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Dogs' Day Out Volunteers

MWR is looking for volunteers for Dogs' Day Out Aug. 25 at the SHAPE Fest Tent. To sign up, call DSN 361-5436 or +32(0)68-275436.

Passport Services

USAG Benelux Passport Agent services in Brussels will be unavailable until Aug. 19. Passport services will resume on Aug. 20 by appointment only. For passport services during this time, contact the U.S. Embassy in Brussels.

No LRC Services Aug. 15

In observance of the Belgian holiday, Logistics Readiness Center services in Belgium will be closed. All services at Schinnen will operate as normal.

Benelux Welcome Events

Welcome events will be held Aug. 11 (Chièvres), Aug. 18 (Schinnen) and Aug. 31 (Brussels). This is an opportunity to learn about the Benelux services, programs and organizations. Is your organization interested in participating? See "Inside the Gate" for more event details at each location.



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BOSS program shapes future leaders

Army Sgt. Brandon Nolen, BOSS president for U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, shakes hands with Army Command Sgt. Maj. Melissa A. Judkins, of U.S. Army Installation Management Command, during a BOSS training held in Grafenwöhr, Germany in late July. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Cody Mackall)

Benelux BOSS leaders find inspiration from IMCOM-Europe training

By Jessica Ryan

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

Service members returned from the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, training in Grafenwöhr, Germany, with new ideas to strengthen the quality of life for fellow service members in U.S. Army Garrison Benelux.

BOSS, a program ran by U.S. Army Installation Management Command's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, is designed to enhance the morale and welfare of single service members and geographical bachelors. The program has three core components -- quality of life, recreation and leisure, and community service.

"The main function of BOSS is to be a voice for the single service members," said Army Sgt. Brandon Nolen, BOSS president for USAG Benelux.

During the training, Nolen was joined by other Benelux representatives including vice presidents Army Sgt. Quintin Glatt and Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Daphne Gilles in addition to Shawna Morton, Family and MWR civilian advisor, and Command Sgt. Maj. Samara L. Pitre, senior enlisted advisor and garrison command sergeant major.

With an emphasis on peer-to-peer leadership, the Benelux team worked alongside BOSS representatives from other garrisons in Europe. They participated in different activities, which relate to the program's core components, such as cooking competitions, brainstorming sessions and recreational activities.

"We learned how to work together as a team. Coming into it, we had five days to get to know each other, and we all became friends," said Nolen. "It became a cohesive network. We basically learned everything together such as what programs are working well and what programs need improvement [at our garrisons]."

Nolen added that the BOSS program is focused on developing life skills events. The intention is for program participants to gain new skills that they can carry beyond



Top: Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Daphne Gilles (center), vice president for the Benelux Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program in the Netherlands, works alongside other BOSS representatives in Europe during an activity.

Bottom: BOSS representatives in Europe participate in a high-ropes challenge course. The representatives attended the training in Grafenwöhr, Germany in late July 2018 to work together in developing stronger garrison programs. (U.S. Army photos by Staff Sgt. Cody Mackall)

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their military careers. In the Benelux, BOSS will host automotive care courses in Brussels and Chièvres in August (see event dates on the right). BOSS will also have a team for the Strong Viking: Water Edition event Sept. 1 near Ghent, Belgium.

In addition to events, BOSS has other functions such as coordinating volunteer opportunities in the local community and being a voice for single service members on quality of life issues.

Nolen said that there are different ways to get involved with BOSS. He encouraged service members to attend council meetings which occur each fourth Thursday of the month from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The meetings are held at SHAPE Bldg. 318 in the Army Community Service conference room and are projected VTC to Brussels and Schinnen members.

"We are in one of the most historically predominant areas of the world. We want people to get out and experience things here in Europe," said Nolen. "The more people we have to propose ideas, that's where we can start putting together events and activities that we know people want to do."

For more information about the BOSS program, email usarmy.benelux.id-europe.mbx.boss-program@mail.mil or visit <https://www.benelux.armymwr.com>. ♦



Events require advanced registration. More event details will be provided after registration. To register, email usarmy.benelux.id-europe.mbx.boss-program@mail.mil.

Life Skills: Basic Automotive Maintenance and Repair Class

Aug. 13: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Brussels Auto Skills Center

Aug. 14: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Chièvres Auto Skills Center

Kayaking Trip in Ghent, Belgium

Aug. 18

Life Skills: Basic Automotive Paint Care Class

Aug. 20: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Brussels Auto Skills Center

Aug. 21: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Chièvres Auto Skills Center

Life Skills: Strong Viking: Water Edition 13K

Sept. 1

BOSS Council Meetings

Every fourth Thursday of the month from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at SHAPE Bldg. 318 in ACS Conference Room (VTC projected to Schinnen and Brussels members)

Leaders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States visited U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Aug. 2 to meet with service members. Among the VFW leaders were Hal J. Roesch II, junior vice commander-in-chief, Robert E. Wallace, assistant adjutant general and executive director for the Washington Office, and Jonathon N. Towles, director of national security and foreign affairs. During their visit, Command Sgt. Maj. Samara L. Pitre presented a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the garrison. (U.S. Army photos by Julie Piron)



VFW leaders tour the Benelux



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WWI centennial: 'Rock of the Marne' Soldiers earn moniker, help turn tide of war by summer 1918

By David Vergun

Army News Service

America's entry into World War I began with a year-long buildup beginning in April 1917. By late spring and early summer of 1918, that buildup was nearly complete.

In response, the Germans launched a series of offensives, desperate to defeat the French, British and other allies. But ultimately, they would be overwhelmed with the addition of fresh American troops and firepower, according to Brian F. Neumann, a historian at the Center of Military History who compiled the pamphlet: "The U.S. Army in the World War I Era."

One of the final German pushes occurred in the early morning hours of July 15, 1918, in the Champagne-Marne area of northern France, where German assault troops and artillery pounded the U.S. 3rd Division lines.

The weight of the attack came against Col. Edmund Butts' 30th Infantry and Col. Ulysses Grant McAlexander's 38th Infantry. After heavy fighting in the morning, when the 30th Infantry "inflicted horrendous casualties" on the Germans, Butts' men were forced back to a line along the hills where they stopped the Germans.

Elsewhere, five miles beyond the Marne River, McAlexander faced a more precarious position when the adjacent French division hastily retreated, leaving the 38th Infantry's right flank exposed, Neumann said.

Turning some of the regiment to defend that flank, McAlexander also had to deal with a penetration of his main line. Although fighting on three sides, the riflemen and machine gunners of the 38th Infantry held their ground, earning the sobriquet "Rock of the Marne."

The 3rd Infantry Division is still known by that moniker, and its Soldiers are proud of the heritage that inspired it.

By the end of that July 15th day, the 3rd Division had stopped the German attack.

Together, the 30th Infantry and 38th Infantry had defeated six regiments from two German divisions. One German 1,700-man regiment was so badly cut up that the German leaders could only find 150 survivors by nightfall, Neumann noted.

Bad news also mixed with good that day. Four rifle companies of the 28th Division from the Pennsylvania National Guard had been attached to a French division to the east of the 38th Infantry. When the French retreated, they neglected to inform the Pennsylvanians, and the riflemen became surrounded. Most of them were killed or captured; only a few fought their way to the south to rejoin their parent division.

Heavy fighting involving U.S. forces occurred near Paris in mid-to-late July, in what became known as the Aisne-Marne Campaign.



U.S. Soldiers engage the Germans in the trenches during the Champagne-Marne campaign in northern France, July 15, 1918. (U.S. Army artwork by Travis Burcham)

By the first week of August, the U.S. Army's I Corps and III Corps had successfully wrapped up that campaign, removing the threat against the French capital and liberating several important railroads for allied use. That effort also eliminated the German high command's plans for another offensive against the British in Flanders.

"More important, the campaign effectively seized the initiative from the Germans and gave it to [French supreme allied commander, Gen. Ferdinand] Foch and his national commanders. The chance had passed for Germany to defeat Britain and France before the United States could intervene in force," Neumann said.

The leader of the American Expeditionary Force, Gen. John Pershing, finally got his chance to command a large American-led campaign that included many French soldiers. The campaign in northern France, known as the St. Mihiel Offensive, lasted Sept. 12 to 16. Up until that time, U.S. units were used mainly in a piecemeal fashion.

Firepower included over 3,000 artillery pieces, 1,400 planes and 267 tanks, mostly supplied by the French and British, but manned to a large extent by Americans, Neumann said.

Pershing, at the suggestion of Gen. Henri-Philippe Pétain, commander of French forces, developed an elaborate scheme to deceive the Germans into thinking that the first blow

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would come to the south near Belfort on Sept. 12.

French and U.S. forces under Pershing's leadership executed a four-hour long artillery bombardment against the German lines, an action commonly considered a prelude to attack by infantry and cavalry forces, Neumann noted.

The scheme worked well enough to get the Germans to move three divisions into that sector, while allied forces, led by both I Corps and IV Corps infantrymen and tankers, began their attack in other more vulnerable areas.

"The Germans put up a determined defense long enough to retreat in good order," Neumann noted.

On the afternoon of Sept. 12, Pershing learned that columns of Germans were retreating on roads from Vigneulles. The general urged both the 1st and 26th Divisions to continue their attacks through the night to press their advantage. The 1st Division was under IV Corps and the 26th Division came under V Corps.

The 26th Division moved quickly throughout the night, capturing the strategic town of Vigneulles by 2:30 a.m., Sept. 13. The 1st Division then linked up with them, securing nearly all of their objectives, he said.

In two days the U.S. Soldiers suffered some 7,000 casualties, while inflicting 17,000 on the German defenders.

By Sept. 15, the St. Mihiel Offensive was successfully concluded. This operation paved the way for further offensives that would doom the German army in the coming months, Neumann said.

Neumann added that the offensive gave Pershing and his staff "experience in directing a battle of several corps, supported by tanks and aircraft."

Such an operation today is referred to as combined arms maneuver. But back then, it was a new approach to fighting. ♦



WWI Commemoration in Flanders

The city of Heuvelland, Belgium, will host the American Commemorative Day event Aug. 26 at the Kemmel Market square and surrounding areas. The event begins at noon with a small parade followed by speeches by city and U.S. Embassy officials.

From noon to 6 p.m., the following events are planned:

- WWI aircraft flyover (2,000 poppies will be dropped by the aircraft over the market square – donated by the American Legion Auxiliary)
- Apple Pie contest: Registration open until 2:30 p.m. Judging starts at 3 p.m.
- Horseshoe competition: Registration open until 1 p.m. Competition begins at 1 p.m.
- Softball game: Belgians vs. Americans: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Children's games: 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Mechanical Bull (free usage)

- Food vendors (to include the American Legion BBQ, Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts)
- Music by the SHAPE International Band
- Line dancing
- Bike tours of the battlefield – to include tours of the cold war bunker and Bayernwald Trenches (no entrance fee & bikes will be made available)
- WWI static display of American uniforms and equipment (by reenactors)

The purpose of the American Day event is to show life in America during the time of the Word War I and to commemorate the actions of the U.S. 27th & 30th Division during August and September 1918 in the Kemmel area.

More information can be obtained by emailing americanday2018@gmail.com or by visiting www.americanday2018.weebly.com and www.facebook.com/americanday2018.

Keep cool, protect yourself from heat-related illnesses

By Ashley Patoka

Regional Health Command Europe

The warm weather has finally showed up across Europe, and with that, comes the increased risk for heat-related illnesses.

Last year, heat illnesses were responsible for more than 20 thousand lost or limited duty days. Heat-related illnesses, like heat exhaustion or heat stroke, result from the body not being able to properly cool itself.

This year, across the European Region, there have already been a few cases of heat-related injuries. Stay safe this summer with these tips from Public Health Command Europe.

PHCE recommends drinking enough water to replace what was lost through sweat.

"Your body may need water before you feel thirsty so don't wait," Col. Rodney Coldren, PHCE Chief of Preventive Medicine Services said. "Drink water throughout the day. Urine color, or lack of urine, can tell a person a lot about their level of hydration."

Lack of urination or dark-colored urine is an indication to drink more water. A good target is a quart an hour under most conditions.

In addition to drinking water, PHCE also recommends eating meals which will help replace lost salts.

It is also important to try and stay cool. Do this through wearing the appropriate clothing, choose lightweight, light-colored and loose-fitting clothing.

When scheduling outdoor events, try to limit them to when it will be the coolest -- either in the morning or afternoon, PHCE recommends.

"If you are going to be outside, make sure to take regular breaks in the shade," Coldren said. "This will help the body recover from the heat."

Additionally, before heading outside, it is important to apply sunscreen.

Lt. Col. Layne Green, LRMC Chief of Dermatology, said that in order to ensure optimal protection, sunscreen should be reapplied, on average, about every 80 minutes and each person should use about a shot-glass worth each application.

Heat-related illnesses are preventable. PHCE recommends learning the signs of a heat-related illness and what to do.

According to the CDC, a person who is suffering from a heat stroke may have hot, red, dry or damp skin; a fast, strong pulse; headache; dizziness; confusion; or they may lose consciousness.

"If you suspect a heat stroke, call emergency services right away," Coldren said. "While you wait for help, move the person to a cooler place and start trying to lower their body temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath."

Heat exhaustion is less severe, but has many of the



Last year, heat illnesses were responsible for more than 20 thousand lost or limited duty days. Heat-related illnesses, like heat exhaustion or heat stroke, result from the body not being able to properly cool itself. (U.S. Army photo)

same symptoms which can include heavy sweating, muscle cramps and tiredness or weakness. The CDC recommends moving to a cool place, loosening clothes, sipping water and placing cool cloths on your body if you experience these symptoms.

"With heat exhaustion, we recommend getting medical help right away if the person is vomiting, the symptoms are not improving or they last longer than an hour," Coldren said.

Also at risk for heat-related illnesses are pets. Maj. Justin DeVanna, Veterinary Medical Center Europe director, offered the following tips for pets:

1. Never leave a pet in a parked car, even with air conditioning on or windows opened or cracked.

2. If a pet is outside during hours of light, ensure they have shade to be out of direct sun and that they have fresh cool water at all times.

3. Remember, host nation laws for pets are often different than the typical laws in the U.S. and must be followed even on-post.

4. Any brachycephalic (pug faced animals, i.e.-pugs, French or America bulldogs) are at higher risk for heat related problems because they cannot dissipate heat as easily or efficiently when panting.

5. If you feel hot it's the same for your pet. For example, long walks or runs in the middle, hottest part of the day are the most dangerous times for heat related illness.

"If you think your pet overheated see a vet immediately. Heat illness can be up to fatal for human and pets alike," DeVanna added.

For more tips on staying safe during the heat, visit the Regional Health command Europe Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RHCEurope/>.◆

ALL COMMUNITIES

Government Driver's License

- Per Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) decision, the Army Accident Avoidance Training online is no longer required to obtain a government vehicle driver's license. For more information, call DSN 366-6603.

2018 U.S. Elections

- If you want to vote in this year's elections, please make sure that you register for an absentee ballot. Even if you registered for an absentee ballot in previous elections, please remember that most states require voter registration to be updated or validated annually. This can be done by completing the Federal Post Card Application, or FPCA, and sending it to the elections administrator in your state. For more information, contact the Voting Assistance Officer for USAG Benelux, at DSN 366-6192 o +32(0)65-326192 or visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program website at www.fvap.gov.

Sept. 1

- **BOSS Life Skills Event: Strong Viking 13K** - Service members will participate in a team building obstacle course. Transportation and run ticket cost will be covered. Departure time and meeting location will be provided after sign up. Participants will need to bring money for meals and personal expenses. For registration information, email the BOSS program at usarmy.benelux.id-europe.mbx.boss-program@mail.mil.

The following are VTC-projected classes. For information about and to register for VTC classes, contact Army Community Service at your location:

- For SHAPE: DSN 366-6824 or +32 (0)65-326824
- For Brussels: DSN 368-9783 or +32 (0)2-7179783
- For Schinnen: DSN 360-7500 or +31 (0)46-4437500

Aug. 9 and 23

- **Positive Parenting** - Learn techniques on how to teach your children to control themselves from 10 a.m. to noon.



Sept. 11 and 25

- **Couple's Communication** - The class will be from 10 a.m. to noon.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

See also above in "All Communities."

24-Hour Fitness

- Eligible users may register their ID card to gain entry into the Brussels Fitness Center during non-regular hours. Patrons will be able to knock out some cardio, lift weights, and improve their overall fitness and health. To get access, visit the Brussels Fitness Center or call DSN 368-9667 or +32 (0)2-717-9667.

Every Monday and Thursday

- **Lunchtime Yoga** - Relax and refresh during the work day from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Brussels Fitness Center. For more information, call DSN 368-9667 or +32 (0)2-7179667.

Every Thursday and Friday

- **Community Movie Night** - Enjoy free entertainment at the 3 Star Recreation Center starting at 6:30 p.m. The current lineup is *Avengers: Infinity War* (PG-13) on Aug. 3, *Life of the Party* (PG-13) on Aug. 9 and *Book Club* (PG-13) on Aug. 10. For more information, call DSN 368-9822 or +32 (0)2-7179822.

Every Friday

- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the Brussels community for games, cards, music and movies starting at 5 p.m. at the 3 Star Recreation Center. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Line dancing will start at 7 p.m. on the first and third Friday of the month. Karaoke will be held on the second and fourth Friday of the month starting at 6 p.m. U.S. Military, NATO, U.S. Embassy and mission cardholders are welcome. For more information, call DSN 368-9822 or +32 (0)2-7179822.

August Fitness Challenge

- **Burpees** - How many burpees can you complete in August? The Brussels Fitness Center staff will get you registered and help you track your progress. For more information, call DSN 368-9667 or +32 (0)2-7179667.

Through Aug. 3

- **Child and Youth Services Fall Soccer Open Enrollment** - The season starts Sept. 20 and ends Nov. 8. Participants must be registered with CYS and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Cost is \$25 for children age 3 to 5, and \$45 for children age 6 to 15. Volunteer coaches are needed! For more information, call DSN 368-9539 or +32 (0)2-7179539.

Aug. 9

- **3 Star Dinner Special "All You Can Eat Pizza and Salad"** - Starts at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$11 for adults and \$5 for kids. The alternative kids menu is chicken strips with potato wedges for \$5. Reservations are required by Aug. 7 and can be made at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

Aug. 31

- **Welcome to Brussels BBQ and Info Fair** - Hosted by the HQ NATO Joint Top-III Association. Starts at 5:30 p.m. at the 3 Star Recreation Center. Representatives from MWR activities and facilities, community programs, Family Readiness Groups, private organizations, clubs, and more will gather in one spot to allow newcomers to obtain information and network. For more details, email hqnatojointtopIII@gmail.com.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

See also page 7 in "All Communities."

Schininnen MP Desk New Phone Number

- The Schininnen Military Police Desk can be reached at the following new phone number: DSN 597-4555 or +31 (0)45-5340555.

Schininnen Gas Station Hours

- **Schininnen Service Station (GAS)** - Effective July 1, the new hours of operation for the Schininnen Gas Station are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and closed Sunday and Monday.

Closures

- **Netherlands Law Center** - The Netherlands Law Center in Schininnen will be closed for U.S. Army Europe, or USAREUR, holidays on Aug. 3 to 6. For more information, contact the Netherlands Law Center at DSN 360-7682/7691 or +31 (0)46-4437682/7691.

Through Aug. 3

- **CYS Flag Football Open Enrollment** - Flag football is open to children age 10 to 15 of all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders. Practice will begin by Sept. 11 at the Slagheap Sports Field. The season will last from Sept. 20 to Nov. 8. Cost is \$45. Participants must be registered with CYS and have a valid assessment at the time of enrollment. Spaces are limited. For more information, call DSN 606-364-4195 or +31 (0)45526-4195. Volunteer coaches are needed! Interested? Contact the Youth and Sports Fitness office at the phone number above.



- **CYS Soccer Open Enrollment** - Soccer is open to children age 3 to 15 of all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders. Practice will begin by Sept. 11 at the Slagheap Sports Field. The season will last from Sept. 20 to Nov. 8. Cost is \$25 for children age 3 to 5 and \$45 for children age 6 to 15. Participants must be registered with CYS and have a valid assessment at the time of enrollment. Spaces are limited. For more information, call DSN 606-364-4195 or +31 (0)45526-4195. Volunteer coaches are needed! Interested? Contact the Youth and Sports Fitness office at the phone number above.

Through Aug. 19

- **2018 Summer Reading Program** - Open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders up to age 18 through Aug. 19. Children interested in this program should register at <https://brunssumlibrary.beanstack.org>. Children will check out and read books from the JFC HQ Brunssum Library and receive a variety of prizes for the number of minutes they read. Preschool children may earn prizes by having books read aloud to them. For more information call +31 (0)45-5262669 or +31 (0)45-5262469. JFC HQ Library is open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders in the Tri-Border Community and is located next to B&S Central Store Bldg. 604.

Through Sept. 15

- **Bowling Center** - Kids bowl free at the Schininnen Bowling Center with a Bowling Pass. Registration is open until Sept. 15. To sign up, go to www.kidsbowlfree.com/Army.

Aug. 16-17

- **Host Nation Newcomer's Orientation & Cultural Tour** - From 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Schininnen ACS. All newcomers and spouses are invited to learn about their new community, including local customs, culture, and language. On day one, explore the Dutch culture with an introduction to the language and get an overview of Tri-Border services. On day two, go beyond the gate to visit a few local attractions and shopping areas and learn how to use the local train system. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7500 or +31 (0)46-4437500.



Aug. 18

- **Benelux Expo 2018** - Got questions about the community? Learn about Family and MWR facilities, community programs, private organizations, clubs, and more in the Tri-Border Community! Held at the Schininnen Recreation Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit <https://schininnen.armymwr.com>.

Aug. 23

- **Parent Advisory Council Meeting** - Held from noon to 12:45 p.m. Save money on your childcare bill. Earn participation points by attending which count toward a 10% discount fee reduction. Come and share your thoughts and suggestions and get information on Child and Youth Services programs. A light lunch or snack will be available. Register at Parent Central Services in JFC Brunssum Blg. H-602. For more information, call DSN 606-244-3121/2023 or +31 (0)45-526-3121/2023.

SHAPE/CHIÈVRES COMMUNITY

See also page 7 in "All Communities."

Every First Week of the Month

- **Intro to Gym Machines** - The SHAPE Sports and Fitness Center hosts this walk-thru Tuesday at 10 a.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m. Book an appointment at the fitness center.

Every Monday and Wednesday

- **Circuit Training (Stroller Friendly)** - Join the Chièvres Fitness Center (Bldg. 20004) on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., for an adult, high-intensity, full-body workout using body weight and basic equipment followed by 30 minutes of indoor cycling. Kids are welcome.

Every Tuesday

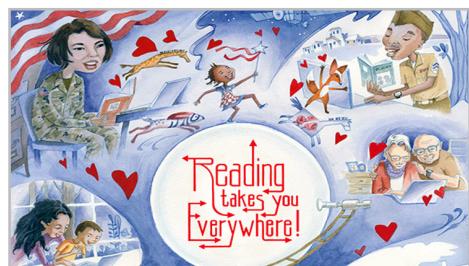
- **Summer Reading Toddler & Preschool Story Time STEAM** - Join the SHAPE International Library (Bldg. 307) from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. for an afternoon of stories and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math). The program starts with a story time and ends with a hands-on project. Recommended for ages 2 to 4. No cost. For more information, call DSN 423-5631 or +32(0)65-445631.
- **Self-Defense** - Men and women over age 18 can attend this beginner-level self-defense course hosted by certified instructors from the Spanish Forces every Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at the SHAPE Main Gym Basketball Court. Registration is free. Contact self_defense_shape@outlook.es.
- **POV Orientation Class** is conducted at SHAPE Bldg. 220 in room 104 from 8 a.m. to noon. Schedule an appointment in order to receive study material.

Every Wednesday

- **GOV Orientation Class** is conducted from 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. U.S. and Canadian personnel must complete a POV orientation to obtain a SHAPE driver's license. Call DSN 366-6603 or +32 (0)65-326603 for more information.

Through Aug. 31

- **Summer Reading 2018** - You can register online or visit the SHAPE International or Chièvres Library. All you have to do is read, be read to, or listen to an audiobook. Summer Reading 2018 is open to all ages, and you can read in any language. Track the minutes you have read, or listened to an audiobook, and you will receive prizes throughout the summer. If you are on holiday, you have until Aug. 31 to collect your prizes. To register for Summer Reading please either visit the SHAPE International or Chièvres Library, or register online at <https://shapeinternational.beanstack.org/reader365>. If you are a non-US NATO family, select 'Army' when asked which branch of service. For more information, contact DSN 423-5631 or +32 (0)65-445631.

**Aug. 13/14, Aug. 27/28 and Sept. 10/11/24**

- **Host Nation Orientation** - Army Community Service is inviting all service members, civilians, and their family members to participate in Host Nation Orientation Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tour a Belgian hospital, learn about Belgian customs, sample traditional Belgian cuisine, learn basic French, enjoy a cultural tour of Mons and learn about public transportation and shopping. Registration is required. Call DSN 366-6824 or +32 (0)65-326824.

**Aug. 11**

- **Benelux Expo 2018** - Got questions about the community? Meet your local family and MWR facilities, community programs, private organizations, clubs, and more! Held at the Chièvres Community Activity Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit <https://chievres.armymwr.com>.

Aug. 14

- **BOSS Life Skills: Basic Automotive Maintenance and Repair Class** - U.S. single and geographically-separated service members of any branch of service and rank are eligible to participate in the class held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Chièvres Auto Skills Center. Register online at <https://chievres.armymwr.com>.

Aug. 15

- **Mindful Yoga Therapy** - You will learn to calm your mind and center your body in order to enhance your daily life. Offered by Army Community Service from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call DSN 366-6824 or +32 (0)65-326824.

Aug. 19

- **INK Mania** - Over 15 tattoo artists will be at the SHAPE Events Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance is €2 per person. For more information, visit www.shape2day.com.
- **SHAPE Geek Convention** - Over 25 vendors will be at the SHAPE Fest Tent from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance is €2 per person and free for children age 11 and younger. For more information, visit www.shape2day.com.

Aug. 21

- **BOSS Life Skills: Basic Automotive Paint Care Class** - U.S. single and geographically-separated service members of any branch of service and rank are eligible to participate in the class held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Chièvres Auto Skills Center. Register online at <https://chievres.armymwr.com>. For additional information, email the BOSS program at usarmy.benelux.id-europe.mbx.boss-program@mail.mil.

Aug. 25

- **Dogs' Day Out** - The Chièvres Kennel is hosting an afternoon of fun for both canine and human! Dogs' Day Out will feature fun dog show with prizes, dog grooming demo, "kissing booth," agility course, dog obedience demo, and food sales. Held in the SHAPE Fest Tent from noon to 3 p.m. It's necessary to sign up in advance because it will not be possible to register during Dogs' Day Out. To register, visit <https://chievres.armymwr.com/promos/dogs-day-out-talent-show-registration>. Volunteers are also needed for the event. For more information, call DSN 361-5436 or +32 (0)68-275436.

Aug. 28

- **Women's Equality Day Observance** - A special observance will be held at the Caserne Daumerie Chapel from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call DSN 361-5235 or +32(0)68-275235.

Aug. 30

- **Train Trip to Brussels** - ACS Relocation Readiness invites newcomers for a day of adventure! Participants will learn how to use Belgian trains, immerse themselves in Belgian culture, and will meet other members of the community. For more information, call DSN 366-6824 or +32(0)65-326824.

Sept. 1

- **Hidden Secrets of Brussels Tour** - Held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free "Hidden Secrets" tour of Brussels with travel author and journalist, Derek Blyth. Derek, author of many Belgian travel guides, will show some of the hidden secrets of Brussels. The tour will start at the Brussels Central Station and end at the English bookshop, Waterstone's. Sign-up at the SHAPE International Library. Only 20 spots available! For more information, call DSN 423-5631 or +32 (0)65-445631.

Sept. 7-8

- **SHAPE Fest** - Save the date! There will be food and drinks from NATO nations in addition to activities for all ages at the SHAPE Fest Tent. More information coming soon!



Upcoming Organized Trips & Tours

SHAPE Trips & Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 423-3884 or +32 (0)65-443884.

- Paris, **Aug. 11**
- London, **Aug. 12-15**
- Disneyland Paris, **Aug. 18**
- Kevin Hart Comedy Tour in Antwerp, **Aug. 25**
- Flower Parade in Zundert, The Netherlands, **Sept. 2**
- Heidelberg & World's Largest "Wurst" & Wine Festival in Bad Dürkheim, Germany, **Sept. 15**
- Cooking Class in Lille, France, **Sept. 22**
- Honfleur, France, **Sept. 29**

- Amsterdam, **Oct. 6**

- Trier, Germany, **Oct. 13**

- London, **Oct. 20**

- Maastricht, The Netherlands, **Oct. 27**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- Family Day "Trout Fishing," **Sept. 8**
- Day Trip to the Largest Wine Festival in the World in Bad Durkheim, Germany, **Sept. 15**
- Prague Express, **Oct. 12-14**
- NFL Game at Wembley Stadium, **Oct. 27-29**

Outside the Gate



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Aug. 4

- **Flea Market and Craft Market in Brugellette** - Held on Rue Maurice Lelangue, 27 featuring 350 booths from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Lessines** - Held on Place Joseph Wauters featuring 280 booths from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Aug. 5

- **Summer Dance Festival in Mons** - Held on Grand-Place every Sunday from 3 p.m. to midnight. There will be dancing, parties, shows, and more. No entrance fee.
- **Flea Market in Soignies** - Held on Rue Pierre-Joseph Wincqz featuring 100 booths from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Silly for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from the school on Rue du Marais, 16 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Dour for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from the football field on Rue Moranfayt from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Aug. 10-12

- **Sablon Music Festival in Brussels** - This is the third edition of the Sablon Music Festival with free concerts. There will be pop, rock, blues, jazz, and more. Held on Place du Sablon.
- **Summer Music Festival in Boussu** - The lineup includes Maître Gims, Chocolate Puma, Daddy K, Dimaro and more. Entry is €39 on Friday, €18 on Saturday and Sunday for adults, and free for children under age 12. Held at Parc de la Gare on Rue du Moulin, 43.

Aug. 11

- **Flea Market in Leuze-en-Hainaut** - Held on Rue Pont de la Cure featuring 80 booths from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aug. 12

- **Volksmarch in Vaudignies for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue Rincheval, 2 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Pommeroeul** - Held on Place des Hautchamps featuring 110 booths from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Aug. 15

- **Volksmarch in Ramegnies for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue Préelle, 1 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Gondregnies for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Place Henri Schoeling, 11 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Aug. 26

- **American Day** - Held from noon to 6 p.m. in Heuvelland (Kemmel). This American Style county fair will have a matinee concert, apple pie contest, kid's corner and more. For more information, visit www.americanday2018.weebly.com.



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

Aug. 3-5

- **Castlefest** - This is a medieval fantasy event held in the gardens of Castle De Keukenhof, Keukenhof 1 near Lisse (NL). The gardens are the location of a real medieval city where one can learn about daily life in the Middle Ages. Open Friday from 11 a.m. to midnight, Saturday from 10 a.m. to midnight, and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more details, visit www.castlefest.com.
- **Sweet Temptations Festival** - Held at the farm estate on Bommertsweg 2 in Sleen (NL). The festival has more than 90 participants displaying all you need to create beautiful cakes, cupcakes and other pastries. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €8.50 for adults, and €3.50 for children age 4 to 12.
- **Milan Summer Festival** - Held in The Hague (NL) at Zuiderpark, this is the largest Hindu open air festival in Europe. Open Friday from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Aug. 4

- **Mont Martre Festival & Art Market** - Held in the center on Dominicanenplein and Flujasplein in Venlo (NL). No entry fees. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **"Milk & Honey" Market** - This is a market about nature, environment, outdoor life and beekeeping held under beautiful old trees in the center on Grote Brink in Zuidlaren (NL) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Antique & Curiosa Market** - Held at Kloosterwandplein in the center of Roermond (NL) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Aug. 4-5

- **Medieval Weekend (BE)** - Held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Chateau Feodal on Rue du Vieux Chateau in La Roche-en-Ardenne (BE). Entry is €9 for adults and €6 for children age 3 to 12.
- **Rose Fest (GE)** - This festival has shows, demonstrations, music, food and more at Castle Eulenbroich on Zum Eulenbroicher Auel 19 in Rösrath (GE). Open Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €3 and free for children age 13 and younger.
- **French Festival** - This festival has authentic curiosa, a Montmartre market, products from France, demonstrations, French music, food and more at Castle Cannenburch on Maarten van Rossumplein 4 in Vaassen (NL). Open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €7.50, and free for children age 11 and younger. The castle is open from noon to 5 p.m. Entry is €5 for adults, and €3 for children age 4 to 18.

Highway Construction and Road Closures

You may experience some delays while driving in Belgium this season. Road construction projects are occurring throughout the country and may result in temporary lane closures and road congestion. We will provide regular updates to ensure that the community is informed and prepared.



Road congestion: Many people will go on vacation during the summer, and road congestion may occur. Please stay safe on the roads.



Andenne/Daussoux (E42/A15): The three-way yard project between Andenne and Daussoux has been underway since August 2017. This project involves 15 km in both directions. The first part is now completed, and the second part in the direction of Luxembourg is scheduled to be completed by September 2018.



Jemappes (N51): Pay attention if you drive on N51. There is a degradation of the pavement in Jemappes (R5) in the direction of Valenciennes from 9.6 km to 9.7 km. Please drive safe.



Brussels: During July and August, the Leopold II Tunnel is closed.



Brussels: Road construction began in the Reyers-Montgomery Tunnel in both directions and in the Reyers-Meiser Tunnel in the direction of the E40. Drivers who travel to Brussels from the ring are asked to use alternative routes via the A12, the Leopold III Tunnel and the E411. Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.



Schinnen (A76): Due to the construction of the new on and off ramps on A76 (Highway Heerlen-Geleen), exit Schinnen #4 from Heerlen towards Geleen is closed. This results in the closure of the hard shoulder on both sides of the highway and a speed restriction of 70 km per hour until Jan. 31, 2019. Traffic should follow the yellow signs directing them to exit #2 Geleen-Beek and then access #2 on the A76 direction to Beek-Schinnen. The new A76 on and off ramps are scheduled to be completed this fall.

Please be cautious and patient while driving at all times. If you have questions or would like to report other highway construction sites and road closures, please email the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Public Affairs Office at usarmy.benelux.id-europe.mbx.communication@mail.mil.