

THE GAZETTE

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Benelux news briefs

Employee Town Hall

During his visit to our community, Mr. Formica, Director, Installation Management Command-Europe, set time aside for a USAG Benelux Townhall meeting, March 16 at 12:30 p.m. Townhall meeting will be held in the Auditorium, Bldg. 30, Caserne Daumerie, Chièvres and via VTC to USAG Benelux-Brussels and Schinnen. All USAG Benelux employees are encouraged to attend.

Dunkin' Donuts

Dunkin' Donuts will be available at the Chièvres Exchange Mall March 20-26.

Bike Loaner Program

USAG Benelux-Schinnen ACS in Bldg. 39 has a bike loaner program. Visit ACS or call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31(0)46-4437500 for more information.

Volunteers Needed

If you'd like to volunteer at Eggstravaganza to be held on Chièvres Air Base, April 1, call DSN 361-6268 or civilian 068-276268.

CYS Volunteers needed

CYS Youth Sports is looking for official, umpire, booke keeping, and timervolunteers for baseball, basketball, and flag football. For more information call +32 (0)65-32-6839 or +32 (0)65-32-6797/6812 or DSN 314-366-6839/6797/6812.

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Army Prepositioned Stocks site changes command

Col. Rodney H. Honeycutt, commander, 405th Army Field Support Brigade (left), passes the guidon to Maj. (P) Matthew E. Hedenskoog, during a Change of Command ceremony at the Army Field Support Battalion, Benelux, the Netherlands, March 9, 2017. Check back in next week's Gazette for the full story and how USAG Benelux is supporting the APS mission. (Photo by Onesine Kpessokro, 66th TRANS, Kaiserslautern).

Meet Dr. Mary Walker: The only female Medal of Honor recipient

By Katie Lange

Defense Media Agency

Out of the nearly 3,500 Medal of Honor recipients, only one was a woman -- just one -- and her medal was actually rescinded just before she died.

In honor of Women's History Month, we're looking back on the life of that exceptional woman: Dr. Mary Walker, who helped change the face of medicine during the Civil War.

Walker was born in Oswego, New York, to abolitionist parents who encouraged her to pursue an education. She really embraced that idea and in 1855 graduated as a medical doctor from Syracuse Medical College.

Walker went into private practice for a few years, but then the Civil War broke out in 1861. She wanted to join the Army as a surgeon but wasn't allowed because she was a woman. Because of her credentials, she didn't want to be a nurse, either, so she chose to volunteer for the Union Army.

Helping However She Could

Walker worked for free at the temporary hospital set up at the U.S. Patent Office in Washington, D.C. She also organized the Women's Relief Organization to help the families of the wounded who came to visit them at local hospitals.

In 1862, Walker moved on to Virginia, this time treating the wounded at field hospitals throughout the state. In 1863, her medical credentials were finally accepted, so she moved to Tennessee, where she was appointed as a War Department surgeon. Her position was paid, and it was the equivalent of a lieutenant or captain.



Dr. Mary Walker wearing her Medal of Honor
(Photo Credit: U.S. Army)

Walker was captured in April 1864 by the South and held as a prisoner of war for about four months. She and other Union doctors were eventually exchanged in a prisoner-of-war swap for Confederate medical officers. According to the National Library of Medicine, sources say Walker had been captured intentionally so she could spy for the North, but there is little evidence to support that claim.

Not long after being released by the Confederates, Walker returned to her craft as an assigned medical director at a hospital for women prisoners in Kentucky.

Supporting Feminism

Aside from her wartime efforts, Walker was also an outspoken advocate for women's rights.

As the war raged on, feminists also struggled to further their cause, which included being able to wear clothing that enabled better mobility. Walker chose to wear what was known as the "Bloomer costume" as a modified uniform all throughout the war. It was a dress-and-trouser combination that had gone out of favor long before the war began, but she didn't care -- she wore it anyway.

Walker eventually switched to wearing men's clothes and was even arrested for impersonating a man several times. In her defense, she argued that she was given special permission by the government to dress that way.

Medal of Honor Controversy

In November 1865, having left government service for good, Walker was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Andrew Johnson, even though she was a civilian who had never been a commissioned officer in military service.

That civilian status is why Walker's medal was rescinded in 1917, two years before she died -- along with 910 others. Walker refused to return the medal, though, and continued to wear it until she died two years later.

Sixty years after that, in 1977, President Jimmy Carter restored the honor in her name, thanks to efforts made by her family.

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Mattis: Social Media Misconduct Won't be Tolerated

By Terri Moon Cronk

Defense Media Activity

The purported actions of civilian and military personnel on social media websites, including some associated with the "Marines United" group and possibly others, represent egregious violations of the fundamental values that are upheld at the Department of Defense, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said today in a statement.

"The chain of command is taking all appropriate action to investigate potential misconduct and to maintain good order and discipline throughout our armed forces," Mattis said.

"Lack of respect for the dignity and humanity of fellow members of the Department of Defense is unacceptable and harmful to the unit cohesion necessary to battlefield victory," the secretary

continued. "We will not excuse or tolerate such behavior if we are to uphold our values and maintain our ability to defeat the enemy on the battlefield."

Defense press operations director Navy Capt Jeff Davis told reporters today that Mattis spoke several times during his confirmation process about military service and unit cohesion and how those are predicated on the core values of trust and mutual respect.

All Held Accountable

"Our leaders at all levels of the chain of command will be held accountable to ensure that each member of our military can excel in an environment that maximizes their talents and [will have] no patience for those who would degrade or diminish another service member," Davis said.



The secretary will meet with uniformed and civilian leaders in the days ahead and ensure that they are taking all appropriate actions to maintain good order and discipline, the captain added.

"The Naval Criminal Investigative Service is investigating ... web sites and other services are looking into the matter, as well," Davis said.

Values

"Our values extend on- and off-duty, and we want personnel experiencing or witnessing online misconduct to promptly report matters to their chain of command," the captain said.

Davis said service members who might feel uncomfortable reporting alleged online misconduct to their chain of command have alternative avenues that include family support services, equal opportunity offices, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program, the inspector general and law enforcement.

Geilenkirchen Dental Clinic hosts 'Give Retirees a Smile Day'

The Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, U.S. Dental Clinic hosted the first annual, "Give Retirees a Smile Day" March 14, 2017. The day was reserved for taking care of local retiree's dental needs. Patients came in and received X-rays, exams and either a cleaning or some sort of restorative work, depending on their needs.

The idea came about from the last years Retiree Appreciation Day hosted at USAG Benelux-Schinnen last fall, where the dental clinic determined that the basic exams they were providing that day simply were not enough. Staff Sgt. Megan Bradley and Capt. Braden Wilde are responsible for spearheading the event.

"We wanted to make sure we were taking care of those who served before us," Bradley said.

The day went off without a hitch and was a huge success. Every retiree that came in said the event was a wonderful idea and they were very thankful for the quality dental care they received.

A huge thanks to the GK Dental Clinic for putting on the event and an even bigger thanks to all of our retirees for their service and sacrifice.

(Courtesy of Kaitlin Williams, 470 ABS U.S. Dental Admin Assistant)



Communication, an essential capability for NATO Allies

Sgt. Justin Geiger

Soldiers with the 588th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Iron Brigade), demonstrated communication capabilities of U.S. Army radio systems for Polish Soldiers from the 11th Armored Cavalry Division, Mar. 10, 2017 in Zagan, Poland.

The Fort Carson-based brigade is part of a continuous "heel-to-toe" rotation through the European theater as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve. The U.S. and its Allies are making strides toward interoperability by training together and implementing innovative solutions to common communication capability gaps.

"They set up training for us, which was really enjoyable," said Capt. James Carey, commander of Company C, 588th BEB, 3rd ABCT, 4th ID. "We got the chance to go there, see their equipment and work directly with the Polish signal soldiers. Then we got the opportunity to showcase all of our equipment for them, to really demonstrate how a lot of our radio systems are very similar and that we have the ability to communicate in a field or tactical environment."

Carey also discussed showcasing the similarities between both nations' communication systems and highlighted benefits gained from today's event.

"A lot of the benefits are really about the knowledge,



Sgt. Ryan Furlong, Radio Operator Maintainer with 588th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado, demonstrates how to disassemble a lightweight very high frequency (VHF) communication antenna at Zagan, Poland Mar. 10, 2017. Operation Atlantic Resolve provides the unique opportunity to familiarize Soldiers with their multinational counterparts while in a complex security environment. (Photo Credit: Sgt. Justin Geiger)

understanding that the systems aren't that difficult, the systems are very similar and having a solution to be able to communicate between the nations," Carey said. "That is the biggest win for both nation in interoperability."

During the communication static display, leaders and Soldiers with Company C, 588th BEB, 4th ID demonstrated the communication systems and signal capabilities used to support the brigade.

"The equipment that the Polish Army has, closely matches the equipment we use," said Staff Sgt. Alexander Graybill, platoon sergeant of 2nd Pla-

toon, Company C, 588th BEB, 3rd ABCT, 4th ID. "Today we found out that a lot of our equipment can talk to Polish equipment and we can talk through it with each other, so that really broke down some boundaries with our Allies."

Maintaining combat readiness continues to be a top priority for the brigade, as well as training with NATO Allies here in the European theater. The brigade's participation in Operation Atlantic Resolve provides unique opportunities to familiarize Soldiers with their multinational counterparts while in a complex security environment.

"The surprising and energizing factor of this whole training is that the Polish Soldiers are very eager to work with us," Carey said. "They're very willing to set up and show us their equipment, they're very willing to come out to see our equipment; [and they are] just very hands on and willing to participate and increase interoperability, which is really breathtaking and encouraging for future missions and endeavors."

The Iron Brigade's deployment of more than 2,000 pieces of equipment from Fort Carson, Colorado, to aggregation sites in seven countries is evidence of NATO's ability to facilitate the quick assembly of forces to deter aggression.

U.S. Army Europe is uniquely positioned in its 51 country area of responsibility to advance American strategic interests in Europe and Eurasia. The relationships we build during more than 1,000 theater security cooperation events in more than 40 countries each year lead directly to support for multinational contingency operations around the world, strengthen regional partnerships and enhance global security.

Be sure to check out this short video clip of the 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th ID working with Polish Allies at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZbReZcYPw8>.



KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

The Official Website of the American Forces Network Benelux

AFN BENELUX 360 Internet Radio <http://benelux.afneurope.net>

All communities

Tax centers are now open at:

- **SHAPE:** Bldg. 318, Rm. 207, Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. DSN 423-4906; Civilian 065-444906
- **Chièvres:** Andrews Credit Union, Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., DSN 361-5706; Civilian 068-275706
- **Brussels:** Bldg. 4, Rm. 316, Tuesday by appointment only, DSN 423-4868; Civilian 065-444868
- **Schinnen:** Bldg. 37, Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., DSN 360-7688; Civilian +31(0)464437691.

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

- For SHAPE: Civilian: 65-32/6824 or DSN: 366-6824.
- For Brussels: Civilian 02-717-9783 or DSN: 368-9783.
- For Schinnen: Civilian +31(0)46-443-7500 or DSN: 360-7500.

April 5

- **Financial Planning 101** - This course is from 3 to 4 p.m. and will focus on budgeting, money management and planning for financial goals that are within reach.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

See also above in "All Communities"

Register now

- **CYS Youth Spring Running Club** - Registration is open until **March 17** for season March to June. Running club is for ages six-12. Cost is \$45. Volunteer coaches are needed. To register, call civilian 02-7179539.
- **CYS Youth Soccer** - Registration is open until **March 17** for season March to June. Soccer is for 6-7, 8-9 and 10-12 year olds. Cost is \$45. To register, see above contact information.
- **CYS Youth Spring T-Ball** - Registration is open until **March 17** for season March to June. Soccer is for three to six year olds. To register, see above contact information.

March 17

- **Community Movie Night "Why Him" (R)** - Starts at 6:30 p.m., Bldg. 1, third floor.

March 23

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - BBQ chiecken, ribs, and baked beans. From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Adults pay \$13, Kids \$6.
- **Community Movie Night "Hidden Figures" (PG-13)** - Starts at 6:30 p.m., Bldg. 1, third floor.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

See also above in "All Communities"

March 16-17

- **Host Nation Orientation** - Held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at ACS. On day one explore the Dutch culture with an introduction to the language and get an overview of Tri-Border services. Day two, goes beyond the gate to visit a few local attractions and shopping areas and learn how to use the local train system. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437500.
- **Veteran's Administration** - The Veteran's Administration will offer one-on-one appointments at JFC Brunssum Library from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for anyone who would like to discuss benefits. If you have any questions about your Veteran's benefits, now or in the future, this is the person to speak with. To schedule an appointment, please call DSN: 314 606244-3848 or civilian +31 (0)45-5263848. Please note: there may not be another VA representative out until June this year.

March 30-31

- **Willy Wonka Jr.** - The AFNORTH School Theater will put on a production of Willy Wonka Jr at 6:30 p.m. with the doors opening at 6 p.m. The show is open to all NATO ID cardholders.

April 5

- **5K Fun Run/Walk** - Starts at 9 a.m. at the Schinnen Fitness Center to show support for the end to child abuse and sexual violence. For more information, contact DSN 360-7367 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437367.

April 7

- **Stress solutions to improving personal resiliency training** - Two sessions will be presented in the Schinnen classroom; 9 to 10 a.m. and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact the Schinnen ASAP program coordinator at DSN 360-7410 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437410.

Until April 10

- **ASGK Scholarship** - The American Spouses of Geilenkirchen 2017 Dependent Scholarship is now available. Dependents of U.S. military members (both active duty and retired), dependents of U.S. civilian employees or current members of the American Spouses of Geilenkirchen are eligible to apply. Applicants must have application form; current high school/college transcript; written essay; community involvement/ extracurricular activities form. Forms are available at the Geilenkirchen AB Airmen & Family Recreation Center in Germany and at the AFNORTH International School in Brunssum. For more information or questions: asgk.scholarships@gmail.com.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

See also above in "All Communities"

Register now

- **CYS Youth Sports Smart Start Soccer** - Registration is open until **March 17** for season April-June. The Smart Start Soccer is for boys and girls 4 to 5 years old. Cost is \$25. To register, call DSN 366-6839/6797/6812 or civilian 065-326839/6797/6812.
- **CYS Youth Sports Baseball** - Registration is open until **March 17** for season April-June. Baseball is for ages 6-7, 8-9, 10-12 and 13-15. Cost is \$45. To register, see above contact information.
- **CYS Youth Sports Developmental Baseball** - Registration is open until **March 17** for season April-May. Developmental Baseball is for boys and girls 4-5 years old. Cost is \$25. To register, see above contact information.
- **CYS Youth Sports Spring Soccer Clinic** - Registration is open until **March 17** for season mid-March to end of May. Cost is \$20. To register, see above contact information.
- **Month of the Military Child Colorful Run** - Registration is open until **April 5** for the event held April 7 at 1:30 p.m. on the field behind SHAPE Fuel Station.

March 17

- **CYS Something Green Scavenger Hunt** - CYS hosts a St. Patrick's Day scavenger hunt from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Youth Center. Wear old clothing because things could get messy. To register, call 065-326839, 065-326797 or 065-326812.
- **Fun for Kids** - Held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Chièvres Fitness Center. Free of charge.

March 18

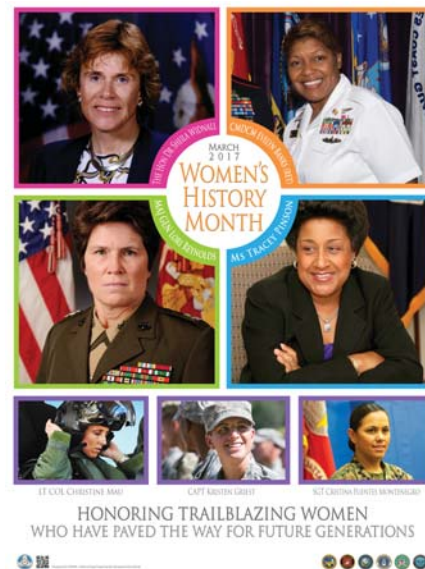
- **SHAPE Half Marathon and Kids Fun Run** - SHAPE hosts a half marathon and fun run beginning at 10:30 a.m. For registration information, visit shape2day.com.

March 20-21

- **Host Nation Orientation** - Held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at ACS. On day one explore the Belgian culture with an introduction to the language and get an overview of Benelux. Day two, goes beyond the gate to visit a few local attractions and shopping areas and learn how to use the local train system. For more information or to register, call civilian +32 (0)6532-6824 or DSN Tel: (314)366-6824.

March 24

- **Women's History Month** - Guest speaker Adele Luta, former senior scientist for the DoD's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, is the guest speaker at this year's Women's History Month event at Caserne Daurmerie, Bldg. 30 auditorium from noon to 1 p.m.



Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **The Champagne Region, March 18**
- **Cochem Germany Castle Tour, March 25**
- **Musical Starlight Express, Bochum, Germany, March 28**
- **Antwerp with Cats, April 1**
- **Lloret de Mar and Barcelona, Spain, April 3 to 12 (spring break)**
- **South Africa, April 3-14**
- **Château de Versailles and Musical Fountains Show, April 8**
- **Keukenhof, April 22**
- **Stonehenge with Salisbury and Oxford, April 29-30**

- **Rotterdam with harbor, May 6**
- **Strasbourg, May 13**
- **Rhine River cruise, cable car and fortress, May 20**
- **Dubai and Abu Dhabi, May 25 to 30**
- **WW2 experience at Dover Castle and visit of Canterbury, May 27**
- **London, June 17**
- **Crete, Spa and Middelkerke, all year**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- **London Express, May 20**
- **Family Day "Trout Fishing", April 8**
- **"Keukenhof", the Netherlands, April 22**
- **NFL International Series, Sept. 24 or Oct. 1**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

March 16

- **Job fair in Mons** - Local and regional companies will be represented at the fair held at Lotto Mons Expo, Avenue Thomas Edison, 2 from 12:30 to 7:30 p.m.

March 18

- **Spring market in Woluwe-Saint-Pierre** - Held by the British and Commonwealth Women's Club of Brussels at Rue au Bois, 509 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No entrance fee.
- **Sonic.art (a group of four saxophone players) concert at the Château de La Hulpe** - Concert is part of the Arts'ifices festival, this year honoring Germany. Concert is held at 8 p.m. at the Château on Chaussée de Bruxelles 111. Entrance fee is €20.
- **Crossage in Isière (Ath)** - If you have missed the Chièvres crossage, you can take part in this event held in the center of the village which will be blocked off for all traffic. Registration and start is between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 at the J.S. Isières soccer field. participating fee is €5, insurance included. Rabots and châteaux will be for sale at the registration if you don't have any.
- **Classic music concert in Ath** - Performed by the students and teachers of the Ath Music Academy. Held at "Le Palace" on the main square starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are €10 adults; €5 for students.

March 18-19

- **Crystal and glass fair in Ligny** - The 7th edition of the fair will be held at the Cultural Center on Rue du Pirou, 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Entrance fee is €3.
- **Brussels Design Market** - Some 100 booths will offer vintage design from the 20th century at Tour & Taxis, Avenue du Port 86 c. Held from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Entrance fee is €25 on Saturday (for both days) or €10 on Sunday (if registered on line at <http://designmarket.be>, you get a free entrance ticket).

March 19

- **Huge secondhand clothing sale in Mons** - Held at Lotto Mons Expo, 2, Avenue Thomas Edison from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fee is €2.
- **Volksmarch in Mons for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs Rue Saint-Paul 17 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Braine-le-Cmote for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs "Salle Balad'Arena" on Rue des Postes 101 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ath (80 booths)** - Held on the Delhaize parking lot, Rue de l'Abbaye, 6 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Flea market in Le Roeulx (80 booths)** - Held on the Delhaize parking lot from 1:15 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Flea market in Woluwe-Saint-Lambert (60 booths)** - Held on Rue Joseph Aernaut 11 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Flea market in Nivelles (30 booths)** - Held on Carefour market parking lot, Avenue du Centenaire from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Royal Boch ceramics sale in La Louvière** - Held on Place des Fours-Bouteilles 1 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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

Through March 19

- **Art & antique fair "TEFAF" in Maastricht** - World's largest, most important and exclusive fair held at MECC. Open: daily 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; March 19, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €55 (incl. catalogue); children (12-18 yrs) €20. More info: www.tefaf.com.
- **"Wonen & Co Fair" in Groningen** is an indoor home and living fair held at Martiniplaza on Leonard Springerlaan 2. Open March 16-17, 1 to 10 p.m. and March 18-19, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

March 18-19

- **Easter Market in Düren (GE)** with all kinds of spring and Easter decorations, art, ceramics and more at Haus der Stadt on Stefan-Schwer-Strasse 4. Open: March 18, 1 to 5 p.m. and March 19, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- **Car Show in the center of Geilenkirchen (GE)**. This annual car show kicks-off the open-air season in the area. The center of town will be blocked to traffic to make room for the many cars, vendors and attractions. Open March 18 to 19, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Easter Market in the center of Issum (GE)** with Easter decorations and Easter eggs in all varieties, forms and colors at Rathauspark around Haus Issum. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **International Collectors & Curiosa Market held in Beursfabriek** on Symfonielaan 5 at Nieuwegein. The market has more than 500 participants with all kind of collections from stickers and old toys to WW I & II documentation as well as curiosa and antiques. Open both days from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Entry is €5.
- **Easter Art Market in the center of Nümbrecht (GE)** with decorations for home and garden, also paintings, ceramics and more.
- **Spring fair in Velbert (GE)** is held in the rooms and courtyard of Castle Hardenberg and is open both days from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is free.

March 20

- **St. Joep/St. Joseph Year Market in Sittard** is located throughout the center in the town and is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

March 23-May 21

- **Keukenhof Gardens** near the town of Lisse opens its gates to show an unprecedented wealth of floral displays planted in endless varieties among works of art. The Keukenhof is open daily 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ticket office closes at 6 p.m. Entry is €16; children age 4 to 11, €8. More information in English at www.keukenhof.nl.