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Airfield Restrictions

In the coming weeks, an influx of aircraft traffic and personnel movement is expected to be in and around SAF-CAB. It is imperative that everyone know the airfield boundaries and respect them to ensure the safety of our air and ground crews. If you need to access any of these areas, please contact Tech. Sgt. Castillo, deputy airfield manager, at DSN 361-6301.

Demolition and Remediation Sites

Works are currently ongoing at the two sites at Chièvres Air Base. At POL10-2 (near Bldg. 20006), works started last week and are expected to be completed no later than Oct. 17. At POL10-3 (near Chièvres gas station), the contractor is now backfilling the pit. This phase of the project is currently planned to be completed no later than Nov. 17. There will be an increase in truck traffic related to the project during this time. Please remember to follow the speed limits and stay safe while driving near those areas.

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Garrison commander answers the community's questions

Col. Kurt Connell, garrison commander for U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, participated in a question and answer session during the U.S. Town Hall and Information Fair Oct. 11, 2017, at SHAPE, Belgium. Community members had the opportunity to ask questions to leadership as well as meet with military agencies and organization representatives during the event. Check out the full story on the community town halls in next week's issue. (U.S. Army photo by Jessica Ryan)

Cybersecurity Awareness Month: Tips for staying safe online at work

By William B. King
2nd Signal Brigade

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month and marks the kickoff of the year-long Army Cybersecurity Awareness Campaign. The Army campaign is designed to increase readiness through improving awareness of cyber threats and incidents as well as their impact to Army missions. The Cybersecurity Awareness efforts also highlight how Soldiers and civilians need to respond in order to safeguard the Army.

Nic Hall, 2nd Theater Signal Brigade information systems security manager, provides some useful information for Soldiers, civilians, local national employees or other authorized users on government computers or networks.

1. Secure your Common Access Card, or CAC, at all times. Keep it safe on your person and be sure to remove it from your computer each time you leave your workstation.

2. Passwords. Create a strong password of at least 15 characters with upper and lower case letters, numbers and special characters. Memorize your password, don't write down anywhere.

"There's a lot of complexity when choosing your password, depending on the site. Think of a phrase you can remember, then add some special characters and numbers," Hall said.

3. Watch out for phishing attacks. These attacks use a variety of sophisticated means to try and obtain sensitive information such as your date of birth, social security number, banking information, or usernames and passwords. Hall recommends to look carefully at the digital signature and the domain from where the email is coming to determine if it is from a trusted source or not.

4. If you see something, say something. Don't forward suspicious emails to anyone else, don't download any documents and don't click on any links.

"When you get an email that you think is suspicious, it could be a phishing attack or spam attack, what you need to do is notify your cybersecurity and provide us a copy of the email," Hall said.



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Johnnie Robinson, 2nd Theater Signal Brigade command group noncommissioned officer, uses a government computer with Microsoft Windows 10 operating system, Oct. 2, 2017, in Wiesbaden, Germany. (U.S. Army photo by William B. King)

5. Annual training. Users need to continuously educate themselves, such as through annual cyber awareness and information assurance training.

"You can have a perfect (cybersecurity) plan in place, but if your users are not educated and don't understand the technology they work with, then they will constantly leave themselves and the organization vulnerable to cyberattacks," Hall said.

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux is committed to improving cybersecurity and reducing incidents that undermine national security and degrade operational capabilities. Good cybersecurity practices should be a way of life at work and at home. U.S. Army personnel and their family members should practice sound cybersecurity at all times in order to minimize risks.

For more information about cybersecurity and training, contact the USAG Benelux information systems security manager at DSN 361-5884 or +32(0)68-275884.

Army Chief of Staff urges Soldiers to take responsibility for unit, individual readiness

By C. Todd Lopez

Army News Service

Readiness has always been Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley's No. 1 priority. Now he's got the Secretary of Defense underwriting that opinion.

"Secretary Mattis, just yesterday, very clearly tasked the U.S. Army to be ready; his words were carefully chosen," Milley said. "So our No. 1 task, bar none, remains readiness. Readiness for what? Readiness for war. Readiness for the intense combat of ground operations of any type, anywhere in the world. That is our task. And I can tell you that it has never been more important than it is today."

Milley spoke Oct. 10 during the Eisenhower Luncheon, part of the Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C. The general pointed out several hotspots around the globe where he said the Army must be ready to engage in ground conflict.

He was also very clear that readiness to fight doesn't just increase the odds that the U.S. Army could win in a conflict. Readiness can also prevent conflict from happening in the first place. Readiness is a deterrence, he said.

"Un-readiness results in paying the butcher's bill in the blood of American Soldiers," Milley said. "But being combat-ready, on the other hand, deters enemies, it keeps the peace. And in the event of conflict, combat readiness provides the capability to end the war quickly, on our terms, in the shortest amount of time and with the least amount of friendly casualties.

"As Soldiers, as America's sentinels of freedom, we will pray for peace every day," Milley said. "But at the same time, we will prepare for war."

Milley said over the past few years, the Army has sent fewer Soldiers to Iraq and Afghanistan. And in that time, the Army has taken advantage of the operations tempo decrease, he said, and "arrested the readiness decline we were experiencing."

He attributed that success to work by U.S. Army Forces Command, Army Materiel Command, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, component commands overseas, and also Congress.

Included among the efforts that have helped stabilize



Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley spoke Oct. 10, 2017, during the Eisenhower Luncheon, a part of the Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting and Exposition. During the luncheon, Milley discussed Army advances in readiness. (U.S. Army photo by C. Todd Lopez)

readiness in the Army, Milley said, is a shift to sustainable readiness and away from the Army Force Generation model "in order to get our Army ready for high-intensity conflict." It also includes the elimination of unnecessary training "to give time back to commanders to focus on the preparation for combat;" and an increase in combat training center rotations.

Also, the Army has grown by 28,000 Soldiers in the last year "to strengthen our formations," he said. The appearance of those new Soldiers in formations will likely mean that other, more-experienced Soldiers will be available to participate in any of the five Security Force Assistance Brigades the Army is building in the active force. An additional SFAB, or a sixth, is also being built in the National Guard.

Those SFABs will specialize in performing advise and assist missions with partner nations, freeing up regular infantry brigades to focus on their own preparation and training for war.

Those are just some of the examples Milley offered for how the Army is improving readiness across the force. He said the Army isn't where he wants it to be yet, in terms of total readiness. "We must continue to lean into the readiness with a laser-focused sense of urgency that we've never had before."

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While Milley made clear the Army will continue from a top-level to make decisions and changes that will enhance total readiness for whatever warfight comes next, he laid the ultimate responsibility for that readiness at the feet of commanders.

"Do not wait on orders and printed new regulations and new manuals, do not wait on force structure changes," he said. "You and you alone are responsible for the readiness of your unit. You know what to do. Your mission is to focus solely on what is essential to increase the lethality of your unit for the unforgiving crucible of ground combat. Put simply, I want you to get ready for what might come. And do not do any tasks that do not directly contribute to increasing the combat readiness of your unit."

Milley delved into what the Army is doing in the way of modernizing the force. He laid out six priority areas for modernization that include long-range precision fires; a next-generation combat vehicle; future vertical lift platforms; a mobile and expeditionary Army network; air and missile defense capabilities; and Soldier lethality.

All of those, he said, will be focus areas for a new Army modernization command, the creation of which was announced Monday at the AUSA exposition.

That sixth priority, he said, "Soldier lethality," will produce new weapons systems for Soldiers, such as a next-generation individual and squad combat weapon that he said will be a "10x improvement over any existing current system in the world."

That Soldier lethality priority will also bring improved body armor, sensors for Soldiers, small-unit radios, and other things to improve Soldier endurance.

But new equipment, he said, is only part of what the focus on Soldier lethality will be. Also a focus, he said, is training for Soldiers.

It will be training, Milley said, that really gets at Soldier readiness. Advancements such as synthetic training will allow commanders to make their units more lethal by honing the skills of individual Soldiers and Soldier teams through inexpensive repetitions.

"Training is the key," Milley said. "Hard, rigorous, realistic, repetitive training. That is the ultimate form of taking care of an American Soldier. And the only way to do that is through repetition in combat-like conditions. Repetitive practice in the right conditions builds skills and intuition that each of

our leaders will need to make thousands of decisions in actual combat."

The Army's modernization focus on Soldier lethality will provide commanders with the tools to get those repetitions for their Soldiers, Milley said.

"We want our leaders at all levels, at all echelons to make thousands of simulated combat tactical decisions against a thinking and adaptive enemy, in order to gain confidence and skill, and to learn from their mistakes," he said.

Live-fire exercises, as well as combat training center exercises that use an opposing force, are always best, Milley said. But that kind of training is expensive, he said, and doesn't provide the number of repetitions needed to get Soldiers trained the way they need to be trained.

To get that repetition, he said, the Army's modernization will focus on "radically improving our synthetic training environment."

Air Force, Navy, and even Army helicopter pilots and tank crews get ample simulator training before going into actual combat vehicles, he said.

"Tens of millions of dollars are spent and invested in teaming and simulation for an F-35 pilot before they are ever allowed to come near a fifth-generation fighter," Milley said. "Well, we have fifth-generation fighters in our squads and platoons and they are actually fighting every day. So we must do the same thing for them."

"Any Soldier that engages in close-quarters combat deserves the same investment [as] anyone who is flying at 30,000 feet. There is no reason we do not do that."

Milley said the technology already exists to provide that type of training for squads of Soldiers all over the Army, to allow commanders to get their Soldiers ready for any kind of combat.

"Every line company in the Army can have multiple simulators to train under varied combat conditions, so that units and Soldiers [can] practice warfighting skills literally every day," Milley said. "The technology exists now in order to conduct realistic training in any terrain in all of the urban areas of the world, with any scenario, with any enemy. Anything the commander deems necessary, that is possible today."

Making that happen for commanders, he said, is now an Army priority.

"We just need, at our level, to focus our resources to provide them the opportunity," he said.



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Good energy-saving habits start at home

By Jessica Ryan

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

In October, the Army observes Energy Action Month. This year's Army theme is "Energy Resilience Enables Army Readiness," which embodies the key message that energy is vital for the Army to perform its mission and support global operations.

As the weather is cooling down and more people will start turning up their thermostats to warm their homes and offices, Melanie Chaballe, energy manager at U.S. Army Benelux, wanted to inform people on how to monitor their energy usage at home, especially so they do not receive a surprise bill from the utility company.

Read Your Meters

In Belgium, utilities are billed differently than they are in the United States. As opposed to companies performing monthly readings and billing consumers accordingly, electricity and water meters are typically read once a year. Consumers are billed monthly for electricity or quarterly for water based on a monthly average from the previous year's usage.

"At the end of the year, you get a reconciliation bill, which is based on your annual meter reading," said Chaballe. "They [utility company] will give you money back or they will charge you more depending on the difference of what you have used and what you have paid already."

For new occupants, an issue may arise if the previous tenants used more or less water or electricity.

"If you just moved in, the company will charge you based on the previous occupants' consumption. If it was a family of two and you're moving in as a family of five, you are probably going to use much more electricity and water."

Chaballe recommended for those renting a home, with a SHAPE housing agreement, to contact the U.S. Housing Office. The staff can make an estimate of monthly usage based on the number of people in the household and contact the utility companies to adjust the monthly payment amounts.

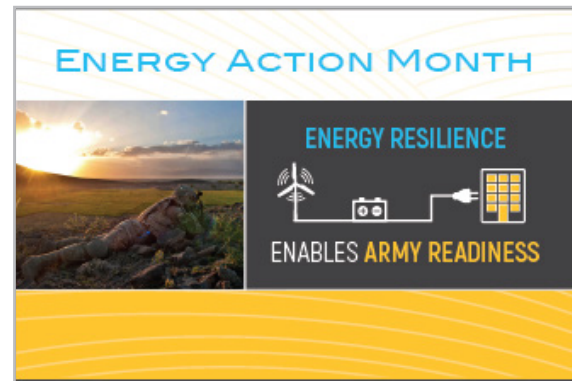
While living in Belgium, people should track their meter readings monthly by taking photos and recording the amounts. Most homes have two electric meters, a day meter and a night meter. The U.S. Housing Office provides a chart for easy tracking. In addition, occupants, especially those receiving living quarters allowance from the military, should keep all bills, for reconciliation purposes.

Program The Thermostat

"I noticed that most people are not used to the heating system here," said Chaballe. "The way houses are built in Belgium is to use the interior doors. The staircases and hallways are not built to be heated. Close all the interior doors you can. Keep the heat inside the rooms."

She advised people to program the home thermostat to conserve energy while maintaining comfort.

"You can program the thermostat so that it can start warming the home 30 minutes before the first person wakes up. You can program it to be turned down during the day



Graphic courtesy of U.S. Army Office of Energy Initiatives.

when everyone is at work or school. The same goes for night time," she said.

People can also adjust the thermostatic valves in the radiators in each room. "Each number corresponds to a temperature. You can turn it down to the one setting in rooms you are not using," she added.

The ideal temperature for the room should be 20 degrees Celsius or 68 degrees Fahrenheit according to Chaballe. A slight increase in degrees can be a noticeable difference on the gas/heating fuel bill.

Refrain From Using Transformers

While it is tempting to just plug 110-volt appliances into transformers as opposed to purchasing new 220-volt products here, transformers can use a lot of energy, which will result in higher electric bills.

Chaballe advised people to consider purchasing 220-volt appliances and leaving 110-volt appliances in storage. As people transition out of Europe, gently-used appliances can be purchased at lower costs through places like Grandma's Attic on Caserne Daumerie and online sales groups on social media.

However, if people still insist on plugging their 110-volt appliances into transformers, then they should unplug the transformer when it is not in use. "Any time you are not using the transformer, you can unplug it, because there is no point of leaving it on and plugged in," she said.

Check For Possible Water Leaks

Water leaks may go unnoticed since they are not always easy to detect. Reading water meters regularly may help people with seeing unusually high numbers, but checking appliances at home is key to finding a possible leak. When in doubt, people should contact their landlord immediately to have appliances checked.

"One drip per second can add up to thousands of liters in a year," said Chaballe.

For more information on how to save energy, contact the energy manager at U.S. Army Benelux Directorate of Public Works at 361-5186. For housing issues, please contact the U.S. Housing Office at DSN 368-9734 or +32(0)27-170734 (Brussels), DSN 366-6438/6439 or +32(0)65-326438/6439 (SHAPE/Chièvres), and DSN 360-7455 or +31(0)46-4437455 (Schinnen).

All communities

MWR is Hiring

- Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hiring part-time and full-time U.S. employees. Visit USAJobs.gov and search for listings in Belgium or the Netherlands.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

See also above in "All Communities"

Through Oct. 19

- **Community Movie Night** - Watch free movies on selected Thursday and Friday nights at the 3 Star Recreation Center starting at 6:30 p.m. The schedule includes *Spider-Man: Homecoming* (PG-13) on Oct. 13 and *War for the Planet of the Apes* (PG-13) on Oct. 19. For more information, call +32 (0)27-179822 or DSN 368-9822.

Through Oct. 31

- **October Fitness Challenge** - The Brussels Fitness Center staff is challenging participants to do either 1,000 push-ups or 20,000-pound bench presses during the month. Customers who complete three monthly challenges will receive a free t-shirt. For more information, call the Brussels Fitness Center at DSN 368-9667 or + 32 (0)27-179667.

Oct. 18

- **Love Your Car** - This free class is held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m at Brussels Auto Skills. Participants will learn how to check oil, coolant, brakes, tires fuel systems, transmission and more. For class details, call 368-9743 or +32 (0)27-179743.

Oct. 19

- **The Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families** - The show starts at 5 p.m. at Sterrebeek CYS Gym. Doors will open 30 minutes prior. Free admission for military families and their children. For more information, call +32 (0)27-179535 or DSN 368-9535.
- **3 Star Dinner Special "All You Can Eat Taco Bar"** - Starts at 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$11 for adults and \$5 for children. Reservations are required by Tuesday and can be made at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

Oct. 27

- **Trick-or-Treat Spooky Bash** - From 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., enjoy a frightfully fun night for the whole family at the 3 Star Recreation Center. Activities include a costume contest, spooktacular trunk or table decoration contest, face painting and more. The contest registration deadline is Oct. 20. For more information, call +32 (0)27-179822 or DSN 368-9822 or email reservations3star@yahoo.com. Volunteers are needed to assist with this event. If you are interested in volunteering, go to <https://brussels.armymwr.com>.



SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

See also above in "All Communities"

Netherlands Law Center Change of Office Hours

- The Netherlands Law Center's office hours at Schinnen have changed. The center will be closed each Thursday morning from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to conduct training. However, they will be open on Fridays except during tax season. The Netherlands Law Center will continue to be closed for client visits between noon and 1 p.m. daily. For questions, please contact the law center at DSN 360-7682/7654 or +31 (0)46-4437682/7654.

UMUC New Student Scholarship

- University of Maryland University College Europe on Schinnen is proud to offer a one-time \$600 scholarship to eligible new students. Recipients will be selected quickly so act fast! For more information, contact a program coordinator at DSN 360-7620 or +31 (0)46-4437620. For GoArmyEd and tuition assistance questions, please contact the Schinnen Education Office at DSN 360-7641 or +31 (0)46-4437641.

Through Oct. 30

- **Winter Driving Training Classes** - The 405th Army Field Support Brigade's Drivers Testing Station will host a series of mandatory annual winter-driving training classes on Mondays and Thursdays in October from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. This training is mandatory for all military personnel, U.S. civilian employees and local nationals of USAG Benelux-Schinnen as well as personnel at HQ SDDC Rotterdam and whomever possesses a U.S. government driver's license and operates military vehicles. For more information and to sign up for a class, call DSN 360-7433 or +31 (0)46-4437433.

Oct. 13

- **Fright Night** - Join JFC Brunssum for a spook-filled night of amusement park rides and lurking zombies! This event is for children in ninth to twelfth grades only. Participants must be currently registered with CYS. No costumes are to be worn. For more information, call DSN 606-2443121/2023 or +31 (0)45-5263121/2023.

Oct. 17

- **The Sesame Street/USO Experience for Military Families** - The show starts at 6 p.m. at the Community Activity Center. Doors will open 30 minutes prior. Free admission for military families and their children. For more information, call +31 (0)464-437207 or DSN 360-7207.

Oct. 19-20

- **Host Nation/Newcomer's Orientation and Cultural Tour** - Army Community Service is inviting all service members, civilians and their family members to participate in Host Nation Orientation from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration is required. Call DSN 360-7500 or +31 (0)46-4437500.

Oct. 20

- **Retiree Appreciation Day** - Garrison support agencies and representatives from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will be on-site to meet retirees. The event will be held at the Community Activity Center (Bldg. 38) from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for registration and close at 1 p.m.

Oct. 23 - Dec. 17

- **UMUC ECON 203 - Principles of Microeconomics** - University of Maryland University College Europe on Schinnen is offering ECON 203 - Principles of Microeconomics. This course fulfills a Behavioral and Social Science General Education requirement. Class is scheduled in a hybrid format once a week on Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Schinnen in Bldg. 3. Students must register by the first day of class. GoArmyEd students can register now for this upcoming class. This course has an enrollment deadline of Oct. 22. Army students must request tuition assistance in GoArmyEd.com no later than one day prior to the class start date. UMUC Europe at Schinnen is open Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact a program coordinator at DSN 360-7620 or +31 (0)46-4437620. For GoArmyEd and tuition assistance questions, please contact the Schinnen Education Office at DSN 360-7641 or +31 (0)46-4437641.

Oct. 25

- **Lego® Day** - Set your imagination loose and explore the wonderful world of Lego® at the JFC Brunssum Library from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call +31 (0)455-26-2669 for more details.

Oct. 31

- **Trunk or Treat** - Celebrate Halloween with MWR! Join us for some spooky and not-so-spooky fun for the entire family starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Schinnen Outdoor Recreation and Equipmental Rental (Bldg. 46). Activities include a classic trunk or treat, scary trail through the haunted forest, Pre-Howl bowling contest from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., spooky bowling and children's activities. This is open to U.S. and NATO ID cardholders and guests. No dogs are allowed. To register a decorated car trunk or a table, call DSN 360-7560 or +31 (0)46-4437560. If you or your guests don't have a Schinnen IACS card, you must register no later than Oct. 27 by calling DSN 360-7331 or +31 (0)46-4437331.

Through June 1, 2018

- **Commander's Cup Challenge** - The fitness center has started a Commander's Cup Challenge, offering teams and individuals challenges to secure the Commander's Cup. Please stop by or call the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7561 or +31 (0)46-4437561 for more information.

SHAPE/CHIÈVRES COMMUNITY

See also page 6 in "All Communities"

AAFES is Hiring

- AAFES is hiring food service workers at the Exchange Food Court on Chièvres Air Base. To apply, visit <https://www.applymyexchange.com>. For more information, call DSN 361-5337 or +32 (0)68-275337.

Through Dec. 9

- **American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Contest** - The American Legion "Flanders Field" Post BE02 will sponsor the first stage of the American Legion High School Scholarship Contest Dec. 9 starting at 1 p.m. at SHAPE American Middle School. The contest is open to U.S. high school freshmen through seniors, or the home-school equivalent. The local prizes are \$250 for first place and advancement to the Department of France competition, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place. For more information, visit <http://postbe02oratoricalcontest.weebly.com> or email flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com.



Through Dec. 13

- **Winter Driving Training Classes** - The Logistics Readiness Center will provide mandatory annual winter driving classes for government license holders. The classes are scheduled to be held in Bldg. 30 auditorium at Caserne Daumerie on Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (in English) and 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (in French). Classes will also be held at SHAPE Bldg. 220 training room on Wednesdays from 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (in English) from now until Dec. 13. For more information, call DSN 366-6603 or +32 (0)65-326603.

Oct. 13

- **Scary Movie Night at CYS Youth Center** - Watch the *Insidious* movies and held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. This event is open to all youth in sixth to eighth grades. Dinner will be provided. For mor details, call DSN 366-6813 or +32(0)65-326813. To register, call Parent Central Services at DSN 366-6839 or +32(0)65-326839.

Oct. 14-15

- **SHAPE Fall Bazaar** - Food, furniture, jewelry and home-goods vendors will be in Old Cafeteria (Bldg. 710). The bazaar will open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Oct. 16-17

- **Host Nation Orientation** - Army Community Service is inviting all service members, civilians and their family members to participate in Host Nation Orientation from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m at ACS Bldg. 318. Registration is required. Call DSN 366-6824 or +32 (0)65-326824.

Oct. 19

- **ACS Date Night** - Army Community Service will host of special screening of *Spiderman: Homecoming* while discussing healthy relationship tips from the SHAPE Chaplain and ACS Family Advocacy Program facilitators at the SHAPE Cinema starting at 6:30 p.m. The cost is €2 per person. For childcare, contact ACS. Advance registration is required. Call DSN 366-6824 or +32 (0)65-326824.

Oct. 20

- **Kid-Friendly Zombie Run** - Sign up your "human" kids to be chased by "kid-friendly" zombies for a run starting at 4 p.m. behind the SHAPE Total Station. CYS registration is required. Sign up at Parent Central Services by Oct. 18. For more information, call +32 (0)65-326839/6797 or DSN 366-6839/6797.
- **Fun for Kids** - Bring your bikes, trikes, scooters, or skates and join other kids at the Chièvres Community Activity Center from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.! This event is open to U.S. NATO, U.S. Mission and U.S. Embassy ID cardholders. For more information, call DSN 361-5643 or +32 (0)68-275643.

Oct. 21

- **Retiree Appreciation Day** - Garrison support agencies and representatives from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will be on-site to meet retirees. The event will be held at the SHAPE Health Clinic from 9 a.m. to noon. Doors open at 8 a.m. for registration and close at 11 a.m.

Oct. 26

- **Parent Education Workshop: Transition, Relocation, and Your Child** - This workshop, held from noon to 1 p.m., will be perfect for newcomers to the community and those who are about to depart to learn about transitions, relocations, sponsorship and de-stress tools. For additional information and to register, please call the CYS school liasion officer at DSN 366-6870 or +32 (0)65-326870.

Oct. 27

- **Trunk of Treat** - Celebrate Halloween with the SHAPE/Chièvres community! The festivities will be held within the vicinity of the Chièvres Army Lodge. Carnival rides begin at 5 p.m. The trunk trail opens at 6 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m. If you want to sponsor a trunk or volunteer your time, go to chievres.armymwr.com.



Oct. 28

- **Halloween at the Library** - Sneak into the SHAPE International Library for a spooky afternoon of stories, crafts, trick-or-treating and more starting at noon! Costumes are encouraged. Story times will start at 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 423-5631 or +32 (0)65-445631.

Upcoming Organized Trips

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- **Ghent and Bruges, Oct. 14**
- **Paris with Secret Food Tour, Oct. 21**
- **Amsterdam, Oct. 28**
- **Polish History and Vienna, Oct. 28 - Nov. 3**
- **Cooking Class in Lille, Nov. 4**
- **Boulogne sur Mer, France, Nov. 11**
- **Flanders Fields and Ypres, Nov. 13**
- **Harry Potter Studio Tour, Nov. 18**
- **London, Nov. 25**
- **Luxembourg Christmas Markets, Dec. 2**
- **Reykjavik & Iceland, Dec. 3-7**

- **German Christmas Markets, Dec. 9-10**
- **Strasbourg, France, Dec. 16**
- **Aachen and Monschau, Germany, Dec. 23**
- **Paris, Dec. 27**
- **New Years in Berlin, Dec. 29 - Jan. 1**
- **Thermae 2000 in Valkenburg, Jan. 20**
- **Crete, Spa and Middelkerke, all year**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

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- **Prague Express, Oct. 27-29**
- **Paris Express, Nov. 18**
- **Cologne Christmas Markets, Dec. 2**
- **London Express, Dec. 9**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Through Oct. 29

- **"The Art in the City" in Tournai** - Every year in October, art invades the city of Tournai and its region: pictorial and poetic interventions, photos, sculptures, ceramics, design or textile research. Events include exhibition openings, performances, meetings with artists, guided tours, workshops and lots more. Free entry. For more information, go to <http://www.visittournai.be/?lang=en>.

Oct. 13-15

- **Wine Fair 2017 in Colfontaine** - Visitors will be immersed in the world of wine for three days. Held at Espace Magnum on Rue de Binche. Open Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry: €7.
- **Brussels Electronic Marathon** - Three days of electronic music from the local scene with parties, live concerts, DJ sets, workshops, films and more. The festival is spread over more than 30 venues across the capital city. Entry prices vary per event. For more information <http://bem.brussels>.

Oct. 14

- **"Pac in Japan" (Retro Gaming) in Hautrage** - Visitors will enjoy their love for retro video games. There will be vendors, food and activities. Held on Rue Gustave Miroir from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entry: €1.
- **"Fête des Lumières" (Light Festival) in Brugelette** - Lights, shows, food, music and a lot of activities. Held at the park on Rue Gabrielle Petit from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. The light parade will start at 6:30 p.m. Participants should arrive at the park by 7:30 p.m. Free entry.

Oct. 15

- **Festival of Wood and Apple in Huissignies** - Held at Musée de la vie rurale on Rue Augustin Melsens, 28 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. The schedule includes tastings, craftsmen, food, music and more. Free entry.
- **Flea Market in Houdeng-Goegnies** - Held on Chaussée Paul Houtart featuring 50 booths from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Oct. 15-16

- **Flea Market in Laeken** - Held at Shopping Bockstael, on Boulevard Emile Bockstael, featuring 120 booths from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Oct. 16

- **Volksmarch in Meslin-l'Évêque for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs Place Communale from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Neufvilles for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs Rue de la Gage, 64 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Petit-Enghien for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs Place, 3 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Read about events near Brunssum and Schinnen (in the Netherlands unless otherwise indicated).

Through Oct. 14

- **British Curiosa Fair (NL)** - Held at De Oranjerie on Noorderstraat 1 in Zeijen (NL). Every year, this fair brings a little bit of Great Britain to the Netherlands. No entry fees. The fair is daily open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Oct. 14

- **Crazy Saturday in Gouda (NL)** - This large medieval event is held in the historic center on Market Square in Gouda (NL). It starts in the early morning and continues with a parade at noon at the market.
- **Antique & Curiosa Market (NL)** - Held at Kloosterwandplein in the center of Roermond (NL) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Oct. 14-15

- **Kulinarisches Wochenende ("Culinary Weekend") (GE)** - Held at Market Square in the center of Burscheid (GE). Culinary specialties are the center of attention. Open Saturday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Pasar Malam (NL)** - This is a large, indoor fair with Asian products, culinary delicacies, music, lifestyle, demonstrations, shows, songs, dance and more attractions held at Sportscomplex de Sytel on Parkweg 4 in Harderwijk (NL). Open Saturday from noon to 11 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 8 p.m. Entry: €10; €5 for children age 5 to 12.
- **Hasselt Gin/Jenever Fest (BE)** - Held on many squares and locations in the center of Hasselt (BE) and evolves totally around the Dutch gin named Jenever. Open Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Gothic & Fantasy Fair (NL)** - Held at De Broodfabriek on Volmerlaan 12 in Rijswijk (NL). The fair is a two-day fantasy, gothic and medieval event for everyone interested in the fantasy world. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €10; €3 for children age 7 to 12.

Oct. 15

- **Pumpkin Day & Crafts Market (BE)** - Held at Market Square in the center of Kasterlee (BE). The market has crafts, demonstrations and lots of pumpkins. Many stands serve all kind of delicacies made with pumpkins. Entry is €3, and the market is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Oct. 18-24

- **LEGO® World (NL)** - Held in the Jaarbeurs, Jaarbeursplein 6 in Utrecht (NL). It is the largest children's event in the world. Find here its newest themes as well as Lego Ninjago, Lego Friends, Lego Star Wars, Lego City, Duplo, life-size buildings, a Lego museum and more. Open all days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry: €25; free entry for children age 2 and younger.