

# THE GAZETTE

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## Benelux news briefs

### SATO move

SATO travel office will move from Chievres Air Base PX-Extra to Caserne Daumerie Bldg 20024 Rm 108. The office on Chièvres will close April 30 through May 4 to allow for the move. Phone numbers will remain the same (DSN: 361-5783 or civilian 068-275783). Normal operation will resume May 5 in the new location.

For emergencies call toll free at 866-422-9428 or from the U.S. at 210-877-3357 or call the Transportation Officer at 366-6571.

### Pairi Daiza

The park reopened April 4, traffic on N56 (Mons-Ath) will increase. Drive carefully.

### Job openings - Commissary

The Chièvres and Schinnen Commissaries are looking for food service workers. Positions may be full-time, part-time or intermittent work schedules.

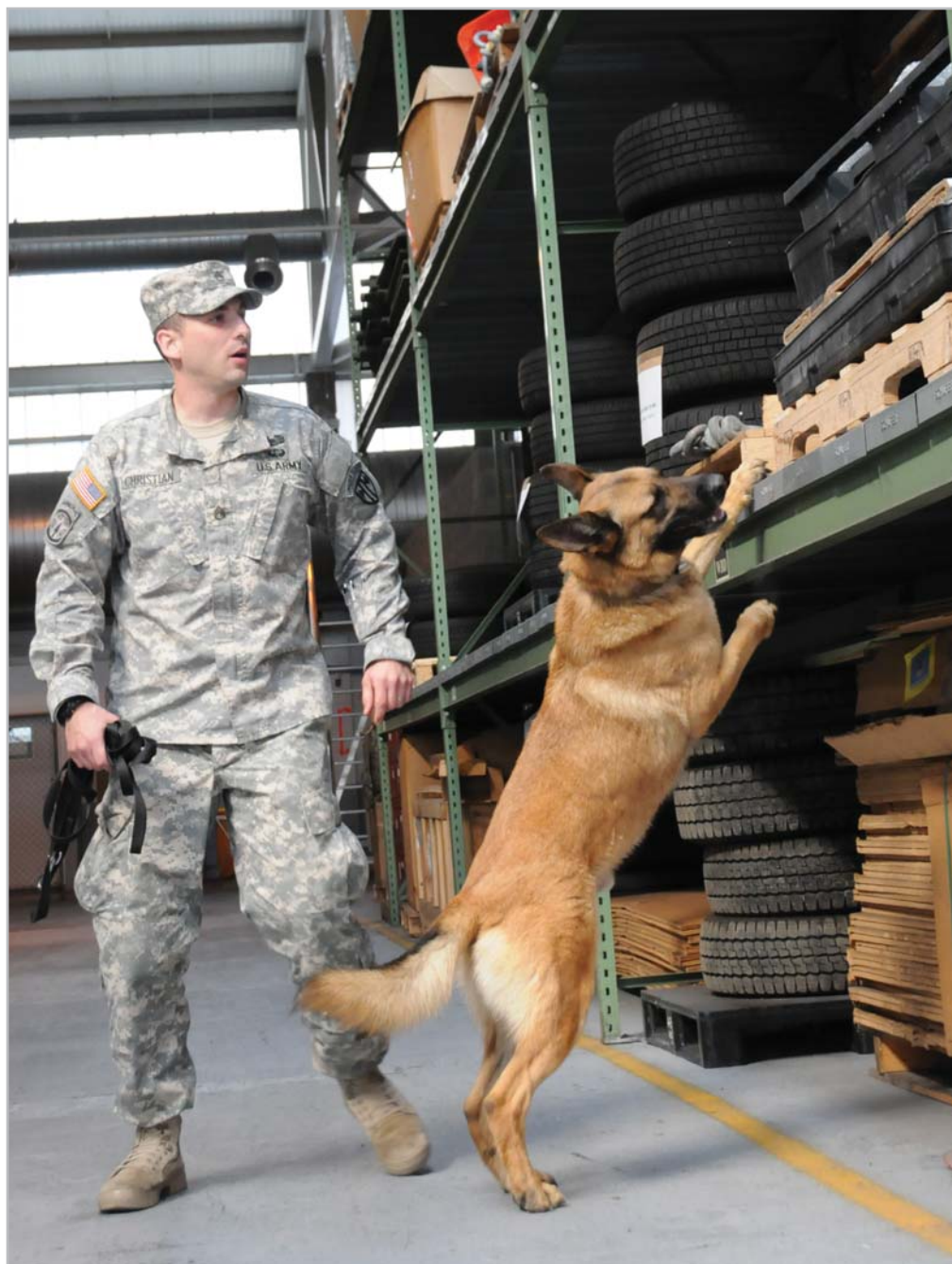
The Chièvres Commissary is also looking for U.S. baggers.

### Gazette submissions

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525th Military Working Dog Detachment military working dog team Staff Sgt. John Christian and Rex search for explosives in hangar 3 on Chièvres Air Base during annual Patrol Explosive Detector Dog Certification Wednesday, April 8, 2015. Christian and the five year old Belgian Malinois have been working together for only two months prior to the certification.(U.S. Army photo by Keith Houin)

## Trenches to Foxholes

# WWII air crew to be honored in local community

By **Cis Spook**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

The coming weekend, April 11 and 12, two ceremonies will be held in the local community to honor WWII crew members. The first ceremony organized by the city of Silly will be April 11 at 3 p.m. in Fouleng where a B-17 nicknamed Royal Flush crashed in 1944 after it was hit by flak batteries on Chièvres Air Base then occupied by the Nazis.

The airplane came back from a bombing mission over Schweinfurt, Germany and was heading back to England. As the plane was nearing the coast, a puff of smoke and some debris appeared on the left wing of the B17. The pilot, 1st Lt. James R. Lavin, ordered his crew to bail out, but soon after, the plane crashed in a field. Of the ten crew members, six were killed in the explosion of the plane. One crewmember was injured, but still managed to bail out and was evacuated by the Nazis to a nearby hospital. Three crew members evaded capture with the help of the Belgian Resistance and eventually made it back to England.

For the 70th anniversary of the crash, one of the crew members who evaded capture and last survivor of the crew, Tech. Sgt. Troy Hollar, top turret gunner, came back to the crash site for the first time after the war. Some 20 family members also travelled from the States to attend the commemoration.

This year's ceremony will be attended by city officials, a couple of local witnesses of the crash and members of the 424th Air Base Squadron.

The second ceremony is April 12 at 10 a.m. in Dergneau, close to Ronse, honoring the crew of the B24 nicknamed Pale Ale. The ceremony will be attended by the son of Bombardier 2nd Lt. Henry Wynia.

The plane crashed because the control cables snapped which resulted in a downward spiral. The pilot, 2nd Lt. Robert Gordon, tried to help two of his crew, 2nd Lt. Ferdinand M. Kjar, the navigator and Sgt. Harold H. Hendrickson, nose gunner, to get out of the plane but didn't succeed. All three were killed in action. The pilot is still Missing in Action as his body was never recovered. The plane exploded as it touched the ground due to its full bombs load still aboard. Both ceremonies are open to all.



Archive Picture

*Christian Leclercq, Mayor of Silly, pays tribute to the B17 Royal Flush crew members during last year's ceremony in Fouleng, April 13, 2014.*

### April 11 at 3 p.m.

#### 47, Rue de la Miraine - 7830 Fouleng

Ceremony honoring the crew members of the B17 Royal Flush that crashed in a field in Fouleng, April 13, 1944. Six of the crew were killed in the explosion of the plane; four survived.

### April 12 at 10 a.m.

#### Monument is close to Rue du Marais 2 - 7912 Dergneau

Ceremony honoring the crew members of the B24 Pale Ale that crashed in Dergneau, February 20, 1945 due to technical defaults. Three of the crew were killed in the crash; seven survived.

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# Training, events raise community awareness about sexual harassment, assault

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

USAG Benelux joins the Department of Defense as it observes April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

Several events and SHARP stand-down training will take place this month underscoring the theme "Eliminate sexual assault: Know your part. Do your part."

The SHARP stand-down began as a result of Secretary of the Army John McHugh's May 24, 2013, memorandum detailing the Army's plan to implement an Armywide Sexual Assault Prevention and Response stand-down, according to the Army's SHARP website at <http://www.sexualassault.army.mil>.

SHARP is one of the Army's top programs, said Angela Taylor, the USAG Benelux sexual assault response coordinator, or SARC.

"The stand-down reinforces the Army's commitment to preventing sexual assault," she said. "What I like about the stand-down is that we can change up the training from the boring PowerPoint (presentations and) videos."

The USAG Benelux training at Chièvres and SHAPE, for example, will be presented in round-robin sessions with plenty of human interaction.

"I facilitate very candid discussions among peers," Taylor said. "Everybody has the answers, but sex is a topic no one wants to talk about so I try to create an environment where we have serious but also fun conversations."

## **Why Army emphasizes battle buddies**

Only 1 percent of the male population are perpetrators, she said, quoting studies by the Navy and the FBI. Although it's a small percentage, the average offender commits 100 times before being caught. (Sexual offenses may vary.)

"There are a lot of good men out there," she said. "That's one of the reasons the Army went to the bystander-intervention program — to engage the good men and stop (would-be) perpetrators before they commit."

## **Training, event dates**

USAG Benelux puts on the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Preven-



*A simple thing like denim has come to represent a movement against sexual violence. Schinnen's Denim Day 5K Walk/Run is just one of the events held in USAG Benelux military communities that address the problem of sexual assault and promote victim advocacy.*

tion, or SHARP, stand-down this month.

The following sessions will be held:

- USAG Benelux will conduct round-robin training at Chièvres Community Activity Center (Chièvres Gym) April 15 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Modules include Bystander Intervention; SHARP Reporting Options; Teal Hash/Court-Martial Reports; Army Substance Abuse Program, or ASAP ("diminished capacity"); and Purple Belt Self-Defense. (Alternate training date: April 30 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at SHAPE Healthcare Facility.)

- USAG Benelux-Schinnen will conduct Phase I training at the Schinnen Army Education Center April 15 from 9 a.m. to noon.

- USAG Benelux-Brussels will conduct Small-Group Bystander Intervention Training in the Community Conference Room April 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Community events observing Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month are as follows:

- Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, SHARP potluck at the Single Soldiers Quarters April 23 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., including meet-and-greet with victim advocates.

- Take Back the Night 5k run at SHAPE April 24, starting at the SHAPE Gym. Com-

mands sign a Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month proclamation at 3:30 p.m. Run starts at 4 p.m.

- Denim Day 5K Walk/Run at the Schinnen Fitness Center April 29 at 9 a.m.

Denim Day is an opportunity for community members to wear denim to show support for an end to sexual violence.

Denim Day USA gives some background: In Italy in the 1990s, a male driving instructor arrived at the home of a young woman for her first lesson.

He allegedly took her to an isolated stretch of road, dragged her out of the vehicle and raped her. He reportedly threatened to kill her if she told anyone and made her drive the car home, according to <http://ddusa.peaceover-violence.org>.

With the support of her parents, the woman pressed charges, and the driving instructor was eventually convicted. He appealed and was acquitted.

The judge reasoned that, since the woman had been wearing skin-tight jeans, she would have had to help the alleged perpetrator remove the jeans, which in the judge's mind proved consent.

Denim Day started in Italian Parliament but soon spread to Los Angeles and then to the rest of the United States and other parts of the world.

# Americans can recover the VAT on some local purchases

**Special to the Gazette**

Americans living in Europe are offered unique opportunities for travel, new food experiences and shopping. Some of the best memories for families are made while riding on a train to a different country, taking in the views at one of the many historical and cultural sites, and shopping until they drop in the numerous luxury shopping areas. In fact, European stores offer a vast array



of options and choices for whatever goods you might be searching for, whether it's to redecorate your home or if you're just looking to take back a piece of "Europe" with you to the U.S.

Though you might not be aware, SHAPE members (under article 111.417 of the Belgian government and European Union Agreement) are entitled to tax-free purchases of reasonable quantities of certain goods and items that generally fall under the "durable goods" definition.

Plainly spoken, this means that American Shapians can purchase certain goods on the economy in Belgium and be eligible to receive a refund of the VAT, or Value-Added Taxes, that are included with their purchase. And for those times when you are looking to make a large purchase, having the ability to recoup your expense on the tax you paid is almost motivation to keep spending.

Here is an easy breakdown of how to navigate the VAT Process in Belgium:

- Not all items are covered under the "exempted goods" category. Examples of approved goods are as follows:
  - Household furniture other than pieces of antique furniture (i.e. more than 100 years old).
  - Functional electrical appliances: washing machine, tumble driers, dishwashers, refrigerator, microwave ovens, cookers, vacuum cleaner, etc...
  - Electric lights (with the exclusion of the bulbs)
  - Garden furniture (tables, chairs and parasols).
  - Lawn mowers (excluding all other tools).
  - Curtains and hangings.
  - Bicycles and scooters less than 50cc
  - Tablecloths, crockery, household utensils and

other than luxury items such as gold, silver, gilded, silver plated and platinized services.

- Bed linens including those for children and babies.
- Radios, CD players (including those for the car), televisions, hi-fi and video equipment.
- Personal computers (including screen and printer but no spare parts) and iPad.

Non-durable goods such as, water, gas, electricity, fuel oil, or food products in general, products

containing alcohol, tobacco products do not qualify for the tax exemption. In addition, items which become fitted to the structure of a building, such as pieces of furniture or accessories for the kitchen or bathrooms also do not comply with the durable goods exemption.

After making sure that your purchase complies with the exemption, two original copies of the VAT Form 151 will need to be filled out (Boxes 1, 3 and 5), signed and dated. Next, your NMR or National Military Representative, will sign in Box 4 of Form 151.

Once signed, Form 151 must be submitted to the VAT office (located in Bldg. 210, room 103), where the form will have Box 6 signed and seals affixed. A sealed copy of Form 151 will then be given to you to give to the vendor in order to receive restitution from the original place of purchase. Although this general procedure works for most purchases, there are more details, rules, and exceptions that may apply to your specific situation. Therefore, it is important to consult with the VAT office before making any large purchase.

A complete listing of the durable goods that qualify for the exemption and the non-durable goods that would not qualify is available on the "Customs and VAT in Belgium" page on Shape2Day, under the "Newcomers" tab. Here you can also find a full description of the VAT regulations, procedures and printable copies of VAT Form 151.

The opportunity to live and shop on the economy offers the chance to stimulate the local economy within which we all live, to search for a quality and well-made product that is easy to bring home, and to interact with the local population.



# Army chief of staff says Army tattoo policy will be revised, made more accommodating to social norms

by C. Todd Lopez

Army News Swervice

The Army will update its policy on tattoos during the coming weeks, making it more accommodating to current social norms, the Army's chief of staff said.

During a press conference at the Association of the United States Army Global Force Symposium and Exposition, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno said the service regularly reviews and makes updates to Army Regulation 670-1.

"As part of the regular process that we go through in reviewing regulations, covering the wear and appearance of the Army uniform, and the appearance of our Soldiers, we will be releasing in the coming weeks, an update to that policy, and the most notable change is going to be the change in the tattoo policy in the Army," Odierno said.

Soldiers will no longer be limited to a particular size or number of tattoos permitted on the arms or legs, Odierno said, provided those tattoos are not extremist, indecent, sexist or racist.

The policy will, however, continue to prohibit tattoos above the T-shirt neckline, on the head, face, wrists and hands. There will be an exception allowing one ring tattoo on each hand.

Odierno said that changes to the policy came after listening to feedback from Soldiers, and after discussion with senior enlisted leaders.

"We have listened to the Soldiers," Odierno said. "I've talked to our sergeants major and our non-commissioned officers and some of our officers and frankly, society is changing its view of tattoos, and I think we need to change along with it."

During an interview last week, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey discussed the upcoming change to the Army tattoo policy. He said that the message from the Soldiers he talks to is clear: Soldiers have tattoos, tattoos are acceptable now, and the tattoo policy might affect a decision to re-enlist.

"You can't go anywhere without hearing about the Army's tattoo policy," Dailey said. "It came up when I was at the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy too. So it's not just Soldiers, but leaders as well."

The sergeant major said American culture has changed, and that tattoos are more accepted now than they have ever been before. The Army is a reflection of American society, and American society, he said, accepts tattoos.

"I think this is a realization that we are in a different generation," he said. "Tattoos are more prevalent in young Americans than I think they have ever been throughout American history."

When it was implemented, the current Army tattoo policy did not force out Soldiers who had tattoos below the elbow

or knee or above the neck line. However, the policy did require Soldiers to have those tattoos documented. It also limited additional tattoos in those places.

"These Soldiers understand that, they know they are grandfathered in," Dailey said. "But they have fears. We have documented every one of those tattoos, and they expect that could one day be used against them with regards to promotions or things like that."

Dailey said he has asked Soldiers about how the current tattoo policy might affect their decision to separate from military service. He said "overwhelmingly," Soldiers have said the policy would play a role in their deciding to stay in or to leave.

Dailey said he did not want the tattoo policy to be the deciding factor for why a good Soldier might decide to leave the Army.

He said he felt that the policy might in some way be at odds with the requirement to maintain an all-volunteer force.

"So then we struggle with - do the standards of discipline we've established override the needs of what we need to maintain the all-volunteer force, and the quality all-volunteer force, even more so as we draw down," he asked. "When we move this standard too far to the right, can we actually maintain the all-volunteer force in the future?"

Dailey's discussions with Soldiers and his concerns regarding the effects of the existing tattoo policy on the Army's ability to maintain the all-volunteer force, were included in his own recommendations regarding the tattoo policy that he made to the Army chief of staff and the Army secretary.

**"I've talked to our sergeants major and our non-commissioned officers and some of our officers and frankly, society is changing its view of tattoos, and I think we need to change along with it." Gen. Raymond Odierno**



A Soldier displays his tattoos grandfathered in under the current Army Regulation 670-1. The number and size of tattoos on the arms and legs will be less restrictive under an updated policy, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno says will soon take effect.

## Trenches to Foxholes

## Next week in World War history (April 12 to April 18)

## World War I

1915

**April 18** - A member of the German Bahnschutzwache, or Railway Protection Guard, shoots down the well-known French airman Roland Garros in his flight over German positions in Flanders, France, on a bombing raid. Garros is killed in battle seven months later at Vouziers, France.

1916

**April 14** - The Battle of Lake Naroch, an offensive on the Eastern Front by the Russian army during World War I, ends after achieving little success against German positions near Lake Naroch and the Russian town of Vilna (in modern-day Lithuania).

**April 18** - President Woodrow Wilson threatens to sever diplomatic ties between the United States and Germany following the sinking of the passenger ferry Sussex by a U-Boat in the English Channel. The attack marked the beginning of a new U-Boat campaign around the British Isles. But in response to Wilson, the Germans call off the U-Boats.

1917

**April 12** - After three days of fierce combat and over 10,000 casualties suffered, the Canadian Corps seizes the previously German-held Vimy Ridge in northern France.

Vimy Ridge becomes a shining example of Canada's effort in the Great War, and one that served as a symbol of the sacrifice the young British dominion had made for the Allied cause.

**April 16** - The French 5th and 6th Armies attack along a 25-mile front south of the Hindenburg Line. The new offensive comes amid promises of a major breakthrough within 24-hours by the new French Commander-in-Chief, Robert Nivelle, who planned the operation. Nivelle again uses his creeping barrage tactic in which his armies advance in stages closely behind successive waves of artillery fire. However, this time it is poorly coordinated and the troops fall far behind. The Germans also benefit from good intelligence and aerial reconnaissance and are mostly aware of the French plan. Nivelle's offensive collapses within days with more than 100,000 casualties. The French president personally intervenes and Nivelle is relieved of his command. He is replaced as Commander-in-Chief by Gen. Henri Petain, who must deal with a French Army that is now showing signs of mutiny.

-Political agitator Vladimir Lenin arrives back in Russia, following 12 years of exile in Switzerland. Special train transportation for his return is provided by the Germans in the hope that anti-war Lenin and his radical Bolshevik Party will disrupt Russia's new Provisional Government. Lenin joins other Bolsheviks in Petrograd who have already returned from exile including Joseph Stalin.

1918

**April 13** - As part of Germany's support of Finland and its newly declared parliamentary government, German troops wrest control of Helsingfors (Helsinki) from the Red Guard, an army of Finnish supporters of the Russian Bolsheviks.

## World War II

1939

**April 13** - The USS Astoria arrives in Japan under the command of Richmond Kelly Turner in an attempt to photograph the Japanese battleships Yamato and Musashi.

1940

**April 16** - German submarine U-3 and British submarine HMS Porpoise engage in combat with torpedoes 10 miles southwest of Egersund, Norway. No hits are scored.

1941

**April 17** - The Yugoslav army, encircled in Bosnia, surrenders to Germany and signs a formal capitulation in Belgrade.

1942

**April 17** - French Gen. Henri Giraud, who was captured in 1940, escapes from a castle prison at Konigstein by lowering himself down the castle wall and jumping on board a moving train, which takes him to the French border.

1943

**April 18** - Forty-seven P-40 and 12 Spitfire fighters intercept a large Axis air convoy off Tunisia, shooting down 24 German transport aircraft, 10 German fighters, and some Italian fighters. So many lives are lost that the Germans dub the action the Palm Sunday Massacre.

1944

**April 15** - The Soviet Red Army occupies Tarnopol, one of the principal cities of Eastern Galicia, across the former Polish border. Tarnopol, traditionally a part of Poland, then part of the Soviet Union, had become German-occupied territory in the great German offensive in June 1941.

1945

**April 12** - U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt dies of a cerebral hemorrhage in his home at Warm Springs, Georgia, on this day in 1945. The only man to be elected to four terms as president of the United States, Roosevelt is remembered—by friends and enemies alike—for his New Deal social policies and his leadership during wartime.

**April 14** - The U.S. Fifth Army joins its British allies in the assault on the German occupiers of Italy.

The Fifth Army, under Lucian K. Truscott, begins pushing its way up the peninsula, capturing Massa and crossing the Frigido River. After meeting considerable German resistance in the mountains, the Fifth sends the Germans running once the battle takes to open country.

**April 18** - Pulitzer Prize-winning war correspondent Ernie Pyle was killed by Japanese machine-gun fire on the island of Ie Shima off the coast of Okinawa. Extremely popular, especially with the average GI, whose life and death he reported on (American infantrymen braved enemy fire to recover Pyle's body), Pyle had been at the London Blitz of 1941 and saw action in North Africa, Italy, France, and the Pacific. A monument exists to him to this day on Ie Shima, describing him simply as "a buddy."

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

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

### Sign up now

- **Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and Luncheon** - All volunteers in the Brussels community who are registered with Brussels Army Community Service are invited to attend the USAG Benelux-Brussels Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and luncheon at the 3 Star **April 30** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided for registered volunteers. Reservations are required. To register for the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and luncheon, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.
- **Adult Flag Football** - Join the adult league and start playing flag football at USAG Benelux-Brussels' Sterrebeek Annex, **April 13** from 7 to 9 p.m. Season runs through May 20. Games will be played Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 and 8 p.m. To register, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

### April 9

- **Family Dinner at 3 Star** - Family Dinner is normally offered Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy Bourbon Chicken or Lamb Chops. Make your (required) reservation at [reservations3star@yahoo.com](mailto:reservations3star@yahoo.com). Cost: Adults \$12, children 12 and under, \$6.

### April 10

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

### April 16

- **Library Book Club** - The club meets from 1 to 3 p.m. at the library. The April book discussion is "Rules of Civility" by Amor Towles. Call DSN 368-9791 or civilian 02-7179791.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

### Sign up now

- **Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and Luncheon** - All volunteers in the Schinnen/Brunssum community who are registered with the Volunteer Corps at Schinnen Army Community Service are invited to attend the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and luncheon at the Community Activity Center in Schinnen **April 14**. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. with check-in/registration. Lunch will be served at noon. The award ceremony will begin at 12:30 p.m. To register for the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and luncheon, call Schinnen Army Community Service at DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500, or send an email message to [usarmy.schinnen.imcom-europe.list.acs@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.schinnen.imcom-europe.list.acs@mail.mil). To register in the Volunteer Corps, you must first be trained in the Volunteer Management Information System, or VMIS, so that you may track your hours. To schedule VMIS training, call DSN 360-7269/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437269/7500.
- **Flea-market booths** - Schinnen Outdoor Recreation hosts a flea market **May 23** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Schinnen Activity Center. 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.
- **CYSS Archery/blow darts clinics** - Enrollment for ages 10 to 18 is open through **April 17** with program starting April 30. For more information, call DSN 364-3121 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121.
- **Country Line Dance Evening** - Sign up now for free country line dancing **May 9** at the E3A Club, NATO Air-base Geilenkirchen. Register at [linedancers\\_for\\_fun@hotmail.com](mailto:linedancers_for_fun@hotmail.com).

### April 15

- **PCS Financial Brief for Junior Enlisted** - Held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at ACS. PCS brief provides guidance on financial preparation and planning for a PCS move such as PCS checklist, entitlements, importance of planning your move in advance, the real and hidden cost of relocation and useful websites. For more information or to register, contact ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437450/7500.
- **Pre-departure Briefing** - Held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at ACS. If you are PCS'ing, separating or retiring learn valuable information to help in your transition. For more information or to register, please call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437512/7500.
- **Sponsor Training** - Held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at ACS. Find out what the responsibilities of being a good sponsor are and the local information that will make your job stress free. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437512/7500.

### April 16-17

- **Host Nation Orientation/Newcomer's Tour** - Held at ACS and in the community from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All newcomer's and spouses are invited to learn about their new community, including local customs, culture, and language. Day one consists of local briefings from agencies and Dutch language and culture training. Day two, we go beyond the gate to learn and utilize the public transportation to visit points of interest in the community. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437512/7500.



## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY continued

April 17

- **The Magic of Rob Lake** - Enjoy an evening of Magic and Mystical wonder at the JFC Brunssum Alliance Theater. Rob Lake is known worldwide for sold-out performances and record setting international tours. Showtime is 7 p.m. Free admission.

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Sign up now

- **Career Exploration Trip to Microsoft** - The trip will be held **April 29** from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to children in grades 9 through 12. To find out more or register, call DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104.
- **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.
- **Registration open for Driver's Education** - The training is for children ages 16 through 18. Spaces are limited so priority will go to those currently attending 12th grade. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from **April 21 through June 11** from 4 to 6 p.m. To find out more or register, call DSN 423-35611 or civilian 065-445611 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. Costs: \$175.

April 10

- **Sergeant Morales Club Induction** - Newest members will be inducted at 10 a.m., Auditorium, Bldg. 30, Caserne Daumerie. Sergeant Morales Club members exemplify a special kind of leadership characterized by a personal concern for the needs, training, development, and welfare of Soldiers. Membership is exclusive and is gained through a rigorous and competitive process. Event is open to all.



April 16

- **CYSS Colorful Run** - For ages 5 to 18, the run will be held on the SHAPE track from 2 to 6 p.m. Registration is open until April 15. Children 5 to 11 must be accompanied by their parents at the event. For more information, call DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.
- **The Magic of Rob Lake** - Enjoy an evening of Magic and Mystical wonder at the SHAPE Alliance Auditorium. Rob Lake is known worldwide for sold-out performances and record setting international tours. Showtime is 7 p.m. Free admission.

April 17

- **Volunteer Recognition Ceremony** - The SHAPE/Chièvres community will hold its annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the SHAPE Club Ballroom from 10 a.m. to noon. This free event celebrates the effort and support that volunteers provide to the SHAPE/Chièvres Community. Volunteers will be recognized for their myriad of contributions to the community. All volunteers who are registered in the Volunteer Management Information System, or VMIS, are welcome to attend, but reservations are required. To make a reservation, call SHAPE Army Community Service at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Through April 17

- **Spring Break Fun** - CYSS offers spring break activities for elementary-school, middle-school and high school students. Get details on the camps and trips at DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104.

### 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'

## Visit the boat elevators and sloping lock

Within half an hour driving distance from Mons, in the heart of Hainaut province, visit some unique boat elevators or sloping lock:

**Historic canal du centre** (Rue Tout-y-faut, 7110 Houdeng-Goegnies) has four boat lifts that are on the UNESCO World Heritage listing. Each of the lifts is able to compensate for a change in level of about 17 meters using energy from water. The lifts were built in the early 20th century and are the only ones still working in their original estate. You can book a round trip by touristic train, visit of a powerhouse and guided boat trip with crossing of one hydraulic lift Tuesdays to Sundays until October 31 with two departures a day from the boat lift at Strépy-Thieu (Rue Raymond Cordier 50 at 7070 Thieu) at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Presence is required 30 minutes before departure. Cost is €14.25 per adult, €12 for youth 13 to 18 years old and €9.50 for children 4 to 12 years old.

**Sloping lock of Ronquières** (Route de Baccara, 7090 Ronquières) was built more than 45 years ago and resembles a huge roll-on that compensates for a difference in level of 68 meters. Vessels of up to 1,350 tons can use this longest sloping lock in the world. At the visitors center, you can watch the boats on the sloping lock from the glass bridge. On Sundays during the period May 3 to August 30 (except from July 30 to August 2), you can get a combination ticket for the visit and a boat trip (three hours total) for €10 per adult, €8.25 for youth 13 to 18 years old and €7.25 for children 4 to 12 years old.

**Boat lift in Strépy-Thieu** (Rue Saint-Géry, 7070 Thieu) is the highest boatlift in the world and opened in 2002. The lift is 117 meter high, 130 meters long and 75 meter wide and can overcome a difference of level of a little more than 73 meters. Open every weekend from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. until October 31. On Sundays during the period May 3 to August 30, you can get a combination ticket to visit the boat lift and experience the lift by boat for a total of three hours at €10.50 per adult, €9.50 for youth 13 to 18 years old and €6 for children 4 to 12 years old. Departure is at noon and 3:30 p.m. downstream and at 2 and 5 p.m. upstream but presence is required 30 minutes before departure.

For additional information on visits of the above sites, check <http://voiesdeau.hainaut.be> (in English). To book, call 064/671200 or email [info.strepy\\_thieu@hainaut.be](mailto:info.strepy_thieu@hainaut.be).



### Good to know:

- You can also rent a bike at the boatlift #3 at €8 per day or €6 for half a day and ride on the path alongside the canal to see all four boatlifts on the historic canal du centre. Bikes can be rented April through October.
- Download free cycling routes from [www.tourismegps.be](http://www.tourismegps.be). For more information, call 064-847831 or email [info.canaldu-centre@hainaut.be](mailto:info.canaldu-centre@hainaut.be).

## Upcoming organized trips

### SHAPE Trips and Tours

For information, call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884

- **Giverny, France: Monet's Home and Gardens, April 25**
- **Polish Pottery and Czech Crystal Shopping Trip, May 1 to 4**
- **Paris, May 2**
- **Thermes de Spa, Belgium, May 9**
- **Amsterdam, May 23**
- **Normandy Beaches, May 29-31**
- **London, June 6**
- **Stonehenge with Salisbury & Oxford, June 13,14**
- **Somme Battlefield and Peronne Museum, June 20**
- **Phantasia Land, Bruehl, Germany, June 27**
- **Pamplona Bulls Run, July 6-9**
- **Disney Paris, July 15**
- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, Belgium, Aug. 8**
- **Medieval Dinner in Bruges, Aug. 22**

### SHAPE Travel Group

For information, call civilian 0470-876369.

- **Trier with Winery Tour, April 15**
- **Polish Pottery and Giethoorn, April 24**
- **Giverny, France: Monet's Home and Gardens, May 7**
- **London and Chelsea Flower Show, May 21**
- **Amiens and Les Hortillonages (Floating Gardens), June 2**
- **Provins Medieval Festival, June 13**
- **Paris, June 18**
- **Hampton Court Palace and Gardens, June 30**

### Schinnen Trips & Tours

For information, call DSN 360-7561 or civilian 0032-(0)46-4437561

- **Family Day "Trout Fishing," April 11**
- **Keukenhof Gardens, April 25**
- **Day Trip to Delft, May 9**
- **D-Day landing beaches, memorials and battle monuments in Normandy, France, July 17 to 20 (register by May 15)**



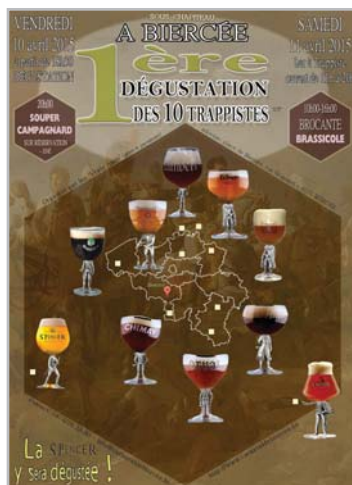
Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

#### April 10

- **The Hall of Flavors in Soignies** - Local products market on Place Van Zeeland from 6 to 10 p.m. Every second Friday of the month.

#### April 10-11

- **Trappist beer tasting** - Enjoy a unique opportunity to taste the 10 Trappist beers at one site, including the US Trappist Spencer. From 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday and from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday. It takes place on Place de Biercée and Rue Grignard.



#### April 11

- **The art of brewing in Horrués** - Discover new Spring beers from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Chaussée de Lessines 361. Find more information at <http://www.lartdenbrasser.be>.
- **Vintage cars ride in Harmignies** for 60 km. Departs from the Salle Calva on 3 Rue Vieille Eglise at 2 p.m. Participation is €10 for the driver and €8 for the passengers.

#### April 11 to 12

- **Fair: books, discs and DVDs in Nimy** - on Place de Nimy from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **24 hours of bike in Braine-le-Comte** on Rue de l'Ecole Normale 101. Other activities will also be available. Participation is €50 per team. You can register your team online at <http://www.24hveloblc.be/inscription-online-2>. The event starts Saturday at 11 a.m. and ends on Sunday at noon.
- **Flea market in Mons** at the Loto Mons Expo on Avenue Thomas Edison from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (90 booths)
- **Volksmarch in Bau-dour** for 5, 7, 12, 25, 50 and 60 km. Departs from Parc Communal from 6 to 9 a.m. for the 60 and 50 km routes and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the other routes.



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

#### April 11

- **Spring festival in Eibergen** at Hof van Eckberge, Linteveldseweg 1a has lots to enjoy & taste; attractive stands; activities; and demonstrations. Open from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is €5 (includes cup of coffee/tea; kids icecream).

#### April 11,18,25

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

#### April 11-12

- **Spring fair "Lentiade" in Den Bosch** on Pette-laarse Schans 1. At the fair you'll get a taste of spring while shopping and enjoying all the goodies this lifestyle fair offers. Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €10.
- **Spring fest in Detmold (GE)** with flea market and other activities in the center of town.
- **Harbor fest in Oudenbosch** in the center of town. At the festival visitors will find more than 125 stands, music, naval parade, a chance to visit the sailboats and other attractions and activities from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Collectors year market in Utrecht** at Jaarbeurs on Jaarbeursplein 6 has more than 2,000 stands and is Europe's largest annual vintage collectors event. Special guests this year are five former Bond Girls. Open: April 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and April 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €13; children 11 and younger - free entrance.
- **Tribal arts fair in Wilrijk (BE)** with art from America, Asia, Africa and more on Bist 164. Several collectors are not only displaying the art but selling or exchanging as well. The fair is open both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### Through April 12

- **Art Breda in Breda** is an inspiring fair for art, design and antiques held on Chasséveld. Besides classic art and antiques, visitors will also find modern art and jewelry at the fair. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and April 8 from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission: €15; youth 12-17 years of age €10; children 11 and younger have free entrance.
- **"Anno Dazumal" year market in Mechernich (GE)** at LVR-Freilichtmuseum Kommern has all kinds of amusements and activities from the 19th century through the sixties in the 20th century. Admission: €6.50; free for children. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.





## April 12

- **Mountain bike ride in Pipaix** - for 27, 35, 47 and 57 km. Departs from 139, Rue de Mortagne from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Participation fee: €5
- **Flea market in Nimy** on Rue de la Lanterne from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. (60 booths)
- **Flea market in Nivelles** on and around the Grand' Place from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Bouffoulx** for 5, 10, 15, 20 km. Departs from Rue Général Jacques 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Beaumont** for 5, 10 and 20 km. Departs from Rue du Vivier 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Elouges** for 5, 10 and 20 km. Departs from Rue Béatam 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Linkebeek** for 5, 7, 13 and 21 km. Departs from Rue de l'Eglise 31 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Ongoing

### Through April 19

- **33rd Brussels International Fantastic Film Festival** - The festival is held at the Center for fine arts, main entrance on Rue Ravenstein. For detailed program, check <http://www.biff.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Programme2015.pdf>.



### Through April 23

- **Comic books exhibition in Ath** around the theme of WWI. Open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 7 p.m.; Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. It takes place on 16 Boulevard du Château. Admission is free.

### Through April 29

- **Embroidery exhibition in Mons** - With the exceptional presence of world famous artists Cas Holmes, Dijanne Cevaai, Catherine Mazé, Ornella Marotta, Erny Piret, Michel Buchman. Open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m. The exhibition takes place at the Black Sisters' Convent on 2 Rue des Soeurs Noires. Admission is free.

### Throughout the year

- **Mons is 2015 European Capital of Culture** - Many events will take place though the year in Mons and its partner cities. For the program and more information, visit its website at <http://www.mons2015.eu/en>.



## April 12

- **Porsche Meeting in Geertruidenberg**. About 350 Porsche will be on display at market square. Besides the car display there is live entertainment, stands and more between noon and 6 p.m.
- **Knights training in Limbricht** at Castle Limbricht, Allee 1. 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 products market Wijtschate (BE)** is held on Market Square and Sint-Medardus Square from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### April 12, 19, 26

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

### April 18-19

- **Flea market in Maastricht** from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at MECC. Admission: €3.50.

### April 19

- **Art market in Eersel** in the garden of "De Acht Zaligheden" Museum, Kapelweg 2. Admission is €2. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Through May 10

- **The Frick Collection in The Hague** is on display at Mauritshuis on Korte Vijverberg 8. The Frick Collection is the art collected by Pittsburgh industrialist Henry Clay Frick (1849-1919). This is the first time the foundation has allowed such a large part of its collection to be on display outside of the museum in New York. The exhibition includes works from artists like Van Eyck, Ingres, Cimabue and Liotard, covering the period from the 13th and 19th centuries. For information on address, opening hours and prices: [www.mauritshuis.nl](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>.

### Through Sept. 4

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