

# THE GAZETTE

Published for members of the SHAPE/Chièvres, Brussels and Schinnen communities

## Benelux news briefs

### SHAPE U.S. town-hall

Town-hall is open to all American service members, civilians and their families, May 5 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the SHAPE Events Centre. Town-hall is preceded and followed by an info fair from 3 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. Children's bouncy house and food will be available. Call DSN 423-4032 or civilian 065-444032.

### SHAPE Healthcare Facility

The SHAPE Healthcare Facility will have reduced hours May 1 for the Belgian holiday. The Acute Care Clinic will be open from 8 to 10 a.m. All other services will be unavailable.

### Victory in Europe (VE) Day

Local VE Day ceremonies will be held in Chièvres at 6 p.m. at the monument near the city hall; in Brugelette at 6 p.m. at the monument near the church and in Ath, at the monument near the train station at 6:45 p.m.

### Dutch Holiday

The following USAG Benelux-Schinnen offices will be closed May 5 for the Dutch National Holiday: CYSS, DPW/Housing and Library.

The following will be closed May 4 and 5: HMCC and IACS.

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Firemen Staff Sgt. Brian Lovelady (left) and Senior Airman Rico Castro (right) talk about fire safety to a class at SHAPE Middle School, during School Take Over Day, Thursday, April 23, 2015. The event is held annually and provides students the opportunity to learn about the job of various community members. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark)

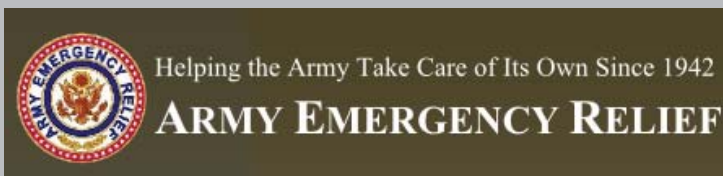
# Army Emergency Relief Program kicks off



Col. Marty Vannatter, Commander U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, fills out a donation slip for Army Emergency Relief (AER) at the breakfast held Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Caserne Daumerie. Since its founding in 1942, AER has been taking care of Soldiers and their Families by providing financial assistance in a time of need. In the SHAPE, Brussels, Schin-nen area, 54 members received a combined \$111,635 in assistance in 2014. The breakfast helped raise awareness of the benefits and programs that are available to active duty Soldiers, retirees, widows and Family members. The 2015 campaign runs through May 15. The USAG Benelux proposed goal for 2015 is \$20,000. (U.S. Army photo by Cis Spook)

## Making a Difference - "Soldiers Helping Soldiers"

AER is a private nonprofit organization incorporated in 1942 by the Secretary of War and the Army Chief of Staff. AER's sole mission is to help Soldiers and their dependents. Although sponsored by the Department of the Army, AER receives no direct funding from the government and is not part of any government-funded compensation or assistance program. All donations to AER are used to support Soldiers and their Families. You can donate by check or online. Checks should be made payable to Army Emergency Relief (or simply the letters "AER"). Contributions should be mailed to:



Army Emergency Relief  
Attn: Donations  
200 Stovall Street, Room 5S33  
Alexandria, VA 22332-0600

Donations can also be made online at <https://www.aerhq.org>. Remember to select SHAPE as the area you would like to support. It is important so that this area gets credit for the donations from our community members.

AER is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Contributions to AER are fully deductible under section 170(b)(1)(a) of the Code.

For additional information, call the USAG Benelux AER point of contact at DSN 361-5296/5165 or civilian 068-275296/5165.

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## TAKE BACK THE NIGHT



### Participants run for sexual assault awareness

(Picture top) Participants in the Take Back the Night 5k run head out from the starting line. The run held on SHAPE, Thursday April 23, 2015 was a part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the Benelux. (Picture right) Spc. Rodney Lloyd, human resources specialist at 39th Signal Battalion, is the first runner to cross the finish-line. Army leaders across the globe set aside time to raise awareness as sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in the community. The activities that were scheduled for Sexual Assault Awareness Month increase education, awareness and community involvement. By their participation, community members take action to create a safer environment for all. (U.S. Army photos by Tim Clark)



### Volunteers make community children feel special at Kids' Day

For as long as our country has been calling its citizens to serve in uniform, children have been a part of the United States military.

Since 1986, when, for the first time, Secretary of Defense Casper W. Weinberger officially honored them by designating April as the Month of the Military Child (MOMC), military communities around the world have paid tribute to their children.

This year's theme, "Their Lives, Their Stories" highlights the unique lifestyles, contributions and sacrifices military children make to our nation.

(Picture top right) Kids play with a game from the large collection of toys available during Kids' Day at the Chièvres Community Activity Center, Saturday, April 25, 2015.

(Picture bottom left) Maj. Dentonio Worrell, commander SHAPE Dental Clinic, explains the importance of good hygiene practices.

(Picture bottom right) Kids have fun pretending to play music.

For the SHAPE/Chièvres community, Kids' Day served as the finale for a month filled with celebrations large and small. Hosted by Army Community Service (ACS) and Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS), Kids' Day focused not only on fun, but also on good health and resiliency - for both children and adults. Some 600 community members participated in the event. (U.S. Army photos by Kathy Garrity-Cantwell)





# SHAPE brings home the gold from TOPPERS awards

The SHAPE Players Performing Arts School's production of *Shrek Jr.* took home six TOPPERS including Best Family Show at the 2015 Installation Management Command Europe Tournament of Plays and the Vogelweh Armstrong Club in Germany, April 25.

In addition, Dan LaMorte won a TOPPER for Best Set Design for a Play for SHAPE Players "Scenes from an American Life."

The annual TOPPERS award is the Army in Europe's version of the Broadway Tony Awards and the show organizers pulled out all the stops to make this year's show something special. The crowd and nominees were treated to guest presentations via recorded video by the likes of William Shatner (Capt. Kirk), Chris Pine (Capt. Kirk), Daniel Radcliff (Harry Potter), and more.

And the winners are:

**Best Family Show: *Shrek Jr.* Cast:** Yentl Kluiviert, Lindsey Simmons, Rhianna Carey, Hannah Leiendecker, Maria Rebreaan, Josh Wheelis, Gavin Leiendecker, John Manning, Peter Richford, Torie Geehreg, Hannah Grace, Ana Rebreaan, Elke Kaufmann, Aidric Potkovic, Renee Arias, Rachel Regling, Logan McMurtrey, Matthew Houin, Ethan Ainsworth, Kei Bugay, Maya Ross, Mackenzie Ross, Catarina Schaefer, Ignacio Azuara Panadero, Laura Schaefer, Tiana Haigood, Chellina Daniel, Zach Simmons, Maria Rebreaan, Emma Regling, Mathilde Sanchez de Toca, Josh Wheelis, Colton Mullis, Laura Schaefer, Nicolene Arias, Holly Beauchamp, Anna Yopez, Tiana Haigood, William Houin, Tysean Haigood, Chellina Daniel, Gavin Leiendecker.

**Production staff:** Dan LaMorte, Tracy Gittins, Heather Ainsworth, Michelle Potkovic, Josh Wheelis, Charlotte Geehreg, Carol Parcell, Nicole Freiburger, Perlita Simmons, Thomas Reich, Charlotte Richford, John Manning, Sr., Olivier Galloo, A1C Zach Burke, Nicola Finet, Shannon Egbert, Shirley Houin, Mary Louise Manning, Charlotte Richford, Perlita Simmons, Eva Bugay, Olivier Galloo, Thomas Reich, Jack Smits, Jan Helsen, Jack Smits, Amy Snyder, Anthony Del Rosso.

**Best Supporting Actor in a Musical:** Zach Simmons (Donkey)

**Best Make-Up for a Musical:** Charlotte Geehren, Carol Parcell and Olivia Rachwalik

**Best Costume Design for a Musical:** Dan LaMorte

**Best Choreography:** Heather Ainsworth and Dan LaMorte

**Best Director of a Musical:** Dan LaMorte

**Best Set Design for a Play:** Dan LaMorte



Keith Houin

(Above) Zach Simmons (left) and John Manning (right) perform "Travelling Song" from SHAPE Players' production of "Shrek Jr." at the 2015 Installation Management Command Europe Tournament of Plays (TOPPERS) Saturday, April 25, 2015. Simmons received a TOPPER for Best Supporting Actor in a Musical. (Below Left) Col. Marty Vannatter, commander USAG Benelux, presents the Best Supporting Actress in a Musical. (Below Right) Representatives of the "Shrek Jr." cast and crew received their award for best family show from Maj. Gen. John O'Connor, commander 21st Theater Sustainment Command.



Shirley Houin



Keith Houin

# Coach reflects on CYSS SHAPE Warriors' winning season

By Dazmond Johnson

Assistant coach, SHAPE Warriors CYSS basketball team

From the beginning of the CYSS basketball season, Coach Rodney Lloyd and I always preached to our players, the SHAPE Warriors, "One Team, One Fight." Basketball is about building a cohesive unit and getting better day by day — not just as a team, but as young men.

On many occasions, we would tell the players of how fortunate they were to know where their next meal was coming from and have clothes on their back and the latest shoes on their feet. We also would tell the players to thank their parents for everything they do and let them know that they appreciate it.

After every practice and game, the players, their parents and coaches would huddle up and talk about what we accomplished and close by breaking out with our famous saying, "One Team, One Fight." Doing this after every practice and game generated that family feeling.

We had preached to our players that everyone on the team had a specific role and that no player was bigger than the team. We put in the time and the effort with the players to make sure that, after every practice, they would leave with a better understanding of the game of basketball and, more than anything, confidence.

We went undefeated during the regular season. We beat teams SHAPE had never beaten since the CYS Basketball program began. We had coaches coming to us and telling us how great of a job we were doing in coaching the kids.

Once the season was over and we were getting ready for the Installation Management Command-Europe Junior Boys Basketball Tournament at USAG Wiesbaden, Germany, March 7 to 8, we decided to have a banquet at Pizza Hut. We could have just handed the participation medals out at the last practice of the season, but we wanted to make this season one that the players and parents would remember.

At the banquet, the parents surprised the two-man coaching staff with some gifts to show their appreciation for coaching their children and affecting their lives in a positive way.



The CYSS SHAPE Warriors with assistant coach Dazmond Johnson (left) and coach Rodney Lloyd (right).

Even though we had the best record at the tournament, the SHAPE Warriors made it to the IMCOM-E tournament in Wiesbaden ranked No. 5.

As the boys emerged from the locker room and hit the court, they heard over the loud speaker, "And now, the marvel of this tournament, rising from bottom to top, let's welcome the SHAPE Warriors!"

Despite triple overtime, we lost our first game by one point to the Wiesbaden 2 Celtics and faced elimination if we were to lose again. Our players took it hard, but we told them that the game of basketball would have ups and downs just like life. It's all about how you decide to bounce back.

We came out for the rest of the tournament with something to prove. The SHAPE Warriors showed resiliency. We would go on to face the No. 1 team, the Kaiserslautern Warriors in the semifinals.

Some of the boys' parents even came up to us and said, "Ya'll had a good run, but you're going to lose to K-Town."

The K-Town Warriors had about 14 players to rotate into the game, and the SHAPE Warriors only had seven. K-Town had, by far, more athleticism than our boys did, but we were the better team and won the game. We had the motivation and determination to get through any and all obstacles standing

in the way of bringing back the first CYS Championship to SHAPE.

You can't just wake up and show motivation and determination; they take time to develop. From Day One, we pushed the SHAPE Warriors to the limit. We pushed them to become better athletes and better young men.

Although we had beaten Wiesbaden earlier in the tournament, we made sure our guys got the idea that the next game against them would be easy out of their heads. This was the biggest game of both of our seasons, and it was going to be a dogfight. We beat Wiesbaden and won first place in the CYSS basketball League tournament. It's a great feeling to see that all of the players and coaches' hard work paid off, and we brought back SHAPE'S first championship.

Although bringing home the trophy was exhilarating, the best feeling was seeing the children you mentor listen to what you tell them and seeing the positive changes they're making.

Tony Rull, team captain of the SHAPE Warriors CYSS basketball team, contributed to this report.

**CYSS will hold a spring basketball camp soon to bring out more children who like basketball but don't know the fundamentals.**



# Museum brings to life history of Chièvres Air Base



The International Museum of Chièvres Air Base reopened its doors for visitors after completion of renovations. The museum features the history of the base since it was first used by the Germans as a single grass runway during WWI. After WWI, the runway returned to pasture and sugar beet fields until 1939 when the Belgian government decided to build a diversionary airfield. These plans were stopped as the country was invaded and the German Luftwaffe took control of the airfield and the caserne. After WWII, from 1947 until 1967, the base was home to the Belgian Air Force's 7th Wing and the Red Devils, Belgium's aerobatic team. When the 7th Wing inactivated in 1967, the base became a U.S. base. (Picture top left) A U.S. Battle Dress Uniform as used by the U.S. Forces through the 80s and 90s. (Picture top right) Two American Forces and one British Forces uniforms as worn during WWII. (Picture bottom right) Personal items from Monsignor Chaplain (Col.) Sidney J. Marceaux who served two tours as the Command Chaplain for the garrison in Chièvres, first time from 1997 until 2000 and a second time from 2005 until 2007, when he retired. Not too long after retirement, Marceaux was recalled to service in 2007 due to a shortage of Catholic Chaplains and deployed to Kuwait where he was the oldest serviceman. He passed away in 2008 and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington D.C. The museum is open on Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. or by appointment and is located Rue de Saint-Ghislain 16 at Chièvres. Entrance fee is €3 per adult or €2 for children 12 to 18 years old. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook)

## City of Chièvres is looking for American volunteers



The city of Chièvres is holding an American Festival May 9 through 17 with the objective to build bridges between the Belgian and American populations in the community.

Various activities are planned but

members of the community who would like to be actively involved can still participate in either the sports demonstrations or by holding a booth with American specialties.

Both Belgian and American sports will be taught May 16 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Chièvres city park. Americans who would like to demonstrate their favorite sport can contact the USAG

Benelux Public Affairs Office at DSN 361-5694 or civilian 068-275694.

Those who prefer holding a booth May 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. can also contact the Public Affairs Office at the number listed above. Booths can be managed on behalf of a Private Organization or by individuals; Family Support Groups are not allowed to sell off post.

**Trenches to Foxholes****Next week in World War history (May 3 to 9)****World War I****1915**

**May 3** - A combined Austro-German force succeeds in defeating the Russian army near the Dunajec River (a tributary of the Vistula River that runs through modern-day northern Slovakia and southern Poland). During 10 days of fighting in the Carpathian Mountains on the Galician front in Austria-Hungary.

The Austro-German counterattack ends nine months of victorious Russian advances in the region since August 1914.

**May 7** - A German submarine sinks the Lusitania.

**May 9** - Anglo-French forces fighting launch their first combined attempt to break through the heavily fortified German trench lines on the Western Front in France.

At Vimy Ridge in northwestern France, French troops launch an attack on German positions after firing shrapnel shells for five hours. On the heels of the barrage, the French Soldiers leave their trenches to advance, only to find that the bombardment has failed to break the first German wire. As they struggled to cut the wire, German machine gunners open fire. Eventually, the French are able to reach their objective, as the Germans withdraw, but they suffer heavy casualties: one regiment of the French Foreign Legion loses nearly 2,000 of its 3,000 Soldiers, including its commanding officer, who is shot in the chest by a sniper, and all three battalion commanders.

**1916**

**May 3** - The Germans begin another attack on the west bank of the Meuse. This time they gain the advantage and within three days capture the two French hills they had been striving for since early March, thus achieving a solid position northwest of Verdun.

**May 4** - Germany responds to a demand by U.S. President Woodrow Wilson by agreeing to limit its submarine warfare in order to avert a diplomatic break with the United States.

**1917**

**May 5** - German Ace Ernst Udet gets his sixth aerial victory. Udet is the second-highest scoring German flying ace of World War I. He is one of the youngest aces and is the highest scoring German ace to survive the war (at the age of 22). His 62 confirmed victories are second only to Manfred von Richthofen, his commander in the Flying Circus.

**1918**

**May 6** - Turko-German delegates arrive at Batumi (Georgia) to negotiate peace with the Georgians and Armenians.

**1919**

**May 5** - The delegation from Italy—led by Prime Minister Vittorio Orlando and Foreign Minister Sidney Sonnino—returns to the Versailles Peace Conference in Paris, France, after leaving abruptly 11 days earlier during contentious negotiations over the territory Italy would receive after the First World War.

**May 8** - Edward George Honey writes a letter to the London Evening News proposing that the first anniversary of the armistice ending World War I—concluded on November 11, 1918—be commemorated by several moments of silence.

**World War II****1939**

**May 3** - Fighters of the Chinese 4th Air Group intercept 54 Japanese bombers en route to attack Chongqing, China, shooting down seven Japanese bombers.

**May 4** - Chinese troops attack Japanese positions at Nanchang, Jiangxi Province, China.

**1940**

**May 3** - Dutch intelligence detect further hints of German troop gathering near its border; this information is forwarded on to Belgium. Meanwhile, in Germany, forecast of bad weather cause a postponement of the invasion.

**1941**

**May 5** - Emperor Haile Selassie re-enters Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, exactly five years to the day of when it was occupied by Italy.

**1942**

**May 3** - A Japanese invasion force succeeds in occupying Tulagi of the Solomon Islands in an expansion of Japan's defensive perimeter.

The United States, having broken Japan's secret war code and forewarned of an impending invasion of Tulagi and Port Moresby, attempts to intercept the Japanese armada. Four days of battles between Japanese and American aircraft carriers results in 70 Japanese and 66 Americans warplanes destroyed. This confrontation, called the Battle of the Coral Sea, marks the first air-naval battle in history.

**May 6** - U.S. Lt. Gen. General Jonathan Wainwright surrenders all U.S. troops in the Philippines to the Japanese.

**1943**

**May 4** - German submarine U-625 spots Allied convoy ONS 5 in the North Atlantic. Several German submarines gather and begin attacking at dusk and continue through the night sinking seven ships (British freighters L'Orient, North Britain, Harbury, Harpurley, Bristol City, and Wentworth; US freighter West Maximus). U-630 is lost during the attacks.

**1944**

**May 6** - British army junior officer John Randle takes out a Japanese machine gun position in Burma, then purposefully sacrifices himself to take out a bunker with a grenade. He is posthumously awarded a Victoria Cross.

**1945**

**May 7** - The German Gen. Alfred Jodl, signs the unconditional surrender of all German forces, at Reims, France.

**May 8** - Great Britain and the United States celebrate Victory in Europe Day. Cities in both nations, as well as formerly occupied cities in Western Europe, rejoice in the defeat of the Nazi war machine.

**May 9** - Herman Goering, commander in chief of the Luftwaffe, president of the Reichstag, head of the Gestapo, prime minister of Prussia, and Hitler's designated successor is taken prisoner by the U.S. Seventh Army in Bavaria.

*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.

### April 30

- **3 Star Family Dinner** - Starting at 5:30 p.m. with shepherd's pie, meatloaf, green salad buffet for \$8 per adult; \$4 per child. Required reservation at DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822 or via email at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

### May 1

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

### May 1-21

- **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. Awards will be given to the first competitor to reach 200,000 pounds. Male and female categories. 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.
- **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.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

### Sign up now

- **Country Line Dance Evening** - Come to this community event at the E3A Club on NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen **May 9**. Doors open at 7 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m. Free admission. Register by April 29. Component members and their guests can register at linedancers\_for\_fun@hotmail.com.
- **Operation "K.U.D.O.S."** - Event is held **May 9** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Geilenkirchen NATO Airbase to help children better understand some of what our service members do when preparing for a deployment. Event is free for ages 5 and up, for children of NATO ID cardholders in the Geilenkirchen, JFC Brunssum and Schinnen communities. The day starts at the Mass Briefing Facility where they will pick up their "pro gear", and receive their mission brief. Register by May 1 at civilian +49 (0)2451-633791.
- **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 1-3 (and May 8-10)

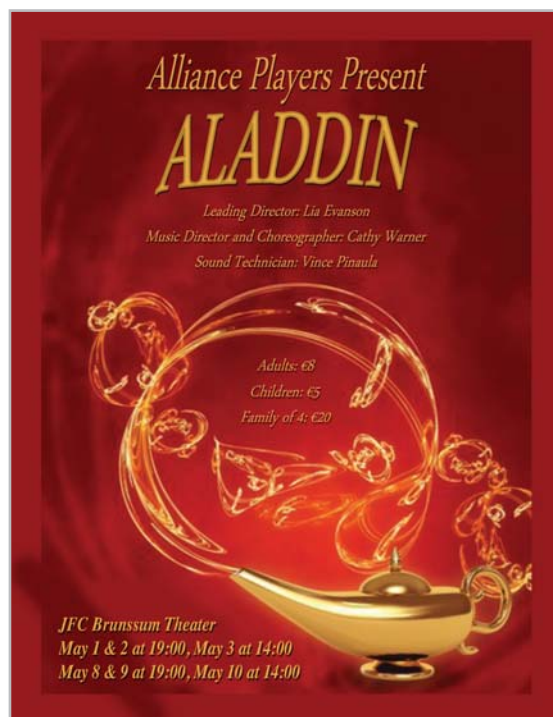
- **Aladdin** - The Alliance Players will present the play "Aladdin" at JFC Brunssum's Alliance Theater May 1 and 2 as well as May 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. The curtain goes up on matinee performances May 3 and 10 at 2 p.m. Admission: €8; children €5. A family package for four is also available for €20.

### May 6

- **First Term Financial Briefing** - Held from 9 a.m. to noon at ACS, this is a mandatory briefing for all first term Soldiers to learn about the practical approach to financial management, tools to handle money wisely, and many more. For more information or to register, call ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437450/7500.

### May 6-7

- **Screamfree Marriage** - Two part workshop offering the opportunity to challenge your notions about what marriage should be. Held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Schinnen ACS, Bldg. 39. For more information and to register, call DSN 360-7500/7453 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437500/7453.





## 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. 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.
- **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.

### Sign up now

- **Registration open for Summer Theater Camp** - Children in grades 3 through 9 can 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.

### April 30

- **International Comedy Night** - At the SHAPE Events Centre ballroom starting at 8:30 p.m. Entrance is €10.

### May 5

- **SATO travel office resumes normal operations at new location** - SATO has been relocated to Caserne Daumerie, Bldg. 24, room 108. The phone number remains the same: DSN 361-5783 or civilian 068-275783.
- **US Town-hall and Information Fair** - Sponsored by the U.S. National Military Representative, the town-hall is open to all U.S. military members, civilians and their dependents and will be held at the SHAPE Events Centre from 3 to 6 p.m. For more information, call DSN 423-4032 or civilian 065-444032.

### 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.

### 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.
- **Military Spouse Appreciation Day** - From 9:30 a.m. to noon, join in honoring and expressing appreciation for military spouses. Refresh your mind, body and spirit with meditation, stress management and resilience training. In the ACS conference room, Bldg. 318 on SHAPE. Register before May 5.

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

Anyone calling in will be able to speak confidentially with a trained Masters Level crisis counselor.

### 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

## View Dutch masterpieces at the Mauritshuis

Make a date with the most famous girl in Holland. Meet the bird that is the title object of a bestselling novel. Take an anatomy lesson with Dr. Nicolaes Tulp.

The Mauritshuis museum is located in The Hague (Den Haag in Dutch), the Netherlands, in a beautiful 17th century mansion. It houses the Royal collection of Dutch Golden Age art.

Visit there and you can see "The Girl with the Pearl Earring" by Vermeer, meet "The Goldfinch" by Fabritius, the title object of Donna Tart's bestselling novel and view "The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaes Tulp" by Rembrandt.

One of the greatest small art museums in the world, with about 200 paintings on display, it's a joy to visit without getting overwhelmed with too much art like you might at a large museum. This is a not to be missed place to see while you are in Europe. Until May 10, the Mauritshuis also hosts the Frick Collections from New York. More info at <http://www.mauritshuis.nl>.

### While in the area

You may want to visit one of the following while in the area:

- **Binnenhof and Ridderzaal** on Lange Poten 4 - The Binnenhof is the center of the Dutch government; the Ridderzaal is the oldest building at the Binnenhof, dating from the 13th century.
- **The International Court of Justice** is housed in the Peace Palace, a beautiful Neo-Renaissance style building on Carnegieplein 2.
- **Scheveningen** is a famous seaside resort on the North Sea.

Courtesy of Mauritshuis Collection



Courtesy Photo

### GPS address:

Plein 29,  
2511 CS The Hague,  
the Netherlands  
From Mons: 243 km  
From Brussels: 180 km  
From Schinnen: 225 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**
- **Prague with Heidelberg and Nuremberg, July 26 to 29 (Register by June 26.)**
- **Disney Paris, July 15**
- **Dolfinarium in Harderwijk, the Netherlands, July 23**
- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, Belgium, Aug. 8**
- **London, Aug. 15 to 17**
- **Medieval Dinner in Bruges, Aug. 22**
- **Thailand, Dec. 20 to Jan. 2, 2016 (Register by June 20)**

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For more information, call civilian 0470-876369.

- **Giverny, France: Monet's Home and Gardens, May 7**
- **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.

#### April 30

- **International Jazz Day in Brussels** - That day is designed to raise awareness in the international community about jazz's virtues as an educational tool, as a vehicle for peace, unity, dialogue, and for enhanced cooperation between people. More information at <http://www.jazzinbelgium.com/festival/international-jazz-day>.
- **Music festival "What's Up festival in Mons** at Chaussée



de Binche 151 from 3:30 to 11:30 p.m. Find more information at <http://www.whatsupfestival.be/>.

#### May 1

- **Music Festival "Roots & Roses" in Lessines** from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Ancien Chemin d'Ollignies 10 G. Find more information at <http://www.rootsandroses.be/>.
- **Year market in Antwerp** - held on and around Theaterplein from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flower market in Leuze-en-Hainaut** on Place du Jeu de Balle from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (30 booths)
- **Local product market in Attre** at Rue de l'Obélisque 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Duathlon in Ciney**: 4 km run - 21km mountain bike ride - 2km run. Departs from the Château St Roch on Avenue du Stade at 10 a.m. Participation: €18.
- **Volksmarch in Masnuy-Saint-Jean** for 6, 12 and 20 km. Departs from Rue Bois de Genly 1 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Huissignies** for 5, 10 and 20 km. Departs from Rue de l'Eglise 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ronquières** near the sloping lock from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (700 booths)
- **Flea market in Blaton** on the square from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (70 booths)
- **Flea market in Lens** on Place de la Trinité from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. (100 booths)
- **Flea market in Hyon** on Rue du By Hyon from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. (200 booths)
- **Flea market in Soignies** on Rue de l'Epiniois from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (100 booths)
- **Flea market in Brugelette** on Rue de la Sucrerie from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (100 booths)

#### May 2

- **Tilquin English Beer Festival in Bierghes** at Chaussée Maïeur Habils 110 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.



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

#### May 1-3

- **Garden Fair in Mönchengladbach (Germany)** - Held at Castle Rheydt on Schlossstrasse 508 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance is €8, children 13 and younger get free entrance.
- **Burgi-Spargelmarkt in Brüggen am Niederrhein (Germany)** - Held in the center, this market is the place to taste many asparagus dishes and wonderful wines.

#### May 2 (and May 9, 16, 23, 30)

- **Antique and curiosa market in Roermond** - Held at Kloosterwandplein in the center of town from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### May 2-3

- **Spring fair in Afferden** - At de Zandroos on Van Heemstraweg 48b fair has the theme 'enjoy, taste and shop. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and entrance is €5, children 13 and under get free entrance.
- **Spring fair in Haps** - Fair with all kinds of products for your garden, held in the Kampseplas, on Steenakkerstraat. Open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €3; children 11 and younger get in free entrance.
- **International ceramic & potters market in Krefeld (Germany)** - Market is held at Dionysiusplatz and Rheinstrasse and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Medieval festival in Vaassen** - Held at Castle



Cannenburg on Maarten van Rossumplein 4 with medieval market, tourney, knights' camp, actors, acrobats and lots more activities for young and old. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets for adults are at €9.50; children at €5.50.

- **Pasar Malam in Zutphen** - Asian Year Market held at Hanzenhal on Fanny Blankers-Koenweg 2 with shows, demonstrations and lots of food. Entry is €7; children (6-12) €5. Open May 2, from noon to 10 p.m. and May 3, from noon to 7 p.m.

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### May 2-3

- **Remember Day in Bonsecours** on Rue des Sapins from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on both days with re-enactors of German and American Soldiers, a camp and re-enactment of the battle Sunday at 3 p.m.

### Through May 3

- **Brussels Short Film Festival** - Discover the pick of the world's short films, with more than 300 films from 40 countries. The festival includes international and national competitions. Find more information at <http://bsff.be/en/films-2014>.

### May 3

- **Flower market in Laeken** - On Onze-Lieve-Vrouwvoorplein and Koninginnelaan from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Lens** for 5 and 10 km and orientation march for 6 km. Departs from Place de la Trinité from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Saint-Denis** for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km. Departs from Rue de la Filature 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Nivelles** for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km. Departs from Rue des Clarisses 10 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Repair café in Soignies** at Rue Henri Leroy from 2 to 6 p.m. Bring your broken objects and get them repaired for free : household goods, hardware, gardening tools, etc. It takes place each first Sunday of the month.
- **Mountain bike ride in Fontaine-l'Évêque** for 5, 20, 35 and 55 km. Departs from Rue de l'Abbaye d'Aulne from 8 to 11 a.m.
- **Flea market in Cambron-Saint-Vincent** on Place de Cambron from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Wodecq** in the center from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (150 booths).
- **Flea market in Quaregnon** on Rue Monsville from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (100 booths).

### 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 audacious. Find more information at <http://jazzallege.be/>.

### Ongoing

### Through May 9

- **Visit the Royal Greenhouses in Laeken** - Every year, the greenhouses are opened 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 3

- **Fish festival in Bartrup (Germany)** - On and around Bartruper Market Place, this festival has fish in the center of attention. From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., visitors will be pampered by the town's gastronomy with many culinary delicacies, wines, beer and entertainment.
- **"Spullen & Smullen Eerlijk en Heerlijk" fun lifestyle and cultural market in Breda** - Held at Chassé Park, market is open from noon to 10 p.m. No entrance fees.

### May 3 continued

- **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 from noon to 4 p.m. Participation and entry is free.

### May 3 (and May 10,17,24,31)

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

### May 5

- **Liberation Day in the Netherlands** is always celebrated on May 5 with many festivities in the whole country. Every province (state) has a Liberation Festival with many national and international artists. These festivals are all free of charge. You'll find the festivals in: Almere; Amsterdam; Assen; Den Bosch; Den Haag; Groningen; Haarlem; Leeuwarden; Roermond; Rotterdam; Utrecht; Vlissingen; Wageningen and Zwolle. In the evening many cities will have fireworks.



### 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>.

### Through May 17

- **Keukenhof gardens near the town of Lisse** This year, the international flower exhibition has chosen "Vincent van Gogh" as its central theme. Open daily 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ticket office closes at 6 p.m. Admission: €16; children, ages 4 to 11, €8. Visit <http://www.keukenhof.nl/en>.

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