

THE GAZETTE

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Benelux news briefs

Gas station out of service

The Chièvres Military Service Station will be out of service until approximately 31 July, 2017 due to electrical issues with the pumps, in the meantime any customer who needs gas can go to the TMP to sign for a visitor Total Gas Card to fill up the GOV on the economy.

The PX is hiring

The PX is hiring for various positions in Chièvres. Call 068-275337 or apply at applymyexchange.com.

Open manager position

The Brussels Retail Store is also hiring, for the manager position at the shopette (regular full time). Removal date: July 21, 2017.

TRX Tuesdays

Effective July 25, 2017, TRX will be meeting on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m at the Chièvres Fitness Center.

Lodge changing hours

Until August 28, 2017, the front desk will be open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the Chièvres Army Lodge.

Closure in July

The Brussels Auto Skills Center is closed in July. Normal operating hours will resume August 2.



New life for the military barracks

Col. Kurt Connell, USAG Benelux Commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. William Majors, USAG Benelux CSM, cut the ribbon during the grand opening of the barracks day room, July 13. (U.S. Army photo by Kathy Garrity-Cantwell)

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SHAPE has a new Chief of Staff

By SHAPE Public Affairs Office

Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe welcomed its new Chief of Staff during a handover/takeover ceremony at the headquarters on Wednesday, July 12, 2017.

German Army General Markus Kneip, former Deputy Chief of Defense of the German Armed Forces, assumed responsibility from General Werner Freers.

"It is an honour to serve the Supreme Allied Commander Europe and the service men and women as well as the civilian members of SHAPE and NATO," said Kneip. "I'm looking forward to my time at SHAPE," he added.

The new Chief of Staff has served in various command positions and has deployed in support of multiple NATO operations throughout his career.

While welcoming General Kneip to SHAPE, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, and members of Allied Command Operations bid a fond farewell to General Freers.

"As I look back on almost 5 years at SHAPE, I am struck by the challenges that



General Curtis M. Scaparrotti, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and the new Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe Chief of Staff General Markus Kneip, walk down the red carpet following the COS handover/takeover ceremony at SHAPE, Belgium, July 12, 2017. (NATO Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Stefan Hass)



General Werner Freers is leaving after almost five years at SHAPE. (NATO Photo)

we have faced together. Monumental changes in the global strategic security environment have driven us to deliver our strategic military products at an unprecedented pace across a vast breadth of issues, yet still retaining the same depth and quality of thought that has historically been the hallmark of SHAPE's work," said Freers. "I am proud of the fact that, together, we have never failed to deliver what sometimes seemed impossible," he added.

The Chief of Staff serves as the principal advisor to the Supreme Allied Commander on all matters related to NATO operations, mission, activities and tasks implementing SACEUR's strategic vision.



KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

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SHAPE : 106.5 | Tri-Border community : 99.7 and 96.9 FM

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All communities

The following are VTC-projected classes. For information about and to register for VTC classes, contact:

- For SHAPE: DSN: 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.
- For Brussels: DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.
- For Schinnen: DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31(0)46-4437500.



July 27

- **Savings and Investments** - Projected from Schinnen and held from 11 a.m. to noon. Community members visit and discuss topics of broad financial interest: basic budgeting, retirement planning, insurance and more.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

See also above in "All Communities"

July 27

- **3 Star Dinner Special BBQ chicken, ribs, baked beans and salad**- Starts at 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$13 adults; \$6 children. Reservations can be made at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

July 27-28

- **Community movie nights in the 3 Star** - The Lost Village (PG) Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Snatched (R) Friday at 6:30 p.m. Contact DSN 368-9768/9822 for more information.

August 7 to 11

- **CYS Youth Center Summer Rugby/Football Camp** - For ages three to 18 at the BAS Football Field. Registration ends July 31. Contact CYS for details and registration information.

August 14 to 18

- **CYS Youth Center Summer Basketball Camp** - For ages three to 18 at the CYS gym. Registration ends August 7. Contact CYS for details and registration information.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

See also above in "All Communities"

Register now

- **Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2017** - Held at the GK Chapel on the NATO Air Base in Geilenkirchen (GE) August 7-11, from 9 a.m. to noon. Register at myvbs.org/GKChapel2017/ or contact any Chapel Staf Member.

Upcoming Family Advocacy Events

- **Meditation Monday's** - From noon to 1 p.m, slow down and get centered for a more productive week.
- **10,000 Steps Tuesday's** - From 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Fresh air, good company and a little exercise; Mom's with strollers welcome. For more information, please call DSN 360-7367, civilian +31 (0)46-4437367. Domestic Violence Hotline: +31 (0)613-216737.

July 20-21

- **Host Nation - Newcomer's Orientation & Cultural Tour** - From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Schinnen ACS. All newcomers and spouses are invited to learn about their new community, including local customs, culture, and language. On day one explore the Dutch culture with an introduction to the language and get an overview of Tri-Border services. Day two, go beyond the gate to visit a few local attractions, shopping areas and learn how to use the local train system. For information, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437500.

July 28

- **Motorcycle Group Safety Ride** - The USAG Benelux (Schinnen) Safety Office will host a Motorcycle Group Safety Ride July 28, starting from the Schinnen north parking lot at 9:15 a.m. (estimated time of return 4 p.m.). Group riding techniques will be practiced, discussed and experiences shared. The route, 190 kilometers long, is through the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium. Participants (11 maximum) will visit the Henri Chapelle American Cemetery (Belgium). Personnel wishing to participate should call DSN 360-7242 or DSN 360-7655 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437242/7655 before July 25, 2 p.m. Service members have priority.

Through August 9

- **Operations PCS** - Service members PCS'ing can present their orders to any Army & Air Force Exchange Service customer service desk and receive an Operation PCS Benefit Card! The card entitles service members to 5 percent off qualifying purchases of \$100 or more when they use their MILITARY STAR card in Exchange stores or at www.shopmyexchange.com. Benefit cards are valid for 90 days from issuance date. To apply for a MILITARY STAR card, authorized shoppers can visit www.MyECP.com. Information: <http://bit.ly/2rWxbJW>.

August 9

- **Play and Parent Support Group** - For parents with children age 0-36 months. Held at ACS one Wednesday per month with toys, circle time and a sharing section where parents can discuss their parenting successes and challenges with Benelux New Parent Support Home Visitor. New Parent Support is available to all U.S. ID card holders. For appointments and inquiries call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437500.

Through August 20

- **Summer Reading Program** - "Reading by Design" is open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders between the ages of three and 18 years old. Children interested in this program can register at the library. Children will check out and read books and will receive a variety of prizes for the number of books they read. Preschool children may earn prizes by having books read to them. More information: +31 (0)45-5262669/2469.

Through June 1, 2018

- **Commander's Cup Challenge organized by the Fitness Center.** The second event is "Burpees". From July 20 to 23, participants can use this timeframe to complete the burpee challenge. More information: stop by the Fitness Center or call DSN 360-7561 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437561.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

See also above in "All Communities"

Register now

- **Dogs' Day Out** - The Chièvres Kennel is hosting Dogs' Day Out August 26 in the SHAPE Fest Tent. Register at <https://chievres.armymwr.com/promos/dogs-day-out-talent-show-registration>.

July 27-30

- **Cinderella and The Aristocats** - The 2017 Summer Theater Camp Production at the Shape Performing Arts Centre. Performances: July 27, 28 and 29 at 7:30 p.m., July 30 at 3 p.m. Tickets: 15€ adults, €10 children.

July 28

- **Employment and Career Expo** - The 2017 Employment and Career Expo will have guest speakers, informative and interactive workshops, webinars, subject matter experts to critique and tailor resumes, and a network area with agencies looking to hire military spouses. The event is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the ACS building.

August 1

- **2017 "Picnic in the Park"** - World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated from August 1 to August 7. The picnic will be held August 1 at SHAPE, on the grass area between the baseball field and the clinic, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Through August 12

- **Summer Reading Program** - The program "Reading by Design" is open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders between the ages of three and 18 years old. Registration is not required.

August 12-13

- **CYS Youth Sports and Fitness Summer Basketball Clinic** - For ages 10-13 from 10 a.m. to noon and 14 years old and up from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Registration: August 11, US Middle School Gymnasium. Sign up at Parent Central Services. DSN: 366-6839 or CIV: 065/32.68.39.

August 19

- **CYS Youth Sports and Fitness Summer Soccer Clinic** - Child and Youth Services is hosting a soccer clinic in cooperation with US Youth Soccer Europe Olympic Development Program. For ages 10-12 and 13-16 years old. Cost: \$5. Sign up at Parent Central Services. DSN: 366-6839 or CIV: 065/32.68.39.



Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

- **Efteling Theme park, July 22**
- **Cologne with breakfast cruise on the Rhine, July 29**
- **Phantasia land, Germany, Aug. 4**
- **Oostende beach, Aug. 5**
- **Paris, Aug. 19**
- **Amsterdam, Aug. 26**
- **Polish Pottery - Karlovy Vary - Neustadt, Sep. 1-4**
- **Heidelberg and Bad Durkheim (Wurst and Wine Festival), Sept. 16**
- **Rotterdam Military Tattoo (colorful indoor music show), 30 Sep 2017**
- **Riverdance (Dance Production), Oct. 7**
- **India, Oct. 7-17**
- **Alsace Vineyards, Oct. 14-15**

- **Paris, Oct. 21**
- **Polish History and Vienna, 28 Oct - 3 Nov 2017**
- **Cooking Class in Lille, Nov. 4**
- **Moulin Rouge, Paris, Nov. 11**
- **London, Nov. 25**
- **Berlin, Dec. 29 - Jan. 1**
- **Crete, Spa and Middelkerke, all year**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

Call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **Day trip to Amsterdam, July 22**
- **Family Day "Trout Fishing", September 9**
- **Day Trip to the World's largest wine festival and "600 years Wurstmarkt" in Bad Durkheim, Germany, September 16**
- **Day Trip to the National Liberation Museum 1944-1945 in Groesbeek, September 23**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

July 21

- **Jurbise fair** - Held at the Jurbise park from 10 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Program: a lot of activities for children, food, live painting, dance shows, music and more. The famous cover band called "Mistercover" will perform from 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Don't miss fireworks at midnight. No entrance fees.
- **Belgium's National Day in Brussels** - From 10 a.m. on, a big popular feast between the Royal Park and Place Poelaert will be held in honor of the National Day. Numerous activities and free parades will take place, including the military and civilian parade, sports, concerts, performances, military tanks and aircraft, a police village, a European village, activities for children and fireworks at 11 p.m. Visitors are welcome at the Place des Palais. More information: <https://www.brussels.be/national-day-park>. No entrance fees.
- **Festivities near the bell tower in Mons** - From 1 p.m. on, there will be a lot of activities in Mons to celebrate the National Day: activities for children, concerts, DJ sets and more. No entrance fees,
- **Night flea market in Horrues** - Held on Rue du Tram from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Huissignies for 5, 10 or 20 km** Departs the Sports Center on Rue de L'Eglise, 12 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Wiers for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs Rue du Rivage from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

July 22

- **Flea market in Wannebecq (150 booths)** Held on Rue du Trieu from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

July 23

- **Flea market in Bois-de-Lessines (350 booths)** Held on Place de Bois-de-Lessines from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Jurbise for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** Departs Rue du Moustier, 8 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Through August 6

- **Summer Dance Festival in Mons** - Held on Grand-Place every Sunday from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Initiations into dance, parties and shows. No entrance fees.

Through August 20

- **"Midi Fair 2017" in Brussels (137th edition)** - The traditional and gigantic Midi Fair stands along the Boulevard du Midi every year. More than 120 attractions are there for young and old.

Through August 25

- **Laeken fireworks (Brussels)** - Fireworks will light up the sky of the capital city for four nights on Fridays July 28 and August 4, 18 and 25. The Laeken fireworks will be held at 11 p.m., on the Heysel Plateau at the bottom of Palais 5. From 6 p.m. on, family events will be available: food trucks, music, activities for children and more.



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

Through July 23

- **The Fest Days of Gent (BE)** - Held in the center with shows, theater, exhibitions, rides, old crafts market, parades and more. Info: www.gentsefeesten.be.

July 21

- **International Painters Market in Neeroeteren (BE)** Held from noon to 6 p.m. around St. Lambertus Church with demonstrations and entertainment.

July 21-23

- **High Tea Festival in Bunne** - Held at 't Huys van Bunne and Melkfabriek on Peizerweg 2 with food tastings, regional products, culinary delicacies, English knickknacks, curiosa and more. Open: Friday, noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €6.50; children (4-12) €3.50.

July 21-30

- **"Bloem & Tuin 2016" in Nuenen** - Held at Gulbergen Estate near de Schoutse Vennen. The most versatile and blooming garden event in the Benelux. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €12; children 13 and younger, free.

July 22

- **Vols Tropical in Vaals** - A Summer Festival held at Prins Willem Alexanderplein with music, palm trees, cocktails and more. Starts at 8:30 p.m. Entry: €13.50.

July 23

- **Folklore Festival in Exloo** - Travel back to grandmother's time. Held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with demonstrations of old crafts, folkdances, exhibitions, summer fair, food and more. Entry: €6; children €3.
- **The Sunday Summer Boulevard Market in Vlissingen** - Held along the beach on Boulevard Evertsen with lots of food and non-food items. No entrance fees. Open: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

July 27

- **Nostalgic market in Barneveld** - Traditional crafts, national and international folkloric dance groups, traditional costumes (and parade), traditional regional food and more. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

July 27-29

- **The Mussel Festival in Middelburg** - Held on Vlasmarkt. Visitors will find live music, street artists and of course mussels as well as and other seafood. Open: Thursday, 2 p.m. to midnight and Friday/Saturday, noon to midnight.

July 27-30

- **"Bourgondische Krabbenfoor" in Bergen op Zoom** A fest full of history, culture and amusement. Open: noon to 7 p.m., July 27-28 and noon to 5 p.m., July 29-30.

July 28-29

- **Nocture/Evening Market in Hasselt (BE)** - A large Antique & Curiosa Market held at Kolonel Dusartplein from 7 p.m. to 1 p.m.