

THE GAZETTE

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Benelux News

Briefs

Daumerie Chapel

To prepare for the Caserne Daumerie closure and move to Chièvres Air Base, the Daumerie Chapel will permanently close Nov. 17 and will no longer be available to host religious support programs, unit training or community events. Daumerie's religious programs will be moved to the SHAPE International Chapel (Bldg. 610). For more information, contact the USAG Benelux Religious Support Office at DSN 314-361-5381 or +32(0)68-27-5381.

The Gordon Highlanders return to Chièvres

On Nov. 17 and 18, the Chièvres population will go back in time with the venue of a Scottish Gordon Highlanders delegation. On Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the International Museum of Chièvres Air Base (MIBAC) will be open. There will be the inauguration of a commemorative plaque for the creation of the base at 10 a.m., and the signature of the Twinning Chart between the MIBAC and the Commemorative Air Force at 7 p.m. On Sunday, don't miss the parade led by Pipe band from Dudley Gordon Street to the main square at 11 a.m. and the ceremony at 11:30 a.m.

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Community remembers the Armistice's centennial

Maj. Timothy Hogan, USAG Benelux chief of staff, standing next to Ghislain Moyart, mayor of Lens, salutes during the commemorative ceremony Nov. 11, 2018, in Lens, Belgium, for the centennial of the end of World War I. A hundred years ago, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, World War I hostilities ended, and Nov. 11 became Armistice Day. (U.S. Army photo by Christophe Morel)

Stay safe, remain vigilant during the holidays

By USAG Benelux Antiterrorism Office



Courtesy graphic.

As the fall and winter seasons begin in Europe, many activities, such as festivals, concerts, and markets occur throughout the European theater.

Unfortunately, in the past few years we have seen that events and venues like these can also attract terrorists. Our hosts are actively protecting these events, but our adversaries, many of whom are inspired by terrorist organizations, are limiting their exposure and employing attack methods that do not raise suspicion, such as vehicle ramming and edged weapons. With current threats increasingly difficult to detect and deter, individual awareness and vigilance play an even greater role. We must think and prepare individually, and apply relevant and effective measures to help reduce risk to ourselves, friends and families.

Along with the numerous holiday season events and New Year celebrations, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux personnel and family members should avoid areas of civil demonstrations or gatherings and follow instructions of local police authorities. Personnel should also monitor social media and local news outlets.

USAG Benelux will publish notifications of planned demonstrations. However, so-called "pop-up" demonstrations

can occur without warning. Have a plan when traveling to and from the airport, train station or any other location and make sure everyone in your group knows the plan.

If you see suspicious behavior at your garrison's location, please do not hesitate and report it to the military police desk at your location:

- Chièvres: DSN 361-5301 or +32(0)68-27-5301
- Brussels: DSN 368-9769 or +32(0)2-717-9769
- JFC Brunssum: DSN 606-244-2616/3200 or +31(0)45-526-2616/3200
- Schinnen: DSN 597-4555 or +31(0)45-534-4555
- SHAPE: DSN 423-3334/3343 or +32(0)65-44-3334/3343

If the suspicious actions are observed in your community and outside the military installations, report it to the nearest police agency by calling 112.

For questions or concerns regarding the USAG Benelux Antiterrorism program, please call the following offices:

- Brussels: DSN 314-368-9623 or +32(0)2-717-9623
- Chièvres Air Base/SHAPE: DSN 314-361-6290 or +32(0)68-27-6290
- Schinnen/JFC Brunssum: DSN 314-360-7313 or +31(0)46-443-7313. ♦

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Remembering World War I

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, World War I ended.

A hundred years later, the Benelux community remembered what we

call today Armistice Day, or Veterans Day, a universally recognized day of commemoration.

Many cities held a ceremony to honor those who sacrificed their lives.



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1. and 2. During this ceremony organized by Soignies Nov. 10, 2018, in Casteau, Belgium, people gathered where the Canadian troops stopped when the bell rang Nov. 11, 1918, at 11 a.m. This place is very symbolic, because it's exactly where the first skirmish between the British and Germans broke out Aug. 22, 1914. (U.S. Army photos by Marie-Lise Baneton)

3. From left to right: Sgt. Jorge Velazquez, Staff Sgt. Joanna Ruybal, 1st Sgt. Natalee C. Simms and Fabienne Winckel, mayor of Soignies, participate in the commemorative ceremony Nov. 11, 2018, in Soignies, Belgium. (Courtesy photo)

4. Col. Sean Hunt Kuester, USAG Benelux commander, lays a wreath with André Desmarlières, mayor of Brugelette, during the commemorative ceremony for the end of World War I, Nov. 11, 2018, in Brugelette, Belgium. (U.S. Army photo by Marie-Lise Baneton)

5. The USAG Benelux Color Guard presents the colors during a ceremony held at the Chièvres cemetery Nov. 11, 2018. From left to right: Sgt. Erik Ramirez (NCOIC), Sgt. Villamor Madrigal, Sgt. Douglas Lanning, Spc. J'Marcus Carson, and Sgt. Jacob Doughty. (U.S. Army photo by Julie Piron)

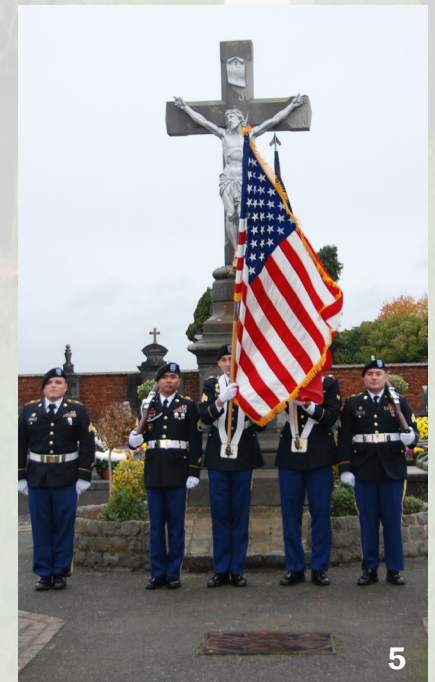
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6. The crowd attends the ceremony for the centennial of the end of World War I at the memorial on Place Commune in Silly, Belgium, Nov. 11, 2018. (Courtesy photo)

7. The USAG Benelux Color Guard presents the colors during an Armistice Day ceremony Nov. 11, 2018, in Brugelette, Belgium. From left to right: Sgt. Jacobus Wood, Sgt. Kyle Russ, Sgt. Santino Laurean, and Sgt. Daniel Smith. Behind: Staff Sgt. Sean Marshall (NCOIC). (U.S. Army photo by Marie-Lise Baneton)

8. Lt. Col. Kelly Porter, garrison chaplain for USAG Benelux, attends the commemorative ceremony in Lessines, Belgium, Nov. 11, 2018. (Photo by Gerald Debacker)

9. Maj. Timothy Hogan, USAG Benelux chief of staff, standing next to Ghislain Moyart, the mayor of Lens, as they participate in a wreath-laying ceremony Nov. 11, 2018, in Lens, Belgium. (U.S. Army photo by Christophe Morel)

10. Command Sgt. Maj. Samara Pitre, USAG Benelux command sergeant major, salutes after a wreath laying with Marie-Claude Leroy, alderman of Chièvres, and Olivier Hartiel, mayor of Chièvres, at the monument honoring both civilian and military victims of World Wars I and II in Chièvres, Belgium, Nov. 11, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Julie Piron)



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Recognizing the early voices of our nation

By Therese Ayers

USAG Benelux Equal Employment Opportunity

November is Native American Heritage Month, honoring American Indians and Alaskan Natives. The theme for 2018 is "Sovereignty, Trust and Resilience."

During national Native American and Alaskan Native Heritage Month, we celebrate the legacy of the first people to call America home. The Native Americans have fortified our country with their traditions and values, making tremendous contributions to every aspect of our national life.

According to Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, there are 567 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes and more than 100 state-recognized tribes across the U.S. DEOMI stated that, "Each have their own distinctive history, beliefs, governance structure and culture."

The observance has a long history. In 1915, the annual Congress for the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. President Calvin Coolidge issued a proclamation Sept. 28, 1915 that declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of American Indians as citizens. The year before the proclamation was issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor American Indians. On Dec. 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of New York. Several other states celebrated the fourth Friday in September. Additionally, several states designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continued to be a day observed without any real recognition.

In 1990, President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November as National American Indian Heritage Month. Similar proclamations, under variants on the name (including "Native American Heritage Month" and "National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month") have been issued each year since 1994.

In 2014, then President Barack Obama wrote, "Every year, our Nation pauses to reflect on the profound ways the First Americans have shaped our country's character and culture. The first stewards of our environment, early voices for the values that define our Nation, and models of government to our Founding Fathers – American Indians and Alaska natives helped build the very fabric of America. Today, their spirit and many contributions continue to enrich our communities and strengthen our country."

Native Americans have influenced every stage of America's



Courtesy graphic.

development. They are woven deeply into our nation's rich tapestry. They helped early European settlers survive and thrive in a new world.

This year, President Donald Trump wrote in his proclamation that "Our Nation is proud of and grateful for its Native American heritage and traditions, including a history of innovation and entrepreneurship. The essential contributions of Native Americans continue to strengthen our American family and brighten our future together."

The U.S. Department of Defense along with the rest of the nation, will celebrate the first people to live on the land we all value. American Indians and Alaska Natives bravely defended and shaped our country's character and our cultural heritage. American Indian and Alaskan Native patriots will continue to build legacies of freedom and diversity. During Native American Heritage Month, we will honor the first Americans and recognize their contributions and their sacrifices.

To learn more about Native Americans and Alaskan natives, check out resources at our libraries. Read more about the history of American Indians such as Mary Gold Ross, who worked with engineers on research that would spawn the space race, or James Elliott Williams, who is the most decorated enlisted man in the U.S. Navy history on the U.S. Army's website at <https://www.army.mil/americanindians/>.

The USAG Benelux will celebrate the month by hosting an exhibit Nov. 30 at the SHAPE Chapel. For more information please contact DSN 361-5235 or +32(0)68-27-5235. ♦

Follow safe cooking practices

By U.S. Army Installation Management Command-Europe
Special to the Gazette

Thanksgiving, or Turkey Day, is observed next Thursday. As you plan your Thanksgiving feasts in Europe, don't forget about fire safety. Did you know Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires? According to the U.S. Fire Administration, the average number of home fires on Thanksgiving is expected to be more than double the average number of fires in residential buildings on all other days of the year. Thanksgiving fires occurred most frequently from noon to 3 p.m., when people were most likely preparing their meals.

Keep these safety tips in mind as you prepare your meals:

TURKEY

If you are roasting your turkey, make sure you set a timer. This way, you won't forget about the bird as you watch the parade or football. If you are frying your turkey, use a fryer with thermostat controls. This will ensure the oil does not become overheated. In addition, you should thaw your turkey completely. Ice on the bird will cause

the oil to splatter. Don't overfill the pot with oil. If you do, the oil will overflow when you add the turkey causing a fire hazard. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the fryer. Also, always use the fryer outdoors.

STUFFING AND POTATOES

You should stand by your stove when you are boiling potatoes or frying onions for stuffing. It is best to stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling or broiling. If you are in the kitchen, it is easier to catch spills or hazardous conditions before they become a fire.

VEGETABLES

You should keep the area around the stove clear of packaging, paper towels, dish cloths and any flammable item. Be sure to clean up any spills as they happen. Keep a large pan lid or baking sheet handy in case you need to smother a pan fire. Lastly, turn pot handles towards the back of the stove so you don't bump them.



Thanksgiving meals can take a lot of preparation at home, where people use appliances like ovens, fryers and stoves to cook staple dishes such as turkeys, ham, vegetables, stuffing and potatoes. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, people should follow safety tips in order to avoid potential fires and cooking accidents. (Courtesy photo)

Please remember that unattended cooking is the leading factor in home-cooking fires. By following these tips, you will have a delicious and fire-safe Thanksgiving. Let the firefighters have dinner with their families, not yours.

For more information about fire safety, visit <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/cooking.html>. If you experience a fire emergency in your home, please call 112 in Belgium and The Netherlands. ♦

Registration opens soon for scouts

Special to the Gazette

Calling all trailblazers! On the first of February 2019 the Boy Scouts of America will open registration to all prospective female scouts interested in joining the Scouts BSA program (formerly known as "Boy Scouts").

If you are interested in adventure, developing your leadership potential and earning the prestigious Eagle Scout Award, you can learn more about new opportunities that can help you achieve your goals at the "Scout Me In" information session Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Brussels American School foyer. Now it's the pre-registration for girls age 11 to 17 interested in kicking off their scouting journey.

Girls and first-time registered boys, at the Troop level, age 16 or older, but not yet 18, Feb. 1, 2019, who register as members of Scouts BSA on or before Dec. 31, 2019, may request extensions to complete the Eagle



Courtesy graphic.

Scout Award requirements after they turn age 18.

RSVP by e-mailing the District "Scout Me In" coordinator at ScoutMeInBrussels@gmail.com. ♦

Operation Hours for Thanksgiving

Special to the Gazette

SHAPE/Chièvres

	AAFES	Army Community Service	Andrews Federal Credit Union	Auto Skills and Equipment Rental	Commissary	Central Processing Facility	Chièvres Fitness Center	Chièvres Library
Thursday Nov. 22	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed
Friday Nov. 23	8 a.m.- 7 p.m.	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	8 a.m. - noon 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Noon - 5 p.m.

	Education Center	Housing	IACS (Gate Access)	Kennel Services	Northern Law Center	Post Office	SHAPE Healthcare Facility	SHAPE Int'l Library
Thursday Nov. 22	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.	8 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	9 a.m. - noon 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Closed	Closed (SHAPE and Chièvres)	8 a.m. - 10 a.m. (Limited Services)	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday Nov. 23	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.	8 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Closed	10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Finance) 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Package pick-up)	To be determined	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Brussels

	3 Star Recreation Center	AAFES - Brussels Shopette	Army Community Service	Andrews Federal Credit Union	Auto Skills and Outdoor Recreation	Brussels Health Clinic	Central Processing Facility	Education Center
Thursday Nov. 22	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Friday Nov. 23	Closed	Closed	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed	8 a.m. to 10 a.m. (Acute Care)	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed

	Fitness Center	Housing	IACS (Gate Access)	Library	Post Office
Thursday Nov. 22	7 a.m. - 3 p.m.	8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed
Friday Nov. 23	7 a.m. - 3 p.m.	8 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Closed	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Please note that hours are subject to change. Please call the office in advance to get the most up-to-date information.*

Schinnen

	AAFES	Army Community Service	Andrews Federal Credit Union	Bowling Center	Commissary	Central Processing Facility	Community Bank	Directorate of Public Works	Education Center	Fitness Center
Thursday Nov. 22	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Regular Schedule	Closed	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday Nov. 23	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Regular Hours	Regular Hours	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Closed	Regular Hours	Regular Hours	Regular Hours	Regular Hours	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

	Housing	IACS (Gate Access)	Outdoor Recreation	GK NATO Healthcare Facility	Netherlands Law Center	Postal (Schinnen and Brunsum)	SATO Travel
Thursday Nov. 22	Regular Schedule	Closed	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Regular Schedule	Closed	Closed	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday Nov. 23	Closed	Regular Hours	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed



KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

The Official Website of the American Forces Network Benelux

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SHAPE : 106.5 | Tri-Border community : 99.7 and 96.9 FM

AFN BENELUX 360 Internet Radio <http://benelux.afneurope.net>

ALL COMMUNITIES

American Legion Boys State/Girls State program

- The American Legion Post BE02 announces its 2019 Boys State/Girls State program. Boys State and Girls State are summer leadership and citizenship programs sponsored by The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary for high school juniors. These programs are the premier opportunities to learn how government works, while developing leadership skills and an appreciation of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. In this summer program, the student can run for office, learn public speaking, draft and debate legislation, and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government. For further information or an application, please contact the American Legion Post BE02 at flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

See also above in "All Communities."

AAFES - Brussels Retail Store New Hours

- Effective Dec. 1, the Brussels Retail Store will have new operating hours: Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The store is closed Saturday and all U.S. federal holidays.

Influenza Vaccine

- Flu vaccines will be administered at the Brussels Health Clinic on Sterrebeek from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. Walk-ins are not open Thursdays from noon to 3:30 p.m., special holidays, or during the days when off-site flu campaigns are conducted. Please call DSN 314-566-1515 or +32(0)2-686-1515. You can also monitor the clinic's Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/BrusselsHealthClinic/>) or community sites for notices of closure or non-availability for walk-ins. All personnel, besides U.S. active-duty service members, must provide proof of health insurance to get the flu shot.

American Legion "Flanders Field" Post BE02

- **Oratorical Scholarship Contest** - The American Legion "Flanders Field" Post BE02 announced its sixth Annual Oratorical Scholarship Contest - A Constitutional Speech Contest. The contest is scheduled Dec. 8 at the Brussels American High School Multipurpose Room. Eligible participants must be citizens or lawful permanent residents of the U.S. All contestants must be bona fide students described as any student under the age 20 on the date of the national contest who is presently enrolled in a high school or junior high school (public, parochial, military, private or home school), commencing with grade nine and terminating with grade 12. For more information, contact the Oratorical Contest team at flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com or visit <https://postbe02oratoricalcontest.weebly.com>.

New Parking Policy at Brussels Main

- USAG Benelux has a new parking policy for government vehicles (GOVs) on the Brussels Main Compound. Gates 4 & 5: Access will be limited to local (Brussels only) GOVs. All local GOVs will display the previously issued parking pass on the front dashboard (driver's side). This pass will be required for access through the access control points (ACP) and should be displayed on the dashboard only while parking on the installation. Gate 1: All vehicles, to include GOVs, will be allowed to use this ACP to enter Brussels Main. All visiting GOVs are allowed to park in the parking garage and are encouraged to park on level -2. For more information, contact the MP Desk at DSN 368-9769 or +32 (0)2-717-9769.

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 Tuesday

- **Hatha Yoga** - Held 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Brussels Fitness Center. For more information, call DSN 368-9667 or +32 (0)2-717-9667.

Every Friday

- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the Brussels community for games, music and movies starting at 5 p.m. Line dancing will start at 7 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of the month. U.S. Military, NATO, U.S. Embassy and mission cardholders are welcome. For more information, call DSN 368-9822 or +32 (0)2-717-9822.

Every 2nd and 4th Friday of Each Month

- **Karaoke Night** - Starting at 6 p.m. U.S., NATO, U.S. Mission, and U.S. Embassy ID cardholders are welcomed. For more information, call DSN 368-9822 or +32 (0)2-717-9822.

Nov. 20

- **Brussels Community Town Hall** - Held at the Brussels American School (BAS), Multi-Purpose Room, starting at 5:30 p.m. Learn of upcoming events and take an active role in shaping the community.



Nov. 21

- **VA-Accredited Service Officer** - A VA-accredited service officer will be conducting office hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the American Legion's Office. Veterans, retirees or service members who need assistance or information with a VA Disability claim can make an appointment via serviceofficer.arc.be@gmail.com.
- **Reorganization Meeting** - The American Legion Riders will be conducting a reorganization meeting at the American Legion's Office in the evening. For more information, contact flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

See also page 8 in "All Communities."

WIC Overseas

- The WIC Overseas Program provides several important benefits that help you and your family lead healthier lives. Program services are provided to eligible participants overseas: Active-duty military and their dependents, DoD civilian employees and their family members, and DoD contractors and their family members. For more information, contact DSN 360-7489 or +31 (0)46-4437489. Open Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Through Nov. 23

- **Co-Ed Basketball Open Enrollment** - For ages 3 to 15. Held at the Child and Youth Services on JFC Brunssum, Bldg. H602. This is for the Jan. 15 to Feb. 23 season. Cost is \$25 for children age 3 to 5 and \$45 for children age 6 to 15. You must be registered with CYS and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Volunteer coaches are needed! Contact Parent Central Services for more information or details at DSN 606-2443121 or +31 (0)45-5263121/4195. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders.
- **Junior Girls Basketball Open Enrollment** - For ages 13 to 15. Held at the Child and Youth Services on JFC Brunssum, Bldg. H602. This is for the Jan. 15 to Feb. 23 season. Cost is \$45. You must be registered with CYS and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Contact Parent Central Services for more information at DSN 606-244-3121 or +31 (0)45-5263121/4195. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders.

Through Nov. 24

- **Snowboarding Winter Clinic Open Enrollment** - For ages 10 to 18. Held at the Child and Youth Services on JFC Brunssum, Bldg. H602. Clinic dates are Dec. 5 and 12, Jan. 9, 16, 23 & 30, and Feb. 6. Cost is \$280 paid at time of registration (includes transportation, helmet and snowboard, professional instruction). Contact Parent Central Services for more information or details at DSN 606-2443121 or +31 (0)45-5263121.
- **Cheerleading Open Enrollment** - For ages 6 to 15. Held at the Child and Youth Services on JFC Brunssum, Bldg. H602. This is for the Jan. 15 to Feb. 23 season. Cost is \$45. You must be registered with CYS and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Contact Parent Central Services for more information or details at DSN 606-2443121 or +31 (0)45-5263121/4195. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders.



Through Dec. 31

- **University of Maryland University College-Scholarships** - UMUC will award 15 scholarships for up to \$1,500 each, through the National Military Family Association to spouses of active-duty, Reservist, and/or National Guard service members seeking a first undergraduate degree at UMUC. The scholarship is available to new or prospective students who have never attended UMUC prior to spring 2019 and who will be seeking a first undergraduate degree at UMUC. The scholarship will cover up to two full courses (six credits). Spouses must be registered with NMFA before submitting an application with UMUC to be eligible. For more information, visit <https://scholarships.militaryfamily.org/partners/university-of-maryland-university-college/>.

Nov. 16

- **American Spouses Club** - The American Spouses Club is hosting a Polish pottery sale at the International Conference Center on JFC Brunssum. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nov. 17

- **Operation Magic All Stars** - Schinnen Family and MWR is hosting the Armed Forces Entertainment magic show at the Schinnen Community Recreation Center. With Jason Michaels, Jessica Jane and Ben Young. The show starts at 4 p.m. For more information, call DSN 360-7560/7370 or +31 (0)46-4437560/7370.



Nov. 21

- **2018 Turkey Trot** - Held at the Schinnen Fitness Center. The safety briefing and drawing for this 5K run/walk is at 9 a.m. Starting time is 9.15 a.m. For more information call DSN 360-7561 or +31 (0)46-4437561.

Nov. 25

- **Operation: Punchline** - Family and MWR hosts *Operation: Punchline*, the AFE comedy show with a revolving group of stand-up comedians led by Slade Ham. Held in the Schinnen Bowling Center Lounge. Start is at 6 p.m. (doors open at 4:30 p.m.). This is a show for an adult audience. For more information, call DSN 360-7560/7370 or +31 (0)46-4437560/7370.



Nov. 26

- **Open Indoor Wall Climbing** - Held in Schinnen from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entry is \$10 for adults, and \$8 for children age 17 and under. For more information, call DSN 360-7370/7560 or +31 (0)46-4437370/7560.

Nov. 26-Dec. 1

- **Commander's Cup Challenge** - The next Commander's Cup Challenge will be "burpees". For more information, stop by the Fitness Center on Schinnen or call DSN 360-7561 or +31 (0)46-4437561.

Nov. 30-Dec. 2

- **"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!"** - The Alliance Players announce "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!" at the Alliance Theater on JFC in Brunssum. The plays starts at 7 p.m. Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, and at 2 p.m. Dec. 2. For more information, visit www.allianceplayers.eu.

Dec. 3-4

- **Veterans Administration** - Are you a service member or veteran with questions regarding VA benefits? The Veterans Administration (VA) will have a representative at the JFC Brunssum Library from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to meet with anyone who would like a one-on-one appointment. If you have any questions, now or in the future, this is the person to speak with. There will also be a VA represent for those who are looking for answers specifically on disability and compensation. To schedule an appointment, please call DSN 606-244-3848 or +31 (0)45-5263848.

Dec. 8

- **Oratorical Scholarship Contest** - The American Legion "Margraten" Post NL01 is holding its 2nd Annual Oratorical Scholarship Contest - A Constitutional Speech Contest at the USAG Benelux in Schinnen Classroom. Eligible participants must be citizens or lawful permanent residents of the U.S. All contestants must be bona fide students herein described as any student under the age 20 on the date of the contest who is presently enrolled in a high school or junior high school), commencing with grade nine and terminating with grade 12. For more information, contact the Oratorical Contest team at margraten.post.nl01@gmail.com.

SHAPE/CHIÈVRES COMMUNITY

See also page 8 in "All Communities."

Central Issue Facility Closure

- The Central Issue Facility (CIF) on Chièvres Air Base will be closed Dec. 3 to 4. CIF will be open again for business Dec. 5. This will not affect CIF services at Schinnen.

GOV Driving Classes at SHAPE

- The GOV Orientation Class at SHAPE now requires advanced registration. Register with the Driver's Testing Station staff in SHAPE Bldg. 220. Classes are held every Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Every First Week of the Month

- **Intro to Gym Machines** - The SHAPE Sports and Fitness Center hosts this walk-through 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 welcomed.



Every Tuesday

- **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 Tuesday and Thursday

- **Boxing Classes** - Held at the SHAPE Sports and Fitness Center for all levels. No previous experience is required. Interested? Call +32(0)65-44-5345.

Every Wednesday

- **GOV Orientation Class** is conducted from 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. The briefing is mandatory for all U.S. civilians and military who drive a government vehicle. Candidates must pass the prior POV tests.

Through Nov. 23

- **CYS Cheerleading Open Enrollment** - Enrollment is open to youth age 8 to 12. Youth must be of age by March 15, registered with Child and Youth Services and have a valid health assessment. The season is from December to March. For more information, call Parent Central Services at DSN 366-6839 or +32(0)65-32-6839.



Through Dec. 12

- **FY19 Winter Driving Classes** - Every government vehicle driver (who has an OF 346/license) is required to attend the annual winter driving training. Classes are held at the Driver's Testing Station in SHAPE Bldg. 220. Since spaces are limited, registration is required. To reserve a spot, call DSN 366-6603 or +32(0)65-32-6603.

Nov. 16

- **Fun For Families - Santa's Workshop** - This evening will offer many holiday-related crafts for the whole family at Chièvres Community Activity Center starting at 5 p.m. Admission is free and is open to U.S., NATO, U.S. Mission and U.S. Embassy ID cardholders.



Nov. 17

- **Dinovember Party** - Held at the SHAPE International Library starting at 11 a.m.! There will be stories, games, crafts and more. Admission is free. For more information, call DSN 423-5631 or +32(0)65-44-5631.
- **Canadian Christmas Market** - The market will be held at the International School Cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Canadian School and charity. Go to www.SHAPE2Day.com.

Nov. 19

- **Operation Magic All Stars** - Enjoy the magic of Jason Michaels, Jessica Jane and Ben Young. The Armed Forces Entertainment magic show will be held at the SHAPE Alliance Auditorium. Doors open at 5 p.m. The show starts at 6 p.m. This free show is family-friendly and appropriate for all ages!

Nov. 22

- **Thanksgiving Dinner at SHAPE Club** - There will be a traditional Thanksgiving buffet, including a welcome drink, soup, dessert and coffee. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Cost is €19 per adult and €9 per child. To make a reservation, call DSN 423-4133 or email shapeclub@shapemwb.be.

Nov. 23

- **Winter White Party** - SHAPE Events Centre presents a Winter White Party starting at 10 p.m. at B3's Sports Bar. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.SHAPE2Day.com.

Nov. 26-Dec. 1

- **International Basketball Tournament** - The tournament will include both men and women teams. For the detailed game schedule, visit the SHAPE Sports & Fitness Facebook page.

Dec. 5

- **Reorganization Meeting** - The American Legion Riders will be conducting a reorganization meeting at SHAPE. For more information, contact flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com.

Upcoming Organized Trips & Tours

SHAPE Trips & Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 423-3884 or +32(0)65-44-3884.

- Paris Secret Food Tour, **Nov. 17**
- Christmas Market and Light Show in Amiens, France, **Nov. 24**
- Valkenburg Christmas Market, **Dec. 1**
- Cologne Christmas Markets, **Dec. 8**
- SnowWorld Landgraaf, **Dec. 9**
- Luxembourg Christmas Markets, **Dec. 15**
- Bruges Snow and Ice Sculpture Festival, **Dec. 22**

- Amsterdam Light Festival, **Dec. 28**
- Monschau and Aachen, Germany, **Jan. 5**
- Cooking Class in Lille, **Jan. 19**
- London, **Jan. 26**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

Call DSN 360-7560 or +31(0)46-443-7560.

- Express Trip to Paris, **Nov. 17**
- Cologne Christmas Markets, Germany, **Dec. 1**
- London Express, **Dec. 8**
- Day Trip to Bruges, Belgium, **Jan. 12**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

Through Dec. 6

- **Brussels Museums Late Night Openings** - It's a classic in the cultural autumn of the Belgian capital. Each Thursday between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m., at least five museums will offer guided tours, workshops, and more. It's the ideal opportunity to discover the Brussels museums in a relaxed atmosphere. The complete schedule and information about tickets is available at <https://brusselsmuseumsnocturnes.be/>.

Through Dec. 9

- **Mons Fair** - Visitors will find more than 60 attractions and food. Held on Avenue Abel Dubois (Grands Prés) from Nov. 9 to Dec. 9 and on Grand Place from Nov. 16 to Dec. 2. On Avenue Abel Dubois, the fair opens Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 4 p.m., Wednesday at 1 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. On Grand Place, the fair opens Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at noon, and at 2 p.m. the other days.

Through Jan. 27

- **The Smurf Experience in Brussels** - The Smurfs celebrate their 60th birthday with a village at Brussels Expo on Place de Belgique. An exploration with special effects (holograms, augmented reality, video mapping) and displays for young and old. Entry is €17 for adults, €11 for children age 3 to 12, and free for children age 2 and younger. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed on Monday.

Nov. 16-18

- **InterClassics Brussels** - A fair with exclusive classic cars and everything associated with automobiles. For the 4th edition, there will be an exceptional Porsche 356 collection. Held at Brussels Expo on Belgiëplein, 1. Open Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €15 (€12.50 online).

Nov. 17

- **Beatles Day in Mons** - Visitors will find everything about the beatles at Mons Expo on Avenue Thomas Edison, 2. There will be a lot of stands, exhibitions, conferences, and bands. Open from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Entry is €22 for adults, €17 for students, and free for children under age 12.

Nov. 18

- **Flea Market in Ath** - Held on Chaussée de Tournai including 90 booths from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Soignies for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue du Chanoine Scarmure, 15 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Bois-de-Lessines for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Place de Bois-de-Lessines, 52 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Basècles for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue des Déportés, 21 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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

Christmas Markets

- Starting mid-November, many Christmas Markets will open again in Germany. Most German Christmas Markets start in the middle or third week of November and close around Dec. 23. On Nov. 25, a German religious fest day, many markets will be closed or open for only a few hours. In Belgium and The Netherlands, the majority of Christmas Markets do not start until after the fest of Sinterklaas, Dec. 5 and 6. A complete list will be available on the USAG Benelux website soon.

Through Nov. 18

- **Pre-Christmas Art Market in Senden (GE)** - Held at the Town Hall (Rathaus). Open Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. No entrance fee.
- **Spirit of Winter Fair in Apeldoorn** - The fair turns the park of Palace Het Loo into a magical winter garden. Entry is €17.50 for adults, and €7.50 for children age 4 to 17. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Nov. 16-17 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Nov. 16-18

- **Art & Pre-Christmas Market in Gescher (GE)** - Held at Westfaelisches Glockenmuseum on Lindenstrasse, 2. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €2.
- **Danish Christmas Fair in Rotterdam** - Held at Danish Naval Church (Deense Zeemanskerk) on Coolhaven, 1 with all kinds of Danish products. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. No entrance fee.

Nov. 16-23

- **International Christmas Market in Essen** - With about 260 stands and a beautiful 18 meter high Christmas tree. Open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The market closes at 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Closed on Nov. 25. No entrance fee.

Nov. 16-Jan 6

- **Christmas Town in Valkenburg** - With illuminated streets, decorated Christmas trees and beautiful Christmas songs. Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and every Saturday at 7:30 p.m., a Christmas Parade will move through the center. No entrance fee.

Nov. 18-25

- **PAN Amsterdam** - An important and large international Art and Antique Fair held at RAI. Open from noon to 9 p.m., and Nov. 22 and 25 from noon to 6 p.m. Entry is €15, €7.50 for age 12 to 18, and free for age 11 and younger.

Nov. 20-25

- **Country & Christmas Fair in Haarzuilens** - Held at Castle De Haar with more than 200 stands. Open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €22.50 for adults, and €10 for children age 12 to 16.

Highway Construction and Road Closures

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



Mons: From Nov. 5 to the end of the year, drivers traveling on the R5 from Mons won't be able to access the E42-E19/A7 in the direction of Paris/Tournai and will have to follow a deviation or detour.



Gilly (N90): The speed of traffic is reduced to 50 km/h on N90 in Gilly, in the direction of Mons, due to road construction. Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of November.



Mons: A new construction project started in the center of the town Nov. 5 for the refurbishment of Cinema Plaza Art. During the 500 days, the Rue des Fossés will be closed each day from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and it won't be possible to park around the street.



Brussels: Due to road construction, try to avoid Avenue Franklin Roosevelt until mid-December.



Brussels: The tunnels of the roundabout Leonard will be closed from Nov. 15 at 10 p.m. to Nov. 16 at 5 a.m. Drivers will have to follow a deviation, or detour. There is expected to be road congestion.



Brussels: Road construction is still ongoing 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 advised 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.

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