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Without prior written authorization (PS 3801), customers will be required to pick up their own mail. Customers planning vacation during that time should inform postal services to prevent accidental mail return.

Customers should pick up all mail on hand at Brunssum to lessen the items transferred.

AAFES has job opening

The Schinnen Army and Air Force Exchange has a job opening for an auto worker with a regular part time schedule and for a senior store associate with Intermittent time schedule.

The Brussels Army and Air Force Exchange Service's retail store is looking for a shift supervisor. Call DSN 361-5337 or civilian 068-275337

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Command Sgt. Maj. William L. Majors takes the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux flag from garrison commander Col. Marty Vannatter signaling his assumption of responsibility for the garrison enlisted force June 17, 2015 at Caserne Daumerie. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

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Commissary host Army birthday cake cutting, 5k run



The commissary sponsored a three-day long Healthy Lifestyle campaign beginning June 12, 2015. The campaign started with the cutting of a cake to recognize the Army's 240th birthday and a 5k run/walk. Throughout the three days campaign, healthy eating choices were promoted throughout the commissary with employees serving home made food, fruits and vegetables. (Clockwise from top left) Runners make their start at the Commissary's Healthy Lifestyle campaign 5k June 12, 2015 on Chièvres Air Base. • Chaplain (Col.) Bill Sager and Pvt. Chynna Knight cut the Army 240th birthday cake. • First place women's finisher Gizziana Giardina heads toward the finish line • First place men's finisher Alexander Martinez heads toward the finish line. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

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New CSM assumes responsibility at USAG Benelux

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

The American flag waved smartly at the assumption of responsibility for USAG Benelux's new command sergeant major during an outdoor ceremony on Caserne Daumerie in Chièvres June 17.

During the ceremony, Command Sgt. Maj. William L. Majors became the garrison's senior enlisted adviser.

A free-flowing flag makes a statement, Majors said.

"No doubt the wind is blowing for a reason because I did not want those colors lying down," said Majors, who comes to the Benelux from the 421st Multifunctional Medical Battalion in Baumholder, Germany, where he was the command sergeant major.

Garrison commander Col. Marty Vannatter drew parallels between Williams, who has been a Soldier for 28 years, and himself.

"We are both seasoned Soldiers," Vannatter said, stressing the unique relationship between a commander and his senior enlisted adviser because they end up spending more time together than with their families. "I expect our relationship to be based on trust and

shared Army values."

The strong relationship between the commander and his trusted adviser is the framework for the command as a whole.

"I look forward to having you by my side, maintaining the strong command team our community deserves," Vannatter said. "You will find that the Benelux is a small but complex community that has an extensive and critical commitment to support NATO."

Vannatter said Majors and his family have come to a community where they will find friends in the Belgian and Dutch citizens who haven't forgotten the sacrifices that Americans made during two world wars.

With support from these friends and allies, USAG Benelux helps maintain a Strong Europe, he said.

Majors expressed his dedication to supporting USAG Benelux's three Lines of Effort: People, Service and Facilities.

"I'm excited about the opportunity given to me," Majors said, adding, "We're ready to get started."



Command Sgt. Maj. William L. Majors, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, addresses the garrison after assuming responsibility June 17, 2015 at Caserne Daumerie. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)



(above) Laura Majors, (left) wife of Command Sgt. Maj. William L. Majors, and daughter Ann admire the flowers presented to Laura during the assumption of responsibility June 17, 2015 at Caserne Daumerie. (top right) The USAG Benelux color guard presents the colors. (right) Command Sgt. Maj. Majors looks over the formation. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)



Deputy Garrison Commander closes out career 43 years calling the Army home comes to an end

by Andrea Wales

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

The deputy garrison commander of USAG Benelux truly “found a home in the Army,” even though it’s meant 23 moves in 43 years of military and civilian service.

Joseph P. Manning has been an Army employee his entire working life. He enlisted in 1972 and was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in 1975. He served in uniform 33 years, retiring as a colonel in 2005 from U.S. Army Japan where he was the deputy commander.

“I didn’t have a character defect that I needed the Army to correct,” Manning quipped, referring to the practice of some judges (in the days before the all-volunteer Army) offering the choice of the Army or jail.

He has worked as an Army civilian for the last 10 years.

Manning said that, when asked if he’d do something different if he could do it all over again, he didn’t regret his all-Army career.



Marianne Manning, wife of Joseph Manning, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Deputy Garrison Commander says thank you and good-bye to Col. Marty Vannatter the Garrison Commander, during a retirement ceremony for the deputy June 16, 2015 (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)



Joseph P. Manning, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, Deputy Garrison Commander address the garrison during his retirement ceremony June 16, 2015 in the Caserne Daumerie auditorium. Manning served 33 years in uniform and an additional 10 years as a Department of the Army civilian. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

“I can’t imagine not having the opportunities I’ve had,” he said, mentioning jumping out of an airplane at 0 dark 30 and riding in a tank.

As a testament to his leadership abilities in the largest geographically dispersed Army garrison in Europe, Manning was presented the Meritorious Civilian Service Award during his retirement ceremony on Caserne Daumerie in Chièvres June 16. He oversaw programs that directly contributed to the welfare of 16,000 Americans spread across six countries. He also was directly involved in the judicious execution of an annual budget of more than \$90 million. Manning led base-consolidation efforts in Schinnen while dealing with the \$20 million loss of funds during the fiscal year 2013 sequestration.

Manning’s wife of 38 years, Marianne, was recognized for her contributions to the community as an active volunteer with the Commander’s Award for Public Service.

“This isn’t the largest garrison, but it is absolutely the most complex,” Manning said, underscoring the need for focus and resiliency.

During his five years as the deputy garrison commander, Manning made it his business to meet the employees of the garrison, often using the technique of “management by walking around.”

During the retirement ceremony, garrison commander Col. Marty Vannatter acknowledged Manning’s value by referring to him as his “right arm” and praising his work during difficult times that included base consolidation and sequestration.

“His dedication, leadership skills and sense of humor overcame many of those challenges,” Vannatter said.

424th Air Base Squadron welcomes new commander

by Tim Clark

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

The change of command carried on a military tradition that dates back to the Revolutionary War and the United States' first Army, the Continental Army of the United States.

The ceremony represents the formal passing of authority for a unit from one officer to another. It ensures that a unit and its Soldiers are never without official leadership and can recognize their new commander.

A new leader for the 424th Air Base Squadron assumed command on Chièvres Air Base June 11.

Incoming squadron commander Maj. Daniel L. Williams comes to the 424th from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, where he was deputy branch chief for airfield operations.

As the command's functional manager for airfield operations he was responsible for developing and implementing Department of Defense, Air Force and Federal Aviation Administration airfield operations policies, procedures and guidance for the safe movement of more than 1.6 million annual flight operations at 11 airfields.

Outgoing squadron commander Lt. Col. Christopher M. Kuester heads to Joint Base Andrews, Prince George's County, Maryland as Deputy Group Commander of the 11th Mission Support Group.

"Magnum (Kuester's nickname), thank you for investing your heart and soul in the 424th and Chièvres Air Base," said presiding official Col. Ashley D. Salter, commander of the 86th Operations Group. "You built a family here. You made a difference."

He listed just a few of Kuester's accomplishments. "Whether you were renovating facilities, fighting for better gear for your firefighters or working toward first class vehicle ops, you never gave up and you never tired," Salter said.

Listing off some of Kuester's other accomplishments, Salter noted his



Col. Ashley D. Salter, 86th Operations Group Deputy Commander, passes the 424th Air Base Squadron guidon to incoming commander, Maj. Daniel L. Williams as outgoing commander Lt. Col. Christopher M. Kuester looks on during the change of command ceremony June 11, 2015 at Chièvres Air Base. Williams comes to the 424th from Randolph Air Force Base where he was deputy branch chief for airfield operations. Kuester heads to Joint Base Andrews in Maryland where he will serve as deputy commander of the 11th Mission Support Group. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

support of education for his airmen and building camaraderie and esprit de corps of the squadron.

Salter also praised Kuester for handling the unexpected so well, including a bird's nest in the Instrument Landing System antenna and an airfield lighting issue.

"I have no doubt that you will continue to excel," Salter said.

"I can think of no officer more qualified to lead this squadron," he said about Williams. "I have no doubt that you will succeed beyond anything we can envision today. You are more than ready to lead this team of warriors. I am excited for you as you assume command."

Following his remarks Salter presented

Kuester the Meritorious Service Medal (fifth oak-leaf cluster) citing Kuester's distinctive accomplishments, including bringing the airfield into compliance with allied partner-nation requirements and the squadron's highly effective ratings for executing the mission and leading people.

In his remarks, the outgoing commander thanked his family and the members of the squadron for their support during his time as commander of the 424th Air Base Squadron. Kuester then welcomed the new commander.

"I will continue to build on the outstanding record of this squadron and take it to the next level," Williams said.

"Off we go into the wild, blue yonder," rang out as the ceremony closed with

SHAPE Top III Association – Recognizing SHAPE

by **Sheldon M. Powdar**

SHAPE Top III Association

It has been a very busy year thus far for the SHAPE Top 3. Recently, the association recognized SHAPE American High School graduate, Ms. Vienna Morrison with a €500 scholarship.

Every year, the SHAPE Top 3 offers two competitive scholarships. This year's recipient was selected for her outstanding academic achievement and citizenship. During her time at SHAPE American High School, Morrison was active in a number of clubs, including JROTC, student government, and was the president of the National Honor Society.

She plans to attend either the College of William and Mary or James Madison University and major in either International Relations or Engineering. We wish Vienna the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

In keeping with its commitment to excellence, the SHAPE Top 3 also presented its Most Valuable Professional award. The MVP Award is in recognition of stellar achievements, and is awarded every two months to a SHAPE or Chièvres Air Base service member between the ranks E-1/OR-1 and E-6/OR-6.

This award represents the TOP 3's salute to the enlisted tier for their contribution to mission accomplishment, teamwork, and esprit de corps within the SHAPE and Chièvres community.

This period's MVP was Cpl. Simon McNamara, an Infrastructure Installation and Maintenance Technician with the NATO Communications and Information Agency, Mons. In addition to his many accomplishments, Cpl. McNamara was the lead project manager; relocating communications for over 150 personnel in the NCIA Headquarters and over 20 NATO connections for the SACEUR's VTC suite. He also

relocated over 300 telephone lines for the new SHAPE high school, facilitating a smooth transition for over 350 teachers and students. Cpl. McNamara also serves as the only international representative to the SHAPE-16 Junior NCO association.

The SHAPE Top 3 Association would like to take this opportunity to

thank the Alpha Gamma Xi Sorority Inc., the Chapel and all the volunteers who came out to support the organization's annual BBQ at the Don Bosco Boys Home. Don Bosco homes across the world are supported by the Catholic Church. Priests serve as Directors and offer orphans a home until they are 18 years of age. The boys are taught trades, like bicycle repairs or construction to give them a source of income when they leave. The Home is also very self-sufficient. The boys learn skills, like tending a large vegetable garden, making apple cider, raising rabbits for meat, chickens for eggs, as well as raising bees for honey. This honey is then sold at the local markets to help with the Home's expenses.

Volunteers spent the day grilling, playing soccer and basketball and generally having a great time with the kids.

Thanks again for your support and for making the event a resounding success.



Banned items - know before you go this summer

by **Robert Szostek**

USEUCOM Customs PAO

People scheduled to move to the States this summer should start preparing now by separating things that are banned from import and finding new homes for them. It is also a good idea to apply early for import permits on restricted items, customs officials advise.

"Prohibited items include meat and meat products such as sausage, pâté and salami, as well as plants, plant products and all destructive devices," said Mike Dean, director of the U.S. European Command's Customs and Border Clearance Agency. "If you're planning on shipping firearms, ensure you have proof that you owned them in the States or have an import permit," he added.

Dean also explained that other important points to remember are:

- Owners of vehicles not made to U.S. standards have to ship them through commercial importers registered with the Department of Transportation and Environmental

Protection Agency. However, vehicles more than 25 years old are exempt from this rule.

- Most mopeds and motorcycles must also meet U.S. safety and pollution standards and all vehicles must be free of dirt, insects and vegetation.

- Wine collections can only be shipped with advance approval from the transportation office.

- Endangered species items such as ivory and some furs may only be shipped if owners can prove they were previously owned in the U.S. or are antiques over 100 years old.

- State attorneys general must approve imports of gambling devices. These devices must be registered with the Justice Department in Washington D.C.

Need more details? Stop by your local military customs office or check out the military customs Website at <http://www.eur.army.mil/opm/customs/uscustoms.htm>.

Trenches to Foxholes**Next week in World War history (June 21 to 27)****World War I****1915**

June 23 - Exactly one month after Italy declares war on Austria-Hungary, the Italian army attacks Austro-Hungarian positions near the Isonzo River, in the eastern section of the Italian front; it is the first of twelve Battles of the Isonzo fought during the War.

After a series of preliminary operations on various sections of the front, Italian forces strike the Austrian positions at the Isonzo after a one-week bombardment. Despite enjoying numerical superiority, the Italian forces are unable to break the Austro-Hungarian forces. Two Austro-Hungarian infantry divisions soon arrive to aid their comrades at the Isonzo and the Italians are prevented from crossing the river.

June 24 - Oswald Boelcke, one of the earliest and best German fighter pilots of World War I, makes the first operational flight of the Fokker Eindecker plane. The Fokker Eindecker, a plane equipped first with one and eventually with two machine guns that could fire straight ahead through the aircraft's propellers, would have a huge impact on air combat and would put the German Air Service, far ahead of the Allied air forces for several months during the summer of 1915. The British referred to this as the Fokker Menace or the Fokker Scourge.

1916

June 21 - With World War I entering its third year, a controversial U.S. military expedition against Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa brings the neutral United States closer to war itself, when Mexican government troops attack U.S. Brigadier General John J. Pershing's force at Carrizal, Mexico.

June 22 - Germans resume their offensive near Verdun, targeting Fort Souville which overlooks the city and the Meuse bridges. Using poisonous phosgene gas at the start of the attack, they initially take the village of Fleury just two miles north of Verdun, but further advance southward is halted by a strong French counter-attack. Verdun has now become a battle of attrition for both sides with a death toll already approaching 500,000 men.

June 27 - The Greek Government orders a general demobilisation of its forces.

1917

June 26 - The first 14,000 U.S. infantry troops land in France at the port of Saint Nazaire. The landing site had been kept secret because of the menace of German submarines, but by the time the Americans line up to take their first salute on French soil, an enthusiastic crowd has gathered to welcome them. However, the "Doughboys," as the British referred to the green American troops, are untrained, ill-equipped, and far from ready for the difficulties of fighting along the Western Front.

1918

June 23 - British Expeditionary Forces "Syren" and "Elope" join the North Russian Expeditionary Force at Murmansk.

World War II**1940**

June 23 - Adolf Hitler surveys notable sites in Paris, now German-occupied territory.

June 26 - Turkey announces neutrality in the widening world war.

1941

June 22 - More than 3 million German troops invade Russia in three parallel offensives, in what is the most powerful invasion force in history. Nineteen Panzer divisions, 3,000 tanks, 2,500 aircraft, and 7,000 artillery pieces pour across a thousand-mile front as Hitler goes to war on a second front.

June 23 - The German 6th Panzer Division encounters Soviet KV tanks for the first time at the Dubysa River in Lithuania. German Gen. Georg-Hans Reinhard is surprised to learn that the Soviet military possess such a heavy tank, especially after learning that some German 105-millimeter shells are bouncing off the thick armor, and that some KV tanks had reportedly crushed German vehicles and guns by driving over them.

1942

June 21 - Gen. Erwin Rommel turns his assault on the British-Allied garrison at Tobruk, Libya, into victory, as his Panzer division occupies the North African port. Rommel takes more than 30,000 prisoners, 2,000 vehicles, 2,000 tons of fuel, and 5,000 tons of rations. Adolf Hitler awards Rommel the field marshal's baton as reward for his victory.

1943

June 25 - As part of the preparation for the invasion of Sicily, Italy (Operation Husky) some 130 American B-17 bombers from the Northwest African Tactical Air Force drop more than 300 tons of bombs on Messina, Italy.

June 26 - 11 B-17 bombers attack Rabaul, New Britain before dawn. A J1N nightfighter (pilot Senior Flight Petty Officer Shigetoshi Kudo, observer Warrant Officer Michitaro Ichikawa) shoot down B-17F bomber "Taxpayer's Pride" and B-17E bomber "Naughty But Nice", which makes Shigetoshi Kudo the first Japanese nightfighter ace.

1944

June 27 - The Allies capture the fortified town and port of Cherbourg, in northwest France, freeing it from German occupation. Hitler had for all intents and purposes anticipated his own defeat when, in contrast with the analysis of his advisers, he accurately predicted that the D-Day invasion would be focused on Normandy.

1945

June 24 - Soviet troops parade past Red Square in celebration of their victory over Germany. As drums roll, 200 Soldiers perform a familiar ritual: They throw 200 German military banners at the foot of the Lenin Mausoleum. A little over 130 years earlier, victorious Russian troops threw Napoleon's banners at the feet of Czar Alexander I.

Next week in World War history is compiled from various sources by Keith Houin, USAG Benelux public affairs.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

June 19

- **3 Star Recreation Night** - From 5:30 to 11 p.m. at the 3 Star Lounge for games, cards, music and movies. Snacks and beverages are available for purchase.

June 23

- **Toddler 411 & Positive Parenting** - From 5:30 to 11 p.m. at the USAG Benelux-Brussels Child Development Center. Join the ACS New Parent Support Program and other parents in a learning group that will share and discuss topics related to toddlerhood. Discussion topics will include managing challenging behavior, understanding your toddler's needs and style of communication, and positive parenting. To register, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian +32 (0)2717-9783.

June 25

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy a Taco Bar at the 3 Star Lounge from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Enroll now

- **CYSS Soccer Season** - Enrollment is open **until July 3** for the September-to-October soccer season. Open to all U.S./NATO ID card-holders. Cost is \$20 for 3- to 5-year-olds and \$40 for 6- to 15-year-olds. Your child must be registered with CYSS and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. For more information, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.
- **CYSS Flag Football** - Enrollment is open **until July 3** for fall flag football. Practice will start Sept. 19. The program is for youths ages 10 to 15 registered with CYSS and with a valid health assessment. Cost: \$40. For more information, call DSN 364-4195 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5264195.

Register now

- **Summer Camp** - Discover Europe with the CYSS School Age Center and Youth Center Summer Camps **June 22 through August 14**. Eight fun-filled weeks of arts and craft projects, imaginative indoor activities, outrageous outdoor sports and games, cultural exploration and high-octane field trips. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders for youth that have completed 1st through 12th grade. Camp placement based on grade attended during 2014-15 school year. For more information, call DSN 364-3121/2023 or civilian +31(0)45 526-3121/2023.

June 19

- **Cosmic Bowling** - Glow in the dark bowling from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Schinnen Bowling Center. For more information, call DSN 360-7207 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437207.

June 23-24

- **The New Parent Support Home Visitor** based at SHAPE, Belgium will be in Schinnen & Brunssum. If you are interested in classes, materials, home visits, support or education regarding topics on pregnancy, newborns or toddlers contact ACS at DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437500. The New Parent Support Program is currently transitioning its classes and program to better meet the needs of the community.

June 24

- **Toddler 411 & Positive Parenting** - From 5:30 to 11 p.m. at the USAG Benelux-Brussels Child Development Center. Join the ACS New Parent Support Program and other parents in a learning group that will share and discuss topics related to toddlerhood. Discussion topics will include managing challenging behavior, understanding your toddler's needs and style of communication, and positive parenting. For more information call DSN 360-7335/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437335/7500.
- **Ten Steps to a Federal Job** - From 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at ACS, Schinnen. Learn the steps to apply for a federal job including researching the hiring agencies, analyzing job announcements, understanding USAJobs, writing effective resumes, answering Questionnaires, and much more. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437269/7500.



SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Get tickets now

- **U.S. Army Ball** - Get your tickets now for the U.S. Army Ball to be held **June 27** from 6 p.m. until midnight at the SHAPE Club Ballroom. The guest speaker is Lt. Gen. John Nicholson, the commander of Allied Land Command. Tickets are €55 per person and include a meal and an event memento. Contact your unit ticket-sales representative. For USAG Benelux, call DSN 361-5587 or civilian 068-275587.

Register now

- **Registration open for Summer Theater Camp** - Children in third through ninth grades will bring the musical "HONK Jr." to the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre during Summer Theater Camp. HONK! is a musical adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen story "The Ugly Duckling." The book and lyrics are by Anthony Drewe, and music is by George Stiles. The theater camp session begins **June 29** and runs through Aug. 1. To find out more, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.
- **Registration open for Summer Reading** - At the SHAPE International and Chièvres libraries.
- **Registration open for 2015 Home Run Derby and Softball Skills Competition** to be held **July 4** at 10 a.m. on the softball field behind the Shape Health Clinic. The competition will be comprised of a home run derby, throw accuracy contest and base run relay. Register your 3-person team before **July 1** by calling DSN 423-3993 or civilian 065-443312.

June 19

- **Fun for Kids** - Held at the Chièvres Air Base Community Activities Center. Movie starts at 4:30 p.m. in at the Library. Bouncy castles are open from 5 to 8 p.m.

June 26

- **No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament**- Registration begins at 5 p.m. at the SHAPE Events Centre. Tournament begins at 6 p.m. Top four finishers will receive prizes. Proceeds go toward the Air Force/Navy Ball. For more information call DSN 423-3577 or civilian 065-443577.

June 26 and 27

- **SHAPE Music Festival**- Featuring L.A. Vation, Mystic Roots, DJ Pille-Palle, a Battle of the Bands and more at the SHAPE Fest Tent. Music starts at 4 p.m. June 26 and 1 p.m. June 27.



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 Originele 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

Garden an oasis in downtown Leuven

Story and photos by Tim Clark
USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Visit an oasis in the middle of a bustling city. Leuven Botanical Garden may be small but it is a delightful place to visit.

One of the oldest in Belgium, it was created in 1738 by the University of Leuven as an herbal garden for medical students to do scientific research. The garden moved to its present location in 1819. In 1835 the garden was donated to the city of Leuven.

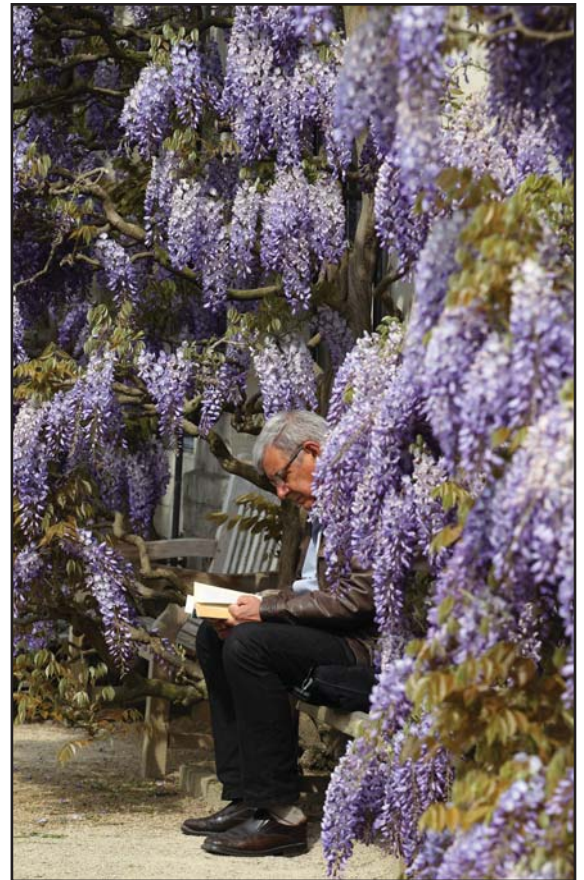
You will find an extensive collection of trees, herbs and

flowers there. A greenhouse complex showcases tropical and subtropical plants.

Besides learning about the scientific and educational value of the plants, visitors can take in the picturesque beauty of the place and read a book, snap some photos or just relax and enjoy the view. Well laid out and easily accessible for wheelchairs and children's strollers Leuven Botanical Garden is designed to be a place for everyone to enjoy.



For your GPS:
Kapucijnenvoer 30
Leuven 3000
From:
Mons: 93 km
Brussels: 29 km
Schinnen: 94 km



Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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- **Somme Battlefield and Peronne Museum, June 20**
- **Phantasia Land, Bruehl, Germany, June 27**
- **Pamplona Running of the Bulls, July 6 to 9**
- **Disney Paris, July 15**
- **Dolfinarium in Harderwijk, the Netherlands, July 23**
- **Prague with Heidelberg & Nuremberg, July 26 to 29 (Register by June 26.)**
- **Bluewater Mall, July 31**
- **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**
- **Wurstmarkt in Bad Dürkheim, Sept. 19**
- **Alsace Wine Route, Oct. 10-11**
- **Thailand, Dec. 20 to Jan. 2, 2016 (Register by June 20)**

SHAPE Travel Group - Tel: 0470-876369.

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

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- **Canoeing and Biking, June 27**
- **D-Day landing beaches, July 17-20**
- **Dutch Day, July 31**
- **Bernkastel-Kues, Germany: Wine Festival, Sept. 5**
- **National Liberation Museum 44-45, Sept. 26**
- **NFL Games, Book your tickets now for Oct. 3 to 5, Oct. 24 to 26 and Oct. 31 to Nov. 2.**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

June 20

- **Music Fest in Nimy (blues and country)** - At the town hall starting at 7 p.m. with two bands (Co and Co Blues Band and Jake Marlin) Free entrance. Barbecue and drinks available for purchase.



- **Flea market in Nimy (120 booths)** - On Place de Nimy from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Soignies (50 booths)** - On Rue de la Station from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Woluwe-Saint-Lambert (400 booths)** - Between Avenue Georges-Henry and Avenue Paul Hymans from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea market in Anderlecht (100 booths)** - On Place Bizet and Chaussée de Mons from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market in Evere (500 booths)** - On Avenue H. Conscience and Avenue Notre Dame from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

June 20 and 21

- **Music Fest in Ath** - Saturday: "Rock in the Park" as of noon in the park behind the city offices; concert as of 7 p.m. on Place Ernest Cambier and acoustic concert also at 7 p.m. at the Palace on the square. Sunday: As of 11 a.m. concert by the local bands at "Maison des Géants" in Mainvault and at 3 p.m. "Soul à Beniau" on the Ath square.
- **Hay fest in Montignies-lez-Lens** - Saturday: As of 1 p.m., gymkhana as in the old days, as of 9 p.m., musical entertainment. Sunday: As of 11 a.m., demonstrations on how hay was harvested in the old days. Event is held at the fest tent on Rue du Quesniau. No entrance fee.
- **Flea market in Laeken (600 booths)** - On Avenue Houba de Strooper from Parc Clémentine to the stadium from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Wavre (130 booths)** - On Rue de Namur from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

June 21

- **Visit Soignies on a horse carriage** - Ride will go through the historical center. Registration is mandatory at the Soignies Tourist Office, 067/347376 or tourisme@soignies.be. Departs from Place Verte at 2:30 p.m. Cost is €15.
- **Ladies Sunday in Ruisbroek** - A fun afternoon for women of all ages. It has stands with decorations, beauty, drinks and lots more. The first 50 visitors will receive a goodie bag. Location is Familleheem Puurs on Gasthuisdreef 2 and entry is €1.



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

June 18-21

- **Festival Classique in The Hague** - Offers concerts at various locations in the city. It has special programs, festive stages, inspiring concerts and lots more. For more information go to <http://www.festivalclassique.nl>.

June 19

- **Volksmarch in Horn** for 5, 10 or 16 km - Departs from De Pannekoek from 3 to 5 p.m.

June 20

- **Evening volksmarch in Stevensweert** for 5.5 km - Departs from Bilt 3 from 10:30 to 11 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Panningen (Peel en Maas)** for 5, 10, 15, 25 or 40 km - Departs from Wilhelminaplein from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. for the 40 km route; 7:30 to 10 a.m. for the 25 km route; 8:30 a.m. to noon for the 15 km route; 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 10 km route and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 5 km route. Participating fee is €3.
- **'Our Musical Gathering' in Kronenberg** - Two podiums offer music from local and national top DJ's (House, trap and EDM but also music from the 90s until now). On Schrofvenweg 1 starting at 1 p.m. and until 1 a.m. Entrance fee is €27.50.

June 20 and 21

- **Medieval Knights' Spectacle in Dordrecht** at Baanhoekweg with re-enactments, old crafts demonstrations, archery, market, medieval entertainment and more. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is €11; children (4-12) €5.
- **The 'MP Feesten' Geleen** is an annual city fest held on the market square in the center of town with on Saturday a 90's party and on Sunday a varied Burgundian fest day with lots of food, big bands and other entertainment.
- **Santa Fe Event in Overloon** is located in the forest around World War II Museum Overloon at Museumpark 1 and it has more than 150 army vehicles on display; a large military camp; a market with all kind of military accessories, helmets, medals etc; re-enactments and more. Open both days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is €15; children (4-12) €7.50.



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June 21 Continued

- **Book, CD, DVD and computer games fair in Enghien** - At the Collège Saint Augustin on Pavé de Soignies from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Flea market in Frameries (150 booths)** - On Rue des Alliés and neighboring streets from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Jemappes (200 booths)** - On Avenue Maréchal Foch from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Uccle (400 booths)** - On Chaussée de Waterloo from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Ecaussines-d'Enghien** for 20 km - Departs from Rue Jean Jaures 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Blaton** for 15, 25, 35, 45, 55 or 65 km. Departs from the church at 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Participating fee is €5.
- **Volksmarch in Ecaussines-d'Enghien** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km - Departs from Rue Jean Jaures 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Woluwe-Saint-Pierre** for 5, 10 or 20 km - Departs from the museum on Avenue de Ter-vueren 364B from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Hoves** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km - Departs from Place de Hoves 11 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Wavre** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km - Departs from Rue du Calvaire 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Mons** for 4, 7, 13, 20, 30 or 40 km - Departs from the Mons Expo on Avenue Thomas Edison, 2 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Small participating fee.
- **First 100% free market in Tongre-Notre-Dame (Chièvres)** - From 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., drop off the items you don't need anymore; from 2 to 6 p.m., whether you dropped off items or not, take whatever item you want for free. At the Cultural Center on Rue du Canal, 1.
- **13th Jogging in Jurbise (10.7 km)** - From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the city park on Rue du Moustier 8. Registration is €5 and opens at 8:30 a.m. For additional information go to <http://www.defi13.be>.
- **Oldtimers rallye in Jurbise** - Departs at 5:30 p.m. from the city hall on Rue du Moustier 8.



June 26-27 - Get your tickets now

- **First Chièvres Electronic Music Festival "Chièvres on Air"** - The first edition of Chièvres on Air with international artists and young Belgian talents will be held on the Chièvres square. Entrance is €28 for one day or €35 for a two day pass. For information, check <http://www.chievresonair.be>.



June 20 and 21 continued

- **The Art of Living Fair Ramage, Germany** in the center of town is a unique combination of Art: a market like the ones in the Provence in France; Mediterranean gastronomy and of music and dance.
- **Summer Curiosa Fair in Medemblik** held in and around Castle Radboud on Oudevaartsgat. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is €3.50.
- **Scottish Festival in Xanten, Germany** with Highland games, bagpipers, bands, live music and more at Wiesen am Ostwall. Admission is €6.
- **The Midsummer Fair in Zeijen** at De Oranjerie on Noorderstraat has lots to offer concerning home decorating, accessories, garden and lifestyle. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is €3.

June 21 (Farthers' day in the Netherlands and in the United States)

- **Flea market in Horst** - All kinds of items will be offered for sale from some 400 car trunks from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Kasteelpark Ter Horst on Peeldijkje 1. Entrance fee is €2.50, children up to 12 years get in free of charge.
- **Flea marking in Reuver** - On Bergerhofweg 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entrance fee is €2. Children under 12 years get in free of charge.

June 21 and 28

- **Antique & curiosa market in Roermond** - Market is held at Kloosterwandplein in the center of town from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 22

- **Large Antique & Curiosa Market in Bemelen** held in the old center and surrounding farm courtyards from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 25-27:

- **Dutch TT in Assen** - International motor races at TT Circuit. For more information visit www.ttcircuit.com.

June 25-July 14

- **At the Gallic Town in Liège, Belgium** on Place Saint Paul about 40 chalets/stands offer their local products such as ham on the bone, spit-roasted ham, paella, grilled fillet of duck, Savoyard tart, home-made ravioli, wine, beer, cocktails, brandy and lots more. The covered terraces allow consuming on the spot.

Through Sept. 4

- **Alkmaar cheese market.** Cheese has been weighed in Alkmaar since 1593. Cheese carriers carry thousands of kilos of cheese from 'Waagplein' square to the weighing house. They can be seen in action every Friday between 10 a.m. and noon until the first Friday of September.

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