

THE GAZETTE

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Benelux news briefs

Battle of Waterloo

An additional 8,000 tickets are being made available for people to witness the historic re-enactment of the Battle of Waterloo on its bicentenary. For more information or if you wish to buy tickets, go to <https://www.waterloo2015.org/en>

Dutch, Belgian Holidays

May 14, Ascension Day, is national holiday both in Belgium and the Netherlands. Expect a lot of facilities and public services such as shops, banks, post offices, etc. to be closed.

Service closures

The following USAG Benelux-Schinnen offices will be closed May 14 for the Dutch National Holiday: Community Bank, CYSS, DPW/Housing and Library. The following will be closed May 14 and 15: HMCC and IACS.

AFCU, Fitness Center, Bowling Center, AAFES and Commissary have normal hours.

Chièvres PXtra and Main Exchange

Effective May 11, the PXtra will be closed on Mondays and the Main Exchange will open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Col. Marty Vannatter, Commander USAG Benelux and Craig L. Larsen, Director USAG Benelux DFMWR guide SES Michael D. Formica, Region Director, Installation Management Command - Europe Region (right) and Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, Commanding General, U.S. Army Europe (left) through the DFMWR facilities during a two-day visit of USAG Benelux installations, Wednesday, May 6, 2015. More to follow on this visit in next week's issue, May 15. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)



Black Hawks find new home

(Above) The two UH-60A Black Hawk helicopters formerly assigned to the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe Helicopter Flight Detachment fly to their new home base in Wiesbaden, Germany, after serving several dozen years, flying more than 10,000 hours in support of the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and many Senior NATO officials on Chièvres Air Base, Wednesday, April 29, 2015. • (Left) U.S. Army Sgt. Brandon Countryman, left, and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Christopher Scharff, respectively crew chief and pilot assigned to the 214th Aviation Regiment, inspect the engines and rotor of SHAPE 3, one of the two UH-60A Black Hawk helicopters formerly assigned to the deactivated Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe Helicopter Flight Detachment that their unit now controls, on Chièvres Air Base, Wednesday, April 29, 2015. (U.S. Army photos by Visual Information Specialist Pierre-Etienne Courtejoie)

Did you know that . . .

Army Emergency Relief was established at the beginning of World War II to meet the unmet need to provide emergency financial assistance to Soldiers?

AER relies on donations resulting from the annual awareness campaign. During the annual campaign, active duty and retired Soldiers are reminded of AER benefits, as well as given an opportunity to help take care of their fellow Soldiers.

Consider this: If every active duty Soldier donated just \$5 per month, AER would have more than \$29 million to respond to your needs.

www.aerhq.org



Long term host nation employee retires from the garrison



By Cis Spook
USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

(Picture top left) On behalf of the USAG Benelux commander, Joseph Manning, Deputy to the Garrison Commander, presents Philippe Leblon with a USAG Benelux coin as a token of appreciation for all Leblon has done over his 30 years with the U.S. Army. Thursday, April 30, 2015. (Picture top right) Chaplain (Col.) Bill Sager highlights Leblon's positive influence and care of the office and its people. (Picture middle) Sager presents Leblon with a pin for his 30 year long service in the Government of the United States of America. (Picture right) Pin for 30 years of service. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook)



Philippe Leblon, administrative support assistant with the Religious Services Office, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, retired after more than 30 years of service.

"The Lord wants us to serve with integrity, compassion and attention to detail; you have done all of that," said Chaplain (Maj.) Jim Combs during the retirement ceremony. "We have been able to depend on this man over the years, while dealing with dollars and people."

As a quiet professional, Leblon was a valuable asset in providing continuity for the USAG Benelux RSO community.

Leblon never said no when someone asked for help. If he didn't have an answer, he would simply say "I don't have an answer right now but let me get back to you."

"It is people like Philippe who make the Benelux what it is today," said Joseph Manning, Deputy to the Garrison Commander. "What was not mentioned today is that Philippe never took one day of sick leave in 31 year of service for the U.S. Government. That is the dedication and commitment of someone who loves his job."

Leblon was presented a Scroll of Honor Award by the Chief of Chaplains as well

as a certificate and a pin in recognition of 30 years of service in the Government of the United States of America.

Leblon started to work for the U.S. Air Force, Det 16, OL Brussels, May 2, 1984 as a procurement clerk-typing. He moved to the Chièvres Chaplains' office, August 4, 1985 as an accounting technician. He was promoted several times while continuing to work for the Chaplains' office until today.

Leblon will be enjoying his retirement in Beloeil, where he resides.

Community members joined the Chaplains' staff in wishing him good luck after the official retirement ceremony.

Brussels community puts the spotlights on volunteers

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill.

The Brussels community thanked its volunteers during a ceremony at the 3 Star Recreation Center Thursday, April 30, 2015. While all the volunteers were thanked for their selfless service, a special attention was given to five volunteers who stand out among their peers: the Military Volunteer of the Year Alexander Villa, the Youth Volunteer of the Year Patrick Hall, the Tender Heart Volunteer of the Year Ken Thurman, the Volunteer Organization of the year Boy Scouts of America Troop 45, and the Volunteer of the Year Joe Bautista.



(From left to right) Military volunteer of the year Alexander Villa receives his award from USAG Benelux-Brussels Deputy Garrison Manager Derrick Hood at the Brussels volunteer recognition ceremony, Thursday, April 30, 2015. Villa was recognized for his work as an official in flag football, volleyball and basketball. He also worked with mentoring children in teamwork and sportsmanship. • Youth volunteer of the year Patrick Hall receives the award for his work with the Boy Scouts of America, Brussels consignment shop, BAS athletic programs and BAS prom events. • Ken Thurman was named tender heart volunteer of the year. He earned his award as advisor and chef for the BAS parent teacher student organization. • Hood awarded the volunteer organization of the year to Boy Scouts of America Troop 457. Accepting the award for the troop are Carl Hale and Patrick Hall. Among their achievements were a community vegetable garden and the design and construction of an outdoor classroom gazebo at the Brussels American School. • Volunteer of the year Joe Bautista, a versatile volunteer who worked with Army Community Service, the Brussels Library, the Bas Booster club, Brussels American School the chapel and many more organizations. (U.S. Army photos by Tim Clark)



Mark your calendar: Chièvres' American Festival starts May 9



The inaugural Chièvres American Festival is set to kick off May 9 and run until May 17. Organized by the Chièvres Tourism office, the festival will honor Americans and build bridges between the Belgian and American populations in the community. The schedule is as follows:

May 9: WWII vintage-vehicle display at 4 p.m. in the city park; dinner at 6 p.m.; 1940s-themed ball at 8 p.m.

May 9 -17: Exhibition on the 70th Anniversary of liberation of the concentration camps. Open Monday through Thursday from 1 to 4:30 p.m., Friday from 1 to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 6 p.m.

May 13: Free gospel concert "Voices of Victory" choir at the St. Jean Chapel in Chièvres at 8 p.m. The chapel

can only hold 150 seats; therefore concert organizers recommend reserving seats by calling the Chièvres Tourist Office at 068-645961.

May 14: Fun fair on the Grand' Place (square).

May 15: Horseback-riding at 4 p.m. and demonstration by Belgian country dancers at 7 p.m. in the park; country-music concert by Jake Marlin at 9 p.m.

May 16: Fun fair on the square at noon; American sports demonstrations in the park from 2 to 6 p.m.; Harley Davidson gathering in the park at 4 p.m.; open-air movie screening in the park at 9 p.m.

May 17: American and Belgian booths in Rue St Jean and fun on the square. Displays about the American presidents and the history of Chièvres Air Base at the city hall. End of the festival with a fireworks display at night.

Trenches to Foxholes

Remember: VE Day, Wereth, Memorial Day ceremonies



VE Day:

- **Chièvres, May 8 at 6 p.m.**, at the monument near the city hall.
- **Bruglette, May 8 at 6 p.m.** at the monument near the church.
- **Ath, May 8 at 6:45 p.m.**, at the monument near the train station.

Wereth:

- **Saturday, May 16 at 11 a.m.**, U.S. Memorial Wereth in Amel (BE).

Memorial Day:

- **Saturday, May 23 at 10 a.m.**, Ardennes American Cemetery in Neuville-en-Condroz (BE).
- **Saturday, May 23 at 4 p.m.** Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Aubel (BE).
- **Saturday, May 23 at 2 p.m.**, Luxembourg American Cemetery in Luxembourg.
- **Sunday, May 24 at 3 p.m.**, Flanders Field American Cemetery in Waregem (BE).
- **Sunday, May 24 at 3 p.m.**, the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten (NL).
- **Friday, May 29 at 2:30 p.m.**, Memorial Day ceremony at Bastogne, at the Mardasson.



Schinnen community stands up against sexual harassment



Twenty-five community members took a stand against sexual harassment during a Denim Day Walk/Run held Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at USAG Benelux-Schinnen. From the 25 participants, 10 ran the 5 K while the rest walked. The walk/run was organized by the USAG Benelux-Schinnen Victim Advocate-Family Advocacy Program and gave participants the opportunity to actively engage in changing attitudes and allow for blaming victims of violence be they men, women, or children. Julie Hodge, USAG Benelux-Schinnen Victim Advocate said that "Denim Day is a violence prevention campaign that brings to light attitudes about sexual assault and victim blaming. The campaign was originally triggered by a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she must have helped her rapist remove

her jeans, thereby implying consent. The following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim. Peace Over Violence developed the Denim Day campaign in response to this case and the activism surrounding it. Since then, wearing jeans on Denim Day has become a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault."

(Clockwise) Julie Hodge on the left is having every participant sign their name on the participants list. • Participants show their enthusiasm during the Denim Day Walk/Run (Courtesy photos)



Trenches to Foxholes**Next week in World War history (May 10 to 16)****World War I****1915**

May 13 - Celebrated novelist Edith Wharton writes on May 13, 1915, from the town of Nancy, in the Argonne region of France. "Since leaving Paris yesterday we have passed through streets and streets of such murdered houses, through town after town spread out in its last writhings. And before the black holes that were homes, along the edge of the chasms that were streets, everywhere we have seen flowers and vegetables springing up in freshly raked and watered gardens"

May 11 - German forces evacuate Shavli in the Baltic provinces.

1916

May 14 - A lead article in the Times of London proclaims that an insufficiency of munitions is leading to defeat for Britain on the battlefields of World War I. The article sparked a genuine crisis on the home front, forcing the Liberal government to give way to a coalition and prompting the creation of a Ministry of Munitions.

May 15 - The Austrian army launches a major offensive operation against their Italian enemies on the Trentino front, in northern Italy.

1917

May 10 - Maj. Gen. John J. Pershing is appointed to command United States Expeditionary Force.

May 15 - German airship "L-22" is destroyed in North Sea by British warships.

- British Ace William George Sellar "Growler" Curphey is shot down by German ace Franz Walz of Jasta 2 while attacking a German balloon. Walz survives the war and goes on to be a member of the German Luftwaffe in WWII where he is captured by the Russians and dies in a prison camp.

1918

May 8 - German ace Emil Thuy gets his 20th aerial victory over Zillebeke Lake, Belgium. Later this year Thuy arrives at Chièvres where he gets his 34th and 35th aerial victories. Thuy survives the war but dies in an aircraft accident while training pilots for the Luftwaffe in 1930.

May 12 - The rulers of Germany and Austria-Hungary, Kaiser Wilhelm II and Emperor Karl I, meet to sign an agreement pledging their mutual allegiance and determining to share the economic benefits from their relationship with the newly independent state of Ukraine, one of the most fertile and prosperous regions of the former Russian Empire.

May 16 - the United States Congress passes the Sedition Act, a piece of legislation designed to protect America's participation in World War I. Aimed at socialists, pacifists and other anti-war activists, the Sedition Act imposed harsh penalties on anyone found guilty of making false statements that interfered with the prosecution of the war; insulting or abusing the U.S. government, the flag, the Constitution or the military; agitating against the production of necessary war materials; or advocating, teaching or defending any of these acts.

World War II**1940**

May 10 - Hitler begins his Western offensive with the radio code word "Danzig," sending his forces into Holland and Belgium. As British and French Allied forces attempt to meet the 136 German divisions breaking into Holland and Belgium on the ground, 2,500 German aircraft proceed to bomb airfields in Belgium, Holland, France, and Luxembourg, and 16,000 German airborne troops parachute into Rotterdam, Leiden, and The Hague. A hundred more German troops, employ air gliders, land and seize the Belgian bridges across the Albert Canal. The Dutch army is defeated in five days. One day after the invasion of Belgium, the garrison at Fort Eben-Emael surrenders, outmanned and outgunned by the Germans.

The Dutch and Belgian governments immediately appeal to Britain for help.

May 13 - As Winston Churchill takes the helm as Great Britain's new prime minister, he assures Parliament that his new policy will consist of nothing less than "to wage war, by sea, land and air, with all our might and with all the strength that God can give us; to wage war against a monstrous tyranny, never surpassed in the dark, lamentable catalogue of human crime."

1941

May 12 - Adolf Hitler sends two bombers to Iraq to support Rashid Ali al-Gailani in his revolt against Britain, which is trying to enforce a previously agreed upon Anglo-Iraqi alliance.

1942

May 15 - A bill establishing a women's corps in the U.S. Army becomes law, creating the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAACs) and granting women official military status.

1943

May 14 - U.S. and Great Britain chiefs of staff, meeting in Washington, D.C., approve and plot out Operation Pointblank, a joint bombing offensive to be mounted from British air bases.

May 16 - The British Royal Air Force sets into motion a plan to bomb key dams in order to flood the Ruhr region of Germany, while the German army pursues an anti-partisan sweep in Russia.

1944

May 11 - Allied forces begin a major assault on the Gustav Line, a German defensive line drawn across central Italy just south of Rome that has to be broken before the Italian capital can be taken; the attack on the line is also part of a larger plan to force the Germans to commit as many troops to Italy as possible in order to make way for an Allied cross-Channel assault—what would become D-Day.

1945

May 10 - The German garrison in Dunkerque, France surrenders to a Czechoslovak armored brigade, two days after the surrender of the main German army in its homeland.

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

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Sign up now

- **Duathlon** - USAG Benelux-Brussels will hold a duathlon, starting at Brussels Fitness Center, **May 16** from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This event consists of a 5k run, a 10k bike leg and a 5k run. Race officials will award first-, second- and third-place prizes to top-finishing males and females. Open to all U.S. military, civilians, family members and retirees. For details, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.
- **Darts tournament** - Starts at 5:30 p.m. at the 3 Star Recreation Center, May 29. Registration is required by May 15 at reservations3star@yahoo.com. For more information, call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.



Through May 21

- **200,000 Pound Squat Challenge** - Competitors have 21 days to lift a total of 200,000 pounds between the times of 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. For more information, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

May 7

- **3 Star Family Dinner** - Starting at 5:30 p.m. with chicken enchiladas, taco salad casserole for \$10 per adult; \$5 per child. Required reservation at DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822 or via email at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

May 8

- **Recreation night** - At the 3 Star Recreation Center from 5:30 to 11 p.m. for games, snacks and fun.

May 14

- **3 Star Family Dinner** - Starting at 5:30 p.m. with chili on baked potatoes, chicken drumsticks, salad for \$10 per adult; \$5 per child. Required reservation at DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822 or via email at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

May 15

- **Chili Cook-Off** - Bring your favorite chili in a crock pot at the 3 Star Recreation Center at 5:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. Registration is needed by May 8 at reservations3star@yahoo.com. For more information call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Sign up now

- **Flea-market booths** - Schinnen Outdoor Recreation hosts a flea market at the Schinnen Activity Center **May 23** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Setup at 9 a.m. Cost per table is \$10. For registration or more information, contact Outdoor Recreation at DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

May 7

- **Consumer Rights and Obligations** from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ACS Conference Room, building 39. Focuses on consumer rights, obligations and highlighting scams perpetrated to defraud consumers. It's designed to inform the consumer about how the government and different organization can help those who are in financial trouble. What the FTC does and does not protect about warranties for the products you purchase, and how to go about filing a complaint when you're not satisfied with your purchased item. For information or to register, please call DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437450/7500.

May 13

- **Newborns, Parental and Music** - from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Child Development Center, room Y006, Brunssum. It is a support group for parents of children aged 0-12 months. This 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.

May 14

- **Resume Writing** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at ACS. Learn to write more effective resumes that target your experience, knowledge, skills and accomplishments. Review the different resume styles and do some hands-on writing to get your resume started. For information or to register, please call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437269/7500.
- **Pregnancy and Prenatal Support Group for Expectant Parents** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Child Development Center, room Y006, Brunssum. A support group for parents who are pregnant. Informational material regarding the physical and psychological changes that occur while transitioning to parenthood will be available. To register or for more information, call DSN 360-7335/7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437335/7500.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY CONTINUED

May 15

- **BOSS & SOS 5k Run** - Join the BOSS and SOS Programs in a 5K Run event to honor the service and sacrifices of those who serve our nation. This is open to all levels of fitness so feel free to run, jog, walk, bring your kids in strollers and even pets (as long as they are leashed). Open to all U.S. ID Cardholders. Dedicate your run to the Fallen and Surviving Families. Share your photo on social media using #StrongBANDS and #RunToHonor. Download the template at http://wiesbaden.armymwr.com/files/7414/2782/2584/Run2Honor_template_StrongBands.pdf. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and departure is at 9 a.m. from the André Bruls Fitness Center.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Tickets for sale 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. Nicholson, Commander, Allied Land Command. Tickets are at €55 per person and include a meal and an event memento. Contact your unit ticket sales representative. For USAG Benelux, call DSN 361-5587.

Sign up now

- **Registration open for Summer Theater Camp** - Children in grades 3 through 9 will bring the musical "HONK Jr." to the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre during Summer 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.

May 7

- **Seven by SHAPE Returns** - From 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the SHAPE Alliance Auditorium. Open to the entire SHAPE community. For additional information, call DSN 423-7996.
- **Annual Cabaret Talent Show** - Presented by the SHAPE Music Department, show will start at 7 p.m. in the SHAPE Cafeteria and will feature a wide variety of talents performed by the SHAPE students. Tickets are at \$5 or €5 and will be available at the door. Desserts and beverages are provided at no extra charge.

May 8

- **Postal Chièvres PSC 490 is relocating to Caserne Daumerie, Bldg. 8** - Personal mail delivery will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and open from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the new location. Postal Finance (mailing items) will be closed May 8 through 11 but the SHAPE postal facility will be fully operational from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on these days.

May 10

- **Mothers Day Brunch** - Enjoy an all inclusive buffet with welcome drink, continental breakfast buffet, cold starter buffet, main course buffet, cheese & desert and drinks. From 11 am. to 2:30 p.m. at the SHAPE Club. Tickets on sale until May 9. For more information, call DSN 423-8306 or civilian 065-448306. Prices: €28 per adult and €14 for children under 12.

May 12

- **Money Management** - Learn the basics to establish good credit and financial security from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SHAPE, building 318. For more information, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

May 14-24

- **Little Shop of Horrors** - By the SHAPE Players, featuring the SHAPE International Band, May 14-24 at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre. For tickets or additional information, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312.

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/cinema.aspx> 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

Château of Beloeil, a pleasure for the eyes

There are more than 3,000 castles in Belgium, many are open to the public. The Château de Beloeil located in Beloeil is a magnificent example. Since 1394 it has been the residence of the Princes de Ligne, one of Belgium's highest-ranking noble families.

Beloeil, literally beautiful eye in English, is a pleasure for the eyes. As you head in the front gate, the symmetrical imposing building surrounded by a moat is an impressive sight but it's not the best view of the castle. Behind the château is a long man-made pond. When you take a walk around the pond on calm days it offers an enchanting reflection of the castle.

Inside is a collection of art from the 15th to the 19th century. The impressive library holds more than 20,000 books. All the rooms are filled with period furniture and worth a look.

Every fall, the Château de Beloeil hosts Les Musicales de Beloeil. Set for Sept. 5 this year, it is the largest classical music festival in Belgium.

The castle is open 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. weekends and holidays in April, May, June and September and every day in July and August.

GPS address:

Rue du Château 11, 7970 Beloeil, Belgium
 From Mons: 24 km
 From Brussels: 73 km
 From Schinnen: 200 km



Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Discounted tickets to theme parks, castles and more are also available. Call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

- **Thermes de Spa, Belgium, May 9**
- **Amsterdam, May 23**
- **Normandy Beaches, May 29 to 31**
- **London, June 6**
- **Stonehenge with Salisbury & Oxford, June 13 to 14**
- **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 and Nuremberg, July 26 to 29 (Register by June 26.)**
- **Bluewater Mall, July 31**
- **Rhine River Cruise, Aug. 4**
- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, Belgium, Aug. 5**
- **London, Aug. 15 to 17**
- **Medieval Dinner in Bruges, Aug. 22**
- **Wurstmarkt in Bad Dürkheim, Sept. 19**
- **Thailand, Dec. 20 to Jan. 2, 2016 (Register by June 20)**

SHAPE Travel Group

For more information, call civilian 0470-876369.

- **London and Chelsea Flower Show, May 21**
- **Amiens, France, and Les Hortillonages (Floating Gardens), June 2**
- **Provins, France: Medieval Festival, June 13**
- **Paris, June 18**
- **Hampton Court Palace and Gardens, June 30**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- **Day Trip to Delft, May 9**
- **Luxembourg and American Cemetery, May 30**
- **Disney Paris, June 6**
- **Berlin Express, June 13**
- **Canoeing & Biking, June 27**
- **D-Day landing beaches in Normandy, France, July 17 to 20 (Register by May 15)**
- **Dutch Day, July 31**
- **Bernkastel-Kues, Germany: Wine Festival, Sept. 5**
- **National Liberation Museum 44-45, Sept. 26**
- **Book your season NFL Games now for games October 3-5, October 24-26 and October 31-November 2.**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

May 7-9

- **Liège Jazz Festival** with more than 20 concerts in four venues in the Palais des Congrès. This prestigious event is an impressive gathering of Belgian and International jazz stars that perform all types of jazz, from classical to the most daring. Find more information at <http://jazzallege.be/>.

May 8

- **Kids' Run in Ecaussinnes for 5 or 10 km** - Starting at 7 p.m. for the 5 to 12 years old and at 8 p.m. for the adults, in presence of Clown Alfonso. Starts at the school on Place Cousin. Participating fee is €6.
- **Evening flea market in Hornu** - Starting at 6 p.m. on Place Communale and Rue Grande.

May 8-9

- **Bicycle fair in Mons** - If you want to sell your bicycle, drop it off until May 8, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and evaluate the price with on site mechanics. If you want to buy a used bike, stop by May 9 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Maison des Cyclistes on Boulevard Charles Quint 35.

Through May 9

- **Visit the Royal Greenhouses in Laeken** - Every year, the greenhouses are open to the public for only three



weeks. Visitors can admire the architectural structures but also a large number of rare and valuable plants. Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. and from 8 to 10 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8 to 10 p.m. Admission: €2.50 per person, free of charge up to 18 years old.

May 8-10

- **Garden Fair in Beervelde** - Held at the park van Beer-velde, Dorp 75. Admission is €10; children 14 and younger get in free. Fair is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

May 9

- **Local products and flower market in Hornu** - Starting at 8 a.m. on Place Communale and Rue Grande.
- **Run in Naast** for 5 or 10 km - Kids run starts at 1:30 p.m.; adults start at 3 p.m. from the school on Rue Haute Folie, 32. Prizes for top three of each category. Participating fee is €6.
- **Wine tasting in Binche** - Meet six winegrowers and taste the wine they are selling at the train station from 2 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Arts & crafts fair in Brugelette** - At the city park on Avenue G. Petit (30 booths) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Also, bouncy castle available for the kids.



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

May 9/16/23/30

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

May 9-10

- **Dutch National Windmill Days.** Hundreds of wind and water mills throughout the Netherlands welcome the public during this annual weekend. A blue ribbon on or near the mill means you can visit.
- **Ceramic Market in Frechen Germany** at Rathausplatz in the center of town. Open May 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and May 10 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mama's Pride in Geleen** is an annual pop festival held at Burgemeester Damenpark. The program can be seen at <http://www.mamaspride.nl>. Admission is free. Open May 9 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and May 10 from 1 to 9 p.m.

May 10

- **The Marina Market in Duisburg, Germany** on Johannes-Corputius-Platz at the city harbor is a combination of Week Market, Art Market and Culinary Market. The market is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Large Garden Fair in Munsterbilzen Belgium** with participants from Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands at Europaplein. No Admission fees. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 10/17/24/31

- **Antique, Art & Curiosa Market in Maastricht** is held at Boschstraat from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

May 13

- **Dutch National Military Museum in Soesterberg** The Netherlands America Institute Limburg offer a bus excursion to the Dutch National Military Museum and a meet'n'greet with the Inspector General of the Dutch Forces. Open to all NAIL members and US Military/ NATO ID card holders. Admission: €29.75 for members and €43.75 for non-members. More information at <http://www.NAILLimburg.com>. Reservation required by May 9 at ea.parijs@home.nl.

May 13-17

- **Vijverparkfestival in Brunssum** is an open air pop & rock tribute festival held in the beautiful city park. No admission fees. The festival opens May 13 and 16 at 7 p.m., May 15 at 8 p.m. and May 14 and 17 at noon.

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May 9 continued

- **Flea market in Mons** - On Rue du Joncquois 53 (120 booths) from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 9-10

- **Flower market in Grand-Reng** - At the "Salon Communal" on Rue du Centenaire from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday.
- **Flea market in Mons** - On Avenue des Guerites 1 (200 booths) from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days.
- **Iris Day in Brussels** - Yearly event that includes free concerts and activities for young and old at various locations in Brussels. For detailed schedule, check <http://fetedeliris.brussels/>.
- **Thai weekend in Antwerpen** - Held at Groenplaasts with more than 70 booths on what Thailand has to offer. Event is free and open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

May 9-17

- **American festival in Chièvres** - See page 5 for full schedule.

May 10 (Mothers' Day in Belgium and the Netherlands)

- **Mothers' Day cruise at the boat lift in Strépy-Thieu** - Cruise and meal on board of a barge while passing through world's largest boat lift and one of the four hydraulic lifts. Cost is €55 per adult, meal included, €30 for youth 13 to 18 years old. Departure at the lift boat is at 11 a.m., return is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. For more information, check <http://voiedeau.hainaut.be>.
- **Volksmarch in Silly** for 5, 10 or 20 km - Departs from the brewery on Rue Ville Basse 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Tournai** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km - Departs from "Verte-Feuille" on Chaussée de Renaix 194 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Waterloo** for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km - Departs from the scouts hut on Rue Bruyère Saint Jean 128 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Hornu** - On Route de Mons at the Cora parking (200 booths) from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May 14 (Ascension Day)

- **Volksmarch in Bruelette for 4, 6, 12, 20 or 30 km** - Departs from the sports center on Avenue G. Petit, 3 (city park) from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Small participation fee.
- **Sortilèges: Street theater, circus & music in Ath** - As of 11:30 a.m., the streets downtown Ath will be the setting for various humoristic shows and musical parades will go from one location to the other. At 10 p.m. is a sound & light show and at 10:30 p.m. a performance by the Imperial Kikiristan that will make you travel from Tel Aviv to Broadway. All shows are free of charge.
- **Flea market in Saint-Ghislain** - On Rue d'Ath and Rue de l'Enseignement (90 booths) from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market in Lens** - At Résidence de la Baille (100 booths) from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.



May 13-17 continued

- **Culinary Festival in Herne Germany** - Local restaurants offer culinary delicacies at Robert-Brauner-Platz. Open from 6 p.m. to midnight, May 13; noon to midnight May 14-16; and noon to 10 p.m. May 17.

May 14

- **May Fest in Bad Waldliesborn Germany**. Held in the center of town you, will find culinary delicacies, music, attractions and more for young and not so young. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Asparagus Market in Ennigerloh Germany** at the Market in the center of town from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **The "Bartholomeus" Market in Meerssen** is an annual year market held in front of the beautiful historic Cathedral in the center of town from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Asparagus Fest in Wassenberg, Germany** with lots of attractions, entertainment and asparagus throughout the town

May 14-17

- **The Breda Jazz Festival in Breda** is the oldest and largest in the Netherlands. Performances take place on 16 stages spread all over the center of town. Most of the concerts are free of Admission. Open May 14 from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m.; May 15 from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m.; May 16 from 11 to 1 a.m. and May 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- **Home and Garden Fair (Stil & Art) in Lüdinghausen Germany** is held in and around the Castle Lüdinghausen, Amthaus 8 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €8. The castle and its gardens is the perfect location for this fair.
- **Medieval Siegfried Spectacle in Xanten Germany** with knights, a knights' camp, tourney, acrobats, artists and lots more medieval fun am Xantener Nordwall in this historic city. Admission: €12; children €6. Open May 14 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; May 15 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; May 16 from 11 a.m. to midnight and May 17 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Ongoing

Through May 10

- **The Frick Collection in The Hague** is on display at Mauritshuis on Korte Vijverberg 8 and includes works from Jan Van Eyck, Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres, Cimabue and Jean-Etienne Liotard. Visit <http://www.mauritshuis.nl>.

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