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Benelux news briefs

Brussels closes 3 Star to prepare for Spring Fling

The 3 Star Recreation Center won't hold a 3 Star Recreation Night March 27 because it will be closed in preparation for the Spring Fling March 28.

Luxembourg Gate has new exit hours

Luxembourg Gate near the SHAPE Club now has new hours. In addition to being open for traffic entering SHAPE weekdays from 8 to 9 a.m., the gate will be open for traffic exiting SHAPE Monday through Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. It will be open for exit Fridays from 3 to 4 p.m. No entry will be allowed in the afternoon.

Library closures coming

The USAG Benelux-Brussels Library will be closed April 5 because of Easter Sunday.

SHAPE International Library will be closed for professional-development training April 20.

Website may have problems

The USAG Benelux website at <http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil> may be experiencing technical difficulties. The Benelux web team is working with U.S. Army Europe to resolve the issue.

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Past, present service members honor 17th Airborne Division

(From left to right) Spc. Devlin Trefethen, Sgt. Bryan Derochie, Sgt. Jay Butler, Sgt. Joseph Quirarte and Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy W. King (back) stand ready to march to the monument at the start of the commemorative ceremony honoring members of the 17th Airborne Division in Houmont Saturday, March 21, 2015. (Photo by Eric Daniel)

Seattle Sea Gals take Benelux by storm

(Clockwise from near right) Sgt. Vincent "Charles" Pedican does his best to dance like a Sea Gal at the SHAPE Alliance Auditorium Thursday, March 19, 2015. The Sea Gals, cheerleaders for the Seattle Seahawks football team, sang, danced and cheered, mixing in a little comedy and audience participation. They also put on a cheerleading clinic for students at SHAPE American High School that day. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark) • The Seattle Sea Gals put on a free variety show at the Alliance Auditorium, sponsored by Armed Forces Entertainment and the USAG Benelux Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. (U.S. Army photo by Tim Clark) • The Seattle Sea Gals get a photo taken with Dan Fraizer, the CYSS sports director who coordinated their cheer clinic at USAG Benelux-Brussels Wednesday, March 18, 2015. (U.S. Army photo by Dave Coldwell)



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Cynthia "Cindy" Breedlove talks about how her family provided strong female role models during the USAG Benelux Women's History Month observance on Caserne Daumerie in Chièvres Friday, March 20, 2015. (U.S. Army photos by Donovan Abrassart)

Exceptional women tell their success stories

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

As the wife of the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Cynthia "Cindy" Breedlove has a unique perspective, which she shared at the Women's History Month observance in Chièvres March 20.

Breedlove has undergone 22 moves in 35 years so, along the way, substitute teaching became her chosen career path. Breedlove cultivated friendships with other Air Force wives.

"It wasn't until I married and moved across the country, then across the world, that ... women would be a lifesaver," she said. "There are women who look up to you and you look up to them."

When Breedlove was rearing her children, she told them, "You can do anything with hard work, guts and determination."

The message of 'You can do anything' just wasn't around when I was a girl."

Six other women shared their triumphs:

- Charlotte Isaksson, a veteran of the Swedish Army's field artillery;
- Belgian Army Premier Caporal Chef Mara Di Pietrantonio, a knight of the International Military Sports Council (CISM) Order of Merit;
- Leticia Tutu, an active volunteer;
- Air Force Master Sgt. Sara Rico, who started her American journey as a result of her family's illegal immigration;
- Navy Capt. Shoshana Chatfield, a naval aviator; and
- Keyairra Bryant, a student and basketball player at SHAPE American High School.



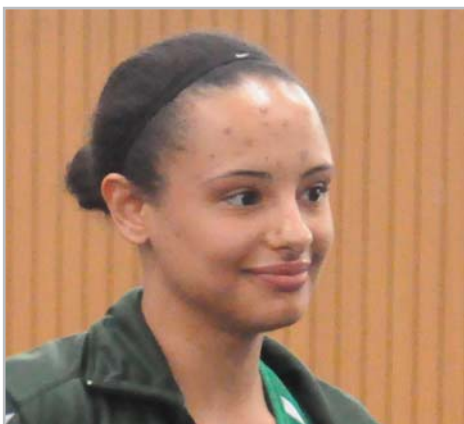
Charlotte Isaksson



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Navy Capt. Shoshana Chatfield



Air Force Master Sgt. Sara Rico

Benelux celebrates St. Patrick's Day



The opening band at the Schinnen's St. Patrick's Day Party, "Strocial," teams up with the headliner, Slant, to put on a dynamic performance Thursday, March 19, 2015. Strocial is a local AFNORTH High School group. (Photo by Sandra Stanek)



Best friends Emily Stead (196) and Molly Whetzel (background), both 11, show some St. Paddy's Day spirit at the March 17 Shamrock Shuffle's Kids Fun Run. Proceeds from the fun run and the 5k will help make SHAPE American High School's prom more affordable. Top male runner was Petr Jilek with a time of 17:48, and top female runner was Anna Kyle who came in 13th with a time of 22:22. (Photo by Angie Stephens)

Below, Jon Patrick Moore and Mark Boggess both wear green in honor of St. Patrick's Day during Schinnen's Shamrock 5K Fun Run/Walk around the base Tuesday, March 17, 2015. Moore works at Joint Forces Command Brunssum. Boggess works for USAG Benelux-Schinnen's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Schinnen fun runs don't track top male or female runner, or keep time. The runners' reward is going to the fitness center for refreshments. (U.S. Army photo by Rita Hoefnagels)



Harlan Nemmers is on his way to earning first-place male with a time of 23 minutes, 43 seconds, at the Chièvres St. Patrick's Day 5k Run/Walk Saturday, March 14, 2015. Sandi Thaler earned first-place female with a time of 23:55. (U.S. Army photo by Kenneth Goff)

Easter events held in Benelux

Brussels

Spring Fling - Join the Brussels Community as it celebrates Easter at the Brussels 3 Star March 28 from 9 a.m. to noon.

- 9 to 10 a.m.: Breakfast Buffet at the 3 Star [Cost: Adults \$7, children 12 and under, \$3.50. Make (required) reservations for breakfast at reservations3star@yahoo.com.]

- 10 to 10:30 a.m.: Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 a.m. to noon: Games and activities

For information, call DSN 368-9753 or civilian 02-7179753.

Schinnen/Brunssum

Kinderfest and egg hunt - The 2015 Kinderfest and Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 28 at the CYSS Building on JFC Brunssum. The event gets underway at 10 a.m. with the following egg-hunt times:

- 10:15 a.m. for children under three;
- 10:30 a.m. for 3- to 5-year-olds;
- 10:45 a.m. for 6- to 9-year-olds;
- 11 a.m. for the scavenger hunt for children ages 10 and over. Hunts begin promptly so be on time and don't forget to bring your basket.

The event includes children's activities, games and a barbecue.

Open to U.S. and NATO ID card-holders.

For details, call DSN 360-7370 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437370.

SHAPE/Chièvres

Easter Eggstravaganza - Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will put on an Easter event for children, ages newborn to 12, at the Community Activity Center on Chièvres Air Base March 28, starting at 10 a.m. Children's games begin at 10 a.m. The egg hunt begins at noon.

For more information, call the Chièvres Fitness Center inside the CAC at DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.

For volunteer opportunities, visit the Chièvres FMWR page at <http://chievres.armymwr.com/europe/chievres>. Once there, click on the Eggstravaganza link.

Religious services to be offered for Holy Week, Passover, Easter

March 29

8:30 a.m.: Catholic Palm Sunday Mass at SHAPE International Chapel Centre's East Chapel.

10:15 a.m. Anglican Palm Sunday service at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel.

11:30 a.m.: Catholic Palm Sunday Holy Mass at JFC Brunssum International Chapel.

March 30, 31 and April 1

12:05 p.m.: Ecumenical (non-denominational) Holy Week meditation/light lunch at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel.

April 2

Noon: Protestant Maundy Thursday Service at JFC Brunssum International Chapel (second-floor Interfaith Room).

12:05 p.m.: Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday ecumenical (non-denominational) meditation/light lunch at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel.

6 p.m.: Catholic Holy Thursday Mass at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel, followed by Adoration.

7 p.m.: Catholic Holy Thursday Mass at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base Chapel.

April 3

Noon: Protestant Good Friday service at JFC Brunssum Chapel (2nd Floor Interfaith Room).

12:05 p.m.: Ecumenical (non-denominational) Good Friday meditation/light lunch at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel.

3 p.m.: Catholic Good Friday service at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base Chapel.

6 p.m.: Catholic Good Friday service at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel.

6:30 p.m.: Jewish "First Night" Passover Seder hosted by the International Jewish Center of Belgium, led by its new American rabbi. For location and other details, contact info@ijc.be.

April 4

6:30 p.m.: Jewish "Second Night" Passover Seder hosted privately by a SHAPE family in Mons. Call the SHAPE/Chièvres Jewish community liaison at DSN 423-4938 or civilian 065-444938.

7 p.m.: Catholic Easter Vigil Mass at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel.

7 p.m.: Catholic Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at Geilenkirchen Chapel.

April 5

7 a.m.: Protestant Sunrise Easter service at the JFC Brunssum sports fields in the barbecue area. [Call DSN 364-2940 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5262940.]

9 a.m.: Catholic Easter Sunday Mass at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel.

10 a.m. Resurrection Sunday gospel service at Caserne Daumerie Chapel.

10:15 a.m. Anglican Easter Sunday service at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel.

10:30 a.m.: Protestant Easter service at Brussels American Chapel.

11:30 a.m.: Catholic Easter Sunday Mass at JFC Brunssum Chapel.

11:45 a.m.: SHAPE Contemporary Protestant Easter Sunday service at SHAPE International Chapel Centre.

Spring time change begins this Sunday: Set clocks Saturday

"Spring forward. Fall back." follows a different schedule overseas than it does stateside. In Europe, Daylight Saving Time is commonly referred to as Summer Time.

The Benelux and most of Europe start Daylight Saving Time (Central European Summer Time) Sunday, March 29, at 2 a.m. local time, according to <http://www.timeanddate.com/time/zones/cest>.

Before you go to bed Saturday, March 28, remember to set any clocks that don't automatically update one hour ahead.



Solar eclipse ushers in spring

Cloud cover in the Netherlands gives this photo of the partial eclipse an eerie look Friday, March 20, 2015, the first day of spring. A total eclipse of the sun traveled a semicircular path from south of Greenland to the North Pole. Areas outside this path experienced partial eclipse.

Take care of intestinal health, well-being: After 50, get screenings for colon cancer

Special to the Gazette

SHAPE Healthcare Facility

March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month.

Colon cancer is a cancer of the large intestine and may not produce any symptoms at first. For that reason, getting screened for colon cancer is important.

Officials at SHAPE Healthcare Facility recommend the following for screening starting at age 51:

- Colonoscopy every 10 years or
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy, which allows your care provider to view the inner lining of the lower part of the large intestine as well as to take tissue samples or remove polyps if needed, every five years or
- Fecal occult-blood test, which tests for microscopic (occult) blood in the stool, every year.

However, if you have a family history of colon cancer, are experiencing symptoms of colon cancer or have risk factors, you may need to begin your screenings earlier or need additional screenings. If you experience any of the following, see your doctor as soon as possible:



Eating a balanced diet is only one of the ways that you can take care of your intestinal health.

- continuous abdominal discomfort (such as pain or cramps);
- unexplained weakness/fatigue;
- unexplained weight loss;
- rectal bleeding; and
- change in regular bowel habits.

Risk factors for colon cancer include:

- smoking;
- obesity;
- older than 50 years;
- inflammatory intestinal issue (such as Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis);
- diet high in fat and low in fiber;
- inactive lifestyle; and

- heavy drinking.

There are a few ways to lower your risk:

- Eat a balanced diet with whole grains, vegetables and fruit.
- If you are going to drink alcohol, drink in moderation.
- If you smoke, you can lower your risk by quitting.
- Be active at least 30 minutes most days.
- Stay at a healthy weight.

If you would like more information or assistance with scheduling a screening, call DSN 423-5886 or civilian 065-445886. You may schedule an appointment to see your provider, or ask for a telephone consult and a nurse will call you. If you have a Relay Health account, you may send a message to your provider. Additionally, you may receive a phone call if SHAPE Healthcare Facility records indicate that you are due for a colon-cancer screening.

Making lifestyle changes and getting screened at recommended intervals are vital in maintaining intestinal health.



Brussels Fitness Center unveils renovations

Lt. Col. John Bivona cuts the cake at the grand opening of the Brussels Fitness Center's renovated showers and sauna Tuesday, March 17, 2015. As the acting USAG Benelux-Brussels deputy garrison manager, Bivona also performed a ribbon-cutting. About 35 people took time out of their work day to celebrate the improvements. (U.S. Army photo by Dave Coldwell)

Earth Hour will support energy conservation

Local citizens may show support for energy awareness by going without electric lights during Earth Hour March 28 at 8:30 p.m. local time.

USAG Benelux energy manager Melanie Chaballe stressed the importance of conserving energy.

Earth Hour started in 2007 as a lights-off event to raise awareness, according to <http://www.earthhour.org>, whose slogan is "Uniting people to protect the planet."

More than 162 countries and territories worldwide are engaged in this effort, according to the website.

Trenches to Foxholes

Meeting US WWII Soldiers at ceremony in Houmont

by Cis Spook

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Local citizens and members of the re-enactors association "101st Airborne Belgian Friendly" gathered with WWII veterans and their family members to honor the Soldiers of the 17th Airborne Division during a ceremony held in Houmont, Belgium, March 21.

Special guests at the ceremony were two veterans of the 17th Airborne Division: Lynn W. Aas and Daniel Chihego. Both their units were rushed in emergency to the west of Bastogne when the Nazis released their offensive in the Belgian Ardennes.

Aas was born in 1921 and is a veteran of the 193rd Glider Infantry Regiment under the 17th Airborne Division. He enlisted Aug. 18, 1942, and joined Company D, 193rd GIR, in spring 1944. In August 1944, he arrived in southern United Kingdom and was sent to the Belgian Ardennes soon after. Jan. 7, 1945, was Aas' very first day of combat. Aas' unit endured heavy losses due to severe winter conditions and strong enemy resistance. The regiment faced the Germans for six days before the situation cleared out.

"The first time I came back to Houmont after the war, was in 1999. There were more emotions from the war that time than this time," Aas said. "This time, it brings celebration because of the 70th anniversary, and the damages of war – while they are still in your heart and in your head – you are not reviving them for the first time."

After the war, Aas became an administrator of a medical group in North Dakota.

"The war was a challenge, but, at the same time, it probably was a great help in establishing the direction of my life, my beliefs and my attitude towards life," he said.



Eric Daniel

A re-enactor dressed in a WWII uniform attends the commemorative ceremony in Houmont, Belgium, Saturday, March 21, 2015, honoring the Soldiers of the 17th Airborne Division who fought in the area in January 1945.



Lynn W. Aas, a veteran of the 193rd Glider Infantry Regiment, 17th Airborne Division, signs the guest book next to Mayor Jacques Pierre of Sainte Ode after the ceremony in Houmont Saturday, March 21, 2015.



At left, Sgt. Joseph Quirarte, USAG Benelux MP, shows respect while shaking hands with Isaac Curtis Phillips, veteran of the 4th Infantry Division. Phillips was in the second wave of the Normandy landings on Omaha Beach June 6, 1944. Although his unit didn't fight in the area of Houmont, Phillips, a resident of Binche, Belgium, attends various ceremonies honoring his comrades-in-arms. • At right, Daniel Chihego, a veteran of the 466th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, 17th Airborne Division, sits next to Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy W. King during the reception held at the conclusion of the ceremony in Houmont, Belgium, Saturday, March 21, 2015. (U.S. Army photos by Cis Spook unless otherwise indicated).

Trenches to Foxholes

Next week in World War history (March 29 to April 4)

World War I

1915

March 30 - The Russian 8th Army advances in the Carpathians threatening the Hungarian plains. Attacks are centered on Lupkow, Uszok and Dukla passes.

April 4 - The Russian 3rd Army and the 8th Army, headed open a drive in bitter cold weather in a southerly direction in the Carpathians. Their objective is to occupy Hungarian railroad lines running south of, and parallel to, the main mountain range.

1916

March 29 - Gen. Alexei Polivanov, Russian minister for war, resigns and is succeeded by Gen. Dmitry Shuvaev.

March 30 - In the Black Sea, the French hospital ship Portugal, in Russian service with a French crew, is torpedoed and sunk by German submarine U-33, with 115 patients, doctors, nurses and crew being drowned.

April 2 - German army airship LZ-86 begins a monthlong series of bombing raids on railway junctions and military facilities at Minsk, Rezhitsa and Wyschki.

1917

March 29 - Prime Minister Hjalmar Hammarskjold of Sweden, father of the future United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, resigns after his policy of strict neutrality in World War I — including continued trading with Germany, in violation of the Allied blockade — leads to widespread hunger and political instability in Sweden.

April 2 - President Woodrow Wilson appears before the U.S. Congress and gives a speech saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy," then asks the Congress for a declaration of war against Germany.

1918

March 30 - An Allied force including British and Canadian cavalry and air brigades confront the Germans head on. By the end of the day, the Allies manage to halt the German advance at Moreuil Wood, despite suffering heavy casualties.

The events at Moreuil Wood break the momentum of the German's spring offensive led by Gen. Erich Ludendorff.

April 1 - The British Royal Air Force is formed as an amalgamation of the Royal Flying Corps (RFC) and the Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS). The RAF takes its place beside the British navy and army as a separate military service with its own ministry.

By war's end, the RAF drops 5,500 tons of bombs and claims 2,953 enemy aircraft destroyed, gaining clear air superiority along the Western Front. It also is the largest air force in the world at the time, with some 300,000 officers and airmen — plus 25,000 members of the Women's Royal Air Force — and more than 22,000 aircraft.

April 3 - The Allied Supreme War Council formally confers the post of commander in chief on the Western Front to Gen. Ferdinand Foch.

April 4 - German forces in the throes of a major spring offensive on the Western Front launch a renewed attack on Allied positions between the Somme and Avre Rivers.

World War II

1940

March 30 - Japan establishes its own government in conquered Nanking, the former capital of Nationalist China.

March 31 - The German auxiliary cruiser Atlantis sets off on a mission to catch and sink Allied merchant ships.

The Atlantis had been a merchant ship itself but was converted to a commerce raider with six 5.9-inch guns, 93 mines and two aircraft fit for spying out Allied ships to sink. The Atlantis donned various disguises in order to integrate itself into any shipping milieu inconspicuously.

Commanded by Capt. Bernhard Rogge, the Atlantis roamed the Atlantic and Indian oceans. It sank a total of 22 merchant ships (146,000 tons in all) and proved a terror to the British Royal Navy. The Atlantis' career finally came to an end Nov. 22, 1941, when it was sunk by the British cruiser Devonshire as the German marauder was refueling a U-boat.

1941

April 2 - German Lt. Gen. Erwin Rommel, "the Desert Fox," resumes his advance into Cyrenaica, modern-day Libya, signaling the beginning of what would, nine days later, become the recapture of Libya by the Axis forces.

1942

April 3 - German submarine U-552 sinks U.S. collier David H. Atwater with its deck gun 10 miles off Chincoteague Inlet, Virginia, at 3:40 a.m.; 24 are killed, three survive. U-754 sinks U.S. freighter Otho 150 kilometers east of Hampton Roads, Virginia, killing 31 of the 53 aboard.

April 4 - Sixty-two Luftwaffe Stuka dive bombers and 70 other bombers, escorted by 59 Messerschmitt Bf 109 fighters, attack the Soviet fleet at Kronstadt off Leningrad, Russia, damaging battleships October Revolution and Petropavlovsk, cruisers Maxim Gorky and Kirov, and destroyers Silny and Grozyashchi.

1943

March 29 - A transport of 2,501 Jews from Thessaloniki, Greece, arrives at Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Poland; 312 men and 141 women are registered while the remaining 2,048 are gassed.

1944

April 1 - Allied bombers attacked Schaffhausen, Switzerland, mistaking it for the German city of Ludwigshafen am Rhein, killing 40 people; interestingly, a group of small factories producing munitions and aircraft parts to be sold to Germany was destroyed in this accidental raid.

1945

March 29 - Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army captures Frankfurt.

April 1 - After suffering the loss of 116 planes and damage to three aircraft carriers, 50,000 U.S. combat troops of the Tenth Army, under the command of Lt. Gen. Simon B. Buckner Jr., land on the southwest coast of the Japanese island of Okinawa, 350 miles south of Kyushu, the southernmost of Japan's main islands.

"Next week in World War history" is compiled from various sources by Keith Houin, USAG Benelux Public Affairs.

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Adults invited to play 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.

A coaches meeting will be held at the USAG Benelux-Brussels Fitness Center April 1 at 1 p.m.

Open to all U.S. military, civilians, family members and support-agreement personnel. Participation has been extended to NATO military and civilian employees on a space-available basis.

To register, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

Apply for Boys State/Girls State

American Legion Post BE02 and the American Legion Auxiliary will accept applications for their Boys State and Girls State program through March 31.

The participants in Boys State/Girls State will be flown to Maryland to participate in a weeklong program during the third week of June. All expenses will be paid by American Legion Post BE02. As an overseas American Legion Post, BE02 partners with the American Legion in Maryland.

High-school juniors (or the equivalent of 11th-grade accredited home-schooled students) who have at least one more semester remaining are typically considered for Boys State/Girls State programs. Because a scholarship associated with American Legion Boys State/Girls State requires it, any applicant must also be a direct descendant (such as a child, grandchild, great-grandchild or a legally adopted child) of a U.S. veteran who served on active duty during one or more of the following periods of war:

- World War I — April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918;
- World War II — Dec. 7, 1941, to Dec. 31, 1946;
- Korean War — June 25, 1950, to Jan. 31, 1955;
- Vietnam War — Feb. 28, 1961, to May 7, 1975;
- Lebanon/Grenada — Aug. 24, 1982, to July 31, 1984;
- Panama — Dec. 20, 1989, to Jan. 31, 1990;
- Persian Gulf War — Aug. 2, 1990, until the present day (all combat operations anywhere in the world).

For details, contact flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com.

Express yourself at Arts & Crafts

Sign up for creative classes at SHAPE Arts & Crafts in Building 307 or call DSN 423-6049 or civilian 065-446049.

Classes in cake-decorating, flower-arranging, jewelry-making, painting, photography, pottery (including wheel pottery) and quilting are available.

You may also book birthday parties at the SHAPE Arts & Crafts Center, where you can choose from among a variety of crafts for children of all ages, such as bisque-painting, making name signs and face-painting. The Arts & Crafts Center's birthday slogan is "You bring the food; we provide the fun."

To book your party, come to the Arts & Crafts Center in Building 307 (library building), send an email message to artsandcraftsshape@gmail.com or call DSN 423-6049 or civilian 065-446049.

Jobs open at AFCU

Andrews Federal Credit Union is looking for a full-time (40 hours) teller for its Chièvres Branch. A part-time position at its Brussels Branch is also open. For more information and to apply, visit the AFCU website at <https://www.andrewsfcu.org>.

Brussels CDC will be painted

The interior of the Brussels Child Development Center will be receiving a fresh coat of paint and other minor improvements April 7 to May 17.

CYSS hourly operations will continue as planned.

The staff is doing its best to minimize disruptions, although patrons may experience last-minute changes in service.

CYSS offers Spring Break excitement

SHAPE's CYSS has spring-break fun for elementary-school, middle-school and high-school students. (CYSS registration is free; however, costs are associated with camps and trips.)

Get details on the camps and trips below at DSN 423-6104 or civilian 065-446104.

Register by calling DSN 423-6039 or civilian 065-446039.

Elementary-school students can still be registered for the School Age Centre's Spring Break Camp April 6 to 10: "Party Time Excellent!" during which day-campers will be celebrating the 1950s, '60s, '70s and '80s. This camp features a trip to Bellewaerde Park in Ieper (Ypres), Belgium, April 8. (The second week of day camp is already filled.)

Middle-school students may have fun at the Youth Centre by being registered for Spring Break Camp, which is open to all CYSS-registered youth in sixth through eighth grades. They must be signed up for one full week or two full weeks:

- April 6 to 10: Pirates vs. Ninjas (featuring an all-day trip to Durbuy, Belgium, April 8)
- April 13 to 17: Boot Camp (featuring a team-building challenge trip to Dinant, Belgium, April 15).

High-school students may register for SHAPE Youth Centre's two Spring Break trips, Durbuy April 8 and Dinant April 15.

Students who are signed up for trips only must be CYSS-registered youth in eighth through 12th grades.

Play soccer with CYSS Youth Sports

Registration for SHAPE CYSS Smart Start soccer for boys and girls, ages 4 to 5 (must be of age by June 15), runs through March 31 for the April to June season. Cost: \$20.

CYSS free annual registration and health assessment (must remain valid all season) are required prior to enrollment.

Call DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097.

CYSS offers baseball

Registration for SHAPE CYSS developmental baseball runs through March 31 for the May to June season. Open to boys and girls who are 4 and 5. Cost: \$20.

The CYSS free annual registration and health assessment (must remain valid throughout the session) are required prior to enrollment.

Volunteer coaches are needed.

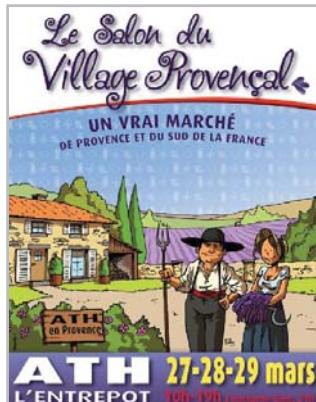
Call DSN 423-6039/6097 or civilian 065-446039/6097.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

March 27 to 29

- **Spring Fair in Charleroi** will be held at the Charleroi Expo at Avenue de l'Europe 21b. Open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €7. For discount tickets and more details, visit <http://www.salonprintemps.be>.
- **"Village of Provence" fair in Ath** at L'Entrepôt on Quai de l'Entrepôt - Get a local touch of Provence and find all kinds of products you usually find in that region of France. Open March 27 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and March 28 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission: adults, €1.50; children under 12, free.



March 27 to 30

- **Commercial fair in Ath** in CEVA Hall at Chemin des Primevères 68. Open March 27 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and March 28 to 30 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

March 28

- **Bike fair in Gembloux** on Avenue de la Station. Open to sellers and buyers. Vendors must bring their bike between 8:30 a.m. and noon. Sales will go on until 4 p.m.
- **Flea market in Brussels** at Rue Timmermans 53-55 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (130 booths)
- **Flea market in Neufvilles** on Rue de Godimont from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. with bouncy castles and other entertainment. (180 booths)
- **Spring and Flea Market in Chièvres** at Rue Rincheval 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

March 29

- **Mountain bike ride in Liège** for 20, 28, 36, 45 and 53 km. Departs from Rue du Moulin from 8 a.m. to noon. Showers and bike-wash available. Admission: €5.
- **Volksmarch in Ecaussinnes** for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km. Departs from Avenue de la Déportation 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Harmignies** for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km. Departs from Rue Vieille Eglise 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Erbisoeul** for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km. Departs from Chemin du Prince 183 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

March 31

- **Historical and musical show "14-18, We Remember" in Tournai** at the cultural center on Boulevard des Frères Rimbaut. During the two-hour show, singers, dancers, musicians and actors will take the spectators back in time 100 years. The show starts at 2:30 p.m. Admission: €12.50.



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

March 27 to 29

- **Fair of the South in Eindhoven** will be held in Beursgebouw on Lardinoisstraat. This lifestyle fair will have fashion shows, entertainment and more than 400 stands displaying all kinds of things concerning fashion accessories, beauty, cooking and lifestyle. Open March 27 from 2 to 9 p.m. and March 28 to 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Krefelder Gartenwelt 2015 in Krefeld, Germany**, is a large garden fair held at An der Rennbahn 4. In its many white tents, visitors will find everything they need to beautify the garden. Open March 27 from 2 to 6 p.m. and March 28 to 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

March 28 to 29

- **Spring Festival in Bad Honnef, Germany**, will be held in the center of town. Spring Festival offers beautiful flowers and plants for your garden or balcony and tasteful decorations for your home. Taste local cuisine and delicacies from all over the world. The festival will have lots of activities, a farmer's market, car show, pony rides and carousel rides. Open March 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and March 29 from 1 to 6 p.m.
- **Easter Market in Beesd** will be held at the Heerlijkheid Mariënwaerd at Oude Waag 21. The market has all kinds of environmentally friendly "green" products and delicacies to offer. The estate's shop is open both days as well. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.
- **Spring Arts and Crafts market in Bad Waldliesborn, Germany**, is an indoor market held at Haus des Gastes. Open March 28 from noon to 6 p.m. and March 29 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

March 29

- **"Brilon blüht auf 2015" in Brilon, Germany**, is an annual spring and year market held in the center of town.

April 3

- **Year Market in Deventer** is a large, traditional annual market held in the historic center of town. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

April 4

- **Kennedy Mars in Sittard** is a 50-mile/80-km annual volksmarch sparked by President John F. Kennedy's 1963 speech, which postulated that, as a result of modern affluent society, "nobody can walk 50 miles within 20 hours anymore." To register for the 52nd annual Kennedy Mars (march), visit <http://www.kennedymars.org>.

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April 1

- **Easter Egg Hunt in Mons** on Rue du Grand Large 1 from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Open to children aged 1 to 12. Admission: €6.50.

Ongoing

Through March 28

- **Millenium International Film Festival in Brussels** - The festival offers the best in documentary filmmaking, a selection that shows the diversity of the contemporary film-creation forms. It puts the particular views of 70 filmmakers from all around the world at your disposal. This festival is a real talent scout; it has revealed many directors to the world scene. For more information, visit <http://www.festivalmillenium.org/en>.

Through March 29

- **EURANTICA "Brussels Fine Art & Antique Fair" in Brussels** in Hall 5 of the Brussels Exhibition Center on Place de Belgique is the largest of its kind in Belgium. More than 150 antique dealers and art galleries of international renown enhance the fair with the quality of their objects and displays. Open Thursday and Friday from 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €15. For more information, visit <http://www.eurantica.be>.
- **Exhibition "Degenerate art according to Hitler" in Liège** at La Cité Miroir at Place Xavier Neujean 22.



In 1939, in order to get rid of works of art considered to be degenerate, the Nazi regime gathered art by some of the greatest artists of the era (such as Paul Gauguin, Marc Chagall, Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso) and organized an auction in Lucerne, Switzerland. Seventy-five years later, a great number of the pieces that were sold at auction in 1939 have been gathered at La Cité Miroir. Open Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €12. For details, visit <http://www.citemiroir.be>.

Through the end of 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>.



Ongoing

Through April 4

- **Easter Market in Essen, Germany**, will be held in the city center and on Kettwiger Strasse. This large market will have art, decorations, traditional Easter pastries and more Easter delicacies. Open Monday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. Closed April 3.

Through May 10

- **Frick Collection in The Hague** can be experienced in Mauritshuis at Korte Vijverberg 8. The works in the collection at Mauritshuis are normally on display in a museum adjoining Central Park in New York, which was originally built as steel magnate Henry Clay Frick's residence. Although the foundation only lends to other museums works of art that were acquired after its founder's death, never before has the foundation allowed such a big part of its world-famous collection to be on display elsewhere. The exhibition "A Country House in New York: Highlights from the Frick Collection" includes works from Jan Van Eyck, Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres, Cimabue and Jean-Etienne Liotard. Very few Dutch museums exhibit works by these artists.

Through May 17

- **Keukenhof Gardens near the town of Lisse** opens its gates again to show an unprecedented wealth of spectacular floral displays planted in endless varieties among beautiful works of art. This year, the Netherlands' world-famous gardens' 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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SHAPE Trips & Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE

For information on the trip below,
call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

Dutch Day (includes lunch and visit to a cheese farm/wooden-shoe factory), April 3 - Travel to the Netherlands and visit a Dutch farm, where you'll see the art of making cheese and discover the secrets of manufacturing the famous wooden clogs. Join the group for a Dutch lunch before the bus departs for Zaanse Schans, a popular destination for visitors in search of a bit of Old Holland (Old Holland). This delightful village on the banks of the river Zaan has characteristic green wooden houses, charming stylized gardens, small hump-backed bridges, tradesmen's workshops, historic windmills and engaging little shops. Cost: adults, €73; children, ages 4 to 11, €59; children, newborn to 3, €50.



Schinnen Trips and Tours

For information on the trip below,
call DSN 360-7561 or civilian
0031-(0)46-4437561.

Family Day: Trout Fishing, April 11 - Take the family to experience trout fishing. All caught trout will be collected and evenly divided. Space is limited. Included in tour price: transportation to and from fishing location, gutting and cleaning of the fish. Rods and reels aren't included. Cost: \$35 per person.

SHAPE Travel Group

For information on the trip below,
call civilian 0470-876369.

Polish Pottery and Giethoorn, April 24

- SHAPE Travel Group starts the day with a stop at the Polish pottery outlet in Nijkerk. Traditional Polish pottery is decorated with circles, clovers, dots and scales. These Polish ceramics are often reasonably priced. The group will continue on to Giethoorn, "The Venice of the Netherlands." This small Dutch village is famous for its tranquil car-free "streets" and picturesque thatched-roof farmhouses. Rent a boat or a bicycle, grab some lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon while taking in the scenery. Cost: €50.



Upcoming trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

- **Movie Park Germany, April 4**
- **Croatia with Venice and Slovenia, April 6 to 15 (10 days' round-trip)**
- **London and Harry Potter Studio Tour, April 15**
- **Keukenhof Gardens and Gouda, April 18**
- **Giverny, France: Impressionist painter Claude Monet's Home and Gardens, April 25**
- **Polish Pottery and Czech Crystal Shopping Trip, May 1 to 4**
- **Berlin City Tour, May 14 to 17**
- **Normandy Beaches, May 29 to 31**
- **Stonehenge (includes Salisbury and Oxford), June 13 to 14**
- **Somme Battlefield and Peronne Museum, June 20**
- **Mediterranean Cruise, July 4 to 11**
- **Atlantic Wall Museum and Oostende, Belgium, Aug. 8**
- **Medieval Dinner in Bruges, Aug. 22**



Schinnen Trips & Tours

- **Keukenhof Gardens, April 25**
- **Day Trip to Delft, May 9**
- **Luxembourg Day Trip (includes visit to American cemetery where Gen. George S. Patton and many of the Battle of the Bulge dead are buried), May 30**
- **D-Day landing beaches, memorials and battle monuments in Normandy, France, July 17 to 20 (Register by May 15.)**

SHAPE Travel Group

- **Trier City and Mosel Winery, April 15**
- **Giverny, France (Impressionist painter Claude 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/Gardens, June 30**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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 Brussels Army Community Service at DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

March 26

- **Family Dinner at 3 Star** - Family Dinner is normally offered Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy made-to-order steak or half-chicken platter. Make your (required) reservation at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Cost: Adults \$12, children 12 and under, \$6.

March 28

- **Spring Fling** - For Easter- and Passover-related events, see page 5.

April 2

- **Family Dinner at 3 Star** - Family Dinner is normally offered Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a buffet of chicken adobo, stir-fried beef, rice and chop suey. Make your (required) reservation at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Cost: Adults \$10, children 12 and under, \$5.

April 3

- **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.

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. 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. The Schinnen Outdoor Recreation/Trips & Tours office has relocated to Building 46.

March 28

- **Kinderfest and egg hunt** - For Easter- and Passover-related events, see page 5.

April 1

- **First-Term Financial Briefing** - This mandatory briefing for all first-term Soldiers is given at Schinnen Army Community Service from 9 a.m. to noon. Learn about the practical approach to financial management, tools to handle money wisely, how to make informed purchasing decisions and more. For more information or to register for this important financial briefing, call ACS at DSN 360-7450/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437450/7500.

April 8

- **Newborn Network: Newborns, Parental Support and Music** - This support group for parents of children, ages newborn to 12 months, meets in the JFC Brunssum Child Development Center's Room Y006 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Offered through the New Parent Support Program, Newborn Network 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.

April 9

- **Pregnancy and Prenatal Support Group for Expectant Parents** - This support group for expectant parents meets in the JFC Brunssum Child Development Center's Room Y006 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The group is a safe place to discuss pregnancy, labor and delivery, and parenthood. Informational material regarding the physical and psychological changes that occur while making the transition into parenthood will be available. To register or for more information, call DSN 360-7335/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437335/7500.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Sign up now

- **Volunteer Recognition Ceremony** - The SHAPE/Chièvres community will hold its annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the SHAPE Club Ballroom April 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. The USAG Benelux Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, a free event, celebrates the effort and support that volunteers provide to the SHAPE/Chièvres Community. Volunteers will be recognized for their myriad 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 CIV 065-326824.
- **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. This program has been successful in improving the participants' concentration and confidence as well as strengthening them physical and vocally. All participants will perform in the full production of the West End sensation "HONK Jr." for four performances at the end of the session. Theater Camp is Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. with some additional rehearsals during the week the play opens. To find out more, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. Separate classes in music, theater and dance will also be held during this time period.

March 28

- **Easter Eggstravaganza** - For Easter- and Passover-related events, see page 5.
- **American Legion meeting** - The American Legion will hold a general meeting at SHAPE Pizza Bowl at 11 a.m. After the meeting, members, friends and family may stay for bowling. (Before 5 p.m., prices for bowling are €1.20 per game and €1.20 for shoes.)

March 31

- **Speaker on sexual violence against refugees** - Dr. Chris Dolan of the Refugee Law Project under the Center for Justice and Forced Migrants in Uganda will address the topic "Sexual Violence: It Affects Men and Boys, too," at the SHAPE PAO Auditorium in the SHAPE headquarters building from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This speaking engagement is sponsored by SHAPE WoMen.

April 2

- **Newborn Network: Newborns, Parental Support and Music** - This support group for parents of children, ages newborn to 12 months, meets at SHAPE Army Community Service in Building 318 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Offered through the New Parent Support Program, Newborn Network is a fun way to meet other parents, discuss parenthood and bond with your baby through music. This support group is facilitated by a licensed marriage-and-family therapist who has music training. To register or for more information, call DSN 360-7335/7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437335/7500.

April 9

- **Dress For Success** - This employment class will be held in the SHAPE Army Community Service Conference Room from 9 a.m. to noon. The lesson will allow students to see various examples of dress and to determine the standard for dress in an interview, for a day on the job, and then to discuss alternatives, such as "business casual," accessories, tattoos and piercing. For information or to register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.



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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.