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Benelux news briefs

AFCU now hiring

Andrews Federal Credit Union has openings for full and part-time positions at the Chièvres and Brussels branches. Visit the AFCU website at <http://www.andrewsfcu.org> for listings.

AAFES has job opening

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Postal Services

Postal operations at Brunssum will relocate to the Schinnen Postal Service Center June 8 through August 10. Brunssum customers may pick up their mail at Schinnen Mondays from 8 a.m to 5 p.m., and Tuesdays through Fridays from 8 a.m. 6 p.m.

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.

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Andy Daie, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Department of Emergency Services shows a student from Lens how a fire-hose works. The children were visitors to the Safety Stand Down on Chièvres Air Base Thursday, May 28, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

Volunteers band base kestrels for monitoring



Bird experts Thierry Votquenne (left) and Didier Kint, volunteers for the Belgian non-profit Noctua, band kestrel chicks, one of the protected species of birds nesting on Chièvres Air Base Tuesday, June 2, 2015. Banding is a universal and indispensable technique for studying the movement, survival and behavior of birds. Bird banding data is useful in both research and management projects. Individual identification of birds makes possible studies of dispersal and migration, behavior and social structure, life-span and survival rate, reproductive success and population growth. (U.S. Army photos by Tim Clark)

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Travel moratorium, advisory issued from EUCOM

Special to the Gazette

The G7 Summit, an annual meeting of heads of state from seven leading industrial nations, will be held June 7-8 near Klais, Germany, which is about 12 miles from Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

U.S. European Command has issued a travel moratorium for Department of Defense personnel on non-mission essential travel to areas where demonstrations are planned in Munich today and in Garmisch June 7-8, according to a May 28 EUCOM memorandum.

U.S. Army Europe announced travel restrictions for Department of Defense personnel in areas where G7 Summit demonstrations are scheduled to be held.

- Demonstrations are scheduled to take place today in the downtown pedestrian zone of Munich with as many as 10,000 participants.

- Demonstrations are planned for June 6 in Garmisch-Partenkirchen with 5,000-10,000 expected participants.

- Additionally, daytime protests are scheduled today through June 8 at the train stations in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Klais, and Mittenwald.

There will be very little, if any, lodging available in the Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Mittenwald communities through

June 10, including the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort.

Additionally, thousands of protestors are expected to demonstrate in downtown Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Mittenwald in the days leading up to, during and a day or two after the summit, resulting in potential road closures, travel delays and heightened security measures.

Those traveling in the area must have proper identification on them and need to expect police checkpoints. Also, there will be border controls implemented at Scharnitz and Griesen.

People who are making vacation plans are encouraged to delay their stay until at least two or three days after the summit ends.

Also, U.S. service members, civilian employees, family members and retirees are encouraged to lower their personal profiles if they still plan on visiting the area during the summit timeframe.

At a minimum, DOD personnel in the area will most likely experience road closures, travel delays and heightened security measures.

And please remember to maintain awareness of your surroundings and avoid situations where you may be isolated or caught up in protests that have the potential to turn violent.



Arlette Durieux (left), secretary to the Command Group U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, in a 17th century costume, holds the coat of arms of Sainte Waudru during the historic procession held in Mons, Sunday, May 31. The procession is one of the most significant part of the Mons Doudou Festival during which the relics of Sainte Waudru are being shown as the procession goes through town with more than a thousand role-players. (Photo by Patrick Ferriol)

May is Asian-American Pacific Islander Heritage month

By Tim Clark

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

"With courage, grit, and an abiding belief in American ideals, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have challenged our Nation to be better."

—President Barack Obama

In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian-Pacific Islander American Heritage Month was signed into law. Asian-Pacific Islander American Heritage Month is a celebration of the culture, traditions and history of Asia- Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States. The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

AFNorth and USAG Benelux's observance of Asian-American Pacific Islander Heritage Month was held May 27 at the chapel on SHAPE. A musical performance by Efren Bugay kicked off the event.

"Embrace diversity: It's the strength of the Army," said AFNORTH Battalion commander Lt. Col. Michael Minaudo in his introduction of guest speaker Lt. Col Robert Kam, a civil-military analyst at the SHAPE Comprehensive Crisis Operations Management Center, or CCOMC.

"Today we celebrate the cultural traditions, ancestry and unique experiences represented among more than 56 ethnic groups speaking over 100 languages from Asia and the Pacific Islands who live in the United States," Kam said. His presentation covered the role played by a few of the many Asian-American and Pacific Islanders who helped shape this nation.

Florence Smith Finch was the daughter of an American

Soldier and a Filipino mother. As a part of the resistance movement during WWII she smuggled food, medicine and supplies to American captives. Arrested by the Japanese, she was later liberated by American Forces. After returning home she enlisted in the Coast Guard. At the end of the war, she was awarded the civilian U.S. Medal of Freedom.

Many Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders have distinguished themselves on the field of battle – the most famous of whom come from WWII's most highly decorated unit.

Hawaii's 100th Infantry Battalion was a segregated unit due to a general distrust of Japanese-Americans after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The members of the 100th distinguished themselves in training, including two Soldiers earning the Soldier's Medal and two earning the Legion of Merit. The 100th Inf Bn became a charter member of the newly formed Japanese-American unit announced by President Franklin D. Roosevelt Feb. 1, 1943 – the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Because of its close associations with the 100th, the 442nd adopted the 100th's motto, "Go for Broke."

Drafted into the U.S. Army in 1941, Shizuya Hayashi was Nisei, a second-generation Japanese-American in the 100th. In November 1943 as a private first class Hayashi was awarded the Army's second-highest decoration, the Distinguished Service Cross. He was later presented the Medal of Honor by President Bill Clinton which he did not get due to the discrimination that existed at the time, Kam said.

Young Oak Kim a Korean-American from Los Angeles, fought in WWII with the 442 RCT. His heroic combat actions earned him the Medal of Honor. He served 30 years and rose to the rank of colonel before retiring as the most decorated Asian-American in the U.S. military.

Retired Gen. Eric Shinseki was the first Asian American four-star general. He served as Army Chief of Staff from 1999-2003.

"We are not American by birth but by choice, however when it comes to defending our great nation and the constitution we won't take a back seat to anybody," said Brig. Gen. Viet Luong, the first Vietnamese-American general.

"Our nation draws her strength from those who serve today. Those who serve are a part of an unbroken chain linking Americans, generation to generation," said Adm. Harry Harris Jr. the first Asian-American to head the Pacific Fleet in a speech before members of the 442nd regiment.

Tulsi Gabbard, the United States representative for Hawaii's second congressional district, became the first Hindu and the first female of Samoan ancestry to become a member of Congress in 2013

"This observance gives us the opportunity to honor and celebrate the rich diversity, leadership and enduring empowerment of all Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders and Native Hawaiians, and their dedicated service and contributions to the betterment of our nation," Kam said.



Bastogne honors veterans



At a Memorial Day ceremony, May 29, 2015, in Bastogne, state flags circle the top of Marsasson Memorial, built to honor the 76,800 Americans who were killed or wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. (U.S. Army Photos by Tim Clark.)



Staff Sgt. John Webb, Sgt. Joseph Quirarte, Spc. Edward Chambers, Sgt. Devlin Trefethen of USAG Benelux and Adjutant Chef Stephane Lemaire of the Belgian Army march past the Marsasson Memorial.



(Above) Medals were worn with pride. (below) U.S. Ambassador to Belgium Denise Campbell Bauer lays a wreath.



WW II veteran Maurice Sperandieu attended the ceremony.



Carl Hale, commander of American Legion Post #1, Paris, wipes away a tear after laying a wreath.



A new memorial, created by Robert Remacle, was unveiled at Bois Jacques, near Bastogne. The memorial honors the courage and heroism of the American Soldiers who fought here during unusually violent fighting.

Safety Stand-Down Day a success



U.S. Army Department of Emergency Services fireman Didier Niset shows visiting children from Lens how a fire hose works. (U.S. Army Photos by Tim Clark.)



Pfc. Dazmond Johnson tries the crash-test simulator while pretending to be on the phone.



Sgt. Omar Cabrera tests his skills while wearing the "drunk goggles".



A demonstration on hazardous materials by civil protection authorities drew a crowd.

Schinnen host Safety Day and Block Party

U.S. Army Garrison Benelux-Schinnen will host Safety Day June 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Activity

- Safety Day opening
- Fire extinguisher training/briefing
- GHS Training
- Blood-borne Pathogens
- Experience drunk driving
- Large DPW Equipment Display
- Rollover vehicle
- Safety/EM/DES/ACS/ASAP information table

Time

- 8:30 a.m.
- 9-10:30 a.m.
- 9-10 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. -noon
- 9:30 a.m.-1200
- 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 09 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location

- Community Activity Center (Bldg 38)
- Building 3, Classroom
- Building 3, Classroom
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- Parking Behind HQ
- Parking behind HQ
- Parking Behind HQ
- Pavilion

A Block Party with BBQ, games competition, and inflatable's will be held in the Picnic pavilion area after the safety events. In addition, a special high wire performance act will be part of the BOSS Block Party. Geschwister Weisheit will give a performance on the Schinnen North Parking lot area June 10 at 2 p.m.

Founded in 1900 by Friedrich Wilhelm Weisheit, The Germany-based, Geschwister Weisheit high wire troupe features three generations of aerial artists who in addition to performing classical high wire artistry, incorporate sway poles, ropes, motorbikes and formula racing cars into their repertoire. The troupe has continually developed and refined their show by integrating new, innovative, technology and, as a result, has achieved a level of excellence that is unrivaled in Europe.

Recognized as world-class performers, The Geschwister Weisheit show features masts, lasers and acrobats airborne on a high wire with bicycles, unicycles, and pyramids. Many



of their acts are unique worldwide. Currently they are the only aerial act to be performed in the open air. The show includes the legendary five-person pyramid, the no net or balance pole steep ropewalk, the renowned one-arm hand-stand on a swaying steel pole, the motorcycle show, and the racing car on a rope.

Belgian-American social offers chance to make new friends

Belgian American Contact is organizing its Premier Community Social for Belgians and Americans to meet and socialize at Café Au Faubourg at Grand' Rue 24 in Chièvres June 5 at 5 p.m.

Belgian American Contact is an informal initiative to bring Belgian and American families or individuals together to promote greater interaction, understanding and friendship.

Interested people should register so that organizers will know how many people to expect at the social gathering. Belgians and Americans who make contact at the gathering will decide on any future events, such as sharing a meal, to help establish a friendship.

A group social gathering will be held in a local business establishment where new contacts will be made.

To obtain more information and to register, contact the USAG Benelux Public Affairs office at DSN 361-5964 or civilian 068-275694.

Toll-free suicide hotline now available overseas

Americans stationed all over Europe can now use a toll-free number to connect to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Military Crisis Line.

Most active-duty military, civilians, family members and contractors can reach the lifeline by dialing this toll-free European number: 00800-1273-TALK (8255).

The lifeline can also be reached from any Army

garrison DSN phone at DSN 118.

The telephone number can be dialed from fixed-line telephones as well as most cell phones in Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

Anyone calling the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Military Crisis Line can speak confidentially with a trained Master's Level crisis counselor.

Suicide hotline
DSN 118 (*2118 from SHAPE)
or the toll-free number

240 years of commitment, service to the nation

Army News Service

As the Army's 240th birthday approaches we take time to reflect on its creation under fire. When the American Revolutionary War broke out in 1775, the original 13 colonies did not have a shared army, but instead, a collection of independent colonial militias.

The first battles of the war were fought April 19, 1775, in Middlesex County, Mass., by patriots of the Massachusetts militia. They were the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the first hostilities between the colonies and Great Britain.

As British troops moved back across Massachusetts toward Boston, colonial militia from around New England began massing around the city. Within days, thousands of militia members under the leadership of Artemas Ward of Massachusetts had Boston under siege.

By May 10, just weeks after hostilities began in Massachusetts, the Second Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia. On the agenda: creating a common army to defend the colonies.

On June 14, the Congress approved the creation of that army, the Continental Army. The new force was made of those militiamen already gathered outside Boston, some 22,000 of them, plus those in New York, about 5,000.

The following day, the 15th, the Congress named George Washington as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, and named Ward his second in command the following day.

The Congress also resolved to form a committee "to bring in a draft of rules and regulations for the government of the Army," and voted \$2 million to support the forces around Boston, and those in New York City.

Congress authorized the formation of 10 companies of expert riflemen from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, which were directed to march to Boston to support the New England militia. These were the first troops Congress agreed to pay from its own funds, and the units later became the 1st Continental Regiment. (John R. Maass of the U.S. Army Center for Military History contributed to this article).

Cut down on alcohol to cut hidden calories

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Limiting or eliminating your alcohol intake can help you avoid putting yourself and others in harm's way, getting a ticket and suffering the career repercussions from driving under the influence. However, that's just one reason to curtail consumption. Cutting down on alcoholic beverages also means cutting calories.

Many service members, Department of Defense civilians and their family members are trying to get fit and/or stay fit, and choosing beverages that contain little or no alcohol is one way to do that, said Angela Wainwright of the USAG Benelux Army Substance Abuse Program.

Alcohol also supplies more calories per gram than most regular foods and drinks: 7 calories per gram for alcohol versus 4 calories per gram for carbohydrates and proteins, according to Washington State University's Alcohol and Drug Counseling, Assessment and Prevention Services website at <http://adcaps.wsu.edu/alcohol101/alcohol,-nutrition,-healthy-eating> (Fat is 9 calories per gram).

Getting rid of that 'beer gut'

When the body uses the easily accessible energy available from alcohol, the body needs less energy from other sources so it will be stored as body fat instead, resulting in weight gain, the website said. Metabolizing alcohol also uses up essential nutrients, which must be obtained in sufficient amounts from food, so don't cut calories from a healthy food intake to compensate for the extra calories you want to take in from drinking.

Cutting down on alcohol forces your body to use more of the energy available from food and nonalcoholic beverages with less stored as fat.

The ASAP display at the May 28 USAG Benelux Safety Day at the Chièvres Community Activities Center included



glasses depicting the following:

Energy Drink and Vodka: 10 ounces, 210 calories, 28 grams carbohydrates, 14 grams alcohol.

Beer: 12 ounces, 150 calories, 12 grams carbohydrates, 14 grams alcohol.

Margarita: 12 ounces, 550 calories, 72 grams carbohydrates, 38 grams alcohol.

Rum and Coke: 6.5 ounces, 160 calories, 16 grams carbohydrates, 14 grams alcohol.

Wine cooler: 12 ounces, 220 calories, 34 grams carbohydrates, 12 grams alcohol.

Cosmopolitan: 4 ounces, 210 calories, 13 grams carbohydrates, 23 grams alcohol.

Trenches to Foxholes**Next week in World War history (June 7 to 13)****World War I****1915**

June 9 - United States Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan resigns due to his concerns over President Woodrow Wilson's handling of the crisis generated by a German submarine's sinking of the British cruiser *Lusitania*, in which 1,201 people—including 128 Americans—died.

June 12 - After pausing to regroup, Austro-German troops resume their offensive in Galicia on the Eastern Front. Within five days, they break through the Russian lines and push the Russian 3rd and 8th Armies further eastward. Russian casualties soon surpass 400,000.

1916

June 8 - The British occupy Bismarckburg and the Belgians occupy Usumbara (German East Africa).

1917

June 7 - the British 2nd Army, led by Herbert Plumer, scores a crushing victory over the Germans at Messines Ridge in northern France, marking the successful prelude to an Allied offensive designed to break the grinding stalemate on the Western Front in World War I.

June 8 - early in the fourth summer of World War I, British Prime Minister David Lloyd George calls an emergency meeting of his War Cabinet in London to discuss plans for an upcoming British offensive against the Germans on the Western Front.

June 10 - Italian troops launch a renewed assault on Austro-Hungarian positions in the mountains of the Trentino region in northern Italy, on the border with Austria.

June 12 - King Constantine I of Greece, the foremost champion of Greek neutrality during World War I, abdicates his throne in the face of pressure from Britain and France and internal opponents—most notably Prime Minister Eleutherios Venizelos—who favors Greece's entrance into the war on the side of the Allies.

As crown prince during the Balkan Wars of 1912-13, Constantine had led Greek troops to victory on the battlefield; he ascended to the throne in March 1913 upon the death of his father, George I. Educated in Germany and married to Sophia, a sister of Kaiser Wilhelm II, Constantine was naturally sympathetic to the Central Powers after the outbreak of World War I in the summer of 1914. For this reason, Constantine refused to honor Greece's obligation to support Serbia—its ally during both Balkan Wars—when the latter country was attacked by Bulgaria in 1914.

1918

June 7 - French and American forces capture Veuilly-la-Poterie and Vinly (west of Chateau-Thierry), Bouresches and Hill 204 (west of Chateau-Thierry).

June 8 - Georgia and Armenia sign peace treaties with Turkey.

June 9 - The Germans launch their fourth offensive with an eye toward Paris. In the hastily arranged Gneisenau Offensive the German 18th Army attacks in a southwest direction toward Paris.

World War II**1940**

June 10 - After withholding formal allegiance to either side in the battle between Germany and the Allies, Benito Mussolini, dictator of Italy, declares war on France and Great Britain. The Allied reaction to the declaration of war is swift: In London, all Italians who have lived in Britain less than 20 years and who are between the ages of 16 and 70 are interned. In America, the President broadcast on radio the promise of support for Britain and France.

June 11 - In response to Mussolini's declaration of war on England and France. Britain bombs targets within the cities of Genoa and Turin.

- In Africa, Italy had just bombed targets in the British-controlled Suez Canal territory, as well as the British-controlled island of Malta, in the Mediterranean. Britain retaliates with a raid on the Italian military installation in Eritrea.

June 12 - Fifty-four thousand British and French troops surrender to German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel at St. Valery-en-Caux, on the northern Channel border, as the Germans continue their gains in France. Even after the evacuation of Dunkirk by the British Expeditionary Force, tens of thousands of British and Allied troops remained in France. Overwhelmed by the German invaders, over 3,000 Allied troops attempt to escape by sea but are stopped by German artillery fire. Surrender is the order of the day; among those taken prisoner are 12 Allied generals.

1941

June 8 - British and Free French forces enter Syria and Lebanon in Operation Exporter.

1942

June 7 - Japanese soldiers occupy the American islands of Attu and Kiska, in the Aleutian Islands off Alaska, as the Axis power continues to expand its defensive perimeter. Having been defeated at the battle of Midway—stopped by the United States from even landing on the Midway Islands—the Japanese nevertheless prove successful in their invasion of the Aleutians, which had been American territory since purchased from Russia in 1867. Killing 25 American troops upon landing in Attu, the Japanese proceeded to relocate and intern the inhabitants, as well as those at Kiska. America would finally invade and recapture the Aleutians one year later—killing most of the 2,300 Japanese troops defending it—in three weeks of fighting.

1943

June 11 - After 10 days of bombing runs, Britain lands troops on the Italian island of Pantelleria, off the southern coast of Sicily, in Operation Corkscrew. The Italian garrisons surrenders upon orders from Mussolini, who would later deny the order when the Germans express outrage.

1944

June 13 - Germany launches 10 of its new V1 rockets against Britain from a position near the Channel coast. They prove to be less than devastating.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Adult CoEd Softball League** - The action starts at the Sterrebeek Annex Compound **June 15** from 7 to 10 p.m. and runs through end of season, July 29. Mondays and Wednesdays are game days. Coaches meeting will be held at Brussels Fitness Center **June 10** at 1 p.m. Open to all U.S. military, civilians, family members and Support Agreement personnel. Participation has been extended to NATO military and civilians employees on a space-available basis. To register, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

Through June 12

- **Rowing Regatta** - Brussels Fitness Center puts on this event during which the first competitor to row the equivalent of 100,000 meters wins a prize. Competitors may use the gear and vent setting of their choice, but neither may be changed during the race. Damper rings may not be used. To register, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

June 5

- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community at the 3 Star Lounge from 5:30 to 11 p.m. for games, cards, music and movies. Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

June 11

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy spaghetti & meatballs with Sausage Toscana Soup & Italian Bread at the 3 Star Lounge from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. Snack Menu: Crispy Chicken Tenders, Garlic Bread with Marinara, Daily Homemade Soup, Potato Wedges and more. Menu subject to change.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Enroll now

- **CYSS Soccer Season** - Enrollment is open 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 CYS Services 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 for fall flag football. Practice will start Sept. 19. The program is for youths ages 10 to 15 registered with CYS Services 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 US 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 5

- **Personal Financial Planning for Transition** - This training will be held at the Schinnen Army Community Service Conference Room in Building 39 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Personal Financial Planning for Transition will equip you and your family with financial-management resources and covers topics like budget creation, retirement, cost of living and relocation analysis as well as tax and legal considerations during and directly after transition. For more information or to register, contact ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437450/7500.

June 9 and 10

- **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.



SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY continued

June 10

- **Safety Stand Down** – See page 7.

June 11

- **The 5 Love Languages for Children** – The Family Advocacy Program/Victim Advocate offers this class at the Schinnen Army Community Service Conference Room from 1 to 3 p.m. Choose one of the two dates to learn about the 5 Love Languages for children, and add another tool to your parenting tool kit. If you want more information or wish to register, call DSN 360-7367 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437367.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Get tickets now

- **Encore presentation of SHAPE Players "Detachments"** - This mature-themed play will be performed at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre **June 11 to 13** at 7:30 p.m. The play is rated PG-13 for language. Admission: adults €16, students €9, children €7. To find out more, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.
- **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.

June 5

- **Belgian American Contact** - Read more about its first community social gathering on page 7.

June 7

- **SHAPE Summer Concert** - The Bruocsella Symphony Orchestra will perform at SHAPE Alliance Auditorium at 7 p.m. The SHAPE Band under the direction of David Miller will also perform. The highlight of the evening will be a tribute to the 1815 Battle of Waterloo. Contact DSN 423-8340/8341 or civilian 065-448340/8341 for details.

June 9

- **Living Debt-free** - If you've been thinking about it but just haven't had the skills to take action, attend this seminar offered by the Financial Readiness Program. Set a "debt-freedom" date, and learn how to make it happen at the SHAPE Army Community Service Training Room in Building 318 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. To register, contact SHAPE ACS at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

June 12

- **Healthy Lifestyle 5k run/walk** - The Chièvres Commissary will host a 5k run/walk at 1 p.m. After the run, there will be a cake cutting ceremony celebrating the Army's 240th birthday. For more information call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.

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

Visit iconic Holland windmills of Kinderdijk

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Mention Holland and the first thing most people think of is windmills. If you want to see windmills in Holland you should visit the mills of Kinderdijk.

Named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997, this group of watermills was constructed around 1740. A masterpiece of water management in a typical Dutch landscape, the mills were built to pump water out of the lowlands and back into the rivers beyond the dikes so the land could be farmed.

Rising up from the flat landscape like towers in a row, the 19 mills make up the largest concentration of old windmills in the Netherlands. A paved pathway makes for an easy walk or bike ride to view the mills up close. You can also take a boat tour on the canal and slowly float past these grand structures.

For your GPS: Kinderdijk 2961
the Netherlands
From:
Mons: 205 km
Brussels: 141 km
Schinnen: 183 km



Kinderdijk means childrens dike in Dutch. While it's always free to walk the pathways and view the mills, a museum on the site has a small fee.

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- **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 (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.

June 5

- **Social games night in Evere** - Come alone or with the family and play one of the many social games available at Taverne de l'Espace Toots on Rue E. Stuckens 125 from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Event is free of charge.
- **Orientation Trail in La Hulpe** - Event is from 5:30 until 7 p.m. You can choose among two distances: 3 or 6 km. Departure is from Parking de la Ferme du Château on Drève de la Ramée. Participating fee is €6 for adults; €3 for youth.

June 6

- **Jogging in Wavre for 12 or 5 km** - Fourth edition of this jogging through the woods and the fields starting at 3 p.m. at the sports center on Avenue du Centre Sportif 20. Participating fee is €6.
- **Volksmarch in Thuin for 4, 6, 12, 20 or 30 km** - Departs from the school on Drève des Alliés 11 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Small participating fee.
- **Flea market in Jette (200 booths)** - On Avenue de l'Exposition 257 from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Evere (300 booths)** - On Rue de Picardie, Rue Verdonck, Rue P. Alderson from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Koekelberg (200 booths)** - On Parvis de la Basilique from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea market in Watermael-Boitsfort (200 booths)** - On Place Payfa - Fosseppez from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Saint-Josse-Ten-Noode (300 booths)** - On Chaussée de Louvain and neighboring streets from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Flea market in Chapelle-lez-Herlaimont (390 booths)** - On Rue Solvay, 10 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Houdeng-Goegnies (100 booths)** - On the square from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Quevaucamps (100 booths)** - On Rue Joseph Wauters 60 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

June 6-7

- **Open house at the Soignies Fire Department** - Throughout the weekend: exchange fair and display. Parade on Sunday at 2 p.m. at Zone de Secours Hainaut Centre on Rue de la Senne 72 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

June 7

- **Pick your fruit and vegetables from the field in Wezembeek-Oppeem** - Some 30 different fruit and vegetables will be available to collect at "Le Potager de la Finca" on Parkstraat (Entrance through the bicycle trail) from 2 to 6 p.m. You only pay the fruit and vegetables that you picked.



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

June 4-7

- **Taste of Amsterdam in Amsterdam** is the most tasteful event held in Amstelpark and on Europa-boulevard. A selection of renowned restaurants represent themselves by means of culinary delicacies, while at the same time visitors can also taste and buy the many snacks and drinks at more than 100 stands. Open: June 4, 5 to 11 p.m.; June 5, 4 to 11 p.m.; June 6, noon to 11 p.m. and June 7, noon to 9 p.m. Admission is €15; children 16 and younger – no admission fee.

June 5-7

- **The Festival of Roses in Bad Honnef, Germany** - held in the center of town everything revolves around the rose but the highlight is without doubt the election of the Queen of Roses.

June 6

- **"Bunkerdag"** - Once a year on the anniversary of D-Day, several fortified structures along the Dutch coastline open their doors to the public. From the Dutch islands to Den Helder about 30 fortified structures, all part of the Atlantic Wall, can be visited. In for instance The Hague, Rijswijk, Katwijk, Hoek van Holland and Den Helder tours are given, there are walking paths and displays of historic material, films and re-enactments. All locations are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is €6; children 11 and younger €3. With one ticket you have admission to all the locations.
- **At the Bunnik Fair in Bunnik** held in the center of town you will find regional specialties as well as music, dance and songs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.
- **Antiques & Curiosa Fair in Koekange** held at the farm "De Winkel" on Dorpsstraat 68. The fair is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is €3; children 11 and younger – no admission fees.
- **Art Market in Leopoldsborg, Belgium** with glass, iron, mosaic, dolls, jewelry, paintings, ceramics and more at Cultureel Centrum on Kastanjedreef 1 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. No admission fee.
- **The "Bos" Fair in Rhenen** at Oude Veensegrindweg 55 is a fair with three themes: curiosa, lifestyle and food. The fair is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is €2.

June 6-7

- **Jazz Festival in Maastricht** in the streets and on the squares of the Jeker Quarter in the center of town. Open June 6 from 2 p.m. to midnight and June 7 from noon to 5 p.m. No admission fees.

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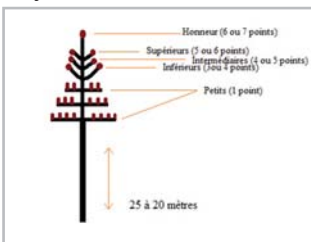


June 7 Continued

- **Repair Café in Soignies** - Every first Sunday of the month, bring your broken appliances and volunteer technicians will help you fix it free of charge from 2 to 6 p.m. on Rue Henri Leroy.
- **Archery on two vertical poles in Irchonwelz (Ath)** - During the local fest, you can try archery from 2:30 to 8 p.m. on Rue des Cu-reurs. Participating fee is €7.
- **Volksmarch in Casteau for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue de Lens 78 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Petit-Enghien for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the sports center on the square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Blaton for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue de Basècles 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Estinnes-au-Mont for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the soccer field on Rue Potier from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Braine-l'Alleud for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from the school on Chaussée de Mont-Saint-Jean 83 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 20 km route and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the 10 and 5 km routes. Small participating fee.
- **Flea market in Woluwe-Saint-Lambert (380 booths)** - On Rue des Déportés and neighboring streets from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Sirault (150 booths)** - On Rue Michel Dramaix from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Soignies (100 booths)** - On Chemin de l'Epinois from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Blaton (150 booths)** - On Rue des Vieux Fours, Placettes de l'Eglise from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Jemappes (200 booths)** - On Avenue maréchal Foch 873 from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Through June 21

- **Eddy Merckx/Jacky Ickx - The Exhibition in Brussels** - A 525-time winner, Eddy Merckx was the most successful cycle racer of all time, while Jacky Ickx's career was one of the richest and longest in the history of motor sport. In 2015, both celebrate 70th birthdays - and a long-term friendship. At the Brussels Trade Mart on Atomiumsquare 1, open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., except on Wednesdays.



June 6-7 continued

- **Food - A Taste of the "Heuvelrug"** Activities highlight the eating culture of the past - present - future from the "Heuvelrug" area at Landgoed (estate) Zuylestein in Leersum and Castle Amerongen in Amerongen. Open both days from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is €5. GPS address: Landgoed Zuylestein en Kasteel Amerongen, Rijksstraatweg 7-9, 3956 CH Leersum.
 - **During the Taste, Do and Enjoy Days in Heel** one will go on a nostalgic journey at Daelzicht on Heerbaan 96. There are demonstrations of old crafts, Dutch games and traditional delicacies. Open both days from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is €1.50.
- ## Through June 7
- **The Roncallis Historic Year Market at Aachen-Kornelimünster, Germany** is an annual event with many antique and art dealers, attractions, rides, entertainers and more. Open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 10 p.m.
 - **The Tong Tong Fair in The Hague** at Malieveld is the largest Eurasian festival in the world. The fair is layed out as a town: it has streets, squares, and theaters and is a combination of culture, fair and food with lots of entertainment. Admission on weekdays €13.50; in weekends €16.50; children 11 and younger €4.50.
 - **Un(n)a Festa Italia in Unna (GE)** is a large Italian festival held in the center of the city with music, shows and participants from Italy bringing many delicacies, wines and other goodies.

June 7

- **"Spullen & Smullen Eerlijk en Heerlijk" in Breda** is a lifestyle and cultural market held at Chassé Par. The market is open from noon to 10 p.m. No admission fees.
- **Summer Jazz Festival in Leiden** from 1 to 11 p.m. at De Leidse Hout on Houtlaan 1. Admission is €18.50.
- **Knights Training in Limbricht** at Castle Limbricht, Allee 1. Knights train in the courtyard of the castle. The knights of the Four Quarters invite children to come and learn what knights do and train with them. Open noon to 4 p.m. Participation and admission is free.
- **Regional Art Market in Susteren** is held near the historic church in the center of town from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 7/14/21/28

- **Small but attractive Antique & Curiosa Market in Roermond** is held at Kloosterwandplein in the center of town from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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