

THE GAZETTE

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

Benelux news briefs

Fitness center makes changes

The timeline for improvements on the Brussels Fitness Center has changed.

During September and October, contractors at the fitness center will be working to improve the patron experience.

New windows are being installed, causing occasional closures of certain areas of the fitness center while work is being performed.

The Brussels Fitness Center will be repainted. Work will last approximately two weeks. It won't close during this period; however, different sections may be affected.

Outdoor Rec will close

Chièvres Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental must close for 90 minutes during normal operating hours Sept. 14 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

For details, call DSN 361-5545 or civilian 068-275545.

Erratum

An incomplete photo credit was used on photos of Dogs Day Out in the Sept. 1 issue of the Gazette. Kathleen Garrity-Cantwell of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or FMWR, was the photographer.

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Soldiers brush up on hand-to-hand combat techniques

Sgt. Carlos Flores of 128th Signal Company, right, describes the proper hand placement for a choke hold to Spc. Shaqueel Tabb, who practices "React to Man-to-Man Contact" with Spc. Delilah Hammond on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium, Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Pierre-Etienne Courtejoie/Training Support Center Benelux).

Belgium honors Battle of Bulge veteran

by **Kristin Ellis**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

On the morning of Dec. 18, 1944, 21-year-old Cpl. Kenneth "Rock" Merritt and his fellow paratroopers loaded into an open truck for a long cold ride to the Belgium countryside.

They were en route to the Ardennes with the mission to provide a corridor to safety for the severely injured and desperate survivors of the overrun infantry divisions of the Battle of the Bulge.

U.S. service members and the town of Vielsalm, Belgium, thanked Merritt, now 93, during a ceremony Aug. 27 at the Rencheux memorial honoring the courage and sacrifice of the 82nd Airborne Division in battle.

The honor guard, all members of USAG Benelux's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program, paid tribute to the history and heritage of the 82nd's hard-fought World War II campaigns and battles.

"We owe it to the generation who came before us," BOSS president Sgt. Pamela Hill said. "We owe them our support for going before us and doing what they did. They paved the way for where we are now."



Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth "Rock" Merritt speaks at a ceremony that honored his courage and sacrifice during the Battle of the Bulge. The ceremony paid tribute to Merritt, Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016, at the Rencheux memorial in Vielsalm, Belgium. (U.S. Army photo by Kristin Ellis)

Local residents and leaders welcomed Merritt like a hero. Merritt got a hero's welcome from local residents and leaders for his role in campaigns that helped liberate Belgium and change the course of history. Merritt told the crowd that at 19 years old he knew he would be drafted.

"The Army will send us wherever they want," Merritt said. "I'm going to beat them to it and volunteer, so I can pick what I do."

Merritt went into a recruiting station wanting to sign with the Marines because he liked their uniforms, but changed his mind when he saw a recruitment poster asking if you were "man enough to become a paratrooper."

The 127-pound Oklahoma native knew he had an uphill battle toward becoming an elite jumper, who often carry more than 90 pounds of gear. Merritt enlisted anyway and served with the 82nd Airborne

Division and two stints as the XVIII Airborne Corps sergeant major.

In total, Merritt served for 35 years. Of those 35 years, he spent 31 on jump status.

Merritt also toured other areas of the Ardennes where American service members are memorialized as part of the Greatest Generation.

This wasn't the first time Merritt returned to Europe. On the 70th anniversary of the WWII D-Day landings, Merritt — along with President Barack Obama and other world leaders and veterans — paid tribute to Soldiers who died in the liberation of Europe from Nazi German rule.

Participating in events like this is important for a service member serving overseas, Hill said.

"First and foremost, it is about giving back to the community we live in," she said. "But it's also about building that camaraderie and teamwork. Sometimes all we have is each other here."

For details on how to get involved in the local community through the BOSS program, call DSN 361-6820 or civilian 068-276820.

Think of WIC as military benefit

Special to the Gazette

The Department of Defense offers the Women, Infants and Children, or WIC, Overseas Program to eligible overseas beneficiaries, which include:

- Service members who are on active duty,
- DOD civilian employees,
- DOD contractors and
- Dependents.

The WIC program provides nutritional counseling and education as well as nutritious supplemental foods for those who qualify.

Program participants receive checks called “drafts” that are redeemable in overseas commissaries and Navy Exchange Marts, commonly called NEXMARTs.

WIC Overseas drafts can be used to obtain items like milk, cheese, cereal, fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, peanut butter, beans, whole-grain bread and brown rice. For infants, baby food and infant formula may also be received. “Food packages,” WIC’s official term for the benefit that is tailored to meet the needs of the participant, will vary according to whether the participant is an infant, a young child, or a pregnant or breastfeeding mother.

“Many people who are familiar with the Stateside WIC program think that,

since they don't qualify in the United States, they won't qualify here,” said MeChelle Shelton, WIC Overseas counselor at SHAPE.

Eligibility is determined by evaluating family size and household income, she said. If you are eligible, the counselor will help you get started and determine how long you can participate in the program.

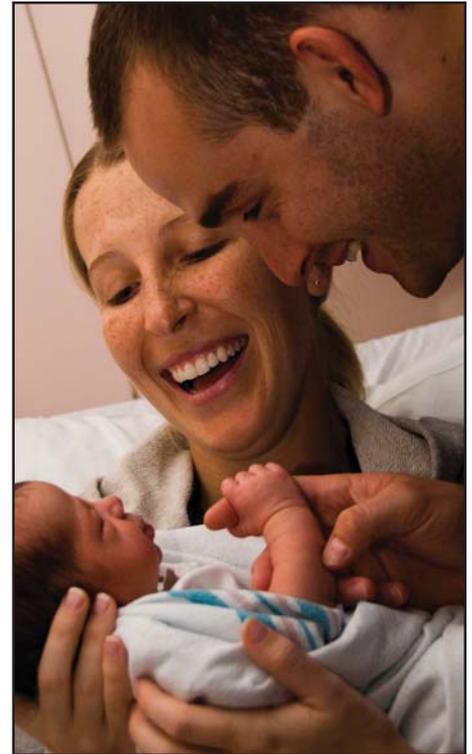
Those who may be eligible for the WIC program:

- Pregnant women — during pregnancy and throughout the first six weeks after giving birth;
- Mothers — until the infant is 6 months of age (if formula feeding) or 1 year of age (if breastfeeding); and
- Infants and children under 5 years of age.

“This is an excellent program that encourages healthy eating habits as well as assists in taking some financial strain off of our families while they are here in the Benelux,” Shelton said.

To see if you are eligible for WIC Overseas services, you may call or stop by your local office to complete a short eligibility screening. If you are eligible for services, the staff can make an appointment at that time.

Call DSN 423-5971 or civilian 065-445971 for military-community members



Families meeting eligibility criteria are able to use this benefit. (U.S. Navy photo)

at SHAPE; Brussels; Lille, France; and Paris. For the Schinnen/Brunssum area, call DSN 360-7489 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437489. You can also visit <http://www.tricare.mil/wic> to locate the nearest WIC Overseas Program office.

**Suicide Stand-down
for USAG Benelux employees
at SHAPE, Brussels**

**Sept. 15
from 8 a.m. to noon
at the SHAPE Main Gym.**

**Tenant units
are also invited.**

**September is
Suicide Prevention
Month,**

**an opportunity to provide
education and resource
information on suicide and
its residual effects
on family members.**

**Schinnen event
planned soon.**





Preparing Army Communities Today for the Hazards of Tomorrow

BE INFORMED ▶ MAKE A PLAN ▶ BUILD A KIT ▶ GET INVOLVED

Take precautions on Patriot Day, 9/11 anniversary

September is National Preparedness Month.

Being prepared for emergencies, natural or manmade, is vital, according to ReadyArmy, the Department of the Army's emergency-preparedness campaign.

With the upcoming 9/11 anniversary remembrances scheduled throughout the garrison's footprint, remember to use the following safety precautions:

- Soldiers should adhere to current USAREUR guidance on uniform wear off access-controlled installations and should receive appropriate prior approval for any exception to policy.
- Make sure you have your emergency contact information with you.
- Be extra vigilant when attending large gatherings and when using public mass transportation.
- Refrain from posting travel plans or specific information to social-media outlets.

• See Something, Say Something: Maintain situation awareness at all times, and report any suspicious activity to law-enforcement officials. (See numbers listed below.) Make sure you tell your family members to be vigilant, and give them the procedures to report anything suspicious.

- Brussels Military Police: DSN 368-9769 or civilian 02-7179769;
- Chièvres Military Police: DSN 361-5301 or civilian 068-275301;
- JFC Brunssum International Military Police: DSN 606-244-3200/2616 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263200/2616;
- Schinnen Military Police: DSN 360-7555 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437555;
- SHAPE International Military Police: DSN 423-3333 or civilian 065-443333; or
- Call the emergency line at 112.

Run to remember

The fitness centers in some of the Benelux communities are hosting runs to commemorate Patriot Day, the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York City and at the Pentagon as well as the downed aircraft in Pennsylvania Sept. 11, 2001.

• **Patriot Run** - The Patriot Run, a 9/11 memorial 5K and 3K run, starts **Sept. 9** at 9:11 a.m. at Chièvres Community Activity Center. All SHAPE/NATO/Chièvres service members and families are welcome. Registration for this free event lasts from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. For additional information on this run, call DSN 361-5129 or civilian 068-275129.

• **9/11 5k Remembrance Day Run/Walk** - The 9/11 5k Remembrance Day Run/Walk is scheduled **Sept. 10** from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at Brussels Fitness Center. Registration for this free event lasts from 8 to 8:45 a.m. Run/Walk begins at 9 a.m. For additional information, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.

Annual SHAPE Fest brings community members together

Amusements, ethnic food and live music are all part of SHAPE Fest, located between the Events Centre and the Pizza Bowl, today and tomorrow.

Print your SHAPE Fest program, which includes fireworks Saturday night, at <http://www.shape2day.com/whats-happening/shape-events/shape-fest-2016>.

Schedule of Events at SHAPE Fest 2016

Sept. 9

After Work: Don't Mess with the Monkeys

8 p.m.: Undercover

Gregory Del Rio Magic Show

10 p.m.: disc jockey DJ Nico Spider in the Mix

Midnight: DJ Nicki Sanchez and Fire Dancers

Sept. 10

Throughout the day: The SHAPE Choir

1 p.m.: The NATO Jazz Orchestra

Polynesian Community Dancers

The Ramblers

Blues Rock Karma

The Korrigans

6 p.m.: Sunk Plays Green Day

The Caber Feidh Pipe Band

8 p.m.: Task Force X

Fireworks

10 p.m.: The Blue Bird Show

10:30 p.m.: DJ David G.

Midnight: DJ Daddy K. and Fire Dancers



FRENGLISH PAGE

US community can have fun with French touch

Each week, English speakers will be in contact with French language in a friendly way. This page is divided into three sections. The first one (Useful expressions) is dedicated to commonly used expressions translated into English and accompanied by a phonetic transcription. The second part (Word search) is a fun way to learn French words, along with their English translation. The last part (Dialogue) is brightened up with a French dialogue and its English translation.

Useful expressions

- ground beef
 - sirloin steak
 - veal cutlet
 - chicken breast
 - cold cuts
 - lamb shank
 - pork chops
- boeuf haché/"buhff ah shay"
 - contrefilet/"koh(n) truh fee lay"
 - escalope de veau/"eh scah lup duh voh"
 - blanc de poulet/"blah(n) duh poo leh"
 - charcuterie/"shahr koo tree"
 - jarret d'agneau/"zhah hray dahn yoh"
 - côtelettes de port/"koht let duh pohr"

Word search

Here are some words in French related to the theme "At the butcher's" that you can find in the grid.

- porc/"pohr"/pork
- poulet/"poo leh"/chicken
- veau/"voh"/veal
- marinade/"mah hree nahd"/marinade
- brochette/"broh shet"/brochette or kebab
- saucisse/"soh sees"/sausage
- canard/"kahn ahr"/duck
- dinde/"dahnd"/turkey
- agneau/"ahn yoh"/lamb
- jambon/"zhahm boh(n)"/ham
- boeuf/"buhff"/beef
- fumé/"foo may"/smoked
- cheval/"shuh vah!"/horse

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Dialogue: At the butcher's/Chez le boucher

B: Hi, what can I get for you?
 A: Hi, I'll take five beef kebabs.
 B: I am sorry, I am out of beef kebabs
 A: I'll take turkey kebabs instead.
 B: What else do you need?
 A: What are your specials?
 B: Today ground beef is half price.
 A: I'll take 2 kilos of ground beef.
 B: What else can I get for you?
 A: I'll take eight sausages. Are those pork or beef sausages?
 B: We have both kinds.

B: Bonjour, que puis-je vous servir ?
 A: Bonjour, je vais prendre cinq brochettes de boeuf.
 B: Je suis désolé, je n'ai plus de brochettes de boeuf.
 A: Je vais prendre des brochettes de dinde à la place.
 B: Vous désirez quelque chose d'autre ?
 A: Quels sont vos promotions ?
 B: Aujourd'hui le boeuf haché est à moitié prix.
 A: Je vais prendre 2 kg de boeuf haché.
 B: Vous désirez autre chose ?
 A: Je vais prendre huit saucisses. Est-ce du porc ou du boeuf ?
 B: Nous avons les deux.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Brussels Army Community Service, SHAPE ACS or Schinnen ACS by video-conference. To sign up, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783:
 - **Retirement Planning** - Learn about retirement systems (civilian and military), military benefits, rollover options for Thrift Savings Plan and more. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **Sept. 14** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 9

- **Community Movie Night** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers sponsors free movie "Independence Day Resurgence" (PG-13) Sept. 9 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the BOSS Movie Area on Building 1's third floor. Make your reservation at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

Sept. 9, 16

- **Pizza Fridays at the 3 Star** - Pick up a pizza to take home for dinner or eat in from 4 to 8 p.m. To place an order, call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.
- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community from 5:30 to 11 p.m. For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822, or DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

Sept. 10

- **9/11 5k Remembrance Day Run/Walk** - See page 5.

Sept. 14

- **Pizza Wednesdays at the 3 Star** - Eat in or take out pizza for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Traditional and personal pan pizza available. To place an order, call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

Sept. 15

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Treat yourself to a plate of all-you-can-eat pizza and salad from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Facility open until 10 p.m.) Cost: adults \$10, children, ages 12 and under, \$5. For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Super Star Challenge** - Schinnen Fitness Center will host a Super Star Challenge **Sept. 17** at 11 a.m. (Be there by 10:30 a.m.) Choose five events: bowling, foul shots (45 seconds), "ladder" sprints on the basketball court, mile-and-a-half run, 100-yard dash, pushups, Plank Challenge, situps, standing broad jump and 3-point shootout (45 seconds). Get the most points to be named winner (in male and female categories). Register by Sept. 12 by stopping by the fitness center or calling DSN 360-7568 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437568.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes offered by Schinnen Army Community Service, SHAPE ACS or Brussels ACS by video-conference. To register, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500:
 - **Retirement Planning** - Learn about retirement systems (civilian and military), military benefits, rollover options for Thrift Savings Plan and more. VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **Sept. 14** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 14

- **Parent Support/Parent-Child Connection Group** - This group, designed for families who are expecting or who have a child under the age of 3, meets at Schinnen Army Community Service from 2 to 3:30 p.m.
- **MFLC Classes** - CYSS and the military family-life consultant invite you to "Balancing Work, Life and Command" at Brunssum's Building H-602. For details, call DSN 606-244-3121 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263121.

Sept. 14 to 15

- **New Parent Support Home Visitor** - U.S. ID card-holders can schedule appointments for office hours as well as hospital and home visits by calling Schinnen ACS at DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500.

Sept. 15 to 16

- **Transition Assistance Program/Veterans Affairs** - A VA overseas military service coordinator will visit JFC Brunssum Library. To schedule an appointment, call DSN 606-244-3475 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263475.
- **Welcome, newcomers** - Learn what you need to know at Schinnen Army Community Service. All newcomers must attend the Host-Nation Orientation on Day 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to learn local customs, culture, language and an overview of Tri-Border services. On Day 2, meet at ACS to take the Newcomers Tour from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The group goes beyond the gate to learn and use the public transportation to visit points of interest in the community. Contact DSN 360-7218/7500 or civilian 046-4437218/7500.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Tickets available now

- **USN-USAF Joint Ball** - Rediscover the past at the U.S. Navy-U.S. Air Force Joint Ball Sept. 23 with its "Come fly with me" theme. Enjoy an evening of fun, reflection and inspiration to celebrate the Navy and the Air Force during an event filled with the magic that used to be found on every flight. All military, civilians and nations welcome. For more information and to reserve your tickets, visit <http://www.jointball.info>.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY *continued*

Register now

- **SHAPE Performing Arts School** - For details on classes for adults as well as children, including Puppet Theatre Workshop and a children's show choir, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. Classes will be held **Sept. 12 to Dec. 2**.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by SHAPE Army Community Service, Schinnen ACS or Brussels ACS by video-teleconference. To sign up, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824:
 - **Retirement Planning** - Learn about retirement systems (civilian and military), military benefits, rollover options for Thrift Savings Plan and more. Given in person at SHAPE ACS **Sept. 14** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- **Food-handler training** - SHAPE Healthcare Facility offers this **Sept. 15** training at 3 p.m. in the second-floor conference room in the Washington, D.C., (yellow) wing. The course is designed for family readiness groups, Group 2 activities and volunteer groups that intend to sell food at 2016 SHAPE Morale and Welfare Branch/Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, or MWB/MWR, events and functions at SHAPE and USAG Benelux facilities. To register for this date or either of the two other dates, call DSN 566-5336 or civilian 065-325336.
- **STOMP** - Parents with an interest in special education are invited to attend Specialized Training of Military Parents, or STOMP, at the SHAPE Club **Sept. 15 to 16** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop will provide information about parent rights and responsibilities in achieving special-education services for military children whether located in the United States or overseas. STOMP also assists military families in gaining access to resources for their children. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID card-holders. Children are welcome to attend. To register, visit <http://stomp-benelux.eventbrite.com>. For questions, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.
- **Mindfulness Meditation course** - A free, eight-week Mindfulness-Based Stress-Reduction Course will be held on the second floor of SHAPE Healthcare Facility Sundays, **Oct. 2 to Nov. 20**, from 8 to 10 a.m. Class is limited to 15 participants. Register by Sept. 26. To find out more, call DSN 423-2474 or civilian 065-442474.

Sept. 9

- **Patriot Run** - See page 4.

Sept. 9 to 10

- **SHAPE Fest** - See page 4.

Sept. 12 to 13

- **Host-Nation Orientation** - SHAPE Army Community Service invites all service members, civilian employees and their family members to learn about the SHAPE/Chièvres community and all it has to offer. During the two-day orientation, you will learn about Belgian customs and basic French. You will also go on a cultural city tour and tour a Belgian hospital as well as sample traditional Belgian cuisine and learn how to shop on the economy. The group will also learn how to use public transportation and visit the Ste. Waudru Collegiale in Mons. Meet at the ACS conference room 15 minutes earlier than the start time of 8:30 a.m. Call ACS at DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824.

Sept. 13

- **SIWC Welcome Coffee** - The SHAPE International Women's Club invites you to its Welcome Coffee in the SHAPE Club Ballroom at 10 a.m. for pastries, information about different clubs and an opportunity to make new friends. The tickets can be purchased at the SHAPE Fest Tent Sept. 10 from noon to 4 p.m. Cost: €8.

Sept. 14

- **CAB Social** - Enjoy free food at Army Lodging on Chièvres Air Base while you meet with garrison leaders and ask questions. Feel free to contribute to this potluck meal with a "Favorite Foods" theme. Everyone is welcome to this informal group designed for those who are in- and out-processing. Call DSN 423-7141 or civilian 065-447141.

Sept. 16

- **The Magic of Rob Lake** - Be amazed by feats of legerdemain at this free Armed Forces Entertainment show at SHAPE Alliance Theatre (SHAPE Cinema). First show at 4:30 p.m. Second show at 7:30 p.m.

Inside the gate

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates — 2D movies: adults, €6.50; children, ages 12 and under, €3.75. 3D movies: adults, €8.50; children, ages 12 and under, €5.75. Visit <http://www.shape2day.com>, and click "Cinema Schedule" icon. Ticket sales begin 30 minutes prior to each showing. Films will start promptly. Thrifty Thursday means half-price popcorn and free movies from the same film series (or related subject matter) as an upcoming film as well as half-price pizza and calzone at the Pizza Bowl.

Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Rates — adults, €6.50; children, ages 11 and under, €3.75. For the movie schedule, visit <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146>.

Travel the Benelux

Visit Mons' major symbol during Heritage Days

Outside the gate

Saint-Waudru Collegiate Church is one of the most magnificent Brabantine Gothic churches in Belgium.

Wallonia Heritage Days Sept. 9 and 10 are an incentive to visit. (See page 9.)

Listed as a part of Wallonia's Major Heritage, the Catholic Church was from 1450 to 1686.

In 1450, the canons of the chapter of St. Waudru decided to build a new church. These women dreamed of erecting a 190-meter-high tower and laid the cornerstone in 1549. However, due to the destruction caused by the French siege in 1691, the tower was never finished. As a Mons saying goes: "C'est comme la tour de Sainte-Waudru, on n'en verra jamais le bout" (It's like the tower of Saint Waudru, you'll never see the end of it).

The Collegiate church is named after Waudru, the patron saint of Mons (Waltrude in English).

Waudru, born in the 7th century, was married to Vincent Madelgaire, the Count of Hainault. The

couple agreed to separate: Madelgaire, known today as St. Vincent, founded a monastery in Hautmont and later in Soignies.

Waudru became a nun and founded her own convent, which became the church centuries later. She was canonized by the vox populis and is celebrated each year on April 9, date of her death. She is invoked against the plague, and her shrine is kept in the collegiate church.

The inside is as spectacular as the outside. The church contains many paintings, manuscripts, collections of goldsmith's works and works of the sculptor and architect Jacques du Broeucq from Mons.

Saint-Waudru is open all year 'round from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free. Guided tours for groups (of at least 10 people) are organized by the Mons tourism office. To book a group visit, call civilian 065-335580 or 065-353488.



Statue sculpted by Jacques du Broeucq.

Courtesy photo



Exterior of the Saint-Waudru Collegiate Church.

Courtesy photo



Interior of the Saint-Waudru Collegiate Church.

Courtesy photo

Heritage Days in Wallonia puts culture in spotlight

European Heritage Days in Wallonia will be held Sept. 10 and 11 throughout the Belgian region of Wallonia.

The theme of the 28th edition of Heritage Days is "Philosophical and Religious Heritage."

During that weekend, Walloon heritage is in the spotlight. Many places open their doors to the public during that weekend.

Here are a few places you can visit in the area. (Find more in the brochure at <http://www.journeesdupatrimoine.be>.)

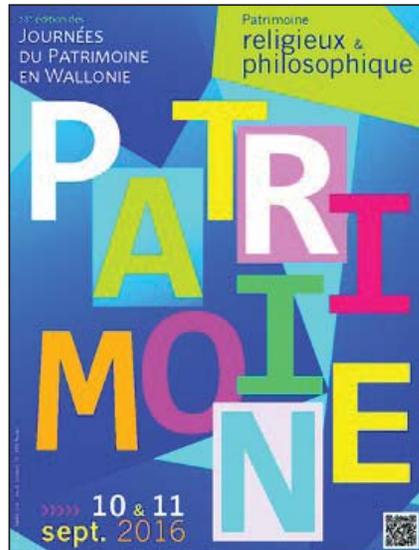
• **Ancestors, Spirits and Other Divinities in Binche.** The International Museum of Carnival and Mask will focus on its permanent collections of coins that are in line with the deities, saints and other characters in the afterlife across five continents.

Open Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Rue Saint-Moustier 10, 7130 Binche
Call civilian 064-335741.

fs@museedumasque.be
<http://www.museedumasque.be>.

• **Archaeological Heritage of Chièvres.** Within the 14th-century Gothic Church of St. Martin, discover an exhibition of archaeological excavations of iconic locations in Chièvres as well as daily and funerary practices of yesteryear.



Open Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4: 30 p.m. / Guided tours Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. (an hour-and-a-half)

Entertainment: Chièvres expo, "Layer by layer: Religion in our countryside" at the Museum of Rural Life at Rue Augustin Melsens 28 in Huisignies, a village of Chièvres,

Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m.

Call civilian 068-645961.
<http://www.otchievres.be>.

• **Discovery Tour: Religious Heritage of Mons.** The religious and cultural heritage of Mons are linked

to its history, developing from the 7th century around the auditorium founded by St. Waudru. (See page 8.) Explore its many parish churches, chapels and other abbey shelters.

Guided tours Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information, stop by the tourism office at Grand-Place 27, 7000 Mons.

Call civilian 065-335580.
info.tourisme@ville.mons.be
<http://www.visitmons.be>.

• **Collegiate Church of St. Vincent: Architecture Serving the Liturgy in Soignies.** During the millennium of its existence, veneration of the relics of St. Vincent and the presence of a chapter of canons (monastic societies) have affected the evolution of the liturgical space in this collegiate church. The 17th century combined the Reformation and Baroque art to breathe new life into the bare lines of the Romanesque building.

Open Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m./

Guided tours Saturday at 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. (1 hour)

Grand'Place 1, 7060 Soignies.
Call civilian 0476-221810.
<http://www.collegiale-soignies.be>.

Outside the gate

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

- **Amsterdam, Sept. 17**
- **Paris with Secret Food Tour (optional), Sept. 24**
- **Carolus Thermen spa, Oct. 8**
- **Alsace, Oct. 15 to 16**
- **London, Oct. 22**
- **Oldest Halloween extravaganza in Germany: Castle Frankenstein with stage shows in Darmstadt, Oct. 29**
- **Portugal, Oct. 30 to Nov. 4 (school break)**
- **Amsterdam with Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, Nov. 5**
- **Flanders Field/World War I tour, Ieper (Ypres), Belgium, Nov. 12**
- **Lord of the Dance in Oostende, Nov. 19**
- **Crete, Spa and Middelkerke, all year**

SHAPE Travel Group

For details, visit <http://www.facebook.com/groups/SHAPETravelGroup>.

- **Delft, the Netherlands, Sept. 15**
- **Blegny Mine and Liège, Sept. 29**
- **Lille, France, Oct. 6**
- **Monschau, Germany, and Spa, Belgium, Oct. 13**
- **Roermond, the Netherlands, Oct. 25**
- **Taste of Belgium, Nov. 15**
- **Cologne Christmas markets, Nov. 22**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- **Family Day Trout Fishing, Sept. 10**
- **Largest Wine Festival in the World at Bad Durkheim Wurstmart, Sept. 17**
- **National Liberation Museum 1944-1945 and Battle of Arnhem ("A Bridge Too Far"), Sept. 24**
- **Paris, Nov. 19**



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Sept. 9

- **Concert by the JB Band in Chièvres** - The band is composed of 40 musicians and four singers who will perform at 8 p.m. at the Chièvres Saint Martin Church.

Sept. 9 to 11

- **Medieval fest in Braine-le-Château** - Medieval evening market on Friday starting at 7 p.m.; tournament both days at 3 p.m.; lots of entertainment and concerts. Free admission.

Sept. 10

- **Flea market in Anderlecht (150 booths)** - On Rue Brogniez from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Flea market in Anderlues (100 booths)** - On Rue Saint Jean from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ath (40 booths)** - On Grand Rue des Bouchers from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Cuesmes (100 booths)** - On the square from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Etterbeek (400 booths)** - On Square Léopoldville from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Hornu (150 booths)** - On Place Quinchon from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Oldtimers display in Nimy** - From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the square for vehicles and motorcycles until 1990.

Sept. 10 to 11

- **Heritage Days in Wallonia** - See page 9.
- **Belgian Vespa days in Ath** - Booths, European Gymkhana championships, freestyle show, parade (Sunday) and other activities at Salle Quai de l'Entrepôt, located at Quai de l'Entrepôt 22, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission: €10.



- **Health and well-being weekend in Jurbise** - Held at the Cultural Center at Rue de Moustier 8, starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday with breakfast. Activities, information booths and sports will be going on from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with mini soccer tournament on Saturday, yoga on Sunday and nordic walking at 3:30 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ganshoren (1,000 booths)** - On Rue F. Beckmans from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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Through Sept. 10

- **“Botterdagen” in Elburg** will be held at Havenkade in this fortified town. “Botter,” a typical Dutch ship, is the center of attention. Open Sept. 8 when the Botter Fleet will sail into the harbor (naval parade); Sept. 9 when the sail competition starts at 9:30 a.m. and entertainment in the harbor; and Sept. 10 when monuments in the town will be open to the public. Stop by the “Botter” market for shopping and entertainment. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.

Through Sept. 11

- **Food-truck festival “TREK” in The Hague** will be held at Westbroekpark. The park is transformed into a large open-air restaurant with many small mobile kitchens where you can enjoy food and drinks. You can also experience live music, theater and art. Open Thursday from 4 to 11 p.m.; Friday from 4 p.m. to midnight; Saturday from noon to midnight and Sunday from noon to 10 p.m. Free admission.
- **Rotterdam Philharmonic Gergiev Festival in Rotterdam** is a classical-music festival with a rich program of opera, symphonic music, happenings and musical pearls with world-famous performers held at De Doelen at Schouwburgplein 50. For details, visit <http://www.gergievfestival.nl>.

Sept. 9 to 10

- **“Appelpop” in Tiel** is a free pop festival on Waalkade. Open Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. Learn more at <http://www.appelpop.nl>.

Sept. 9 to 11

- **Liberation festivities in Borlo, Belgium**, will be held at Het Pachthof Gingelom at Thewitstraat 8 with re-enactments, activities and entertainment. Free admission. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. In addition, the American Legion Post BE02 and the USO have joined forces to bring you a 1940s dance at the Pachthof Sept. 10 from 9 to 11 p.m. For details, contact the event organizers at civilian 0479-178539 or, via email, at flanders.fields.post.be02@gmail.com.
- **Culinary Wezel in Gravenwezel, Belgium**, will be held in the center of town where the local restaurants will offer their specialties. Open Sept. 9 from 6 to 11:30 p.m.; Sept. 10 from 3 to 11:30 p.m. and Sept. 11 from 1 to 10 p.m.
- **Scottish weekend near Bilzen, Belgium**, will be held at the Alden Biesen Estate. For more information, visit <http://www.scottish-weekend.be>.

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Sept. 10 to 11 continued

- **Secondhand clothing and accessories sale in Ath** - Held at the school (Institut Saint François) on Rue de l'Industrie from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.
- **Harvest your own vegetables in Ecaussines** - Pick, choose and harvest your vegetables from the field at Chemin aux Loups 7. Guidance is available on site. Open from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 6 p.m. both days.



Sept. 11

- **Volksmarch in Frameries for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Place Defuisseaux 7 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Rebecq for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs from Place de Wisbecq from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Sirault for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from the sports center at Rue des Déportés, 76 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Soignies for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs from Rue de la Senne 72 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Spy (100 booths)** - On Gevrey Chamberlin from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in La Louvière (250 booths)** - On the parking lot of the Tivoli Hospital from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Flea market in Mons (350 booths)** - At Imagipark, Avenue du Grand-Large 1, from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Nivelles (100 booths)** - On the square from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Book fair in Le Roeulx** - At the Cultural Center, Rue de Houdeng 21, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Ongoing

Through Sept. 11

- **Harry Potter exhibit in Brussels** - Open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Brussels Expo on Place de Belgique at Palais 2. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://ticketmaster.be>.

Through October

- **Treetop Adventure Trail in Tertre** is being held at Rue de la Hamaide 79. Three trails will be available for children, ages 7 and older, and for adults, too. Two trails will be available for children, ages 3 and older. Open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €9 to €19.



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Sept. 9 to 12

- **Europe Festival in Alsdorf, Germany**, will be held in the town center with traditional and cultural activities, products and shows from all over Europe.

Sept. 10 to 11

- **“Open Monumentendag” in the Netherlands** are held every year at this time. Admission to almost every Dutch monument is free this weekend. Many locations also organize on-site activities like exhibitions, music and guided tours.
- **Beer, Bread and Cheese Festival in Durbuy, Belgium**, will be held at Place aux Foires you can discover and taste regional products all weekend long. The festival is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **“Kartoffelfest” in Düsseldorf-Kaiserswerth, Germany**, will be held at the Klemens Quarter and on Kreuzbergstrasse, featuring booths with all kinds of culinary specialties that include potatoes. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Medieval weekend in Enschede** will be held at Stroinksweg 90 with traditional crafts, sword fights and blacksmith Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission.
- **Knights tournament and festivities in Gangelt, Germany**, will be held around the old castle on Burgstrasse and on Hastenrather Strasse. Open Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Medieval event and tournament in Mechernich, Germany**, will be held at Burg Satzvey with knights, knights encampment, market, re-enactors, jugglers and more. Open at noon, but the show starts Sept. 10 at 5 p.m.; Sept. 11 at 4 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.burgsatzvey.de>.
- **Pumpkin Days in Sint Odiliënberg** will be held at Het Akkertje at Berkenallee 2. Visitors will find more than 100 kinds of pumpkins as well as demonstrations and numerous pumpkin dishes. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission.
- **“Schippertjesdagen” in Warmond** is a large nautical event at the harbor on Jan Steenlaan. Open Friday from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sept. 11

- **Smaak Markt Beesel in Beesel** hosts vendors offering many delicious regional food products. Open from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free admission.
- **“Het Parcours” in Maastricht** opens the cultural season. Musical and theatrical performances will fill the city center. Open from noon to 6 p.m.

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