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Benelux news briefs

UMUC Europe announces registration for fall term

University of Maryland University College Europe (UMUC Europe) recently announced registration for Fall 2015 Session 1.

On-site and online courses start Aug. 17, with registration open until Aug. 12 for online classes, Aug. 16 for hybrid, and the day each on-site class begins. See course guide at <http://www.europe.umuc.edu>.

UMUC Europe also announced a \$2,000 Spouse of Servicemember Scholarship to help military spouses fund their educations. Apply online at <http://www.europe.umuc.edu/scholarships>.

SHAPE Fest vendors wanted

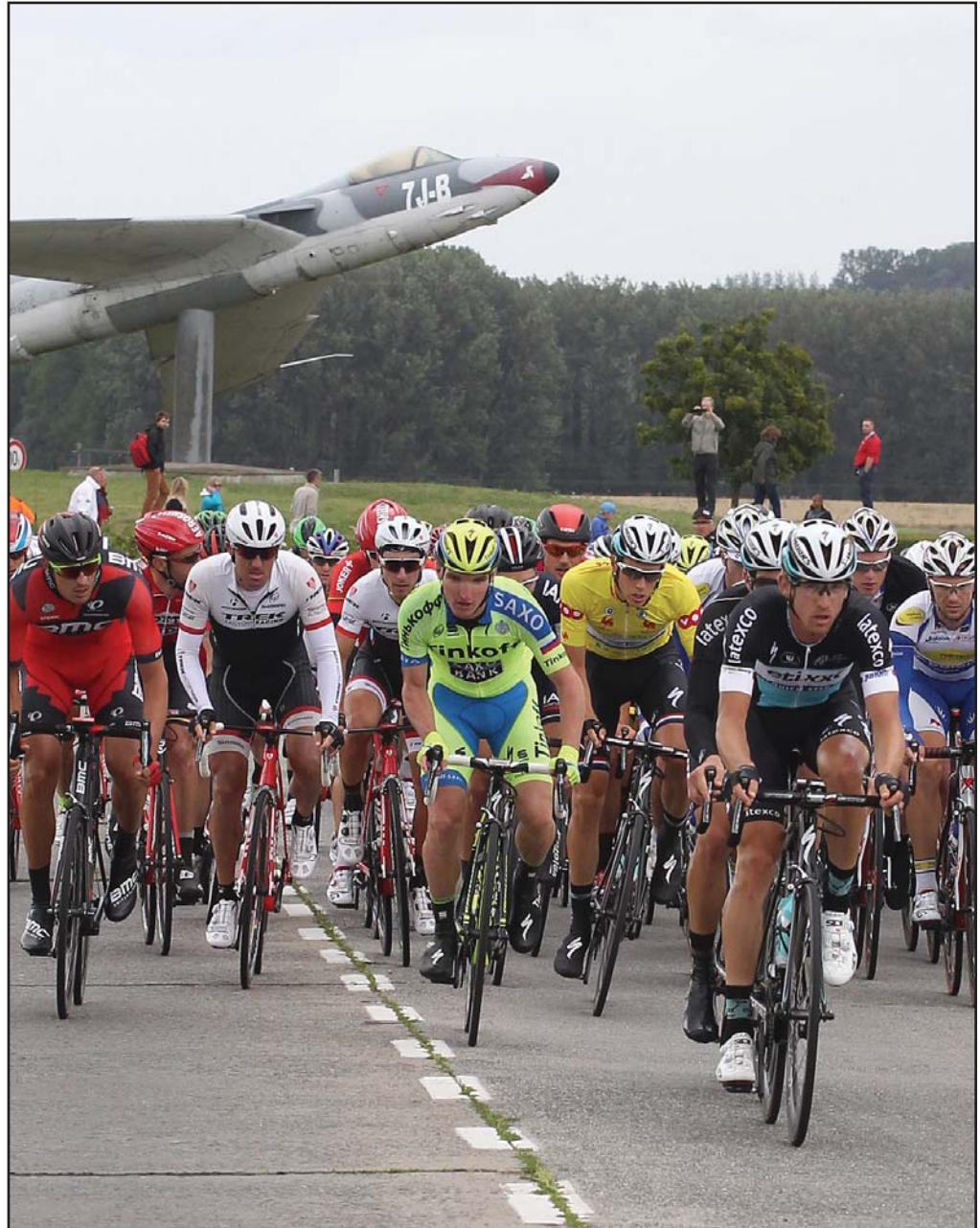
Prospective vendors at SHAPE Fest Sept. 4 and 5 can find the application form at <http://www.shape2day.com/whats-happening/news/shape-fest-2015-booth-application-form.aspx>.

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Bicyclists race by USAG Benelux installations

The 174.9-km (108.7-mile) fourth stage of the Tour de Wallonie rolled past the gates of Caserne Daumerie and Chièvres Air Base Tuesday, July 28, 2015. The tour started July 23 at Wanze and ended July 29 at Thuin. After winning the first stage, Dutchman Niki Terpstra remained first in the overall ranking of this year's tour. Belgian Victor Campenaerts earned second, and Russian Sergey Lagulin earned third. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

Vietnam-era vets honored at Benelux event

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Members of the USAG Benelux community welcomed four American Vietnam War veterans who live in Belgium at the garrison's July 23 commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War at Caserne Daumerie Chapel in Chièvres.

When they returned from war, Vietnam veterans didn't receive the warm welcome home that World War II veterans enjoyed. Instead of celebrating them as heroes, many Americans reviled them as villains in an unpopular war.

"We had to wear our uniform when we traveled. After I came back the first time, when I got off the plane in San Francisco, I was spit on. I was walking through the airport, and people yelled, 'Baby killer!' and yelled obscenities," said retired Air Force Col. Henry "Hank"

See next page.



Retired Lt. Col. William "Bill" Bergman, USAG Benelux Command Sgt. Maj. William Majors and retired Air Force Col. Henry "Hank" Keese talk at the garrison's 50th anniversary commemoration of the Vietnam War Thursday, July 23, 2015. Bergman and Keese are Vietnam War veterans. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

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Schinnen

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Vietnam-era vets I continued



Retired Col. Richard Sheridan, a Vietnam veteran, talks with guests at USAG Benelux's 50th anniversary commemoration of the Vietnam War Thursday, July 23, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

Keese, who served three tours in Vietnam. "I learned after that. I just put on civvies as soon as I got off the airplane and was left alone when I walked through the airport."

Unlike Americans who served in WWII, veterans from the Vietnam War — about 7 million Americans — were overlooked for too many years, said the garrison executive officer, Lt. Col. John Bivona.

By presidential proclamation, the commemoration of the 50th anniversary began Memorial Day, May 28, 2012, and runs through Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2025. America's Vietnam War period is generally considered encompass Nov. 1, 1955, to April 30, 1975.

Bivona said that one of USAG Benelux's legacy organizations, the 80th Ordnance Group, was redesignated as the 80th General Support Group when it moved from Red River Arsenal, Texas, to Vietnam in 1966. Benelux tenant units have Vietnam history, too. The 39th Signal Battalion, for example, was one of the first signal units in Vietnam. The Defense Commissary Agency's legacy organization ran two commissaries there. The Army and Air Forces Exchange Service also had a presence in that theater of operations.

"Strife and politics were in the news daily," Bivona said. "We're honoring those who stood up and were counted. They

were baptized in battle in the jungles of Vietnam."

Although only one of the 14 officers charged in the My Lai massacre in March 1968 was convicted, the incident fueled existing antiwar sentiment, according to the History Channel website at <http://www.history.com>.

"We did the right things right," said retired Lt. Col. William "Bill" Bergman, 71, who served in Vietnam in 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne, when he was 22. "It was a surprise when we went back home."

Three-fifths of Americans hadn't even been born at that time, and it's not something they think about, said retired Col. Richard M. Sheridan, 75, who served in Vietnam on Advisory Team 95. This kind of ceremony expresses gratitude.

"Forty years ago, you didn't hear that," Sheridan said. "Hollywood stars were demonstrating against the Vietnam War."

Most notable among them was "Hanoi Jane" Fonda, who sat in the gunner's seat of an enemy anti-aircraft gun in Hanoi, North Vietnam, in July 1972.

"It's good that you know that someone cares," Sheridan said of the ceremony. "The U.S. Army does have a long memory."

Meeting the enemy

The North Vietnamese deserve respect as light infantry, Bergman said.

"An intelligence officer, much smarter than me, said, 'These guys are like you: They're strangers.' They carried maps and headquarters materials because they walked all the way down (from North Vietnam into South Vietnam), then they'd run into us, who had hot chow and artillery," Bergman said.

Keese started his time in Vietnam in a Boeing B-52 Stratofortress bomber.

"I didn't like getting shot at and not being able to do anything," Keese said.

He managed to get himself assigned to providing close air support in a Cessna A-37 Dragonfly.

"We spent our time down south in close air-support missions for the Army folks on the ground. When the ground troops got in trouble, they would call for help," Keese said. "We would stand alert, and, when the call came in — day or night, we would launch and go to the target area. We were always directed

by a forward air controller, who'd mark the target (with flares, etc.). I dropped bombs and shot back."

Although Sheridan joined the Army in 1961, he was 28 when he first served in Vietnam in 1968.

His role was adviser to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam as part of the Phoenix Program at Headquarters, III Corps, in Bien Hoa, north of Saigon, the capital of South Vietnam.

"I dealt with the Vietnamese on a daily basis, identifying people working for the Viet Cong. I'd go out and visit out in the provinces," Sheridan said.

During the Vietnam War, determining whether a civilian in South Vietnam was a friend or foe (VC) was critical to the mission. Both his units in Vietnam (Advisory Team 95 and, during his second tour, the 525th Military Intelligence Group) focused on identifying infiltration of the enemy into Army operations.

These Vietnam veterans, including retired Col. Charles Westpheling who was also at the ceremony, had different jobs to do, but they all have one thing in common:

"When they were called upon, they went," Bivona said.



On display at USAG Benelux's 50th anniversary commemoration of the Vietnam War, memorabilia from Eric Daniel's collection adds an air of authenticity to the event Thursday, July 23, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

ACS celebrates birthday at three Benelux sites

Garrison joins in commemoration of 50 years of Army Community Service

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

"If the Army wanted you to have a wife, it would have issued you one." Army life has certainly changed since this familiar gibe was in vogue: Nowadays, more than 50 percent of active-duty Soldiers are married, according to <http://militaryonesource.mil>.

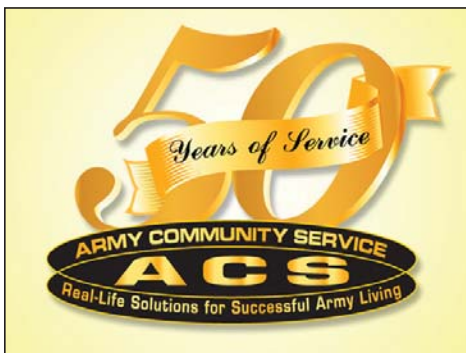
Current thinking lies 180 degrees in the other direction: "You recruit a Soldier, but you re-enlist a *family*."

Army Community Service has spent the last 50 years serving Soldiers and their families, and the three ACS sites in USAG Benelux celebrated the occasion July 24 with cake-cutting ceremonies.

USAG Benelux ACS director Yvette Castro greeted attendees at the SHAPE ACS event with a few proud words.

Army Community Service was built on the foundation of Army Emergency

Relief, which was established in World War II when the ranks of the Army swelled to more than 8 million troops, Castro said. The idea behind the 1965 expansion was to help families thrive in all sorts of ways, not just financially. ACS has become a way to strengthen the self-reliant character and the spirit of resiliency that have always existed in the Army community.



Maj. Matt Wagner, the acting deputy garrison manager for Schinnen, and Tony Untalan, the director of Schinnen Army Community Service, cut the cake Friday, July 24, 2015, in honor of the 50th birthday of ACS. The community was invited for cake and refreshments and an ACS scavenger hunt. By finding answers to questions, participants in the hunt learned about what ACS can do for them. (U.S. Army photo by Rita Hoefnagels)



"Where's my cake?" Everyone except 10-month-old Elliston Pittman enjoys cake at the Army Community Service birthday party Friday, July 24, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **CYSS Summer Camp** - This day camp has a different theme every week and runs through Aug. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Brussels Summer Camps offer a wide variety of activities, clubs, service projects, field trips, special events and daily snacks. School Age Camp offers activities for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Middle School/Teen Camp serves youths in sixth grade through 11th grade. CYSS also provides before-camp care from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and after-camp care from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Find out more by stopping by Parent Central Services in Building 3 or call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651.

July 31

- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community Fridays from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Recreation Night features games, cards, music and movies. Snacks and beverages available for purchase: crispy chicken tenders, daily homemade soup, potato wedges and more. Call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

Aug. 6

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy a meal of chicken barbecue and pulled-pork sandwiches at the 3 Star Lounge from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Alternate children's menu: hotdogs or chicken fingers.) Cost: adults \$6; children, ages 12 and under, \$3. Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

Aug. 7

- **Concert at the 3 Star: Tom Murphy and Jeff Wisnom** - Tom Murphy and Jeff Winsom will perform vintage rock, blues, and original compositions in a free concert from 7 to 9 p.m.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Art classes for children** - The JFC Brunssum Arts & Crafts Center offers art classes for children 6 years and older from 10:30 a.m. to noon on the following dates:

Aug. 4: "Just like van Gogh" painting;

Aug. 6: "Precious box" mosaics;

Aug. 11: "Cool Dutch Shoe": Paint, decoupage or otherwise decorate a klomp (Dutch wooden shoe); and

Aug. 13: "Clay time."

Cost: €8 per class per child. Children under 6 can also attend, but a parent must accompany them. Classes need five people to register in order to be held. You can sign up by coming to the Art & Crafts Center and paying a non-refundable deposit of €4 per class. The balance is due at class. For more information, contact jfcframeshop@jfcbs.nato.int.

- **Summer Camp Trip highlights** - The USAG Benelux-Schinnen School Age Center and Youth Center offers several Summer Camp adventures. Space is limited. For full Summer Camp details, call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121/2023.

Week 7, Aug. 3 to 7 - Water skiing/wake boarding, Maastricht city tour, walk to Amstenrade windmill.

Week 8, Aug. 10 to 14 - Bowling, sumo wrestling, laser games and go-karting, Oberhausen Mall, Brunssum Center for ice cream.

Through Aug. 26

- **Summer Reading Program** - School-age children and teens will register for the "Read to the Rhythm" program at the library, check out and read books from the JFC HQ Brunssum Library, and earn a variety of prizes for the number of books read. Preschool children, ages 3 and older, may earn prizes by having books read aloud to them. For more information, call +31 (0) 45-5262669/2469.

Aug. 11 and 18

- **The Five Love Languages** - The Family Advocacy Program/Victim Advocate offers this two-session class at the Schinnen Army Community Service Conference Room from 1 to 3 p.m. This relationship workshop will help couples learn about the different ways people understand love. Using Gary Chapman's award-winning book, "The Five Love Languages," couples will learn how healthy relationships grow from euphoric "in love" feelings to "real love" actions. If you wish to register, call DSN 360-7367 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437367.

Aug. 12

- **Newborn Network: Newborns, Parental Support and Music** - This support group for parents of children, ages newborn to 12 months, meets in the JFC Brunssum Child Development Center's Room Y006 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Offered through the New Parent Support Program, Newborn Network is a fun way to meet other parents, discuss parenthood and bond with your baby through music. To register or for more information, call DSN 360-7335/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437335/7500.
- **Heinsberg Hospital tour** - This tour is offered in English through the New Parent Support Program. Meet at 6 p.m. at the front door of the hospital. For questions, call civilian +49 (0) 2452-188501.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Vacation Bible School 2015** - SHAPE International Chapel presents "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power" **Aug. 8** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. An event for the entire family, this Saturday VBS allows parents to participate with their children. Sign up or volunteer at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/SHAPEKidsVBS/gpgs/home.aspx> or find "SHAPE International Chapel VBS" on Facebook.
- **CYSS Youth Program summer excursions** - CYSS offers youths from sixth to 12th grade a variety of activities and day trips. Newcomers welcome. Sign up soon: Space is limited. Must be CYSS-registered to participate. Register at CYSS Parent Central Services in Building 503, or call DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.
- **Teen Culture Day Trip - July 31:** Brugge (Bruges).
- **Summer Trips - July 30:** Go-karting and laser tag, **Aug. 3 to 7:** Camping in the Belgian Ardennes, and **Aug. 13:** Amusement park.

Prepare now

- **Auditions** - The SHAPE Players will hold auditions for a play with mature themes, "La Ronde" by Arthur Schnitzler, at SHAPE Performing Arts Centre in Building 207 **Aug. 19** at 6:30 p.m. Those auditioning must be 18 and older. For information or to schedule an alternative audition, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312.

Through Aug. 6

- **Summer Reading Program** - "Read to the Rhythm" at the SHAPE International Library or Chièvres Library encourages reading throughout the summer months for patrons of all ages. For details, call SHAPE at DSN 423-5631 or civilian 065-445631, or Chièvres at DSN 361-5767 or civilian 068-275767.

Tickets on sale now

- **HONK! Jr.** - The curtain will rise at SHAPE Performing Arts Centre in Building 207, where on the SHAPE Players Summer Theater Camp students will perform a musical play based on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Ugly Duckling." The evening will start with a special performance by the Fractured Fairy Tales class. The production runs **July 30, July 31 and Aug. 1** at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$10. Credit cards are accepted. Call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 from 1 to 6 p.m. to purchase tickets.

Aug. 3 and 4

- **Host-Nation Orientation** - Army Community Service invites all service members, civilian employees and their family members to learn about the SHAPE/Chièvres community and all it has to offer. During the two-day orientation, you will learn about Belgian customs and basic French. You will also go on a cultural city tour and tour a Belgian hospital as well as sample traditional Belgian cuisine and learn how to shop on the economy. The group will also learn how to use public transportation and visit the Ste. Waudru Collegiale in Mons. Meet at the ACS conference room 15 minutes earlier than the start time of 8:30 a.m. Call ACS at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Aug. 4

- **The ROAMies live acoustic music concert** - Enjoy a free family-friendly concert at the SHAPE Events Centre from 3 to 4 p.m. This Louisiana-based duo/band is a playful marriage of Alexa James' hooky melodies, upbeat lyrics and unique vocals with Rory Partin's soulful voice and heartfelt lyrics fused into a one-of-a-kind sound.

Aug. 12

- **Writers Write** - This workshop at SHAPE International Library from 6:30 to 8 p.m. uses timed writings to help writers write. Prompts include manuals, websites and your imagination. Bring paper and pen/pencil.

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates — 2D movies: adults €7 and children 11 and under €4. 3D movies: adults €9 and children 11 and under €6. Check <http://www.shape2day.com> under "Morale & Welfare (MWB)" for the movie schedule.

Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English:

Only the British or American movies listed as VO (Version Originale or Originale Versie) will be in English.

Plaza Art - Rue de Nimy 12, 7000 Mons (next to the main square). Visit <http://plaza-art.be/index.cgi?p=Grille>.

ImagiBraine - Boulevard de France, 1420 Braine l'Alleud. Check the schedule and purchase your tickets at: <http://kinopolis.be/nl/bioscopen/kinopolis-imagibraine>.

Kinopolis - Boulevard du Centenaire 20, 1020 Bruxelles. Take a look at movie listings at <http://kinopolis.be/fr/cinemas/kinopolis-bruxelles>.

Movie at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Adult admission is €5 (ages 12 and older) - Child admission is €3 (ages 11 and under). Check the new web page at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146> for the movie schedule.

Travel the Benelux

Kortrijk attracts history, architecture buffs

by Tim Clark

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Famous in Flanders for the Battle of Golden Spurs, Kortrijk has much to offer visitors: well-preserved medieval architecture, Gothic churches with famous paintings and a large pedestrian shopping area.

Through the cloth trade, Kortrijk rose to prominence in medieval times, and textiles still play an important role in its economy. The bell tower on the main square, dating from the 13th century, used to be the main tower of the cloth hall. The belfry, now freestanding, is all that remains of the original hall. On the very top of the belfry's spire, one can see a golden statue of Mercury, the Roman

god of trade.

A short walk from the main square, the Broeltorens —twin towers protecting a bridge over the Leie river — stand as the symbol of the city. The towers look identical but were built 30 years apart: the southern tower in 1385 and the northern one in 1415.

A statue of John of Nepomuk, patron saint of the drowning, stands in the middle of the bridge. Ironically, it has fallen in the river on several occasions — but always recovered.

The visually striking city hall on the main square was erected in 1520 with a mix of Gothic and Renaissance

elements. Inside the city hall, you can see wall murals showing Kortrijk's history as well as Gothic arches and stained-glass windows showing the city's coat of arms.

The interior of the Church of Our Lady, located in central Kortrijk, shows off Baroque style. Anthony van Dyck's 1631 painting "Raising of the Cross" and an alabaster statue of St. Catherine from 1380 are two notable treasures of the church.

Home of the first pedestrian shopping street in Belgium, much of the city center is car free with lots of shops and restaurants as well as a covered shopping mall called K.



Battle of the Golden Spurs

In 1302, the people of Flanders revolted against French rule. Flemish troops armed only with lances and spears defeated the French cavalry near Kortrijk July 11, 1302.

The victory became known as the Battle of the Golden Spurs, after the golden spurs from dead French knights were collected from the battlefield and put on display in the Church of Our Lady.

The French took back the

spurs 80 years later after the Battle of Westrozebeke. Today replicas of the spurs hang in the church.

In 1973, the date of the battle, July 11, became an official Flemish holiday.



For your GPS:
Kortrijk 8051
Belgium

From:
Mons: 95 km
Brussels: 92 km
Schinnen: 214 km



Vlaai: Discover authentic Limburg treat

by Rita Hoefnagels

USAG Benelux-Schinnen Public Affairs

A pastry with raised edges to hold filling, vlaai has become especially associated with the province of Limburg in the Netherlands.

Although it is now seen as being typically Limburg, vlaai seems to have a German origin. You might hear it referred to as a flan — from the Old High German word for flat cake, “flado” (not to be confused with the custard flan).

The Germanic people used to bake bread by spreading a thick layer of floury mush on a large, flat, heated stone. To keep the dough from burning, cooks greased the stone. When the layer, or “vadel” as they called it, was finished, they poured honey or the fruit juice on it. According to the Germanic history, vadel, or vlaai, covered with honey or fruit juice was used as a sacrifice. Later, monasteries also used figs or other fruit from their gardens as a filling.

Limburg traders are thought to have taken this back to their homes, where their wives duplicated it, using anything they had on hand as filling. In Limburg was no stranger to poverty



Vlaai comes in many varieties, although villages often specialize. (U.S. Army photo by Patricia Luijpen)

back then so the ingredients for vlaai weren't expensive. With the exception of flour from the miller, most of the ingredients could be found in their own backyards, such as eggs from their own chickens and milk from their cows. For the filling, you just had to walk through your garden or the forest. The “Limburgse vlaai” was born.

Maria Hubertina Hendrix from the town of Weert played an important part in the distribution of vlaai outside Limburg. At the beginning of the

20th century, she sold her “Vlaai from Weert” to travelers at the train station in Weert, which is in the province of Limburg. As a result, travelers from all over the Netherlands became acquainted with the delights of the Limburg vlaai. Maria became known as “Antje van de Statie,” or “Antje of the train station,” and a statue honoring her graces the city of Weert.

Only pastries with toppings that are baked at the same time are considered Limburg vlaai. In modern varieties like Bavarois, the filling and flan aren't baked at the same time — the filling is added later — so they aren't considered the real thing.

Vlaai differs from other pastry, such as pie, because the dough is much lighter and similar to bread dough. Vlaai also has high sides for a generous amount of filling. The fillings are numerous: cherries, strawberries, prunes, apples, apricots and even sweet rice.

When traveling through Limburg, don't miss the chance to experience the taste of Limburg with a dollop of whipped cream.

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Rhine River Cruise, Aug. 4**
- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, Aug. 8**
- **Fécamp — Etretat, Normandy, Aug. 12**
- **London, Aug. 15 to 17**
- **Medieval Dinner in Bruges, Aug. 22**
- **Nausicaa (Europe's largest aquarium) and Two Caps Nature Park in Northern France, Aug. 29**
- **Paris with optional Seine cruise, Sept. 12**
- **Wurstmarkt in Bad Dürkheim, Sept. 19**
- **Plopsaland – Cars and Coasters, Sept. 20**
- **London, Oct. 3**
- **Alsace Wine Route, Oct. 10 to 11**
- **Amsterdam with optional guided tour of Van Gogh Museum, Oct. 17**
- **Rotterdam, Oct. 24**
- **Harry Potter studio tour, Nov. 4**

SHAPE Travel Group - Call civilian 0470-876369.

- **Tongeren Antique Market, Aug. 30**
- **The Best of Luxembourg City, Sept. 10**
- **London and Buckingham Palace, Sept. 18**
- **Belgian Coast by Tram, Sept. 24**
- **Belgian Trappist and Countryside Tour, Oct. 6**
- **A Day in Rotterdam, Oct. 20**
- **Antwerp and Red Star Line Museum, Nov. 19**
- **Cologne Christmas markets, Nov. 24**

Schinnen Trips & Tours - Call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **Dutch Day, July 31**
- **Bernkastel-Kues, Germany: Wine Festival, Sept. 5**
- **Family Day: Trout Fishing, Sept. 12**
- **National Liberation Museum 44-45, Sept. 26**
- **NFL Games, Oct. 3 to 5 (New York Jets vs. Miami Dolphins), Oct. 24 to 26 (Buffalo Bills vs. Jacksonville Jaguars) and Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 (Detroit Lions vs. Kansas City Chiefs).**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

July 31

- **Evening flea market in Silly (200 booths)** - On Rue du Marais and Rue St Pierre from 4 to 10 p.m.

July 31, Aug. 1 and 2

- **Esperanzah Festival in Namur** - Music festival of nomadic and varied music styles from all over the world. Tickets range from €38 to €41. For details, go to <http://www.esperanzah.be>.
- **Fest in Isières** - Friday starting at 6 p.m.: evening flea market (100 booths), Saturday, the giants of the village will be dancing to music by a local band as of 11 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. prior to the ball. (Free admission.) On Sunday, as of 10 a.m. soccer-tennis tournament, parade as of 2 p.m. and evening outside ball.

Aug. 1

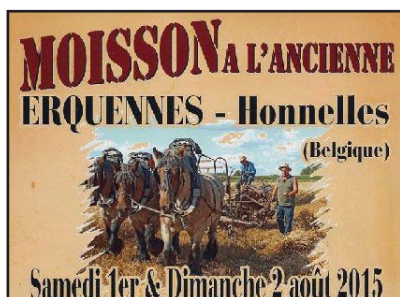
- **Volksmarch in Ecaussines for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 35 or 45 km** - Departs from Avenue de la Déportation 17 from 7 to 9 a.m. for the 45- and 35-km routes, from 8 a.m. to noon for the 25- and 20-km routes and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the other routes. Small participation fee.
- **International chime festival in Ath** - From 4 to 6 p.m., listen to the chimes from the Saint Julien Church.
- **Flea market in Leval-Trahegnies (100 booths)** - On the square from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Brugelette (250 booths)** - On Rue Maurice Lelange-Couturettes from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Audregnies (130 booths)** - On the square from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **LNS Day Dream in Vaudignies (Chièvres)** - Fund-raising activities for children with severe health issues with various children's activities (clown, circus workshop, games and music) at the "Salle Polyvalente," Rue des Ecoles 17, from 2 to 11:30 p.m. The afternoon activities are free. Evening activities with barbecue cost €13 or €18.

Aug. 1 and 2

- **Open House at the brewery in Blaton** - At Authentique Brasserie at Rue de Condé 5 from noon to 9 p.m. Free admission.

Aug. 2

- **Harvest like in the old days in Erquennes** - Event starts with a concert by a local band at 12:45 p.m. and activities and displays all afternoon: workhorses, traditional farming equipment and more on Rue Grosse Croix. Admission: €1 per person.



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

Through Aug. 2

- **Roman festival in Heilig Landstichting near Groesbeek** - Festival will take place in Museumpark "Orientalis" at Profetenlaan 2. Be entertained by re-enactors, authentic crafts, demonstrations, Roman market and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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July 31 to Aug. 1

- **Evening market in Hasselt, Belgium** - This antique-and-curiosity market will be held on Kolonel Dusartplein in the town center. Open from 7 p.m. to 1 p.m.

July 31 to Aug. 2

- **Hamm kulinairisch in Hamm, Germany** - Large culinary fest in the town center at market square offers culinary highlights for small prices. Open July 31 from noon to midnight; Aug. 1 from 11 a.m. to midnight and Aug. 2 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Castlefest near Lisse** - Medieval fantasy event will be held in the gardens of Castle De Keukenhof, Keukenhof 1. The gardens are the location of a real medieval city where one can learn about daily life in the Middle Ages. Open July 31 from 11 a.m. to midnight; Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. to midnight and Aug. 2 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For details, visit <http://www.castlefest.com>.

Aug. 1 to 2

- **"Luikse Markt" in Wahlwiller near Gulpen-Wittem** - Traditional annual market offers antiques, curiosities, displays, shows, live music, a fair and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

- **Antique-and-curiosa market in Roermond** - This event will be held on Kloosterwandplein in the town center. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Aug. 2

- **Festival of traditional crafts in Einighausen near Sittard** - Enjoy demonstrations, shows, amusements and more in the center of town from 1 to 6 p.m.
- **Arthur Fest Rommelmarkt in Hoogdele, Belgium** - This flea market on Uilenspiegelstraat has more than 800 booths. Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission. For more information, visit <http://www.aarthurfeesten.be>.

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Aug. 2 continued

- **Volksmarch in Mesvin for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue Brunehaut 33 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Tourpes for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Silly for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the school at Rue du Marais 16 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Virginal-Samme for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Quartier du Tram on N280 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Deux-Acren for 6, 12, 20, 30 or 42 km** - Departs from Rue de l'Ordre from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Small participation fee.
- **Book night in Redu** - During the night from Saturday to Sunday, bookshops are open and street artists come to life in the village.
- **Jogging in Herchies** - Departs at 10 a.m. from the soccer field, Rue Valère Letot for 11 km. Participation fee: €5.
- **Flea market in Ecaussines (150 booths)** - On Rue de la Haie, Jean Jaurès and neighboring streets from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ressaix (100 booths)** - On Rue du Mazy and Place Bourdons from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Jemappes (250 booths)** - On Rue Avenue Maréchal Foch from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Aug. 2 and 3

- **Medieval fest in La Roche en Ardennes** - At the castle at Rue du Vieux Château 4 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. with archery, falconry, arts-and-crafts market, troubadours and more.

Through Aug. 9

- **"Bruxelles-les-Bains"** - A beach in the city with fine sand and palm trees, sports areas, games for children and food. At Quai des Péniches near Place Saintelette, beach is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., closed Mondays. Access is free, but some activities have a fee.

Through Aug. 30

- **Family cruise in Mons** - This boat trip goes from the Grand Large, Capitainerie, on Rue du Grand Large to the lock in Obourg and back. Departs Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30, 4 and 5:30 p.m. Presence is required half an hour prior to departure. Cost: €7 per adult; €6 for youths, ages 13 to 18; and €4.50 for children, ages 4 to 12. Recommended: Book ahead by calling civilian 065-874890.

Through Sept. 6

- **Visit the Royal Palace in Brussels** - Once a year, the Royal Palace is open to visitors. Open Tuesday through Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free admission.



Aug. 2 continued

- **Knights Training in Limbricht** takes place at Castle Limbricht, Allee 1, where knights train in the courtyard of the castle. The knights of the Four Quarters invite children to learn what knights do and to train with them. Open from noon to 4 p.m. Participation and admission are free.
- **Traditional crafts and regional products market in Opoeteren, Belgium** - Market offers demonstrations of traditional crafts and tasting of regional and local delicacies in the town center. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

- **Antique, art and curiosa market in Maastricht** - Browse through antiques, artworks and curiosities on Boschstraat. Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Through Aug. 2

- **"Bloem and Tuin 2015" (Flower and Garden) in Nuenen** - The most versatile and blooming garden event in the Benelux is held at the Gulbergen Estate near de Schoutse Vennen in Nuenen. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: adults, €12; children, ages 11 and under, free.



- **Wine Fest at Königstrasse in Duisburg, Germany** - Besides wine, you'll find a variety of culinary specialties, music and other entertainment. Open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Aug. 4

- **Historic market in Veere** - At the historic market square in the town center, enjoy actors dressed in historic costumes, traditional crafts, antiques, jewelry, regional products and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Aug. 5 to 9

- **Culinary Haarlem in Haarlem** - This annual festival of good food will take place at Grote Markt Square, Botermarkt and Oude Groenmarkt.

Aug. 6 to 9

- **Wine fest in Bad Salzuflen, Germany** - Visitors will enjoy wines, culinary delicacies and entertainment at the Salzhof.
- **Culinary market in Wassenberg, Germany** - Held at Rosstorplatz, this annual event is often visited by well-known German chefs, and visitors can observe them preparing specialties.

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