

# THE GAZETTE

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

## Chièvres Burger King

The Chièvres Burger King is now open early Tuesday through Friday for breakfast at 7 a.m. to better support the lodge, barracks, SOF campus members and other Chièvres/Daumerie tenants. Burger King also extended its breakfast menu with multiple new additions including full breakfast platters.

## Crossage

Crossage will be on Mar. 9 from noon to sunset in Chièvres. The game can be compared to croquet or golf as players aim toward one target per round. Crossage has become very popular in Chièvres and many Americans have joined the tradition over the years. The city of Chièvres is blocked off to all traffic for the event. To participate, contact USAG Benelux HHC at DSN 361-5288 or civilian 068-27-5288.

## 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.

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## Honoring our Host Nation on Presidents Day



Our Host Nation community was brought together with the USAG Benelux' leadership and NATO partners at a Presidents' Day reception Feb. 17. Col. Rick L. Tillotson took the opportunity to thank his Host Nation partners for the support they provide day-in and day-out to help protect the U.S. community, identify housing for newcomers, host commemorative events, and more.

After watching the video entitled "From explorer ships to partnerships, a voyage through U.S. - Belgian relationships" that covers 175 years of partnership between both nations, attendees visited the display on the 44 U.S. Presidents, to include the main historical facts during each presidency, as well as a timeline on highlights that occurred both in the United States and in the Benelux.

## Army to change online hiring tool

*By Installation Management Command Europe*

Over the next two years the U.S. Army will transition from one automated recruitment tool to another for advertising vacant civil service positions, accepting applications from job seekers, and evaluating the job seeker's eligibility and qualifications.

In Europe, the transition from Resumix to USA Staffing will be completed by April 30, 2011. During the transition period, each job announcement will have instructions to guide job seekers through the application process for the specified recruitment tool.

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

- USA Staffing uses assessments to determine the best qualified candidates instead of Resumix skills.
- Announcements will be available on [www.USAJobs.gov](http://www.USAJobs.gov) and [www.ArmyCivilianService.com](http://www.ArmyCivilianService.com).

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- Applicants must apply through USA Jobs-Application Manager, not the Army Resume Builder.
- Applicants must answer assessment questions for each vacancy.
- Applicants can upload supporting documentation, for example DD-214 or SF-50.
- Managers will receive a referral list by logging in to an automated system called Selection Manager instead of receiving a PDF referral list via email.

Army officials recommend that you create a resume in both Resumix and USA Jobs-Application Manager. Once your resume is on file in both systems, you can easily apply for jobs from the job announcement. The job announcement will provide guidance on which system to use to submit your resume.

For more information about the transition go to [www.armycivilianservice.com](http://www.armycivilianservice.com) and to [https://cpol-rhp.cpol.army.mil/eur/employment/Application\\_Process\[1\].pdf](https://cpol-rhp.cpol.army.mil/eur/employment/Application_Process[1].pdf).

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Quick Guide - CAC Enable CSU

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**Important update:** The Employment pages will migrate to Army Civilian Service soon and will no longer be available here. [Read More](#)

Please bookmark the url [armycivilianservice.com](http://armycivilianservice.com)

Become a member of the Army Civilian Team. Visit our Employment page and discover unique opportunities to join the Army as a Civilian. The Army has a wealth of challenging jobs with imaginative employment practices, a family-friendly atmosphere, exceptional benefits, and a great workplace.

**HR Guidance for Emergencies**

**30 Day Suspension of Civilian Employment Officers**

**Reservation of In-Awaiting Approval Authority**

The CPOA Portal is a new step site that provides access to all the information you may need as a Civilian supervisor or employee working for the Army.

**CAC Employee Login** (Using Garrison Access Card - CAC)

As of Jan 13, 2011 AGSCP implemented CAC/PMI only authentication to be in compliance with the Dec 2010 guidance provided by the CIO/G-8 LAW DoD Policy (CTO 07-015).

**Click here for DCPOS/MyMFC/MyWorkplace/CSU** (to view NPSIS Application info or to view your TF-02)

**Maintenance Events & System Announcements**

Maintenance Event: Fri Mar 18 through Sat Mar 20 (Click for downtime information)

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# West Point superintendent says cadetships available to USAREUR Soldiers

By Sgt. Fabian Ortega

U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs

U.S. Army Europe Soldiers have an opportunity to walk the same halls and get the same education as some U.S. presidents and four-star generals.

Soldiers in USAREUR – they want you – in the Soldier Admissions Program at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Every year, the program offers 170 active duty, reserve and National Guard service members the opportunity to attend West Point and receive an education at our nation’s oldest service academy.

According to West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., “The program is designed to bring, from the field force, great young men and women who are already serving the Army and bring them into West Point. We give them a chance to renew their commitment to the nation, we provide them with a first class education and, most importantly, we prepare them to transition from serving in the enlisted ranks to service as commissioned officers.”

The cadetships, 85 of which go to active-duty service members and 85 to reserve-component service members, are competitive.

Huntoon said Soldiers who demonstrate leadership potential and good academic skills are good candidates for a cadetship. Soldiers must also be single with no dependants and between 17 and 23 years old.

The most competitive candidates generally have an Army General Technical score greater than 115, SAT scores greater than 1050 under the old scale and 1500 under the revised scale, and an ACT score of greater than 22, he added.

The training and experience prior-service Soldiers bring to West Point often leads to a successful 47 months at the academy.

“They bring this tremendous (comprehension) of what takes place in the Army,” Huntoon said. “They just have a maturity that is very useful when they come to West Point. They rapidly, over a period of those four years, tend to become natural leaders in the chain of command in the U.S. Corps of Cadets.

Soldiers interested in applying to West Point are encouraged to talk to their chain of command, Huntoon said.

Pfc. Michael Walker is a member of the 2011 plebe class that’s scheduled to begin this fall. Walker, a systems analyst with the 5th Signal Command, applied to West Point through the Soldier Admissions Program in September 2010.

After graduating high school with test scores to attend almost any school of his choice, the 21-year-old from College Station, Texas, decided to earn real world experience by joining the Army.

“I wanted to immediately get my career started and be an active, contributing member of society. I was inspired by my brother and father’s military service and decided that enlisting would be a great way to kick-start my career,” he said.

Almost a year and half into his enlistment, the thought of attending one of the most prestigious military academies in the world seemed out of reach – that’s when Walker received an email from West Point about the Soldier Admissions Program.

It wasn’t until he visited West Point in November 2010 and began to speak with other cadets and West Point graduates that he decided to take advantage of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to advance his career.

Now he’s preparing for West Point’s version of basic training known as ‘beast barracks’ in June, and getting ready to attend class in the fall.

“I’m most looking forward to the academic classes. I sat in on a few classes when I visited the academy and I was really impressed with the discussions and problem solving that the professors had with the cadets,” he said. “I’m a little rusty since it has been almost four years since I graduated high school but I am looking forward to the challenge.”

Walker said he also looks forward to leading Soldiers and joining the Long Gray Line.

“I’ve been nothing but inspired by my leaders - it makes me want to be a leader too. It’s something I’m completely prepared to do.”



Sgt. Fabian Ortega

Pfc. Michael Walker, a systems analyst with the 5th Signal Command, accepts an offer to attend U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. from Capt. Maurice Hickman, an outreach officer for the Directorate of Admissions at West Point.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:dlima-e-beneluxpao@eur.army.mil).

**In-Processing Class**

Learn about Belgium, SHAPE and Chièvres every Tuesday and Thursday. Stop by ACS to set up an appointment with the relocation readiness program manager or call ACS at DSN 423-4332 or civilian 065-44-4332 to pre-register.



**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

**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.

**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.

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**||| BELGIAN NEWS |||**

**By Cis Spook**

*USAG Benelux Public Affairs*

**Jupiler Soft Drink**

Jupiler is to launch a new brewed soft drink made from malt and other beer ingredients, but without alcohol. This new soft is supposed to be a refreshing one that is not too sweet. It is not to be compared to a 0% alcohol beer.

**Asylum seekers are protesting**

Asylum seekers destroyed part of the Brussels closed detention center last Sunday. A wing of the secure facility at Steenokkerzeel near the Brussels airport, was set on fire. Some of the asylum seekers are complaining about the conditions in which they are being detained.

**Cost of living becomes more expensive**

The cost of car insurance is to go up as insurance companies blame the poor state of our roads that is causing more accidents. The price of oil is also going up. The price of unleaded gas rose to €1.56. Diesel and heating fuel are at their highest level in two years.

**||| BELGIAN NEWS |||**

As a result of rising energy prices, more and more people are experiencing difficulties paying their utility bills.

**Flemish short film wins at Berlin Film Festival**

The Flemish short film "Land of Heroes" has won the International Jury Prize at the Berlin Film Festival. "Land of Heroes" was directed by Sahim Omar Kalifide and shows how three Iraqi children kill time while waiting for children's programs to start on TV. It is the second year in a row that a Flemish short film wins a prize at the Berlinale. Last year Nathalie Teirlinck's "Venus vs. Me" won the Prize for the Best European Short Film.

**Belgian edition of Monopoly**

Until the end of February, it is possible to vote for the towns and cities to appear on the Belgian edition of Monopoly. To do so, check [www.monopoly.be](http://www.monopoly.be) and vote up to three times a day, two of which must be for a preselected list of 40 towns.

**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](http://www.armyocs.com) or call DSN 423-5171 or civilian 065-44-5171.

**SHAPE Players**

The SHAPE Players announce auditions for Oklahoma, based on the play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs. Auditions will be held at the SHAPE Performing Arts Center, Bldg. 207, SHAPE on Mar 15 and 16. Both days from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for ages 13-17 and from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for ages 18 and above. Rehearsal will begin Apr 4. For information, call civilian 065-44-3312.

**Overseas Housing Allowance Survey to begin Mar 1**

Eligible U.S. Army in Europe Soldiers will soon be asked via email to participate in the 2011 Overseas Housing Allowance Utility/Recurring Maintenance Survey, scheduled to begin March 1. All service members who have lived in a private lease dwelling under the OHA program for at least

the past six months are eligible to take the on-line survey. The Department of Defense uses data from the survey to determine the utility/recurring maintenance allowance for service members residing in the survey country. Because accuracy is important, survey participants should use their records and receipts to help them report the average monthly cost of each of their utilities, as well as the average monthly cost of any routine maintenance expenses.

**Radar Checks in the local area**

- Ghislenghien, Chaussée de Grammont - Feb 22
- Ghislenghien, Chaussée de Soignies - Feb 22
- Ghislenghien, Chaussée de Grammont - Feb 24
- Ath, Route de Lessines - Feb 22
- Ath, Chaussée de Tournai - Feb 22
- Ath, Chaussée de Valenciennes - Feb 22
- Ath, Chaussée de Valenciennes - Feb 24
- Ath, Route de Frasnes - Feb 24
- Ath, Route de Lessines - Feb 24
- Jurbise, Route d'Ath - Feb 23
- Jurbise, Rue du Sabot - Feb 28
- Chièvres, Grand Rue - Feb 23
- Chièvres, Rue Hardempont - Feb 28
- Lens, Rue du Calvaire - Feb 23
- Silly, RN57 - Feb 24
- Silly, Chaussée de Soignies - Feb 28

**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.

**26 February**

- **Mountain Bike Ride in Papignies** for 20 or 30 km. Departure is from La Couturelle on 13 Place Curé Borremans between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Participation fee is €2.5.
- **Museum night fever in Brussels**, from 7 p.m. to midnight. 19 Brussels museums participating. For detailed program, visit [www.museumnightfever.be](http://www.museumnightfever.be).

**27 February**

- **Cat Fair in Namur** at Namur Expo, on 2 Avenue Sergent Vrithoff. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €5 per person. Free entrance for children under 12.
- **Military Memorabilia Fair** in Gent, at the Flanders expo on 1 Maaltekouter. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entrance fee is €5. Free for children under 12. For additional information, visit [www.gentmilitaria.be](http://www.gentmilitaria.be).
- **Volksmarch in Horrues** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from the 1 Place du Jeu de Balle between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Papignies** for 5, 10 or 20 km. Departure is from La Couturelle on 13 Place Curé Borremans between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- **Mountain Bike Ride in Lobbes** for 15, 30 or 40 km. Departure is from the sports center on 1 Rue des Carrières between 8 and 11 a.m. Participation fee is €4.



**3 March – 3 April**

- **Ars musica – international contemporary music festival in Brussels, Antwerp, Liège, Brugge and Mons.** For detailed program and tickets, visit [www.arsmusica.be](http://www.arsmusica.be)

**5 March**

- **Mountain Bike Ride in Gondregnies** for 30 or 15 km. Departure is from Place H. Schoeling between 7 and 9 p.m. Participation fee is €3. Bike wash is available.

**5 – 6 March**

- **Horse and Pony Fair in Mons**, at Lotto Mons Expo, on Avenue Thomas Edison. Open on both days from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entrance fees are €7 per adult and €3 per child.
- **Volksmarch in Isières** for 20, 12 or 6 km. Starts from the school on the square at 8 a.m. Participation fee is €1.50 per adult; free for children. Benefits will go to the Télévie (fund raising association for the scientific research against leukaemia).
- **Fishing and Fisherman's Fair in Frameries**, at the Hall de Maintenance, 1 Rue de la Commanderie. 20th edition. Open on both days from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. sale, exhibitions, advice on fishing and the environment, online permit ordering and more.

**6 March**

- **Cat Fair** in Ath at CEVA, on Zoning des Primevères. Open from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entrance fees are €6 per adult and €5 per kid between 6 and 12.
- **Volksmarch in Tubize** for 30, 21, 12 or 6 km. Departure is from the Leburton stadium on Allée des Sports between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Hyon** for 30, 20, 12 or 6 km. Departure is from Place d'Hyon 15, between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. for the 30 km route, between 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. for the 20 km route and between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. for the other routes.
- **Volksmarch in Brussels** for 20, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from Quai des Usines 20, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

**6 March - Continued**

- **Volksmarch in Soignies** for 20, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from Place Van Zeeland 33, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- **Mountain Bike Ride in Braine-Le-Comte** for 50, 35 or 25 km. Departure is from the school on Rue des Viviers between 8 and 10 a.m. Participation fees range between €2 and €5. Showers and bike wash are available.

**ONGOING**

**Until 1 March**

- **Winter Fun Fair in Ath**, on the Grand'Place. The program is as follows:
  - February 23 – 26. Annual winter sales.
  - February 25: at 7 p.m., parade around the Grand Place with the participation of clowns, fire spitters, musical groups. Face paintings for kids.
  - February 27. At 2:30 p.m., folkloric parade downtown.

**UPCOMING**

**13 March**

- **Bruce Springsteen Tribute in Mons**, at the Lotto Mons expo, on Avenue Thomas Edison. Book your ticket now (€20 per person plus booking fee) by calling 090040850, or visiting [www.lottomonsexpo.be](http://www.lottomonsexpo.be) and click on concerts.

**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](mailto:17thairbornewalk@gmail.com).

**SHAPE Trips & Tours**

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

- **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.

Laurent Dussaussois



# CARNAVAL IN BELGIUM

Events & Happenings

## 4 – 6 March

### • *Carnaval in Bastogne – Pat’Carnaval*

- March 4. Parade in the city starts at 6 p.m. Free concert at 10 p.m. on Place Merceny.
- March 5. Children’s day. Entertainment for kids on Place Merceny starts at 2 p.m. Carnaval ball.
- March 6. Traditional carnaval parade downtown Bastogne starts at 2 p.m.

## 5 March

### • *Carnaval in Basècles*

- Procession leaves the Grand Place at 2:30 p.m. and parade in the streets of the city. Gathering for the kids at 4:30 p.m. on the Grand Place. Final gathering and fireworks on the Grand Place at 10:30 p.m.

## 5 - 8 March

### • *Carnaval in Malmedy, known as Cwarme*

- March 5, at 10 a.m., the ‘Grosse Police’ announces the beginning of the festivities all over the city. The folkloric parade leaves Place Albert I at 4 p.m.
- March 6 - Dance of the Haguète (main character of the carnaval) at 1 p.m. on Place Albert I and departure of the carnaval parade with 2,500 participants at 1:30 p.m. Final gathering at 6:30 p.m. on Place Albert I.
- March 7 - Role-playing day starts at 11 a.m. with satirical shows on moving stages and actors’ parade.
- March 8 - Starting at 2 p.m., the carnaval societies go around town all afternoon. At 7 p.m., burning of the Haguète on Place Albert I, symbolizing the end of the winter.



Carnaval Photo

## 6 - 8 March

### • *Carnaval in Binche* - This world famous carnaval, now on the UNESCO world heritage list, dates back to the 16th century.

- March 6 - Colorful day where the future Gilles wear fancy costumes. Parade starts at 3 p.m. from the train station.
- March 7 - Children’s day. On Monday, the fest is traditionally more private, gathering the locals who will go from pub to pub and from pub to friends house dancing here and there on the streets. At about 3 p.m., the youth gathers and dance to the music of the drums heading to the Grand’Place. At about 7 p.m., they all watch the fireworks.
- March 8 - Fat Tuesday. Only on Tuesday, the “Gilles” are allowed to wear their Gilles costume. The day starts in the very early hours with the dressing after which they will go from house to house. At about 7 a.m., they gather at the train station. At 9:30 a.m., reception at the City Hall. The Gilles wear their traditional mask. Parade starts at 3:30 p.m. on Avenue Charles Deliège and heads to the Grand Place. The Gilles wear their impressive hats covered with ostrich feathers (if weather allows) and offers hundreds of oranges. Torchlight procession and final gathering on the Grand Place around 7:30 p.m.

The “Haguète” is nothing without its “hape-tchâr” (flesh-snatcher), a pair of wooden articulated tongs that are used to grab the legs of those who are watching and not let them go until they kneel and say they’re sorry.

## 6 - 13 March

### • *Carnaval in Amay*

- March 6. Procession downtown the city starts at 2:30 p.m. with more than 1,000 participants.
- March 7, 2 p.m. Costume ball and animations for children downtown Amay.
- March 8, 2 p.m. Folk race of the bartenders downtown Amay.
- March 13, 7 p.m. Fireworks on the site of the Roman Tower, on Rue de l’Industrie.

## 7 March

### • *Carnaval in Jemappes* - Carnaval parade for children departs from the train station at 2 p.m. with the participation of the local giants and folkloric and musical groups.

## 12 March

### • *Carnabruelas in Brussels*, at Tour & Taxis on 86c Avenue du Port. Brussels will dance on the Brazilian rhythm for a Rio-like carnaval. Starts at 9 p.m. Entrance fee is €15.

**22 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.

**23 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.
- **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.

**24 February**

- **AFTB Phase 4: Laying the Foundation for an effective Military Family**, 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.
- **SHAPE Players perform Bye, Bye Birdie** at 7:30 p.m. at the SHAPE Performing Arts Center. Tickets are at €14 per adult, €8 for students and €6 for children.

**25 February**

- **Communication Training** - Offered by the Military & Family Life Consultant from 11 a.m. to noon in the ACS Conference Room, Bldg. 318, SHAPE. Open to all U.S. ID cardholders. Call DSN 423-5324 or civilian 065-44-5324 to register.
- **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.
- **SHAPE Players perform Bye, Bye Birdie** at 7:30 p.m. at the SHAPE Performing Arts Center. Tickets are at €14 per adult, €8 for students and €6 for children.

**26 February**

- **SHAPE Players perform Bye, Bye Birdie** at 7:30 p.m. at the SHAPE Performing Arts Center.

**27 February**

- **SHAPE Players perform Bye, Bye Birdie** at 3 p.m. at the SHAPE Performing Arts Center.

**28 February**

- **Fitness Challenge begins and will run until Jun. 27.** For additional information and to schedule your fitness assessment, call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.

**TEXAS HOLD'EM NO LIMIT**

Open to US, SHAPE (Green) & NATO ID cardholders 18 years of age and over.

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## AT USAG BRUSSELS

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

### 22-23 February

- **The Sterrebeek Annex Racquetball Court** will be closed and will resume normal operations Feb. 24

### 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 is Lt. Gen. Walter E. Gaskin, Deputy Chairman, NATO Military Committee. Also enjoy blues guitarist Alan Blues and purchase ribs and chicken. Please note that the USAG Brussels upper parking lot will be closed from noon to 8 p.m. for this event.

### 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.

- **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, to include special openings, classes and sports, 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.

### 2 March

- **Dr. Seuss' birthday.** Seussical Week Celebration is Feb. 28-Mar 4. Dr. Seuss fun in CDC and SAS.

### 4 March

- **Dr. Seuss Dodgeball** from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Community Gym. Sign up by Feb. 25. Free for high school students, food available, create your own team (5 people per team), highly recommended you dress up as a Dr. Seuss character.

### 7-11 March

- **Commune school break.** CDC open extended hours for dual-working parents. Sign up to reserve your spot.

### 16 March

- Social networking awareness from 6 to 8 p.m. Free event, limited childcare available in CYS, \$4 per hour. This will help you if your child is asking you for a Twitter or Face Book or MySpace account. Find out how to protect your computer from viruses, worms, spyware and any other threats. Teach your teen that what is posted online stays online forever and employers or colleagues can read about it forever. Join us for this free, informative and fun seminar and learn more about the fabulous and exciting world of social networking.