

THE GAZETTE

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

Overseas Housing Allowance

The annual Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Utility/Recurring Maintenance survey is accessible at www.defensetravel.dod.mil/ss/wsb.dll/s/eg4e. 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. See more on page 7.

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>.

Uncle Sam's Store

The Uncle Sam's Store, Hangar 3 on Chièvres Air Base will be closed for inventory April 13-15. Bona fide emergencies will be handled on a case by case basis. For more information, call DSN 361-5343 or 5169.

AFN Benelux website contest

AFN Benelux is running a drawing contest for children ages 3-12 on how the family stays safe. The winner will make the cover of the SHAPE Community Life magazine and earn prizes from Grandma's Attic. Go to the AFN Benelux Website to enter.

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USAG Benelux members learn the "Thriller" dance from Michael Jackson's hit 1983 video at the Chièvres Team Building Day. Members also played games and took time to get to know each other at the Patriot. McGruff the crime dog was also on hand to keep the team members in line.

Grand Prix heading through local villages

The annual bicycle race "Grand Prix Pino Cerami" in the Saint-Ghislain-Chièvres-Ath area will be held April 7.

Community members are advised to pay careful attention to cyclist on the roads in the area as the race will create some traffic diversions on roads racers travel. Cyclists depart from Baudour at noon and end at Frameries around 5 p.m. The circuit will bring the participants through Beloeil, Chièvres, Ath, Flobecq, Lessines, Brugelette, Lens, Jurbise, Mons and surroundings.

The race will go through Beloeil, Huissignies, Tongres-Notre-Dame and Ath approximately between noon and 1 p.m., heading to Flobecq and Lessines.

Then, it will come to the local area, coming from Attré to Chièvres (through Grand Rue, in front of the Caserne).

The Grand Rue will be blocked off from the Place Saint Jean to the traffic circle approximately from 2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. but should remain open from the traffic circle to the square.

Local police will direct traffic diversions. No parking allowed along the race circuit. For additional information, visit www.grandprixcerami.be.

Soignies opens doors to SHAPE, NATO, Chièvres community members

The City of Soignies Alderwoman of Tourism, Mrs. Sandra Volante invites the Chièvres, NATO and SHAPE community to tour the city May 7th.

The day will start with breakfast at the Tourist Office at 9 a.m., followed by a trip to the Castle of Louvignies.

After completion of the castle tour, guest will enjoy lunch at the La Cabosse restaurant on Rue des Orphelins, followed by a visit to the Collegiate Church Saint-Vincent and a chocolate factory.

The after lunch tour will be split into two groups.

The day will end back at the tourist center where a small gift of chocolates will be given to guest.

Two English speaking guides will accompany the group throughout the day.

The number of participants is limited to 50 people including children.

The cost of the event is €25 for adults and €19 for children under 12 years of age. Payment must be made by April 29.

For booking and payment, contact the SHAPE Liaison Office at DSN 423-3339, civilian 065/44.33.39 or by email at didier.parmentier@shape.nato.int, or the USAG Benelux Public

Affairs Office at DSN 361-5419, civilian 068/27.54.29 or by email at dlima-e-beneluxpao@eur.army.mil.

Lunch choices must be made during registration.

The menu is as follows:

1 aperitif + ½ sandwich tomato mozzarella (offered by the restaurant)

Starter: Parma ham and melon

Main dish: Breton pancakes (salted), choice between: yellow zucchini/spinach/serrano ham or chicken lemon or broccoli/fresh salmon/smoked salmon

Desert: Ice cream

Drink: 1 soft drink/person



USAG Brussels steps up vehicle regulation enforcement

For safety and force protection reasons, the USAG Brussels Military Police and contract Security Guards will immediately resume enforcement of all regulations concerning vehicle documentation and parking, at both the Garrison Main and Sterrebeek Annex.

Vehicles will now be checked more frequently for valid proof of insurance, registration, and license plates. Failure to comply may result in your vehicle being denied entry to the installation.

Community members are reminded that any overnight park-

ing requires prior written approval through the Provost Marshal.

Tickets may be issued for parking violations such as double parking, unauthorized use of handicapped spaces, or parking that blocks fire lanes or fire hydrants.

Thank you for your cooperation with our Military Police and contract Security Guards. Please address any questions to the USAG Brussels Military Police Desk at DSN 368-9769 or CIV 02-717-9769.



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Training Support Center opens doors for visitors

The Training Support Center Benelux will hold an open house April 7 at Chièvres Air Base from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The TSC will showcase resources and services to demonstrate their capability to help enhance unit and individual training in support of unit mission readiness requirements.

There will simulator demonstrations on the Engagement Skills Trainer, Virtual Battle System and Machine Gun Sound Simulator.

There will also be a BBQ lunch served by the TSC



The schedule of events is as follows

10 a.m. Opening ceremony

Mr. Curtis, TSC Chief

Mr. White, RTSC Baumholder Chief

10:30 a.m. Guest Speaker CSM Fairley, USAG Benelux CSM

Alternate Speaker Col Tillotson,

USAG Benelux Commander

1100 a.m. Demonstrations of Simulators/showcase of products

11:30 a.m.:EST Open Skill Challenge

Noon: Lunch (BBQ by TSC)

1p.m. Demonstrations of Simulators/showcase of products

2 p.m. Drawing Gift Basket

2:30 p.m. Closing Remarks

Mr. Curtis, TSC Chief

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By Cis Spook

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

Killer of Brussels judge will not face trial

A court has decided to intern the man who shot dead a judge and a court clerk in Brussels last year. The incident happened last June 3. Both were shot dead at the end of a court session because, according to the killer, the judge had evicted him. The gunman managed to escape, but was detained the very same evening. Psychiatric experts say that the killer is mentally ill and cannot be held accountable for his acts. A court in Brussels has now decided that the gunman should be interned in a centre for the criminally insane and will not have to face a trial.

Last week's demonstration in Brussels

According to estimations made by the police, some 15,000 trade unionists took part in last week's demonstration in Brussels. Demonstrators targeted the EU's social policies

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and pressed for a more social agenda as European leaders were preparing a summit meeting in Brussels. The demonstration started peaceful, but ended in riots.

Flemish Opera invited by Edinburgh Festival

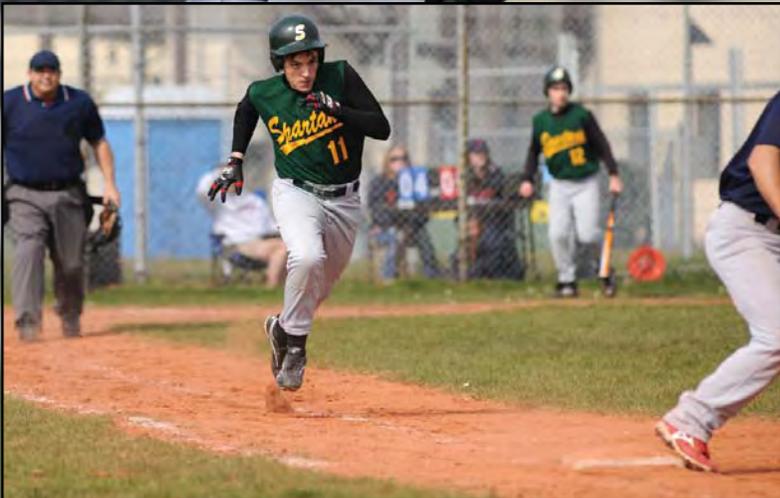
For the first time in history, the Flemish Opera will perform at the prestigious Edinburgh International Festival. It will stage two performances of "Semiramide". "Semiramide" is about Queen Semiramide who rules over Babylon in a world of politics, lust, violence and murder. It's a broken society in a world waiting to be punished. The queen first murders her husband, but falls in love with her own son who was thought to be dead. The Edinburgh Festival is one of the largest cultural events in the world and will be held from August 12 through September 4. "Semiramide" will be on stage on August 25 and 27.

It's safe to Tell ICE



Spartans split double header

Photos by Senior Airman Nathanael Callon



The SHAPE Spartans defeated the Bitburg Barons 5-4 in the first game of a double header during the opening weekend of DoDDs high school baseball, while the Barons took game two, 12-3. (background) SHAPE American High school senior Joe Broughton and junior James Workman discuss their strategy before the fifth inning during the opening game of the season against Bitburg High School. (top) SHAPE American High School junior Collin Helfenstein runs toward first base during the opening game. (right) Bitburg High School freshman Devin Billups runs to third base.

Exchange Survey

The Chièvres Exchange is holding a Customer Satisfaction Index Survey through April 23rd. The survey will take place daily, except Mondays. The survey represents a continuing effort to measure and improve customer service and to ensure The Exchange meets customer expectations. The CSI survey measures customer satisfaction in several areas including customer service, pricing, associate availability and friendliness, and merchandise selection and availability.

Customers will receive a \$5.00 coupon for sharing their opinion.

Experienced rider course

The next MSF ERC course will be on 14 April 2011. For those interested in taking that course, please register on line at: <https://airs.lmi.org/RegistrationForm.aspx?s=True&slid=22321&cid=47> before 7 April 2011.

Spring Motorcycle Safety Day

The U.S. Military Delegation to NATO and USAG Brussels host the Spring motorcycle safety day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 7 at USAG Brussels. The event is open to all. For information, call DSN 365-9434 or civilian 02-707-9434.

E-book/E-audio Book Workshop Rescheduled

Due to Spring Break, the library has rescheduled the E-book/E-audio Book Workshop workshop for April 19 at 5:30 p.m. Learn how to use the Army Digital Media Library (Overdrive) and NetLibrary services with your computer, portable and e-reader devices. If it's portable, bring your device to the workshop for hands-on training. No registration and no fees required. For more information or to reserve a copy, call the library at DSN 423-5631/Civilian 065-44-5631.

Army Emergency Relief Campaign

The annual campaign runs through May 15 and 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 also provides education scholarships to Family Members. 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.

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.

Winter Clearance

Come by Grandma's Attic and stock up on winter clothes. All TSP (Thrift Shop Property) winter wear must be sold to make way for summer clothes. See how much you can get



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

into a bag and it's yours for only \$3. Our operating hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Teen Short Story Contest

The SHAPE International Library is sponsoring a Teen Short Story Contest. 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 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. tomorrow, April 5 at the SHAPE International Library. Stories must be 1000 to 1500 words. 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.

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.

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 The Official Website of the American Forces Network Benelux

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

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/SYOBbelgium201.

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 and click on Easter Tournament 2011.

Education

CYSS Speech Symposium

Speak clearly, think clearly and be clearly understood. Session is from April 5 through June 10 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Youth Center, Bldg. 503, SHAPE. The topics that will be covered will help your young adult to confidently speak in front of any audience, conduct business meetings and acquire tools to sharpen presentations. Fee is \$80.50 including workbook and symposium of 12 classes. For information, call DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

CYSS New Classes coming up

Parent & Child music class - Introduction to music for children and their parents. A great way to connect with your child and at the same time learn about music instruments such as the flute, the guitar and the piano. This class will meet twice a week - in the morning.

Flute class - Flute lessons for beginner, intermediate and advanced students. We will have group classes and also one-on-one lessons. For more information call Parent Central Services Office at DSN 423-5612 or civilian 065-44-5612.

University of Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma is accepting applications for Master of Arts in International Relations. Accelerated class




WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE CLASS

USAG BRUSSELS FITNESS CENTER
09 April 2011, 1000-1230
(Maximum 20 participants)



Protect Yourself , Using Your Mind and Your Body

Presented by USAG Brussels Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program.

Learn how to protect yourself using kicks, strikes and take-down moves.

Class is led by a qualified Self Defense Instructor with the support of the Brussels Military Police.

For more information please contact
Charlene O'Sullivan

DSN: 368-9684, 423-7593 or
0472-90-10-68



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.

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Guidance to fill out the Overseas Housing Allowance Survey

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In order to fill out the survey, you should gather together the actual bills or records of your utility and recurring maintenance expenses for the last twelve months and compute a monthly average for each of these expenses before taking the survey. Sales taxes should be included if paid but were not reimbursed.

The information below is to provide you advance guidance on what expenses should be reported, how to compute average monthly costs for utility expenses, and what currency should be used for this reporting.

• **Utility/Recurring Maintenance Expenses** - The following items are included in the Utility allowance and should be reported on the survey.

- Electricity
- Heating fuels: natural gas, liquid petroleum gas (LPG or "Bombola"), fuel oil, coal, firewood
- Water for residence
- Bottled water for drinking
- Trash pickup
- Sewer charges
- Maintenance and minor repairs (for example, replacement of a window pane, repair of an electrical outlet, etc.)
- Insurance required by custom or law, related to the physical dwelling, and identified by type of insurance
- Condo fees, if not rolled-up into rent and reimbursed as part of OHA rental allowance
- Recurring expenses such as monthly monitoring feed for alarm system, if not included in the rent and reimbursed as part of OHA rental allowance
- Police protection
- Guards
- Taxes for which the tenant is responsible, must make a separately identifiable payment, and are tied to the physical dwelling.

The following are examples of items NOT included in the utility allowance and should NOT be reported on the survey.

- Cable TV
- Monthly internet charges
- Tuition
- Monthly telephone bills
- Auto gasoline/diesel fuel
- Auto expenses
- Books
- Pet expenses
- Postage
- Road taxes
- Gifts
- Repairs to personally owned electrical equipment
- Maid service (even if maid service is for security

purposes)

- Yard maintenance
- Any and all expenses not associated with the physical dwelling

• **How to compute average monthly costs for each item reported:**

- Determine annual cost: Include annual catch-up bills, if incurred and add up quarterly and/or monthly bills to determine annual cost
- Determine monthly cost: divide annual cost for each item by number of months at permanent duty station (of the last 12 months) and report average monthly costs on survey

Report all utility/recurring maintenance expenses not covered by any other allowance. For those items not separately listed on the survey that you wish to report, provide a brief description. Do not include any expenses for which direct reimbursement was received.

- **Currency** - Report all your expenses in the currency in which you paid them. Do not convert. If converted with the incorrect rate of exchange, the amount reported may not reflect the true cost.
- **Comments** - Enter any explanations or information that you think will help analysts better understand the data that you have entered into the survey. Collection of the actual amount you pay in rent is not part of this survey. For additional information, call DSN366-6392.



You'll receive a coupon good for \$5 off your next Exchange purchase.



Through 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.



7 – 11 April

- **Brussels Tango Festival.** The Argentine Tango Festival features performances, concerts and workshops. Visit www.brusselstangofestival.be for the full program..

7 – 19 April

- **Brussels International Fantastic Film Festival – BIFFF, in Brussels,** at Tour & Taxis, on 86c, Avenue du Port. This is one of the most original movie festivals in the world and an opportunity to watch over 150 films, the majority of them as previews. For fantastic, science-fiction and horror films lovers. For detailed program, visit www.festivalfantastique.org/festival.

8-9 April

- **Intercultural week in Baudour,** in the city park. Come and discover other cultures through displays, shows, etc. The program is as follows:
 - **April 8:**
 - 6 p.m., official opening of the photo display
 - 8 p.m., show on the intercultural theme. Free entrance. Reservation by calling 065/76.19.23
 - **April 9:**
 - 8 p.m., intercultural dinner and dances of the world show. Entrance fee is €5. Reservation by calling 065/76.19.23

8 – 9 April

- **160th birthday concert given by the local band l'Union de Lorette in Ath,** at the Salle Georges Roland, on Rue Hennepin. Concerts start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday (free entrance) and at 7 p.m. on Saturday (€8 per person). For additional information, visit www.harmonieuniondelorette.be.



- **Weekend of folklore and traditions in Namur – Folknam.** The program is as follows:

April 8:

- 8:30 p.m., folk dances and party

April 9:

- As of 10 a.m., arts and craft and traditional market on the Place d'Armes
- At noon and at 6 p.m., traditional lunch or dinner on Place d'Armes
- 3 p.m., traditional and folkloric parade. Departs from the Place St-Aubain and gathers on Place du Théâtre from 4 to 6 p.m.
- 8 p.m. Closing show

8 – 10 April

- **Garden fair at the Enghien Castle.** 200 booths will be spread on 4 hectares of land. Open from 2 to 7 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Entrance fee is €7.

8 April – 8 May

- **International Flower Exhibition in Groot Bijgaarden,** at the Castle of Groot-Bijgaarden, on 5, Van Beverenstraat. Around 400 types of tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and other grape hyacinths, pansies, azaleas and rhododendrons will be presented to the public in the 14 hectares castle park. The visitors can discover new creations by flower growers as well as the most beautiful varieties which have become great classics. Open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fees are €10 per adult, €5 per child between 6 and 14 and free for kids under 6. For additional information, visit www.grandbigard.be.



9 April

- **Flea market in Ath**, on Place du Faubourg de Mons, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Second hand bicycles and child's scooters market in Ath**, at the ITL school on Boulevard du Château. Open from 3 to 4 p.m. Bicycles for sale can be dropped off between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. at the fee of €2. Proceeds for sold bikes or pick up of unsold bikes will be at 4:30 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Lessines** for 20, 15, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from the Saint Roch room on 23 Rue Saint Roch from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Mons** for 20, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from 18 Rue d'Obourg from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in La Bouverie** on Rue de l'Industrie. Open from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.

15 April - 9 May

- **Royal greenhouses of Laeken** open to the public, on Avenue du Parc Royal. A winter garden created to fulfill Leopold II's dream, the greenhouses are filled with rare flowers and exotic trees. Entrance fee is €2.50. Open on:
 - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. and from 8 to 10 p.m.;
 - Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8 to 10 p.m.
 - 19 April reserved for disabled people. Closed on Mondays (except April 25) and on April 26.

16 April

- Volksmarch in Ladeuze for 20, 15, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from the cultural center on 23 Rue de la Liberté from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Volksmarch in Auderghem (Brussels) for 22, 16 or 8 km. Departure is 224 Boulevard des Invalides from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

16 - 17 April

- **Dog show and contest in Antwerp** at Antwerp Expo on 191 Jan Van Rijswijcklaan. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days. Entrance fee is €5.

17 April

- **Volksmarch in Ath** for 40, 30, 20, 10, 5 km. Departure is from the school on Rue Paul Pasture from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Buvrinnes** for 20, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from Rue de la Cornette from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Blaton** for 20, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from 1 Rue de Basècles from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Limal** for 20, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from 54 Rue Charles Jaumotte from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Sart-Dames-Avelines** for 20, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from 10 Chemin Bruyère du Coq from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Obourg** for 20, 10 or 5 km. Departure is from the soccer field on Rue du Camp from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Thuin** for 55, 40, 35, 20 or 15 km. Departure is from 23 Rue du Chêne from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participation fee is €4. Bike wash is available.
- **Mountain bike ride in Chimay** for 52, 45, 37, 27 or 18 km. Departure is from Rue de Forges from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Participation fee is €5. Bike wash and showers are available.
- **Mountain bike ride in Huissignies** for 100, 80, 60, 45, or 25 km. Departure is from the cultural center on Rue de l'Eglise from 6:30 to 11 a.m. Participation fees range between €3 and €7. Bike wash and showers available.
- **Mountain bike ride in Anderlues** for 55, 45, 35 or 20 km. Departure is from 58 Rue des Bruyères from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Participation fees range between €3 and €5. Bike wash is available.
- **Spring volksmarch in Beloeil**, at the discovery of the small local streets and monuments. Gathering and registration at 9:30 a.m. at the Tourism Office, 27 Rue du Chateau. Departure at 10 a.m. and friendship drink at noon. Participation fee is €3 per adult and €1.50 per kid.
- **Flea market in Ath**, on Place de Lorette, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Mons**, on Rue du Grand Large. Open from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.



SHAPE Trips & Tours

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

- **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.
- **Paris, April 16 & May 14.** Come enjoy the city of lights and explore its many museums, shops, and restaurants. You will have time to explore everything that Paris has to offer including the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, The Louvre, the many markets and eat the fantastic food available in this amazing city. Depart SHAPE: 7:00, Return SHAPE: 23:00 Price: € 45
- **Disneyland Paris, April 20 & June 2.** Come experience the happiest place on earth. With the thrilling rides and fantastic shows, you will have an action packed day that is sure to satisfy the whole family! Depart SHAPE: 08:00, Return SHAPE: 23:00 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.

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FORCE PROTECTION MEASURE OF THE WEEK

Q: What can I do to stay safe when traveling by air?

- Do not discuss your military affiliation, job title or responsibilities with strangers
- Consider using a tourist passport if you have one, rather than an official passport
- Look for a place on the plane where you can "ditch" important documents or items that identify you as affiliated with the U.S. military if you are hijacked
- Use plain civilian luggage. Avoid military-looking bags such as duffle bags and ruck-sacks
- Ensure luggage tags do not show your rank or military address (tags with a cover are best)
- Travel in conservative civilian clothing when using commercial transportation
- Do not wear distinctly military items or U.S. – identified items, such as cowboy hats or American logo T-shirts, sports jackets, or sports sweatshirts (College, NFL, NHL, NBA, MLB, etc)
- Wear clothing to hide U.S. – affiliated tattoos

BOOK NOW

- **Rock Werchter Festival**, 30 June – 3 July. This is the 37th edition of this rock festival held in the Flemish Brabant. Featured artists include The Black Eyed Peas, Linkin Park, Underworld, Magnetic Man, Hurts, Goose and many more. €76 for one-day ticket on pre-sale and €195 for a four-day pass on pre-sale. For detailed schedule and tickets, visit www.rockwerchter.be.
- **Dour Festival**, 14 – 17 July. Dour Festival in Dour (Mons area), on Site de la Machine à Feu. European alternative music event for music lovers. Bands and festival-goers from all over Europe gather at Dour every summer. 200 bands on 7 stages and one campsite. €93 for a four-day pass (€110 camping included) on pre-sale. One-day ticket will be for sale later. Detailed program and tickets on www.dourfestival.be.
- **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-sales location and detailed program, visit www.ppmfest.com
- **Couleur Café festival 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



CARNAVAL IN BELGIUM

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.

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5 April

- **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.

6 April

- **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.

8 April

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** - The English speaking SHAPE Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets on Fridays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Religious Support Center, Bldg. 353 (behind Bldg. 318 - AFN, ACS entrance is in the back of the building). For more information, contact DSN 423-2474 or civilian 065-44-2474.
- **Welcome Everyone to Belgium** offered by the ACS Relocation Program from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn how to take the train during a field trip to Brussels and visit a warehouse and the Grand'Place. Pre-registration is required at DSN 423-4332 or civilian 065-44-4332.
- **Parents Night Out** from 6:30 p.m. to midnight, enjoy a kid free evening. Sign up at Parent Central Services, Bldg. 503, SHAPE. Cost is \$25 per child, including a small mid-evening snack. Dinner is not provided.



11-15 April

- **Baby Sitting Course** Learn basic childcare and get CPR/First Aid Certified. Must be 13 years or older to attend and must be registered with SHAPE/Chievres CYSS. Cost is \$20 per person and includes Red Cross First Aid and CPR Certificate, babysitting handbook, and a small gift bag. For more information call CYSS Parent Central Services at DSN 423-5612.

18 April

- **Under the Sea Camp** for middle school and youth. Amazing race adventure, beach and aquarium trip, sports and art. CYSS registration is required. For more information call Parent Central Services at DSN 423-5612.

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.

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. For additional information, call DSN 368-9735. The ceremony will be held April 28.

5 - 8 April

- **Newcomers Orientation** - On day one, key agencies will brief their programs. On day two, tour a local food store and get general information about the local customs. On day three, the Brussels Health Clinician liaison coordinator will provide a tour of the Leuven Hospital. On the last day is a walking tour of the Stokkel open air market. The meeting place is USAG Brussels, ACS conference room, Bldg. 4. To sign up and for more information, call DSN 423-9783/9729 or civilian 02-717-9783/9729.

9 April

- **Women's Self Defense Class** - Class is held at the USAG Brussels Fitness Center for maximum 20 participants. Learn how to protect yourself using kicks, strikes and take-down moves. Class is led by a qualified self defense instructor with the support of the Brussels Military Police. For more information, call DSN 368-9684 or civilian 0472-901068.

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.

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 CYP 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.

8-9 April

- **Teen Babysitting Class.** To sign up, call civilian 02-717-9649

Brussels American School

- **Collecting supplies for Japan** - The Brussels American School is 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 can be found 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. For more information, contact the Brussels School Liaison Officer at 0478-963629 or the Special Events Coordinator at 02-717-9763.