

# THE GAZETTE

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

## Wearing the uniform

In view of the current world situation, service members are required not to wear their uniform off post.

## Locating family in Japan

The Red Cross has established a site to help locate family members and friends that may be affected by the earthquake, tsunami or nuclear plant explosions in Japan. Check <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>.

## Daylight Saving Time

Set clocks forward one hour next Sunday, March 27 at 2 a.m. as the European Summer Time begins.

## DOL Facilities

The following Directorate of Logistics facilities will be closed March 22 from noon to 2:30 p.m. for a mandatory briefing: Maintenance Division, Uncle Sam's Store, Central Issue Facility, Property Book Office, Retail Supply Operations (Local Procurement), Central Receiving, Haz-mat store, Transportation Motor Pool. The following facilities on SHAPE will be closed March 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Personal Property Processing Office, SHAPE Dispatch. The following DOL facilities at USAG Brussels will be closed from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.: DOL office, Driver Testing Office, Personal Property Processing Office, Supply Office. The Transportation Motor Pool will have limited services.

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## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

### Community honors women in military service



Marie-Lise Baneton

(Picture above) Maj. Gen. Patricia E. McQuiston, commander of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command speaks to the audience at the USAG Benelux Women's History Month celebration held March 15 at the Community Recreation Center in Chièvres. The event kicked off with the posting of the Colors by a female multi-Service Color Guard (picture below left). Several speakers participated in the event and Angela Wainwright (picture below right), Prevention Coordinator for the Army Substance Abuse Program, performed the song selection "Let go and let God." After the official presentation, participants were able to watch a display highlighting the women who made history in the U.S.Armed Forces.



Marie-Lise Baneton



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# AFN returning to regular radio and TV schedule

**By George A. Smith**  
AFN Europe Public Affairs

AFN Power Network radio shows Ed Schultz, Car Talk and Prairie Home Companion go back to regularly scheduled slots Sunday, March 27 once Daylight Saving Time begins in Central Europe.

Some live AFN radio and TV shows temporarily changed start times when the United States went to Daylight Saving Time March 13.

The changes are most noticeable on AFN's Power Network Radio service.

<b>Power Network until March 27:</b>	<b>Power Network effective March 27 after 2 a.m. :</b>
<b>Monday - Friday</b>	<b>Monday - Friday</b>
9 - 10 p.m. - NPR's All Things Considered 10 - 11 p.m.- Ed Schultz	9 - 10 p.m. - Ed Schultz 10 - 11 p.m.- NPR's All Things Considered
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
11 a.m. - noon - Kim Kommando	Noon - 1 p.m. - Kim Kommando
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
10 - 11 a.m. - Car Talk 11 a.m. - noon - Prairie Home Companion noon - 1 p.m. - NPR's Weekend Edition	11 a.m. - noon - Car Talk noon - 1 p.m. - Prairie Home Companion 1 - 2 p.m. - NPR's Weekend Edition

The on-line AFN TV schedule at afneurope.net is the best way to get a time-adjusted AFN TV schedule.



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# Garrison leader retires after 22 years of faithful service



Cis Spook

USAG Benelux Color Guard folds the US flag prior to presentation to Lt. Col. Keith Forsyth at his retirement ceremony.

**By Keith Houin**

*USAG Benelux Public Affairs*

USAG Benelux service members, civilians, host nation and international team members gathered at the Chièvres Community Recreation Center Thursday to honor Lieutenant Colonel Keith Forsyth's more than 22 year career with the Army. His service also included time in the Army Reserve and the Louisiana National Guard prior to starting his active duty career.

The ceremony presided over by Colonel Rick Tillotson, USAG Benelux commander, was a testament to a distinguished career that included overseas service in Croatia, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Haiti, Italy, Iraq and Panama, as well as

stateside assignments in Kansas, Washington and Louisiana.

Forsyth worked as an advisor to an Iraqi Special Police Brigade where he participated in numerous brigade level combat operations resulting in the detention of more than 85 insurgents, capture of more than 66 weapons, and numerous improvised explosive device detonators and materials.

Multiple times he demonstrated courage under fire while serving as the lead vehicle commander for more than 40 tactical movements while receiving RPG-7 and small arms fire in separate enemy attacks.

In his final tour of duty as Director of Emergency Services for the Benelux, Forsyth was credited with effectively transforming a historically tranquil but complex directorate into well trained and respected emergency services force that resulted in increased quality of life services for the Soldiers and Civilians in the USAG Benelux footprint.

As a leader Forsyth has had many opportunities to instruct and mentor young soldiers on what is important about service and life, and he took the opportunity at his retirement ceremony to pass one last piece of advice, "To the young Soldiers, the military is great. Enjoy what you do, but cherish your family because at the end, that is all you have left."

Forsyth's decorations and badges include the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf cluster, the Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge and Recruiting Badge.



Cis Spook

Lt. Col. Keith Forsyth receives his official retirement flag.

## EFMP Screenings and Enrollments

Service members who will soon be leaving SHAPE for a new assignment could encounter a delay if their Family members have not completed an Exceptional Family Member Program screening. An EFMP screening is required anytime a service member is seeking an assignment at another OCONUS location, including Hawaii and Alaska, an intra-theater transfer (ITT) or an in-place consecutive overseas tour (IPCOT). Additionally, if a Service member is requesting command sponsorship, the dependent must have an EFMP screening. Service members in the Air Force must also have their dependents screened if they are moving to any CONUS assignment.

The purpose of the screening is to determine if the family member has any special needs which meet certain medical or educational criteria which would warrant enrollment in EFMP. EFMP enrollment can be initiated from the EFMP screening, during any routine medical appointment or as requested by the service member or family member at any time. Enrollment is also initiated if a dependent child has an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or an Individualized Education Program (IEP). Enrollment is mandatory if the family member has a qualifying condition and must be updated every three years or if there is a change in the family member's condition. Enrollments which are out-of-date must be up dated before orders will be issued.

Dual-military service members must enroll the family member under both sponsors. Service members who have joint custody of a family member must enroll the family member even if he or she does not live with them. Disenrollment should be requested when the family member's condition no longer exists or no longer meets the criteria for enrollment, if there is a change in the family situation such as divorce or loss of custody or if the child is no longer considered a dependent.

Service members who have family members needing an EFMP screening should contact the SHAPE Healthcare Facility at DSN 423-5886 or civilian 065-44-5886 for an appointment. For more information about the EFMP, contact the EFMP Coordinator at DSN 423-7598 or civilian 065-44-7598.

## Overseas Housing Allowance Survey

The annual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Utility/Recurring Maintenance survey is being conducted April 1 - 30. 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.

The target population for this survey is all service members currently in private leases under the OHA program and in-country for six or more months.

While this survey is voluntary, participation is highly encouraged. In order for the results of the survey to set valid rates, it is important that every eligible member of the Uniformed Services who is receiving OHA for Belgium provide his or her utility/recurring maintenance expenses. Individual responses are held in strictest confidence and not shared with any other office or agency. You should be able to complete the survey in approximately 30 minutes.

The survey is available online only at [www.defensetravel.dod.mil/ss/wsb.dll/s/eg4e](http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/ss/wsb.dll/s/eg4e) but will only be operational as of the start date, April 1.

You may stop the survey at any time, obtain additional information, and then resume the survey. However, the unfinished survey can only be accessed on the same computer on which it was started. You may be able to take the survey at home with your spouse if you have access to DoD's computer system.

To prepare for the utility portion of the survey - eligible members should collect their actual bills and/or records of utility and maintenance expenses for the last 12 months. Report all your expenses in the currency in which you paid them. For example, if you paid for your electricity bill in local currency, then report the amount you paid in local currency. Do not convert. If converted with the incorrect rate of exchange, the amount reported may not reflect the true cost.

The utility/recurring maintenance survey also allows the respondents to include unique costs or expenses not specifically listed in the survey.

For additional information, call DSN 366-6238 or civilian 065-32-6238.

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**FORCE PROTECTION**

MEASURE OF THE WEEK

Try to take alternate routes when driving to and from work or taking children to school. This reduces predictability and chances of becoming a victim. Drivers are reminded to lock vehicles when unattended.

**Army Emergency Relief Campaign**

Army Emergency Relief is a private nonprofit organization that 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 provides education scholarships to Family Members. The annual campaign will run through May 15. In 2010, AER provided \$69.7 million in financial relief to 62,000 Soldiers and their Families. 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).

**SHAPE Middle and High School Spring Sign-up**

Children entering grades 7 to 12 can be re-registered for the 2011-12 school year, April 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meet the nurse and learn about different school organizations and programs. There will be information about school programs like AVID and school improvement. The school liaison officer and community organizations that support the school will be available as well. Teachers will be available for conferences on that day by appointment.

**Wrestling Tournament**

An international youth Greco-Roman style and women's wrestling tournament will be held April 23-24 at the wrestling club UKV De Halter in Utrecht, the Netherlands. Wrestlers from over 18 different countries will be participating. To register and for more information, check [www.dehalter.com](http://www.dehalter.com) and click on Easter Tournament 2011.

**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

**Teen Short Story Contest**

In honor of National Library Week 2011, April 10-16, the SHAPE International Library is sponsoring a Teen Short Story Contest. The topic mirrors this year's theme, "Create Your Own Story @ Your Library". Short stories will be judged in three categories: grades 6-8, grades 9 and 10 and grades 11 and 12. One winning story from each age group will be published in SHAPE Community Life magazine and at [shape2day.com](http://shape2day.com) on the library's page. Winners will be announced at the SHAPE International Library during National Library Week.

Entries will be accepted no later than 3 p.m. April 5 at the SHAPE International Library. Stories must be 1000 to 1500 words and entrants must be in grades 6-12 and be a SHAPE ID cardholder or attend school on SHAPE. Only one submission and a single author per entry will be accepted. Entries must be typed on A4 or 8.5x11 paper, in 12-point font, double-spaced, in English. Please include a cover sheet containing: The entrant's first and last name, grade, nation, telephone number, e-mail address and story title. Do not print the writer's name in the story. For more information, please call DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631.

**Start your own business in Belgium**

The Bulletin magazine for expatriates in Belgium is co-organizing a half day seminar on how to set up and run a business in Belgium, April 5 from 2 to 6:30 p.m. at ING, Rue du Trône 4, 1000 Brussels. To register for this event, go to [www.regonline.co.uk/SYOBbelgium2011](http://www.regonline.co.uk/SYOBbelgium2011).

**Family Bingo**

The next SHAPE High School Scholarship Committee Bingo is March 24 at the International School Cafeteria. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the first game starting at 6:45 p.m. There is no early bird bingo. It will be a family/Polish pottery bingo. Bingo card pack prices are as follows: \$10/10€ per adult pack, \$5/5€ per child pack, \$15/15€ per family pack (1 adult pack and 2 child packs) or \$25/25€ for three adult packs. Dinner and snacks will also be available for purchase at the cafeteria. All proceeds go towards scholarships for graduates of the Class of 2011.

**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.



**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.

**BELGIAN NEWS**

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**Penitentiary pocket money**

The Liège work tribunal ordered the commune of Juprelle to pay social security benefits to a prisoner in jail. The €75 a month is meant for cigarettes, drinks and television rental. Fearing an outburst of applications from homeless people and illegal immigrants in jail, an appeal has been submitted.

**Stopping a burglar**

A resident of Namur managed to halt a burglar and recoup his stolen property by pretending to be a police officer with a gun. As he surprised two burglars in his home, he shouted that he was from the police and armed upon which one of them stopped during the escape while the second burglar was caught later.

**Redwoods found in the Fôret de Soignes**

Up to 27 previously undiscovered redwood trees have been found in the Fôret de Soignes on the outskirts of Brussels. Redwoods are thought to be the tallest trees in the world and can live up to 2,000 years. Two sets of redwoods were found and are believed to have been planted after World War II. One of the trees is 45.6 meters in circumference. The first European plantations of redwoods date from 1860.

**Metro patrols**

Private security guards have started working on the Brussels metro as part of a major anti-crime initiative. The measures come after a wave of unrest among drivers of metro trains, some of whom went on strike recently following a serious assault on one of their colleagues. Private patrols will continue until at least the summer, when the situation will be re-assessed.

**Security at the European Parliament**

A television journalist smuggled a fake gun into the European Parliament and came within meters of Prince Charles and commission president José Manuel Barroso. The French journalist used his knowledge of the building to avoid any security checks. He wanted to prove how easy it was to overcome security, following several armed robberies in the building in recent years.

**Intervention in Libya**

Belgium is ready to take part in a military action in Libya under a NATO umbrella with six F-16 fighter planes and a frigate, European Affairs Minister Olivier Chastel said. NATO ambassadors were meeting recently to decide what role the 28-nation alliance may take after the UN Security Council approved military action to stop Moamer Kadhafi from wiping out rebels.

**Stress tests for Belgian nuclear plants**

During the next few months all nuclear power plants in Belgium will undergo so called stress tests following the nuclear disaster in Japan. During the stress tests independent experts will establish whether the nuclear plants would be able to cope with a nuclear incident. Possible extension of the life of Belgium's nuclear reactors will not be debated in Parliament as long as the results of these stress tests are not known. Belgium has two power station reactors: Doel and Tihange. Nuclear reactors supply more than half of Belgium's electricity output. Belgium is heavily dependent on imported energy. Its main source of energy used to be coal, but coal reserves are now almost exhausted or available only at uncompetitive prices. The country has no gas, no uranium, no oil and very limited hydraulic resources.

**Education**

**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.
- Central Texas College's Microsoft Certified Information Technology Professional (MCITP) program prepares students for five exams and six professional IT certifications: Network+, Security +, MCP, two MCT's and the MCITP. Registration for these classes begins March 14 and ends March 25. Classes begin April 11. For more information contact your local CTC Field Representative, DSN 423-7447 or check [www.europe.ctcd.edu](http://www.europe.ctcd.edu).

**Radar Checks**

The Federal Police will be checking your speed at the following locations.

**March 23:**

- Nimy, Route d'Ath
- Obourg, Rue de la Brisée
- Maisières, Rue Grande
- Mons, Route d'Obourg

**March 24:**

- Chièvres, Drève du Chasseur
- Chièvres (Vaudignies), Chaussée de Saint-Ghislain
- Silly, Chaussée de Ghislenghien
- Lens, Rue Philogone Darras
- Mons, Chaussée du Roeulx

**March 27:**

- Ath, Route de Lessines
- Ath, Route de Frasnes
- Ath, Chaussée de Tournai
- Ath, Chaussée de Mons
- Ath, Chaussée de Valenciennes

**23 - 27 March**

- **Moscow circus in Ath**, on L'Esplanade. Entrance fee starts at €10. Schedule is as follows:
  - 2:30 p.m. on March 23;
  - 7 p.m. on March 24, 25 and 26
  - 3 p.m. on March 26 and 27.

**24 March - 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).



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**25 - 27 March**

- **Ducasse de Messines in Mons**. The Messines area includes Rue Bertaimont, Avenue Jean d'Avesnes and Place des Martyrs.
  - March 25:
    - 4 p.m., church service
    - 8 p.m., blues concert given by the local band Chico and the Mojo under the festivities tent
  - March 26:
    - From 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.: flea market on Rue des Casemates, Place Nervienne and Avenue Jean d'Avesnes
    - 3 p.m. Departure of the Notre-Dame procession from the Messines Church and departure of the procession with local giants from Place Nervienne.
  - March 27:
    - starting early morning, huge flowers market on Rue de Bertaimont and its surroundings.

**25 March - 3 April**

- **Eurantica, Fine arts and antique fair at Brussels**, at Brussels Expo on 1, Place de Belgique. More than 150 antiques dealers and art galleries from Belgium, Luxembourg, France, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Germany and Italy. Open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the weekend and from 2 to 7 p.m. on weekdays. Entrance fee is €15 per person.

**26 March**

- **Flea market in La Bouverie**, on Rue de l'Industrie. Open from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Puzzle tournament in Brugelette**, at the sports hall on Rue Gabrielle Petit. Two individuals per team. Contest starts at 2 p.m. Participation fees are between €8 and €16. Information and registration by calling 068/65.84.24 or email [ciles@skynet.be](mailto:ciles@skynet.be).
- **Friendship relay race for 9 km in Jurbise**. Registration at the cultural room on 8, Rue de Moustier. Departure (and arrival) of the relay is from the city park at 3 p.m. Two individuals per team. Participation fee is €4.50 per person.

**26 - 27 March**

- **Chocolate Festival downtown Mons**, in the pedestrian area (Rue de la Chaussée) and Rue de la Coupe, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Numerous passionate chocolate craftsmen, chocolate stylists and chocolate manufacturers will present their know-how and products to the public. Enjoy tastings, sculptures, new products and other animations around the theme. Areas or events not to be missed:
  - 'Chocoland' area which will make the kids more than happy
  - 'Chocolate shows', stage with numerous animations
  - 'Choco bar', area dedicated to taste lots of products
  - Giant cake, parts of which will be sold help an association taking care of needy children
  - 'Chocolate cooking way', creative cooks will presents original chocolate-based recipes



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**26 - 27 March Continued**

- **Truck meeting (display of decorated trucks) at Ciney**, at Ciney Expo on Rue du Marché Couvert. Open from 2 to 10 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Entrance fee is €6.
- **Open doors at the Maubray airfield**, on Chemin de Jerusalem at Calenelle. Glider flights (€20 per flight) and static display. Open from 10 a.m. until sunset on both days.

**27 March**

- **Volksmarch in Evere** for 20, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from the Frans Guillaume sports center on Avenue des Anciens Combattants from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Flobecq** for 30, 20, 14, 8 or 5 km. Departure is from 4, Rue Abbé Pollart from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Enghien** for 20, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from La Charmille room on 51 Rue de la Station from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Naast** for 20, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from 9, Rue du Moulin from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Ath** for 20, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from 301, Rue de l'Agriculture from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Mons** for 20, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from 17, Rue Saint-Paul from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Chièvres** for 45, 35 or 20 km. Departure is from 22, Rue du Château between 8 and 11 a.m. Participation fees range from €3 to €5. Bike wash is available.
- **Mountain bike ride in Mons** for 35 or 20 km. Departure is from the school on Rue Achille Legrand between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Participation fee is €5. Bike wash is available.

**1 - 3 April**

- **Country Festival in Mons**, at the Lotto Mons Expo on Avenue Thomas Edison. Concerts, line-dancing, trucks and cars display. Open from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday, from noon to 1 a.m. on Saturday and from noon to 9 p.m. on Sunday. Entrance fees range between €8 and €12 per day, €20 for a two-day pass and €25 for a three-day pass.
- **Babyboom fair in Brussels**, at the Brussels Expo on 1 Place de Belgique. Fair for future and young parents. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €9.50.

**2 April**

- **Motorbike ride for 100 km in Ath**. Registration at noon at the Ath Fire Station and departure at 1 p.m. Participation fee is €8 per motorbike.
- **Spring concert given by the local band "Royal Union Saint Martin" in Ath**, at the Ath Fire Station. Concert starts at 8 p.m.
- **Flea markt in La Bouverie**, on Rue de l'Industrie. Open from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**2 - 3 April**

- **Wellness and beauty fair in Ciney** at Ciney Expo, on Rue du Marché Couvert. Open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entrance fee is €10 (parking included).
- **Old vehicles fair in Ath**, at the CEVA on Zoning des Primevères. Open from 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Entrance fee is €4.
- **Re-opening of the International Chièvres Air Base Museum**, on Chaussée de Saint Ghilsain. Open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Entrance fee is €3. Numerous activities are scheduled all weekend: bivouac, participation of a 9th US Air Force reenactment group, drill demonstrations, WWII US weapons display.

**3 April**

- **Volksmarch in Beloeil** for 20, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from the school on Rue de Mons from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Hennuyères** for 60, 40 or 20 km. Departure is from the sports area on Rue du Planois between 8 and 11 a.m. Participation fees range between €4 and €5. Bike wash and showers area available.
- **Concert - Light opera from 1870 to nowadays - in Gages**, at the Natfil room on 19 Rue Saint Lambert. Light opera extracts presented by lyric artists. Concert starts at 4 p.m. Entrance fee is €12. For additional information and reservation, call 068/269999 or email billet.mca@ath.be.
- **Flea market in Mons**, on Rue du Grand Large. Open from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**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](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).



# CARNAVAL IN BELGIUM

## 25 - 27 March

### • *Carnaval in Arlon*

- March 25, Dance party on Plaine des Manoeuvres at 9 p.m. Free entrance.
- March 26, at 1:30 p.m., children's parade downtown Arlon. At 2 p.m., fancy dress party for children on Place Léopold and joyous entry of the Prince Carnaval in the streets of Arlon with the Gilles. Dance party at 9:30 p.m. on Place des Manoeuvres. Entrance fee is €5.
- March 27, at 2:30 p.m., carnaval parade downtown Arlon. Burning of the humps on the Grand'Place at 9 p.m.

## 1 - 2 April

### • *Carnaval in Tournai*. Show at 9 p.m. downtown on Friday. On Saturday, on the Grand'Place:

- parade at 2 p.m.,
- balloons launching at 4:30 p.m.,
- parade at 7 p.m.
- dancing party at the Halle aux Draps on the square at 10 p.m.



## 2 - 4 April



### • *Carnaval in Stavelot - Laetare*. The "Blanc Moussi", which means "clad in white", is the symbol of the carnival. They wear a bed sheet and a white pillow and a pointed carrot-nosed mask.

- April 2. Humorous parade downtown starts at 8:30 p.m. Carnival ball at the Stavelot abbey at 10 p.m.
- April 3. Parade downtown Stavelot starts at 2 p.m. and ends with the final gathering of the Blanc-Moussis on Place St Remacle. Fireworks at 9 p.m.
- April 4. Parade with folkloric and musical groups at 3 p.m.

## 3 April

### • *Carnaval in Welkenraedt - Laetare*. The parade starts from Rue Grande Bruyère at 1 p.m. and includes more than 100 groups. Numerous animations on Place des Combattants.

## 3 - 5 April

### • *Carnaval in La Louvière. - Laetare*.

- April 3, the Gilles gather on the Place Communale around noon and start throwing oranges. Fireworks on the Place Communale at 9 p.m.
- April 4, the parade leaves the Placard du Hocquet at 4 p.m., heading to the Place Mansart for the final gathering and dance. The Gilles wear their hats covered with ostrich feathers (weather permitting) and offer hundreds of oranges.
- April 5, the parade starts at 2 p.m. The Gilles parade together with other characters wearing fancy and colorful costumes. One of the most important moments of the day is the burning of the humps all over the town as of 9:45 p.m. Location depends of the Gilles society (Place Mansart, Place Maugretout, ...)

## 10 April

### • *Carnaval in Rebecq*. The spring carnival starts at 2 p.m. from the main square at Quenast up to the main square at Rebecq. Final gathering and burning of the humps at 8 p.m. on the main square at Rebecq.

## 24 - 26 April

### • *Cavalcade in Jemappes*.

- April 24 - Parade starts at 2 p.m. in the streets of Jemappes and continues until the fireworks at 9:30 p.m. on the Grand'Place.
- April 25 - Is the most important day. Large carnival parade with participation of the Gilles starts at 3 p.m. from the Avenue du Roi Albert. Several parades and activities all afternoon. At 9:30 p.m., final torchlight parade and final gathering of the Gilles on the Grand'Place followed by fireworks.
- April 26, at 9:30 p.m., burning of the humps on the Grand'Place.

# SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **Windsor Castle, March 26.** Windsor Castle is the largest and oldest occupied castle in the world and is one of the official residences of the Queen. The castle's dramatic site holds 900 years of British history. Come enjoy a day at the castle and free time to explore the city of Windsor. Prices: €85 Adult, €75 Children (5-17), €65 Children 0-4 Departs SHAPE at 5:30 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m.
- **Knight's meal at Cochem Castle, April 2.** The day will begin at Burg Pyrmont. Afterwards, free time at the picturesque village of Cochem to explore the narrow streets and cute shops. In the evening, visit to Cochem Castle. After a short tour, the Lord of the Manor will welcome you with a goblet of Mosel wine and make you familiar with medieval customs and table manners. Servants and maids in period costumes serve you lavishly and pass you water to wash your hands so that you can eat with your fingers. Bread and lard make the rounds while a hot and spicy soup is steaming in the cookery pot. Hug drumsticks are served for the main course. Jesters will entertain while a traditional knighting ceremony entertains. The feast comes to an end with cheese, grapes, nuts and biscuits and the servants bring you water to wash your hands. Price: €110 Adults, €85 Youth (6-17), € 60 Child (0-5). Departs SHAPE at 7:30 a.m. and returns at 1:30 a.m.
- **Lloret de mar, Spain, April 8-17** - Sold out. Please call for the waiting list.
- **Loire valley overnight, April 9-10.** The first stop will be the castle of Amboise, where Leonardo Da Vinci is buried. Next is the amazing Château Chenonceaux built on the River Cher, this beautiful château is one of the Val de Loire's finest. The evening will be spent in Blois with free time for dinner. The next day, spend time wandering the village of Blois or go to the Castle. Final stop will be at the Royal Château de Chambord. Price: €215 Single, €180 Twin/Double pp, €165 Children (7-14) w/ 2 paying adults, €150 Children (0-6) \*Triples available.
- **Disneyland Paris, April 20.** Experience the happiest place on earth with thrilling rides and fantastic shows. Departs SHAPE at 8 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m. Price: €95 Adults, €90 Youth 3-11, €50 Children 0-2.
- **London Weekend for Easter, April 22-24.** Check out Big Ben, take a river cruise on the Thames, ride the London Eye, people watch in Trafalgar Square, hike up the geometric staircase at St. Paul's Cathedral, or spend some time in the West End theatre district. Price: € 350 pp Single, €230 pp Double / Twin/ Triple €160 Child 3-15\*, €95 Child 0-2\*, \*When sharing a room with two fully paid guests.
- **Keukenhof Gardens and Gouda, the Netherlands, April 23.** The first stop is the picturesque village of Gouda, the cheese capital of Holland. After lunch, we make our way to Keukenhof, the tulip capital of the world. Spend the day admiring flower displays, strolling through the gardens and photographing beautiful scenery. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and return at 10:30 p.m. Adults €50, Youth (4-11) €45, Child (0-4) €35 \*\*Price includes entrance to the gardens.
- **Amsterdam for the Queen's Birthday, April 30.** The Dutch people celebrate the birthday of the Queen Mother, Princess Juliana and many of them wear something orange in token of the royal house. For royalty watchers, there is a chance of a glimpse of the present Queen Beatrix. Please remember that Amsterdam becomes one big party so please consider this when booking this trip. Price: €40. Departs SHAPE at 7 a.m. and returns at midnight.



Windsor Castle - March 26

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Keukenhof - April 23

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**22 March**

- **Resiliency 101: Thoughts & Consequences** from 2 to 4 p.m. at ACS, Bldg. 318 on SHAPE. Learn to identify your thoughts about an event and the consequences of those thoughts so you can have greater control over your emotions and reactions. For more information and to register, call DSN 423-7598 or civilian 065-44-7598.
- **Play Morning** - The ACS New Parent Support Play Morning this week has been cancelled.

**23 March**

- **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.
- **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.

**24 March**

- **AFTB Phase 5: Leadership Fundamentals** - These one-day concept blocks are designed to build strong minds, improve resiliency and enhance leadership skills. Each session focuses on a different aspect of personal resiliency. All one day concept blocks are from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the ACS Training Room, Bldg. 318, SHAPE. 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.

**25 March**

- **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.

**25-26 March**

- **CYSS Baseball Clinic** - Major League Baseball Field, by the Library on SHAPE from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

**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.




Can NICE Women Make History??

Come find out at a **Lunch & Learn** sponsored by the University of Oklahoma!

**Date:** Wednesday, March 30

**Location:** SHAPE Education Center, Bldg. 212, Room 120

**Time:** noon to 1 p.m.

*BRING YOUR LUNCH AND HONOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH FEATURING DR. JUDITH LEWIS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA!*



## AT USAG BRUSSELS

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

- **Volunteer Recognition Ceremony.** Nominations for volunteers who have made a difference in the community can now be submitted to ACS via the website [www.usagbrussels.eur.army.mil/sites/local/2011outstanding\\_volunteers.pdf](http://www.usagbrussels.eur.army.mil/sites/local/2011outstanding_volunteers.pdf). For additional information, call DSN 368-9735. The ceremony will be held April 28.

## 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** - Big Will's functional-styled workout session uses a variety of equipment that will challenge your muscles and raise your heart rate. Let Big Will's intense low-impact cardio intervals help kick your calorie burn into a higher gear. Body Shop sessions will be offered 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.

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.

## CYSS

- All youth who wish to participate in CYS activities must be registered for CYS services. For more information, or to sign up, contact the office at DSN 368-9649. All registered school age children are eligible for four free hours of care each week.
- If you're looking for a job, CYS is looking for you. Openings are available immediately for a CYPA in middle school teens, a cook and a maintenance worker. For more information, check out the Army Vacancy Announcement Board or contact Paula Cabrera at DSN 368-9651.
- **Homework Help** - CYS offers homework help every day after school for all ages.

### 25 March

- **Parents Night Out** from 6 to 9 p.m. CDC, SAS, sign up closes March 18. Cost is \$15. For more information, call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651.

## Brussels American School

- **Collecting supplies for Japan** - The Brussels American School will be collecting supplies to send to Camp Zama, Japan for distribution to the Japanese people in response to the recent tragedy that has struck the country of Japan. Large boxes will be placed throughout USAG Brussels to collect the following items: New or like new clothing, diapers, baby formula and bottles, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and small camping supplies such as hand and foot warmers are really needed. The Japanese really like Cup of Noodles instant lunches and given the freezing temperatures, coats would be most appreciated. The boxes will be located in the ATM lobby, Main Lobby next to Andrews FCU, Chapel, Youth Center and hallway outside of the Shoppette. For more information, contact the Brussels School Liaison Officer at 0478-963629 or the Special Events Coordinator at 02-717-9763.

### 24 March

- **College Application Seminar** - Seminar will be at 5:15 p.m. in the MPR at the Brussels American School and is hosted by the college admissions advisor from Northeastern University and the BAS counselor for current and next year's Junior Students and Parents. Information will be presented concerning the college application process and timelines, SAT/ACT testing, financial aid etc. For more information, call 02-717-9557.

## Finance Office

### 24 March

- The Finance Office will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to noon and open from 1 to 5 p.m.

## Education

### 31 March

- **Education Center Expo** at the snack bar, USAG Brussels from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Representatives from University of Maryland, University of Oklahoma, Central Texas College and University of Phoenix will all be available as an Army counselor.