families from becoming sexual assault victims.

Sexual assault is contrary to Army values, degrades mission readiness, is a crime and has no place in our Army. It tears apart the fabric of trust that bonds our units and communities.

I am very passionate about the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program. This program reinforces our commitment to ensuring that victims receive quality services and perpetrators are held accountable.

We must continue working as a team to eliminate sexual assault from our ranks. Everyone, not just leaders, Sex-

ual Assault Response Coordinators and victim advocates, has a responsibility to rid the Army of this crime.

It's important that we keep our focus on prevention. Our team must have an ingrained, values-based "gut reaction" against sexual assaults, sexually offensive language, comments and gestures that may create an environment of abuse. This reaction must compel all to act immediately to prevent a potential assault.

Our goal is elimination of sexual assault but until that happens we will continue treating victims with dignity and respect and providing quality care.

Sexual assault is contrary to Army values and we won't quit until it's gone from our ranks.

CARTER F. HAM
General, US Army
Commanding

Scouts host Blue and Gold Banquet

By Nicholas and Philip Monbleau



Philip Monbleau

Cub Scout Pack 457 recently hosted their annual Blue and Gold Banquet. This year's theme was "Do Your Best to Serve the Community"

The purpose of the Blue and Gold banquet is to celebrate the pack's anniversary, recognize pack leaders and other adults who have been instrumental in the pack's success, and inspire the leaders, scouts, and parents. Packs often like to invite former members or community leaders to take part in the annual Blue and Gold Banquet. Among the guests in attendance were Bonnie Sher, Scouting District Commissioner, Tim Labelle, Scouting Unit Commissioner, Lt. Col. Francesca Ziemba, US Army Garrison Brussels Commander, Sgt. Cody, Military Police Officer, Mrs. Prioetto, third grade teacher, firemen from the Zaventem Fire Station and the family of Jane Rudy, guest speaker.

Rudy was named Youth of the Year by the USAG Brussels Child, Youth and School Services, the highest honor a Boys and Girls Club member can receive. She is one of hundreds of local youths from across the United States recognized by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America for her sound character, leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community.

"We selected her as a guest speaker because she was an excellent example of how young people can serve the community and really make a difference," stated Rob Fago, Tiger Den Leader and Blue Gold Committee Chairperson. Rudy mentioned to the young scouts and parents in the



George Niculescu



Philip Monbleau

Top Picture: The purpose of the banquet is to celebrate the pack's anniversary and at the same time recognize those who have been instrumental in the pack's success.

Picture Left: Jane Rudy, guest speaker, presented remarks to the young scouts.

Picture Right: Senior Nikki Fox of Brussels American School made the cake in the design of the Cub Scout Patch.

audience that Cub Scouts are "walking the walk" serving the community and that Cub Scouting is just the beginning with steps towards the future.

The event also included a ceremony that scouts across the globe complete to remind them of the spirit of scouting: truth, loyalty, the endless possibilities of scouting and the good cheer and happiness that scouting brings to young people.



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

Air Force Annual Awards Banquet

The 2010 United States Air Force Annual Awards Banquet will be held Feb. 25 at the SHAPE Club starting at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Chief Master Sgt. Gregory N. Myers. For information and tickets, call DSN 361-5285 at Chièvres, DSN 423-4132 on SHAPE, DSN 366-6302 at Glons or DSN 365-9428 in Brussels.

Crossage

Crossage will be on Mar. 9 from noon to sunset in Chièvres. The cost is €3 per person for insurance, €25 for a rabot if you don't already have one and €3 for a chôtelette if you don't already have one. For information and to register, please contact USAG Benelux HHC at DSN 361-5288 or civilian 068-275288.

Medieval Dinner

The SHAPE High School is hosting a medieval dinner with jesters, mummers, minstrels, troubadours, strolling players, jugglers and much more Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Officers' Club. Cost is €25 per person for a four course dinner. Reserve now at DSN 423-5663/5779 or 5783.

Yellow Ribbon Room

The Army Community Service Yellow Ribbon Room is now open. The Yellow Ribbon Room is a place for military and family members to communicate through e-mail and webcam while deployed or away from home, browse the internet, Skype, or just relax. For information, call ACS at DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.

Are you a resident of Saint Ghislain?

Saint Ghislain residents are invited to a *Welcome evening* to be held Mar. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Cultural Center, Grand' Place 37, organized by the city. Please confirm your presence via email at dlima-e-beneluxpao@eur.army.mil by Feb. 18.

Eva de Chièvres

Because of its rich history going back to the Middle Ages, the city of Chièvres organized medieval plays in 2005 and 2008 to bring history onto the streets. The plays are mostly street theater and bring participants and spectators back to how life was here in the 12th century. Because of the success of the previous shows, the organizers decided to present a new one Apr. 29-30. The play, titled "Le Legs d'Eva" (Eva's heritage) will tell the story of Eva de Chièvres, a noble woman who played a big part in the history of her town and its architectural heritage. The play will involve approximately 200 comedians from local groups, role players, archers, riders and many more participants. Although many roles require French speaking, the role players do not need the same language skills so the organizing team is opening participation up to the international community in the SHAPE/Chièvres area. There are only few skills required but the team insists that role players be available for several rehearsals. Interested individuals are required to sign up no later than Feb. 25. To do so or for more information, call the USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office at DSN 361-5419, civilian 068-275419 or email dlima-e-beneluxpao@eur.army.mil.



Presidents Day

Col Rick L. Tillotson, commander of the US Army Garrison Benelux, will be hosting a reception Feb. 17 to thank the garrison's international and host nation partners for their support to the service members, civilians and Families who live and work in the Benelux. The theme of the reception is Presidents Day and the highlight of the event will be a display featuring the 44 U.S. presidents and historical facts that happened in the United States and in the Benelux since 1789.

In a desire to provide a creative training opportunity and to promote cultural exchange, the command team has decided to open the display to the Chièvres and SHAPE workforce and their Families as well as to SHAPE Green ID cardholders. The display will be available to the public at Caserne Daumerie's Prime Time Lounge, building 7, Friday, Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call the USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office at DSN 361-5419, civilian 068-275419 or email dlima-e-beneluxpao@eur.army.mil.



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

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By Cis Spook

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

365 marathons in 365 days

Stefaan Engels, a Belgian, had the challenge of running a marathon every day, one year long. Last week, he successfully completed his mission in Barcelona. He started his mission Jan. 1 last year, but due to an injury he had to start from scratch Feb. 6. He ran most of his marathons in the Gent area, but he also participated in well-known marathons like London, New York and Athens. His last 42 km run took place in Barcelona. He covered the distance in 4 hours and 21 minutes. He crushed the previous world record, which had been set at 52 marathons on 52 consecutive days. Engels says the main purpose of his mission was to get more people to do sports.

New tools to find missing children

In the future, alerts concerning missing children will be broadcast rapidly through different channels, not only TV and radio but also the internet and mobile phone networks. This will happen through the "Child Alert" system of Child Focus, the organization that is active in the prevention of missing children. The new system does not imply that a flash message will be sent automatically to the mobile phone network every time a child has gone missing. This will only be the case when there are fears that the life of the child is in danger. The decision on whether a message is sent to people's mobile phones will be made by a magistrate. This can be the case when a child has been abducted by a stranger, or when very

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young kids like toddlers have gone missing in suspicious circumstances. This type of "Child Alert" message is new and should serve as an extra tool to resolve the case. However, the alerts will only be sent to people who have subscribed to the new service.

Electric car-sharing arrives in Brussels

A new form of car-sharing is about to start in Brussels. A private company is placing 20 electric cars at the disposal of the general public. Just like the Cambio system for ordinary cars, the electric vehicles can be rented from a set of car parks across Brussels.

Hold up in European Parliament Post Office

While the EU summit was in full swing, two gangsters staged a raid on the post office in the European Parliament in Brussels last week, managing to get away with the content of the cash registers. European Parliament sources say that the thieves stole some 8,000 Euro. Nobody was hurt in the incident that is under the Brussels police's investigation.

Draughthorses to collect trash in Schaerbeek

The city of Schaerbeek has bought two draughthorses that will soon help the service in charge of cleanliness and green areas. As of mid March, the horses will be seen in town to collect trash, green waste or to help water the flowers and thus replace one of three city trucks. This project is the first of its kind in Belgium and pending the results, other cities may go for it.

Office automation equipment

In order to implement cost savings measures it is now required to shut down office automation equipment at the close of business day *except on Tuesdays* as critical software updates occur on Tuesday evenings.

This involves the following equipment:

- Laptops.
- Desktops.
- Monitors.
- Printers.
- Scanners (Digital Senders).

The equipment that is shut down on Tuesday will not be updated and may become vulnerable and as a result be disconnected from the network.

World Day of Prayer

Mar. 4 is the date set for the World Day of Prayer service when people in over 180 countries make time to come together to sing, think and pray around a common theme every year. Taking as its theme 'How many loaves have you?' the service of 2011 looks at those in countries where food and possessions are in abundance, and sets that against places where the people are poor and starving. A service will be held in the SHAPE Chapel Center, Mar. 4 at 11 a.m.

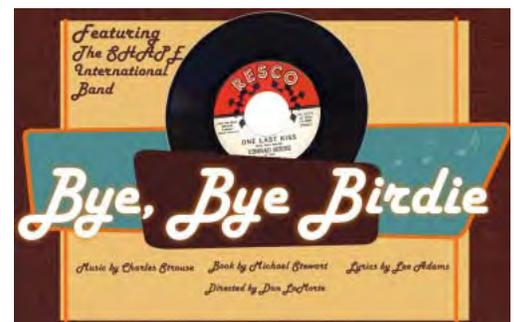
Officer Candidate School

A Department of the Army Officer candidate School Selection Board will be conducted July 25-29. The next SHAPE Officer Candidate School Selection Board will convene Jun. 10. Interested candidates should submit their applications to the SHAPE Battalion S-1 located in Bldg. 220, room 106 no later than May 30. For more information, to to www.armyocs.com or call DSN 423-5171 or civilian 065-44-5171.

SHAPE Players

The SHAPE Players present *Bye, Bye Birdie* Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 27 at 3 p.m. Tickets are on sale Tue through Fri from

1 to 6 p.m. at the SHAPE Performing Arts Center, Bldg. 207, SHAPE. For information, call civilian 065-44-3312.



18 February

- **Evening mountain bike ride in Estaimbourg** for 20 km. Departure between 7 and 9 p.m. from the Sports Center, Place Estaimbourg. Showers and bike wash available.

18-19 February

- **9th Edition of the Winter Rock Festival in Tournai** at the Cultural Center on Boulevard des Frères Rimbaut, 2. Opens Friday as of 6 p.m., Saturday as of 3 p.m. For information and presale tickets, call 069-253080.

18-20 February

- **Garden Decoration Fair in Ciney** at the Ciney Expo on Rue du marché Couvert 3. Open Friday from 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Fair will also be open on the 25-27 February). Entrance fee is €8 – Parking is free.

18 – 25 February

- **International love film festival in Mons**, at Imagix Mons on 1 Boulevard André Delvaux. The festival presents about 100 love movies from all over the world. The American movie part of the International Competition is "The Myth of the American Sleepover" by David Robert Mitchell. For detailed program, visit www.fifa-mons.be.

19 February

- **Festival Alter Ego (Rock) in Soignies** at the Espace Culturel Victor Jara on Place Van Zeeland, 31. Presale tickets are at €27. Festival starts at 6:30 p.m. For information and presale tickets, call 067/347426.

20 February

- **Flea Market in Roselies** (125 booths) on Rue Président John Kennedy, 150 at 6250 Roselies from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Boleil for 5, 10 or 20 km.** Departure is from the school on 45 Rue de Mons between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Saint-Symphorien for 5, 10 or 20 km.** Departure is from the school on the main square between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Estaimbourg for 42, 30, 25 or 20 km.** Departure is from the sports center on the main square between 8 and 11 a.m. Showers and bike wash available.
- **Run and bike in Nimy.** Departure is from the police academy on 25-35 Route d'Ath between 10 a.m. and noon. Participation fees range between €7.50 and €10. Showers and bike wash available.



21 February

- **Showing of the American movie "The Myth of the American Sleepover" by David Robert Mitchell** at 9 p.m. at Imagix Mons on 1, Boulevard André Delvaux. This movie is competing at the international love film festival in Mons (see above).

UPCOMING

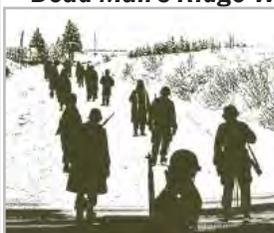
25-27 February

- **Special Beers Festival in Sohier (Wellin)**, Rue Basse. With more than 130 different beers, many of which originating from traditional production and some "exotic" beers. On Saturday (Feb. 26) there will also be an exchange fair. Free entrance.
- **Garden Decoration Fair in Ciney** at the Ciney Expo on Rue du marché Couvert 3. Open Friday from 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entrance fee is €8 – Parking is free.

25-28 February

- **Affordable Art Fair Brussels** at the Tour et Taxis, Avenue du Port 86. Fair offers a variety of contemporary paintings, prints, photographs and sculptures from a selection of local and international galleries. Open Friday from noon to 10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Monday from noon to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €13.

20 March



- **Dead Man's Ridge Walk - Historical walk for 6 or 16 km in Flamierge near Bastogne.** This 3rd edition of the walk honoring the members of the 17th Airborne Division will follow the footsteps of the 194th Glider Infantry Regiment. Departure will be at Flamierge after a small ceremony to be held at the 17th Airborne Division monument at 9:30 a.m. Registration for the walk is €5 and includes a drink, a certificate and insurance. Payment will be made by Mar. 5 to "101st Airborne Belgium" , account 732-0005542-64 with mention of a name and the number of participants. The walk is organized by the 101st Airborne Division Belgian Friendly. For additional information, contact the association via email at 17thairbornewalk@gmail.com.

SHAPE Trips & Tours

For information on the trips below,
call DSN 423-3884 or CIV 065-44-3883.

Events & Happenings

- **Amsterdam, Feb. 19.** Visit the Van Gogh Museum, Anne Frank House, sip coffee at the world's best cafes or enjoy a day of leisure in this beautiful city. Amsterdam is an eclectic city famed for its beautiful canals and outrageous cafes. Price: €40. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m.
- **London, Feb. 26.** A day of free time in the city of endless attractions: Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, Museums, and the West End theatre district. Price: €65. Departs SHAPE at 6 a.m. and returns at 1 a.m. (Sunday). SHAPE Trips & Tours has a listing of 100 things to do or see in London.
- **Wine Dinner, Mar. 5.** After free time in the city of Trier, Germany, the trip brings you to the winery of Weingut Am Rosenberg for tasting, dinner and a tour. Price: €60. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns at midnight. Price includes wine tasting, dinner and winery tour.
- **Paris, Mar. 12.** Spend the day exploring the many classic landmarks of Paris, including the Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysées, the Louvre, Notre Dame... Price: €45. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns at 11:30 p.m. Register early as trip fills up quickly.
- **Morocco, Mar. 6-13,** including Fez, Marrakech, Casablanca, Meknes and more. Escape the cold and experience this once in a lifetime trip to exotic and magical Morocco. This package includes: Airport transfers, Airfares (to Casablanca and from Marrakech), 5 star hotel in Casablanca for 1 night, 5 star hotel in Fes for 3 nights, Tent Camp for 1 night, 5 star hotel in Marrakech for 2 nights, All meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and all excursions and city tours Price: €1995 Single Room, €1698 Double/Twin Room, €1585 Triple Room. All prices are per person. Register quickly as trip is more than halfway sold out.



Amsterdam, Feb. 19



London, Feb. 26



Paris, Mar. 12

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15 February

- **Play Morning** - sponsored by ACS New Parent Support Program. This program is offered every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the CYSS Teen Center, Bldg. 503, SHAPE. No pre-registration is required. Parents and their children (0-3 years) play together in a group setting. The program teaches parents developmentally appropriate play to help children improve their social, cognitive, and motor skills. No pre-registration is required. Open to all U.S., SHAPE and NATO ID cardholders. For more information, call ACS at DSN 423-4274 or civilian 065-44-4274.
- **Coffee Connection** - If you are new to the community or you are separated from your sponsor due to TDY or deployment, join us for a cup of coffee, friendly conversation, and find out more about living in Belgium from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Chièvres Army Lodge breakfast room. For more information, call ACS at 423-4332 or civilian 065-44-4332.
- **Anger and Conflict Management, Part 2** - 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.
- **ADHD Resource Group** - Meets at Bldg. 318 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. This month's topic is Caring for the Caregiver. For information and to register, call ACS at DSN 423-7598 or civilian 065-44-7598.

16 February

- **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, entrance is in the back of the building). For more information, contact DSN 423-2474 or civilian 065-44-2474.
- **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.
- **Overseas Breastfeeding Support Group** - All expectant mothers, breastfeeding or formerly breastfeeding mothers are invited to attend this monthly support group held from 10 to 11 a.m. in the conference room on the 2nd floor of the SHAPE clinic. This group is co-sponsored by WIC Overseas, ACS New Parent Support Program and the SHAPE Healthcare Facility. For more information at DSN 423-5971 or civilian 065-44-5971.
- **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.
- **Page Turners Book Discussion Group** meets at 5:30 p.m. at the SHAPE International Library. The group will discuss *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon. For more information or to reserve a copy, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631.

17 February

- **Asperger/Autism Support Group** - If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome or Autism Spectrum Disorder, join the group for education and support at the Rendezvous Café next to the GB on SHAPE from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. For information and to register, call ACS at DSN 423-7598 or civilian 065-44-7598.
- **AFTB Phase 3: Tools to enhance your Resilience**, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in Bldg. 318, SHAPE. These one-day concept blocks are designed to build strong minds, improve resiliency, and enhance leadership skills. Pre-registration is required by calling DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324.
- **Climbing at Face Nord (by reservation)** - Join Outdoor Recreation staff on a trip to Face Nord, one of Belgium's best indoor climbing facilities and climb or bolder your way to fitness. Departing the Chièvres Community Recreation Center at 6 p.m. and returning by 10 p.m. Transportation is \$5 Climbing Fee €8-15 (price varies with equipment needs). Minimum four persons. Reservations must be made at least one week ahead.
- **The Illuminati: A Book Club for Preteens & Teens** meets at 4:30 p.m. at the SHAPE International Library. The group will discuss *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley. For more information, call the library at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631.

18 February

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Religious Support Center, Bldg. 353 (behind Bldg. 318 - AFN, ACS entrance is in the back of the building). For more information, contact DSN 423-2474 or civilian 065-44-2474.

19 February

- **Family Fun Night** at the Community Recreation Center, Chièvres Air Base from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Activities include skating, board games and video games in the Patriot and a bouncy castle. Skaters under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Parents must supervise their children at all times. Prices will be \$3 admission for everyone, ages 3 and up; \$5 skate rental. The Patriot will be serving dinner from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at \$7 adults and \$5 for kids under 12 (no outside food is allowed).

21 February

- **Communication Training** - Offered by the Military & Family Life Consultant from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Auditorium, Bldg. 30, Caserne Daumerie, Chièvres. Learn how to become an effective communicator. Open to all U.S. ID cardholders. Call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324 to register.

AT USAG BRUSSELS

All ACS services and classes are open to the tri-Mission Community and are free.

14 February

- **New Parent Support Program Playgroup** - Meets every Monday and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Brussels Chapel Nursery. The program offers age-appropriate play and socialization for toddlers as well as information and support for parents.

15 February

- **Family Advocacy Lunch & Discussion Groups** - Meets every Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. in the Brussels ACS Conference Room. Topics change weekly and focus on issues such as anger management, conflict resolution, communication, stress management, and parenting. Groups are co-facilitated with the Military Family Life Consultant.

16 February

- **Family Advocacy & USAG Brussels Library Story Time** - Every Wednesday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Brussels Library. The Family Advocacy Program provides story time for young children followed by craft projects hosted by library staff.

17 February

- **ACS Open House** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the ACS facility, Bldg. 4. The event is open to all community members and partner agencies will have an opportunity to present information in respect to their services. In addition to meeting the team and learning about ACS, visitors will also be offered a free light lunch. For information, call ACS at DSN 368-9721 or civilian 02-717-9721.
- **Tacos** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the 3 Star Lounge. Showing of Tangled at 6 p.m. and trivia at 7:30 p.m.

18 February

- **New Parent Support Program Playgroup** - Meets every Monday and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Brussels Chapel Nursery. The program offers age-appropriate play and socialization for toddlers as well as information and support for parents.
- **Parents' Night Out** - Bedtime Stories - A CYSS pajamas party. Cost is \$15 per child. SAS and CDC Spaces available, pre-registration required. For more information, call DSN 368-9649 or civilian 02-717-9649.
- **Movie night** at the 3 Star Lounge with Mega Mind at 7 p.m. and Morning Glory at 9:15 p.m.

24 February

- **Army Family Action Plan (AFAP)** - The AFAP Working Group will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the 3Star Recreation Building, USAG Brussels. AFAP provides Soldiers, civilians, and retirees and their Family Members the opportunity to raise issues or concerns regarding quality of life for leadership' information and action. All members of the USAG Brussels Tri-Community, regardless of military branch, are encouraged to participate and share their perspective. We need service members, civilians, retirees and family members to create a realistic cross section of the community. For more information, stop by ACS, Bldg. 4, second floor or call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-717-9783.

25 February

- **African Americans Heritage Month Observance** at 6:30 p.m. at the 3 Star Lounge. This year's theme is "African Americans in the Civil War". Guest speaker, blues music, ribs & chicken.

26 February

- **Bunco/Karaoke Night.** Check-in at 6:30 p.m., play begins at 7 p.m. \$5 buy-in. Call 02-717-9822 to register.

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.

- **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.
- **B.W. Body Shop** - Every Mon, Wed, Fri from 1 to 2 p.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.

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.

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