

# THE GAZETTE

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

## AFN Europe

AFN Europe is moving to a new satellite. If you watch AFN-TV via a decoder in your living quarters and a personal satellite dish, you will need to re-point your satellite dish and change the settings on your decoder by 31 July. See page 3 for more information.

## Ladies' Day

The SHAPE Ladies' Day is scheduled May 31 and gives community members the opportunity to tour Mons, meet the Alderman for Tourism and Economic Development, enjoy lunch in a local restaurant and get to know new people. Departure is from the Events Centre at 9 a.m. and return is scheduled at 3:30 p.m. The cost is €25 per person, including lunch. Prior registration is required not later than May 27 by sending an email to [dlima-e-beneluxpao@eur.army.mil](mailto:dlima-e-beneluxpao@eur.army.mil). For additional information, call DSN 423-3339 or DSN 361-5419 or civilian 065-44-3339 or 068-275419.

## Safety Stand Down Day

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Safety Stand Down Day scheduled for June 9 at the Community Recreation Center, Chièvres Air Base from 1 to 4 p.m. Various activities are planned: roll over car, fire truck demo, riding simulator, etc. Check next week's Gazette for the full schedule.

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## Community members meet with Army Manpower and Reserve Affairs Leader

By **Cis Spook**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs



The Honorable Thomas R. Lamont, Assistant Secretary for Army Manpower and Reserve Affairs, addressing the garrison Soldiers, civilians and family members.

During his visit to USAG Benelux May 17, the Honorable Thomas R. Lamont, Assistant Secretary for Army Manpower and Reserve Affairs, met with garrison Soldiers, civilians and family members and explained the budget reductions and their impact on Soldiers and civilians in the Army.

"The Office of the Secretary of Defense has imposed an additional cut of 29,000 military by fiscal year 2016. The Army now counts 569,000 Soldiers and the rule of thumb is that every 10,000 Soldiers is equivalent to a billion dollar of cost," Lamont explained. "In the future, we will have to do less with less. If we re-prioritize, keep only the essential tasks and programs and do careful planning, we should avoid drastic changes," Lamont added.

On the civilian side, this year marks the civilian workforce transformation. Five studies highlighted the fact that one out of three employees leaves the Service within five years.

"The civilian workforce transformation has been designed to review the entire hiring process and target skills," Lamont stated. "A hiring process now takes some 150 days to be complete. We want to refine the process and get the time down to 80 days in order to get the right person with the right skills at the right place and at the right time," Lamont added. "The focus is to bring in more young people as new hires who have a career development path. They have a higher chance to stay in for 15 years or so."

Another option to minimize the impact of budget reductions is to go 'purple' and encourage sharing programs with all Services.

"With fewer people, we need to eliminate tasks that are not essential and do 'less better'," Lamont concluded.

# Heading for a better future



Cis Spook

The old firetruck that was stored on the parking lot adjacent to the Maintenance Division on Chièvres Air Base was hauled on top of a flatbed in order to get restored and be given a new home.

After major restoration, the firetruck owned by the City of Chièvres, will be displayed at the National Fire Museum in Hofstade, halfway between Brussels and Gent. The museum is accessible every fourth Sunday of the month and not only displays fire trucks but various items related to firefighters.

## Holders of a SHAPE 340c Entry Card (white card)

Effective immediately all personnel possessing a 340C card must report to the Installation Security office on SHAPE, Bldg 102, Room 205 and exchange their old 340C entry card to a new 340C entry card.

Effective 1 June, the old 340C entry card will no longer be valid and those in possession of the old card will be sent to the Visitors Center to get a temporary visitors pass in order to gain access into SHAPE.

To avoid any delays at the gate please have your 340C Entry Card exchanged at the ISO before the deadline of 1 June.

Also effective 1 June, all 340C card holders will no longer have any sponsorship privileges. Only those personnel who have been identified by their DSO's will continue to have any sponsorship privileges for SHAPE.

For anyone that has a dependent with a 340C entry card, he/she may exchange the card for their dependent granted the old 340C entry card is brought to the ISO.

For any questions regarding this issue, call DSN 423-5304/7930 or civilian 065-44-5304/7930.

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# AFN Europe moving to new satellite

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

AFN's satellite delivery platform is changing, requiring viewers who have an AFN decoder and satellite dish in their home to make some changes by July 31st to continue to get AFN TV.

"We know this change will inconvenience folks," says AFN Europe Commander Bill Bigelow, "But we're doing all we can to help viewers make the necessary adjustments. We've set up a toll-free help desk, on-line manuals, and how-to videos to try and facilitate a smooth transition to the new satellite."

The AFN Help Desk is available through July 31 and is manned Tuesday-Friday from 1 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Central European Time). Viewers from Germany, Italy, Belgium, the UK and most other European countries will be able to call in via a toll-free number, 00800-2362683662 (00800-afnantenna).

Since the process of setting up a dish and re-adjusting a decoder varies according to decoder model, location and other variables, the help desk and on-line materials are especially critical. AFN Europe has posted manuals and how-to-videos in English, German and Italian at [www.afneurope.net](http://www.afneurope.net). Click on the Eurobird 9A icon for the manuals and videos.

Direct-to-home viewers will need to reconfigure their home decoder and realign their satellite dish from the current satellite Hotbird 6/9 at 13 degrees East, to the new satellite, Eurobird 9A (EB9A) at 9 degrees East.

The move to the EB9A satellite positions AFN to better serve the audience in the future. If you have questions about whether this satellite change affects you, please visit [www.afneurope.net](http://www.afneurope.net) or give the AFN Help Desk a call.



**KEEPING YOU CONNECTED**  
The Official Website of the American Forces Network Benelux  
[benelux.afneurope.net](http://benelux.afneurope.net)

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

## Memorial Day ceremonies held within driving distance from SHAPE/Chièvres

**In Belgium:**

May 28 at 10 a.m.  
Ardennes American Cemetery  
Route du Condroz 164  
4121 Neuville-en-Condroz

May 28 at 4 p.m.  
Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery  
Rue du Mémorial Américain 159  
4852 Hombourg

May 29 at 3 p.m.  
Flanders Field American Cemetery  
Wortegemweg 117  
8790 Waregem

May 31 at 2:30 p.m.  
Mardasson  
in Bastogne.

**In the Netherlands:**

May 29 at 3 p.m.  
Netherlands American Cemetery  
Amerikaans Begraafplaats 1  
6269 NA Margraten

**In France:** (one hour driving distance from SHAPE)

May 29 at 3 p.m.  
Somme American Military Cemetery  
Rue de Macquincourt  
02420 Bony

**In Luxembourg:**

May 28 at 2 p.m.  
Luxembourg American Cemetery  
in Hamm 3 miles east of Luxembourg City



Bob McElroy

# Safety measures lead to safe playground use

**By Mira Radosavlevici**

*USAG Benelux Safety and Occupational Health*

As Spring has arrived in Belgium and community members start to bring their children to the playgrounds, the USAG Benelux Installation Safety Office launches its playground safety campaign. Playgrounds can be a threat to the children's safety, yet simple precautions can diminish the risk of mishaps during playground use.

According to "S.A.F.E. Play Areas," by the National Program for Playground safety, "More than 200,000 children suffer serious playground related injuries each year that require emergency medical treatment. Tragically, an average of 15 children die each year simply because they want to do what children do best—play—and \$1.2 billion is spent on the playground-related injuries."

During children's behavior on the playground, the parents and teachers need to remember the acronym S.A.F.E, which stands for:

- S = Supervision
- A = Age-appropriate design
- F = fall surfacing
- E = equipment maintenance

All four components are equally important and play a significant role in playground safety. Parents and teachers are required to supervise children and be able to see them during play. A supervisor's view shouldn't be blocked, because "children being children," they take pleasure in "horseplay," if the playground is not challenging enough for them. The individual supervising should stop unsuitable behavior on the playground to ensure the kids' safety. Additionally, the supervisor must be familiar with hazards such as age-appropriate design of

equipment, maintenance of equipment, defective equipment, entrapments, and material depth. Finally, the playground must be free of litter: no sharp objects or broken glass. It is the community and tenants' responsibility to stop unsafe



The SHAPE School Age Services playground

acts or behavior on the playground. Doing so will keep our children safe. Contact the USAG Benelux, Installation Safety Office at DSN 361-6114 or civilian 068-27-6114 for further assistance on playground safety.

Information about playground safety can be found on the National Program for Playground Safety website at [www.playgroundsafety.org/about/index.htm](http://www.playgroundsafety.org/about/index.htm).

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# Wine aficionados can get collections stateside

**Special to the Gazette**

Many Americans start a wine collection while stationed in Europe. With some advance planning, wine connoisseurs can still enjoy their favorite European vintages when they move to their new stateside homes.

"First contact your transportation office for shipping procedures and how, if possible, to get reimbursed for the transportation costs," said Bill Johnson, director of the U.S. European Command's Customs and Border Clearance Agency. He added that you will have to pay any customs duty or tax.

Military transportation officials will sometimes not pack a wine collection in personal property shipments for fear of damage if bottles break. If they don't, they will have a list of wine merchants and moving companies that ship wine. "The company will tell you about state restrictions on alcohol and how to pay any tax that needs paying." He explained that you must ship the collection to an

airport with a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) office.

After the packers pack the collection, they will provide a shipping document and a copy of the bill of sale for the tax and shipping costs. Find out the shipment's airline, flight number, date of arrival and, most important of all, its shipping document number before flying.

"When you arrive stateside, go to the airport's cargo section with the shipping documents," Johnson explained. "They will give you additional paperwork to take to the CBP office." He recommends people personally clear their wine collection at the port of entry because using a customs house broker is expensive.

Customs will work out the duty and IRS tax and stamp the customs clearance. Customs officials report that the duty on still wine is currently 8.4 cents per liter, but goes up to 19.8 cents for sparkling wine. Duty can be as little as 3.5 cents for vermouth. IRS tax de-

pends on the alcoholic strength of the beverage concerned and works out to around 6 cents per liter for wine. However, these rates of tax and duty are subject to change.

"Take your customs clearance back to the cargo section where the collection is released to you," Johnson concluded.

As for other shipping options, Johnson pointed out that the U.S. Postal Service does not allow mailing wine and express shipping companies are usually unwilling to ship wine. Some airlines, however, will allow small collections to be checked as excess baggage for a fee.

Follow these rules and you can enjoy the best products of Old World vineyards at your new stateside home. Call a military customs office to find out more about shipping liquor products to the United States or consult the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau web site at [http://www.ttb.treas.gov/importers/personal\\_importation.shtml](http://www.ttb.treas.gov/importers/personal_importation.shtml).

**Build Your Community...**

**Volunteer!**

**Chievres Library Needs You!**  
 Hangar 4, (CRC), Chievres Air Base  
 Call DSN: 361-5767 or 423-5324  
 CIV: (068) 27.5767 or (065) 44.5324

Benelux MWR is looking for volunteers... for the Chievres Library, open to all US Military, Retirees & Civilian ID card holders. Keep your community

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# May is National Stroke Awareness Month

**By Trish Prosser, Ph.D., Public Health Psychologist**  
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National Stroke Awareness Month takes place in May every year. Stroke is the third leading cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the United States. About 795,000 strokes occur in the United States each year. About 610,000 of these are first or new strokes, and about 185,000 occur in people who have already had a stroke.

The National Stroke Association urges education to help reduce the incidence of stroke. The three main approaches to education are:

- STOP stroke through risk factor management.
- Act (FAST) to increase recognition and response to stroke symptoms.
- Spread HOPE about recovery from stroke.

### Risk factor management

Strokes can affect all people, regardless of age, race or gender. Eighty percent of strokes can be avoided, however. There are uncontrollable and controllable risk factors for stroke. Uncontrollable risk factors include being a male over age 55, being African-American, Hispanic or Asian/Pacific Islander, or having a family history of strokes. Controllable risk factors for stroke involve lifestyle and medical risk factors. Lifestyle risk factors that can be controlled include tobacco use, alcohol use, physical inactivity and obesity. Medical risk factors that can be best managed by working with a physician include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, certain heart conditions and circulation problems.

### Stroke symptoms

The National Stroke Association stresses the importance of learning the warning signs of stroke and recommends the FAST acronym to help people remember the warning signs:

F – FACE: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

A – ARMS: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

S – SPEECH: Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?

T – TIME: If you observe any of these signs, call 9-1-1 immediately.

### Recovery from stroke

Recovery from stroke is an ongoing process. For some people, it may start with formal rehabilitation to restore independence and quality of life. The National Stroke Association encourages learning about stroke and recovery, and provides additional resources.

For more information on strokes:

National Stroke Association, <http://www.stroke.org/site/PageServer?pagename=awareness>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/Stroke/>

**Stroke Is a Brain Attack**

# STROKE SYMPTOMS

- SUDDEN** numbness or weakness of face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body
- SUDDEN** confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- SUDDEN** trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- SUDDEN** trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- SUDDEN** severe headache with no known cause

**Act FAST and CALL 112 (European Emergency) IMMEDIATELY**

[www.stroke.org](http://www.stroke.org)

**Use FAST to remember stroke warning signs**

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**National STROKE Association**

**Volunteer Opportunity**

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

**Job Opening at the Dry Cleaning**

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

**SHAPE Community Choir**

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

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

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

**Job Opening**

Choctaw Profession Resources Enterprise is seeking qualified applicants for the position of New Parent Support Program Home Visitor for the SHAPE/Chièvres community. Candidates must be a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) or Licensed RN with a BSN. For information, call DSN 379-6522 or civilian 0049-6202-80-6522.

**Brugelette survey**

A Belgian agency is surveying projects that could be considered for the future site where the Brugelette sugar beet factory used to be.

They would like to reach out to the American community in order to find out what projects they would like to see included. As of now, they don't have any limit on the variety of the projects which can be sports, cultural, commercial, etc.

Whether you live in the Brugelette area or work on the Air Base, your ideas can be submitted through the Public Affairs Office at dlima-e-beneluxpao@eur.army.mil.

**Post Office Hours**

The Chièvres and SHAPE postal finance windows and official mail windows will only be open 8 a.m. to 11 a.m June 10 due to an official event. The parcel pick-up windows will have normal operating hours.

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

**STEP Right Up TO THE BEST**  
 SHOW IN TOWN  
 THE 2011 U.S. ARMY  
**SOLDIER SHOW**

Friday  
 27 May 2011  
 1800-1930

Alliance Auditorium  
 SHAPE

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**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*

**Belgian – U.S. Partnership**

The Belgian Catholic University of Louvain (UCL) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have formally signed a partnership agreement by which both universities commit to exchanging students and teachers. It is the first time a Belgian university partners with MIT and that, while MIT has 11,000 students and has delivered 76 Nobel Prize recipients, UCL has 27,000 students from 119 nationalities and has delivered one Nobel Prize – the Nobel Prize in Medicine which was awarded to the Belgian Christian de Duve in 1974.

**The formation of a government**

The President of the Francophone Socialist party and Mayor of Mons, Elio Di Rupo, has been appointed by the King to form a new, Belgian federal government, 337 days after the last federal elections.

**Belgium’s longest rail tunnel**

The works to dig the longest rail tunnel in the country are according to schedule, 5 centimeters every minute. The tunnel will be used for freight transportation to and from the port of Antwerp and will be six kilometers long. It should be ready by 2014.

**Twin burglars get identical sentence**

Twin brothers were caught red handed when trying to break into a school south of Gent. When the police carried out a house search, they recovered the loot from an earlier burglary. Only one footprint was found as evidence at the scene of this burglary. As the twins have the same shoe size, they both tried to get the other to go down for the first burglary. Since the judge was unable to make out whether both or only

one of the twins was responsible, he decided to give them both a one year custodial sentence.

**Watchdog to combat internet fraud**

The Belgian government is launching a new service to combat internet fraud. It is called ‘Belgian Internet Service Center’ (BISC) and comes at a time when more and more people are buying and ordering things through the internet. The BISC will act as a kind of watchdog.

**Tintin Movie**

The world Première of Spielberg’s movie ‘the Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn, will take place in Brussels and in Paris on October 22, in presence of the American filmmaker. Tintin and his fox terrier Snowy are characters created by the Belgian writer Hergé. Tintin is a young reporter who solves mysteries through heroic actions.

The trailer of the Tintin movie was released last week by Sony Pictures, which will distribute the movie in Europe.

**Less Belgian tourists in the U.S.**

A recent study ordered by the Association of Belgian Tour Operators has shown that the United States is no longer a popular destination for Belgians. From October 2010 to March 2011, the number of Belgians going on vacation to the U.S. has decreased by 4.9 percent compared with the same period last year. Moreover, as of April 30, the number of reservations for the 2011 summer vacations in the U.S. was down 18 percent compared to last year.

On the contrary, according to figures from the U.S. Department of Commerce, more Americans travel to Belgium and Luxembourg than before and they spend more money.

**Education**

**University of Maryland**

- UMUC is offering a \$500 scholarship this summer to eligible military family members. The application and eligibility requirements are available on our website at the following link [http://www.ed.umuc.edu/financial\\_aid/militaryfamilyscholarship.html](http://www.ed.umuc.edu/financial_aid/militaryfamilyscholarship.html).
- UMUC Summer Session 1 Registration is ongoing through June 5 for on-site courses and ongoing through June 12 for online courses. Please visit [www.ed.umuc.edu](http://www.ed.umuc.edu) for class schedules or contact your local UMUC Field Representative at DSN 423-5173/Civilian 065-44-5173.

**University of Oklahoma**

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.

**University of Phoenix**

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

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

**Through 28 May**

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

**26-28 May**

- **The French Provence in Mons** - The typical Provence colors, products and scents will be in the pedestrian areas in Mons from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**26-29 May**

- **Book Festival in Antwerpen**. Dutch and English new books, multimedia and hobby items. Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Antwerp Expo, hall 4 and 1, Jan van Rijswijklaan 191 at 2020 Antwerpen. Free entrance.

**27 May**

- **Jazz Concert in Enghien** by Nathalie Loriers (Piano) at the Maison Jonathas, Rue Montgomery 7 starting at 8:30 p.m. Tickets range from €8 and up.

**27-29 May**

- **Brussels Jazz Marathon** - Some 125 free concerts will be held on the Brussels squares. Big bands and famous soloists play in open air and smaller bands play in bars. You can go from one to the other concert by using the special buses. For more information, check [www.brusselsjazzmarathon.be](http://www.brusselsjazzmarathon.be).

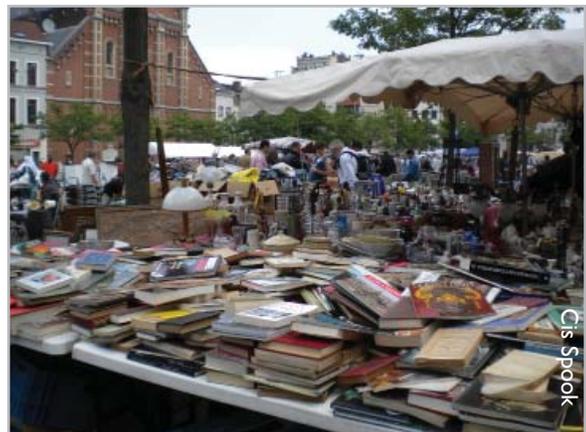


- **Local bands festival in Beloeil** -

On Friday, parades and concerts starting at 7 p.m. with the Beloeil band and the Huissignies Band. Saturday concerts start at 3 p.m. with the Chièvres, Lombise, Tourpes, Brugelette bands. Sunday, concerts start at 11:45 with the Basècles, Moulbaix, Ere, Thieulain and Saint Sauveur bands. All concerts are free of charge. Possibility to have lunch (pork on the grill) at 16 Euros. Prior registration for lunch is required and can be made at DSN 361-5343 or civilian 068-275343.

**28 May**

- **The circus night in Villers-la-Ville** from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.: clowns, acrobats and artists at the ruins of the abbey.
- **Open House at the evening school in Mons**. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., you can attend one of the many workshops offered: drawing & painting, sculpture, photography, ceramic, pottery, etc. at the Cours des Métiers d'Art du Hainaut on 105, Grand Route.
- **Flea market (150 booths) in Ixelles** on Chaussée de Boondael, 579 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Molenbeek-Saint-Jean** on Avenue du Karreveld from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market (350 booths) in Evere** on Rue Verdonck and Rue Alderson from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Etterbeek (300 booths)** on Place Van Meyel from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Numerous flea markets are held during the month of May

**28 and 29 May**

- **Buffoonery at the Brewery in Ath** - At the Giants Brewery on Rue du Castel 19. Highlights are Saturday from 3 to 8 p.m. with traditional music and buffoons, beer tasting and barbecue; Sunday as of 11 a.m. with the concert of the local band and in the afternoon: medieval music, buffoons, jugglers, archery and many free activities for young and old.
- **First Minerals Fair in Ciney**. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Ciney Expo on 3, Rue du Marché Couvert. Entrance fee is €3. Free parking.

**29 May**

- **Volksmarch in Bassilly** for 30, 20, 12, 8 or 4 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. starting on Rue de la Procession.
- **Volksmarch in Ronquières** for 20, 10 or 5 km starting on Rue de Nivelles, 32 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **20km Run of Brussels**. Departure from the esplanade of the Cinquantenaire. Registration and more information at [20km.chronorace.be](http://20km.chronorace.be).

**29 May Continued**

- **Nautical flea market in Ixelles** (Brussels) at Quarter Châtelain-Bailli from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountainbike ride in Gibecq** (Ath) for 25, 35 and 45 departing at 8 a.m. at the square.
- **Flea market in Strépy-Bracquegnies** on Rue Saint Julien from 12:30 to 9 p.m. All profits go to sick children.
- **Flea market in Boussu** at the school on 13, Rue de Caraman from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Casteau at Saint Alfred**, on Chaussée de Bruxelles 184 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entrance fee is €1.
- **Flea market in Binche** (downtown – 200 booths) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Gibecq** (Ath) on the square from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**1 and 2 June**



- **Sortilèges in Ath** – street theater and music with the participation of over 40 groups who will be performing theater, circus, music or fine arts in downtown Ath. The event starts on Wednesday as of 7 p.m. with an evening show on the Grand'Place at 10 p.m. Thursday, events start at 10:30 a.m. through midnight. Both days, all shows are free of charge. Check the detailed schedule at [www.sortileges.be](http://www.sortileges.be) (horaire).

**1 June**

- **Archery class in Ath** from 6 to 8:15 p.m. on the Esplanade for all ages. Cost is €2.
- **Concert by the Nota Casto Choir in Ath** at the Chapel of the Saint Julien College on Rue du Spectacle, 1 at 8 p.m. Tickets are at €2.5.

**2 June (Belgian Holiday)**

- **Volksmarch in Brugelette** for 30, 20, 12, 6 or 4 km from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. starting at Avenue G. Petit, 3.
- **Flea Market in Froyennes** (300 booths) from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the commercial area.
- **Flea Market in Cuesmes** (130 booths) from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Rue Ferrer.

**1-5 June**

- **Namur in May** – For four days and four nights, 300 comedians, magicians and merchants will perform in a total of about 70 shows at various locations in Namur. Over half of the shows are free of charge. For a detailed schedule, check [www.namurenmai.be](http://www.namurenmai.be).

**4 June**

- **Flea market in Houdeng-Goegnies** (100 booths) from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Rue Leon Duray and Place de Goegnies.
- **Flea Market in Jette** (100 booths) on Avenue de l'Exposition, 257 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Jette** (130 booths) on Chaussée de Wemmel from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Morlanwelz** (60 booths) on Allée des Hêtres from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Hornu** (25 booths) on 116, Rue du Tour from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Wasmuel** (100 booths) on Rue Neuve and Rue de la Perche from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Sirault** (200 booths) on Rue Michel Dramaix from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Huissignies** (100 booths) on Rue des Huées from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**5 June**

- **Flea Market in Woluwe Saint Lambert** (400 booths) on Rue des Déportés and neighboring streets from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Ghlin** (400 booths) on Avenue du Grand Large from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Casteau** (75 booths) on Place Leborgne and Rue de Brocqueroiy from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Nivelles** (100 booths) on the main square from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Clarinet and Piano Concert in Enghien** at the Maison Jonathas on 7, Rue Montgomery starting at 4 p.m. Tickets range from €8 and up.



Comedians and magicians will perform June 1-5 in the streets of Namur

**International Marches**

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



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

**BOOK NOW**

- **Rock Werchter Festival**, 30 June – 3 July. This is the 37th edition of this rock festival held in the Flemish Brabant. Featured artists include The Black Eyed Peas, Linkin Park, Underworld, Magnetic Man, Hurts, Goose and many more. €76 for one-day ticket on pre-sale and €195 for a four-day pass on pre-sale. For detailed schedule and tickets, visit [www.rockwerchter.be](http://www.rockwerchter.be).
- **Dour Festival**, 14 – 17 July. Dour Festival in Dour (Mons area), on Site de la Machine à Feu. European alternative music event for music lovers. Bands and festival-goers from all over Europe gather at Dour every summer. 200 bands on 7 stages and one campsite. €93 for a four-day pass (€110 camping included) on pre-sale. One-day ticket will be for sale later. Detailed program and tickets on [www.dourfestival.be](http://www.dourfestival.be).
- **Power Prog and Metal fest - PPM fest in Mons**, 30 April at the Lotto Mons Expo on 2 Avenue Thomas Edison. 2 stages, 18 bands. With the participation of Europe, Hammerfall, Edguy, ... Entrance fee is €65 per person (€55 on pre-sale). Doors open at 10 a.m. For pre-sale location and detailed program, visit [www.ppmfest.com](http://www.ppmfest.com).
- **Couleur Café in Brussels**, 24-26 June. at the Tours and Taxis site on Avenue du Port 86c. Couleur Café is dedicated to all currents of urban music across the world including R'nB, hip hop, reggae, dub, flamenco, salsa, zouk, folk, pop and electronic music. Entrance is €43 per person per day (€35 on pre-sale); three-day pass is €76 (€91 camping included). For tickets and detailed program, visit [www.couleurcafe.be](http://www.couleurcafe.be).
- **Musical Night in Beloeil**, 27 August. This year, the event will feature the Brussels Philharmonic and José Van Dam. More information in future editions of the Gazette.

**SHAPE Trips & Tours**

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

- **Dover and Canterbury, May 28.** Explore the Dover Castle and and tour the war tunnels. After lunch, visit to Canterbury, where you will have free time to see and explore the Cathedral, Canterbury Tales and other attractions. Price: €70 Adult, €65 Child (5-15), €55 Child (0-4).
- **Disneyland Paris, June 2.** Come experience the happiest place on earth. Departs SHAPE at 8 a.m. and returns at 11 p.m. Price: €95 Adults, €90 Youth 3-11, €50 Children 0-2.
- **Châteaux of France, June 4.** The first stop will be Fontainebleau, home of more royal courts than there is space to mention (some of the more noteworthy residents prior to the Revolution were: King Henri IV and Queen Marie Antoinette). It's easy to understand why this was a favorite royal residence. With flowing gardens, fountains and waterways. The next stop will be Chantilly, home to one of the finest museums of historical paintings in France and second only to the Louvre in Paris Spend the day exploring French history. Price: Adults: €78 Children: €60 (0-16) Departs SHAPE at 6 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m.

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

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



Courtesy Picture

Fort Breendonk

- **London, June 25.** Spend your summer day walking around Hyde Park, riding the London Eye, pub hopping, take a boat ride down the river Thames, watch a show, visit Westminster or just discover the city by foot. Price: 65€. Departs SHAPE at 6 a.m. and returns at 1 a.m. (Sunday).
- **Stonehenge and Salisbury, June 25 June.** Begin the day at the mysterious rocks of Stonehenge. Next is a visit to the Salisbury Cathedral. It is fine example of the early English Gothic style of architecture in Britain. One of the four original Magna Carta is housed at the Cathedral. After visiting the Cathedral, spend the rest of the time shopping or pub hopping. Prices: 75 € Adult, 70€ Child (5-15), 65€ Child (0-4) Departs SHAPE at 5 a.m. and returns at 1 a.m. (Sunday).



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Etretat

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- **Etretat and Fecamp, Normandy, July 2.** Fecamp and Etretat are well placed for exploring and hiking the dramatic cliffs and rock formations. Feel like you stepped back in the Middle Ages and explore Fecamp with the Abbey of the Holy Trinity, enjoy the panorama of Cape Fagnet and spend some time at the small, nice cafes in Etretat. Price: €65 Depart SHAPE at 6:30 a.m. and return at 0:30 a.m. (Sunday).

**May 24**

- **Page Turners Book Discussion Group** will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the SHAPE International Library. The group will discuss "*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*" by Rebecca Skloot. Registration is not required and there is no fee. For more information, call DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631.
- **The Illuminati**, a book club for preteens and teens meets at 4:30 p.m. at the SHAPE International Library to discuss "*Ship Breaker*" by Paolo Bacigalupi. Registration is not required and there is no fee. For more information, call DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-44-5631.

**May 25**

- **Active Parenting for 5-12 year olds** - From 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Bldg. 318, SHAPE. The goal of Active Parenting is to teach important skills, such as effective communication with children, preventing the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, discipline while teaching responsibility, encouraging self-esteem and character development, redirecting misbehavior and sidestepping power struggles. For more information and to register, call ACS at DSN 423-5324/5263 or civilian 065-44-5324/5263.
- **Infant Massage Class** - Meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the SHAPE Healthcare Facility second floor conference room. Expectant mothers and mothers with newborns and up are welcome. Mats and oils are provided. No pre-registration is required. Open to all U.S., NATO and SHAPE ID cardholders. Call ACS DSN 423-4274 or civilian 065-44-4274 for more information.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the SHAPE International Chapel, Bldg. 601, room 51. Members support one another's 12 Step recovery program and freely share their AA story with newcomers. Family members, friends, and anyone interested in AA are welcomed to attend. For recorded message with telephone contact #'s, call 049-405-8137. For English speaking meetings in Brussels and throughout Europe see <http://www.aa-europe.net/> <<http://www.aa-europe.net/>>.
- **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.

**May 27**

- **Active Parenting for Stepfamilies** - From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bldg. 318, SHAPE. Learn about Stepfamily living: a different parenting challenge, turning differences into opportunities, from anger & power struggles to courage & self-esteem, the challenge of discipline and stepfamily communication and problem solving. For more information and to register, call ACS DSN 423-5324/5263 or civilian 065-44-5324/5263.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets from noon to 1 p.m. at the SHAPE International Chapel, Bldg. 601, room 51. For recorded message with telephone contact #'s, call 0494-058137. For English speaking meetings in Brussels and throughout Europe see [www.aa-europe.net](http://www.aa-europe.net).

**May 28**

- **Texas Hold'em** - At the Patriot, Chièvres Air Base. From 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. Player buy in and first deal at 3 p.m. For information and to register, call DSN 361-6268 or civilian 068-27-6268.

**New Fitness Center Hours**

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

**ACS New Operating Hours**

The new operating hours for Army Community Services are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Play Morning**

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

**SHAPE Players**

The 2011 Theater Summer Camp will begin 27 June for 5 weeks and will culminate with 4 performances. The fee is €275 and includes T-shirt and snacks.

Theater Summer Camp children will be introduced to the craft of acting and various aspects of theater including creative choreography and musical staging, costume design and development, property management, set design and building, lighting effects, sound development and marketing. Spaces are limited. To register and for more information, call DSN 423-3312 or 065-44-3312.

**CYSS**

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

# AT USAG BRUSSELS

2 June

- **Summer 2011 Community Town Hall.** Town hall will be held at the 3 Star Lounge starting at 6:30 p.m. Child Care will be provided at \$4 an hour, please contact CYS NLT May 31 for your reservation at DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-717-9651. The Community Town Hall will immediately follow Taco Night which starts at 6 p.m. For information on the town hall, call DSN 368-9793 or civilian 02-717-9793.

## FITNESS CLASSES

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

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

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

Adult Intramural Softball League

## SHAPE Trips & Tours

USAG Brussels Family & MWR is now partnering with the SHAPE Trips and Tours program. Now you can enjoy all of the great tours SHAPE offers and catch the bus from either USAG Brussels or the Sterrebeek Annex depending on the tour.

Reservations/Payments are made by calling SHAPE Trips and Tours at 32 (0) 65-44-3884 Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tell them that you will be catching the bus from Brussels and if you have a SHAPE ID card. If you don't have a SHAPE ID card, that's OK, you will be placed on an access roster for the trip. See pages 11 and 12 for a listing of the upcoming trips.

Community Roundup

**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.