

THE GAZETTE

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Benelux news briefs

Mother's Day celebrated this Sunday

In America, Belgium, the Netherlands and many other countries, friends and family will honor Mom May 8.

Celebrated the second Sunday in May, Mother's Day is chance to say, "Thank you."

GOV fuel pumps close

The Chièvres fuel pumps will be unavailable May 16 to 20.

Ensure your organization fills up its government-leased vehicles May 13 to 15.

It's motorcycle season

To ride a motorcycle legally in Europe, the Army requires you to possess a valid MSF card.

The Installation Safety Office will conduct the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Experienced Rider Course on the MSF Range on Chièvres Air Base May 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the classroom portion in Building 20134 in the Provost Marshal Office's Room 119.

To register, call DSN 361-6114/1470 or civilian 068-276114/1470.

Gazette comes out day later than usual

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New SACEUR, EUCOM commander now in Europe

Incoming NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti speaks during the change of command at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Casteau, Belgium, Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Scaparrotti, who is a U.S. Army general officer, is the 18th officer to hold the prestigious position of SACEUR. (NATO photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Danielle Brandt/Navy) **See page 3.**

Half-a-century story started as friendly joke

by **Donovan Abrassart**
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Lawrence O. "Larry" Brown has been serving the U.S. government for the last 50 years, and he is not ready to stop yet. Though he hadn't planned for it at all, Larry enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1965 and retired from active duty in 1987 at SHAPE.

"It all started with seven friends playing basketball," Larry said. "Somebody said, 'Let's go down and mess with the recruiters.' Eight of us went down there, two of us stayed, and I am moving along ever since."

Fifty years later, he still has a big smile on his face when he tells how much he loves to be a work leader at U.S. Army Garrison Benelux-Brussels Army Post Office.

After serving the government for half a century, some might legitimately think he is ready to retire, but, after all those years, his commitment and motivation remain unchanged.

"It has been a pleasure working for the government,

"Somebody said, 'Let's go down and mess with the recruiters.' Eight of us went down there, two of us stayed, and I am moving along ever since."

and I am still going to do it as long as I can," he said. "If you love what you're doing, if you enjoy what you're doing and if you are with great people, it makes the job easier and fine," he said. "And, until that changes, I will still be doing what I do."

Larry is known and respected among his peers for the quality of his work.

"Larry is very inspiring because he is a man of integrity," said Joshua Alo, postmaster at USAG Benelux-Brussels Army Post Office. "When I need something to be done, I ask him and I know it will be finished, and it will be done the way it is supposed to be done. He is like my right-hand man."

Larry is appreciated not only for his hard work but for his human values, too.

"He is very thoughtful," Alo said. "He'll always be there for you. If he notices that something is wrong, he'll come and ask you."

Larry is more than a co-worker, he is a team member who cares for his teammates.

"He remembers little things like when it is your birthday," Alo said. "Sometimes he will bring in a plate of food just for no reason; he's that kind of guy."

In fifty years, Larry traveled the world, went through a lot of assignments and met a lot of people along the road, but he wouldn't change a single moment.

"I had a wonderful fifty years, and I wouldn't change anything," he said. "There were some ups and downs as usual in life, but the good outweighs the bad. Whatever your life path is, you have to take it, and you should have no regret. Don't look back; look forward."

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SACEUR changes command at SHAPE

Special to the Gazette

NATO's 18th Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR), Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, assumed command of Allied Command Operations (ACO) from Air Force Gen. Philip M. Breedlove at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe May 4, according to a news release from the SHAPE Public Affairs Office.

Military members and civilians from across the 28 nations attended the ceremony, highlighting the continuing unity and solidarity of the military alliance at SHAPE, which celebrated its 65th anniversary in April.

In his farewell remarks, Breedlove said it had been a privilege to serve the Alliance and stressed the importance of NATO's role in today's global landscape.

"I really am very proud of all that you have done, and you should not underestimate your achievements," Breedlove said. "NATO has gone through a fundamental adjustment ... and the work that has gone into achieving that has been really significant."

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg presided over the change of command. During his remarks, Stoltenberg thanked Breedlove for his service.

"Throughout these difficult times, your vision and your leadership have helped to make us more resilient, increased our level of readiness, strengthened our deterrence and enhanced our partnerships."

Stoltenberg also welcomed Scaparrotti and stressed that the change comes at a critical time, both for NATO and for Europe.

"In the months and years ahead, you will command forces from across our great Alliance and lead a remarkable team at SHAPE," Stoltenberg said, adding, "I know that you will do so with the same dedication, intelligence and professionalism you have shown throughout your impressive career."

Having served as the commander of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea, Scaparrotti said he believes relationships are the cornerstone of the Alliance.

"I look forward to maintaining the excellent relationship that this command has nurtured for many decades and will continue to personally invest in relationships that will enable our Alliance to endure any challenge," Scaparrotti said.

"Today's challenges have evolved and significantly differ from those of the past," he said. "Our alliance will need to counter hybrid threats, which can act with little or no warning, and also manifest themselves here at home."

One of NATO's two strategic commander posts, the position of SACEUR is the head of Allied Command Operations, the command responsible for the planning and execution of combined, joint, effects-based military operations in order to meet Alliance objectives.

Established in 1951 with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower as the first SACEUR, the prestigious post is traditionally held by an American officer.

During his speech, Scaparrotti said he was grateful for the opportunity to serve in this unique role.

"As our Alliance shares a long history formed on mutual commitment to stability and prosperity, it is the greatest honor and privilege to assume command built on such a great legacy," Scaparrotti said.

Highlights of the ceremony included a flyover of four F-16s from the Belgian air force in honor of Breedlove, who is also an F-16 pilot.

At the end of the ceremony, eight paratroopers from Allied nations, including the vice chief of staff, French Lt. Gen. Michel Yakovleff, landed on the parade field. Each paratrooper carried a flag representing a different aspect of NATO: the host nation of Belgium; NATO; ACO; Allied Command Transformation (ACT); France (in honor of French Gen. Denis Mercier, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation); the European Union; NATO Special Operations Headquarters; and the United States of America (in honor of Breedlove and Scaparrotti).

Scaparrotti assumed command of U.S. European Command (EUCOM) during a similar ceremony Tuesday in Stuttgart, Germany. SACEUR jointly holds the title of EUCOM commander as a way to achieve interoperability in the aim of strengthening NATO's collective defense.

To view photos from the ceremony, visit the SHAPE NATO Flickr "SACEUR Change of Command" album.



Incoming Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) Gen. Curtis M. Scaparrotti, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, and outgoing SACEUR Air Force Gen. Philip M. Breedlove arrive at the change-of-command ceremony at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Casteau Wednesday, May 4, 2016. (NATO photo by Staff Sgt Dan Bardsley/British Army)

VE Day, Wereth 11 celebrate bravery, sacrifice during WWII

VE Day

Join the garrison for Victory in Europe, or VE, Day events May 8:

• **Chièvres: 10:30 a.m.**

Ceremony including wreath laying at the War Victims monument in front of the city hall.

• **Bruglette: 11 a.m.**

Wereth 11

A ceremony that includes a wreath-laying will be held at the War Victims monument next to the church in the

village of Wereth, Belgium, May 21 at 11 a.m. to honor the memory of the Wereth 11, who had been the last-surviving Soldiers of the 333rd Field Artillery Battalion.

Taken prisoner by the SS, these African-American Soldiers were tortured and murdered during World War II's Battle of the Bulge. The Wereth Massacre occurred the same day as the Malmédy Massacre.

The ceremony and memorial were created by the

Langer family, who invited the freezing Soldiers into their home at great risk and never forgot the men who ate their last meal in the family's kitchen.

The ceremony is open to all and will include performances by the Vogelweh Gospel Choir and a bugler from Bugles Across America as well as presentations by Belgian and American VIPs and Belgian students.

For details, visit <http://www.wereth.org/en/home>.

AER still on

The Army Emergency Relief campaign runs through May 15.

Financial hardships that affect Soldiers and their families come in many forms, such as accidents and deaths, according to Michael Doorbals, the USAG Benelux AER officer.

"Soldiers come to the aid of other Soldiers," he said.

If you don't know who your AER representative is, in SHAPE/Chièvres, call DSN 366-6804 or civilian 065-326804; in Brussels, DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783; or, in Schinnen, DSN 360-7450 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437450.

Army Ball combines military pomp with dancing

Immerse yourself in some military pomp and circumstance at the Army Ball in the SHAPE Club ballroom June 25 from 5 p.m. to midnight.

Celebrate the Army birthday by toasts, a guest speaker, dinner, a cake-cutting ceremony and dancing. Entertainment will be provided by the SHAPE International Band, and couples photos will be available for purchase.

This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Soldiers' Heritage."

"We will be celebrating a Soldier's heritage, traveling back in time as we honor 241 years of service to the nation," said Capt. Jeffrey Paul, the commander of USAG Benelux Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

The attire for the evening will be dress uniform with bow tie for the military or formal (black tie) for civilians.

Social hour, which features an open bar, starts at 5 p.m. Members of the receiving line will greet guests at 6 p.m.

When attendees buy their tickets, they select from the following menu choices:

- beef stroganoff
- chicken in puff pastry with mushroom sauce
- vegetarian rotello.

Cost: €60 per person (includes a meal and an event memento).

Contact your unit representative about tickets and child care. If you don't know who your unit rep is, call DSN 361-5288 or civilian 068-275288.

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Contributions of AAPI celebrated this month



All members of the USAG Benelux and SHAPE footprint are invited to the USAG Benelux auditorium in Caserne Daumerie's Building 30 in Chièvres May 19 from noon to 1 p.m. for the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month observance. The theme is "Walk Together, Embrace Differences, Build Legacies."

The theme is a three-part directive for Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in today's modern age. It ac-

knowledges the challenges that still exist and serves as a focal point for 2016.

• **Walk Together** encourages everyone to collaboratively share their diverse perspectives and find common ground to move forward in a united, cooperative effort.

• **Embrace Differences** recognizes the diverse backgrounds and contributions of AAPI's in America and encourages everyone to accept those differences as a strength in

the work force.

• **Build Legacies** encourages everyone to remain focused on their efforts toward the mission. This places emphasis on making impact career decisions that will provide a lasting effect for future generations.

Together these three imperatives serve as guiding principles to promote equal representation in the work force and to remove barriers in developing diverse leaders.

SHAPE Cinema, Pizza Bowl making big changes

by Andrea Wales

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

The hottest ticket on SHAPE may be the "Captain America" event tonight, but that's not the only action at SHAPE Cinema and the Pizza Bowl.

They've combined forces to become the Family Fun Center, and the new director of operations has already made changes that make both facilities even better for patrons. Phil Brewington said he has almost 30 years in the bowling business, working his way up from pin-chaser. He was most recently the operations manager at Ramstein Bowling Center's Bicentennial Lanes on Ramstein Air Base.

Even before his first official day of work late last fall, Brewington offered his ideas, some of which were implemented before his first day of work.

"They wanted me to take a look at the Bowling Center. I talked to Maj. David Leahy, the director of operations for MWB (Morale and Welfare Branch at SHAPE)," Brewington said. "That way, I could hit the ground running" when he started the job officially.

He said he's trying to give patrons the stateside experience at the Family Fun Center.

In the Pizza Bowl, several walls have been torn down to open up the space, some new furniture has been added, and the party room has been reduced in size and converted into office space. (The pre-existing office space was far removed from the dining rooms and the lanes.)

SHAPE Cinema, also called the SHAPE Alliance Auditorium because it's open for community events Mondays and Tuesdays, has undergone major upgrades. The concession stand at the right side



The new director of operations of the Family Fun Center, Phil Brewington, shows off the improvements he's made at SHAPE Cinema Thursday, May 5, 2016. The movie theater and the Pizza Bowl across the courtyard are in for even more changes. (U.S. Army photo by Andrea Wales)

of the lobby has been torn down, and a new self-service refreshment stand with only a cashier has replaced it.

"MWB and FMWR (Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation at USAG Benelux) have given me a lot of support to help get this stuff done," he said. "Due to Customs cooperation, we're getting our movies more steadily now. You can start looking for a longer time span for (movie) schedules."

Further upgrades coming

The Pizza Bowl menu is being upgraded regularly (including Cowboy Burgers), and all but one Bicky menu item (students' favorite, the Bicky Royal) is being eliminated. Burger patties from the Defense Commissary Agency will be the order of the day when the other burgers sell out. Brewington is also coordinating with an American

vendor so American products will be delivered to him so he won't have to make the trip to DeCa's commissary on Chièvres Air Base.

In the next week or so, Brewington will be getting even newer furniture for the Pizza Bowl from the bowling center in Ansbach, Germany, which is part of the Pentagon's European Drawdown Plan. In addition to new furniture in the dining areas, tables will be moved down into the pit area so patrons will be able to enjoy food while watching their teammates bowl.

Brewington plans to turn the courtyard between the SHAPE Cinema and the Pizza Bowl into a biergarten.

SHAPE Cinema seating will soon have mounted cup holders and click-in portable trays, based on the football-stadium model. Once that's done, Brewington will bring

in nachos and hotdogs.

This summer, the movie theater will host "Monster Movie Madness" showing old classics like "The Creature From the Black Lagoon" -- what used to be termed "popcorn movies." SHAPE Cinema will play older and newer versions of monster-themed movies back to back, such as playing 1955's "Tarantula" then 2002's "Eight-Legged Freaks."

Just around the corner

"We've got a secret weapon in the works for the Pizza Bowl," Brewington said, smiling. "We've already got the funding approved for it. I think it will improve the community."

He encouraged patrons to visit <http://www.shape2day.com> and the "SHAPE Cinema - Alliance Auditorium" Facebook page for upcoming movie events and other news.

For details on the May 6 event, see page 8.

FRENGLISH PAGE

Interns help US community with French touch

Special to the Gazette

This FrenGLISH page is a new section that started in the April 14 Gazette. Each week, English speakers will be in contact with French language in a friendly way. The interns' page is divided into three sections. The first one (Useful expressions) is dedicated to fruit and vegetables 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 (Dialog) is brightened up with a French dialog and its English translation.

Useful expressions

- Désolée de vous déranger /Day zo lay duh voo day rahn zhay/ Sorry to interrupt
- Excusez-moi /ex-cuse-me-mwa/ Excuse me
- À propos /Ah propoh/ By the way
- Merci de votre aide /Mer-see-du-vor-tr-aide/ Thanks for your help

Word search

Here are some words in French related to the theme "maison /mez-zon/ /house" that you can find in the grid. Have fun!

- Cuisine: Kitchen /kwi-zeen/
- Toilettes: Restroom /twa-let/
- Jardin: Garden /char-dun/
- Salon: Living room /sa-lon/
- Lit: Bed /lee/
- Table: Table /ta-bl/
- Chaise: Chair /she-z/
- Cuillère : Spoon /kwi-yair/
- Tasse : Cup /tas/
- Douche : Shower /doo-sh/
- Divan: Couch /dee-von/
- Chambre: Bedroom /sean-bra/
- Bureau: Office /boo-row/
- Armoire : Wardrobe /arm-w-ar/
- Escaliers : Stairs /es-cal-lee-a/

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Dialog: Find your way

- A: Bonjour, je suis perdu. Pourriez-vous me dire où se situe la banque la plus proche?
 B: Bien sûr. Allez tout droit, après le carrefour, tournez à droite. Continuez à marcher jusqu'à ce que vous aperceviez le zoo. La banque est en face du zoo. Elle est juste sur le coin.
 A: Merci beaucoup, je ne suis ici que depuis quelques jours donc je ne m'y retrouve pas vraiment dans cette ville.
 B: Je connais ça. Nous avons déménagé il y a un an et nous ne savons toujours pas où tout se trouve.
 A: Encore merci, passez une agréable journée, au revoir.
 B: Avec plaisir, au revoir.
- A: Hello, I am lost. Could you tell me the way to the nearest bank?
 B: Sure. Go straight on, after the crossroads, turn on the right. Keep walking until you see the zoo. The bank is in front of the zoo. It is right on the corner.
 A: Thank you very much! I have only been in town a few days, so I really don't know my way around yet.
 B: I know how you feel. We moved here a year ago, and we still don't know where everything is.
 A: Thanks again, have a good day, bye.
 B: My pleasure, bye.

All USAG Benelux interns, Maréva Baudart, Roxane Rasneur, Jérémy De Leeuw, Pauline Chevalier, Adeline Durot, Julie Anicotte, Margaux Warnotte, Alessio Stinchettu and Gemma Tirabassi have contributed to this page.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Make reservations now

- **Free comedy show and more** - AFE Comedy Show: "Don Barnhart's Battle Comics" appears on the 3 Star stage **May 11** from 5:30 to 9 p.m. A \$5 party-snack buffet will be available from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Open to all NATO ID card-holders. RSVP for show and food by May 6 at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Hourly child-care will be provided at Brussels CYSS from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$12 per child, non-refundable. Call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651 to make your child-care reservation by May 10.
- **Asian-Pacific Night at the 3 Star** - Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month by enjoying the tastes of Asia and the Pacific Islands **May 20** from 6 to 9 p.m. The menu will include lumpia (spring roll), chicken teriyaki, chicken skewers with peanut sauce, and pansit (noodles). Cost: adults \$8, children, ages 12 and under, \$4. Reserve by May 19 at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

Register now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Schinnen Army Community Service or SHAPE ACS by video-teleconference at Brussels ACS. To sign up, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783:
 - **Résumé Writing** - Learn to write more effective résumés that target your experience, knowledge, skills and accomplishments. VTC-projected from Schinnen **May 12** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

May 6

- **BOSS Movie Night** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts free movies "The Hateful Eight" (R) May 6 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the BOSS Movie Area on the third floor of Building 1. Make your reservation soon at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

May 12

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy barbecue chicken and ribs, baked beans and salad from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Cost: adults \$12, children, ages 12 and under, \$6. (Alternate children's menu: chicken strips with potato wedges, \$5.) Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

May 15

- **Sunday Story Time** - Join the staff of Brussels Library from noon to 1 p.m. for fun that includes crafts, socializing and reading stories together. The topic this month is "Blankies." The Brussels Library welcomes all children, ages of 3 to 10, and their parents to Sunday Story Time.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Schinnen Army Community Service, SHAPE ACS or Brussels ACS by video-teleconference. To sign up, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500:
 - **Résumé Writing** - Learn to write more effective résumés that target your experience, knowledge, skills and accomplishments. Given in person at Schinnen ACS Schinnen **May 12** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- **Military Spouse Appreciation Night** - Hosted by the Geilenkirchen A&FRC, the event will be held **May 13** at 6 p.m., E-3A Club. The theme for the night is "NATO Rocks" and will include a Lip Sync Battle competition. All military spouses are invited to attend. Admission: €5. Spouses can sign up by calling DSN 458-6015 or civilian +49(0)2451-63-3791 or sending an email to 470abs.dpf2@us.af.mil. Child-care will be provided.
- **Flea market** - Schinnen Outdoor Recreation will host a flea market **May 14** inside the Schinnen Activity Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Setup is at 9 a.m. Cost: \$10 per table. Sell your goods or buy some treasures. To reserve a table, call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

May 7

- **Mother's Day volleyball tournament** - Watch female volleyball players in the Tri-Border area play in a tournament being hosted by Schinnen Fitness Center. This single or double elimination (depending on number of participants) will begin at 10 a.m. Come catch all the action and support your team. For more information, contact the Schinnen Fitness Center at DSN 360-7561 or civilian + 31 (0) 46-4437561.

May 11 to 12

- **The New Parent Support Home Visitor** - To schedule an appointment for the New Parent Support Home Visitor for office hours, hospital and home visits, call Schinnen Army Community Service at DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437500. Open to all U.S. ID card-holders.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Sign up now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - Take classes that are offered by Brussels, Schinnen or SHAPE Army Community Service by video-teleconference at SHAPE ACS. To sign up, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824:
 - **Résumé Writing** - Learn to write more effective résumés that target your experience, knowledge, skills and accomplishments. VTC-projected from Schinnen **May 12** from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY continued

Tickets now available

- **Jazz Brunch** - This charity event will fill the SHAPE Events Centre with music **May 14** at 10:30 a.m. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Alpha Alpha Theta Zeta Chapter, also known as the Belgium Zetas, will put on the event to benefit its scholarship fund. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/belgiumzetas>. Cost: €40 (includes a full champagne buffet and a live band); children, ages 8 and under, free admission with a paying adult.
- **"Disney's The Little Mermaid"** - Travel "Under the Sea" for the adventures of Ariel who longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above. Based on one of Hans Christian Anderson's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, "Disney's The Little Mermaid," this musical play includes memorable Disney melodies. The SHAPE Performing Arts Centre will put on this production May 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. The curtain goes up on matinee performances May 15 and 22 at 3 p.m. Cost: €16; students, €8. For tickets, call the box office Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. at DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312.

May 6

- **Employment, Volunteer and Education Fair** - Stop by the Exchange Food Court on Chièvres Air Base from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to visit with representatives who can answer your questions about opportunities within the SHAPE/Chièvres community.
- **"Captain America: Civil War" Night** - Pre-sale souvenir movie tickets (adults, €6.50; children, ages 12 and under, €3.75) for this showing of "Captain America: Civil War" are now available at the Pizza Bowl. Pre-sale tickets give theater patrons 50 percent off popcorn the day of the event (or come in costume to receive half-off on popcorn). Doors to SHAPE Cinema open at 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7:30 p.m. Chances for attendance prizes. Captain America and other Marvel characters will be available for photos prior to the movie. The Pizza Bowl will offer Captain America shield pizzas for sale. After the movie showing, the Marvelous Party moves to B3's in the SHAPE Events Centre from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. A costume contest will be held at midnight.

May 7

- **Corn Hole Tournament** - Meet new people and provide fun for the whole family at the Corn Hole Tournament at Chièvres Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental from 2 to 4 p.m. Corn Hole is a happy marriage between a bean-bag toss and horseshoes. If you've never played, you can use this as an opportunity to familiarize yourself with the game.

May 9

- **Holocaust Days of Remembrance** - The USAG Benelux Equal Opportunity Office and SHAPE International Library are joining forces to assist the community in observing Holocaust Days of Remembrance with a display in the Chièvres Exchange complex from noon to 2 p.m.

May 11

- **Sponsorship Training** - Sponsors can get the tools they need to assist newcomers before, during, and after their relocation to the SHAPE/Chièvres community at Army Community Service Sponsorship Training at SHAPE ACS in Building 318 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Registration required. To register, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824. Unit Sponsorship Training is also available upon request.

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. 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.

Theaters near SHAPE/Chièvres that play movies in English

Only the British or American movies listed as VO (Version Originale or Originele Versie) will be in English.

Plaza Art - Rue de Nimy 12, 7000 Mons (next to the main square). Visit <http://plaza-art.be/index.cgi?p=Grille>.

ImagiBraine - Boulevard de France, 1420 Braine l'Alleud. Check the schedule and purchase your tickets at: <http://kinopolis.be/nl/bioscopen/kinopolis-imagibraine>.

Kinopolis - Boulevard du Centenaire 20, 1020 Bruxelles. Take a look at movie listings at <http://kinopolis.be/fr/cinemas/kinopolis-bruxelles>.

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

Maastricht is one of the oldest cities in the Netherlands

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Vrijthof, Maastricht (Courtesy Photo)

Located in the southeast of the Netherlands, within a walking distance from Belgium, Maastricht is the capital of the Dutch province Limburg. Soon enough, the city of 120,000 inhabitants stood out thanks to its cultural diversity and was therefore chosen to be the birthplace of the European Union where the Maastricht Treaty was signed in 1992.

The city of Maastricht is split in two by the river Meuse hence its name which means “crossing at the Meuse”. The commercial activities are mainly located on the western bank of the river whereas the station and the Bonnefantenmuseum are located on the eastern bank.

The Bonnefantenmuseum, museum of fine art, is probably the most famous museum in the city. It dates back to 1884 and can boast a broad variety of art. Indeed, this combination of old art and contemporary art under the same roof makes it unique in its way.

The city in itself is also worth a visit as it can boast 1,677 national heritage sites, more than any Dutch city outside Amsterdam. The whole city center is even a protected cityscape. Wandering through the city, you will have the opportunity to see remnants of the city fortifications, Sint Servaasbrug, which is the oldest bridge in the Netherlands but also so many beautiful

parcs and promenades along the river “Meuse.”

If you are not in the mood to visit, Maastricht has a lot to offer in terms of shopping. As a matter of fact, in addition to the small boutiques and the modern shopping centers, markets are organized on a regular basis.

Each Wednesday and Friday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Maastricht hosts a market on “Market Square” during which you can find almost everything: plants, cosmetics, clothes, food, fresh produce. However, Wednesday’s market is majorly famous for cloth and fabrics. On the other hand, Friday’s market offers a broad variety of fish.

If you are keen on antique furniture, make sure you go to the flea market, which takes place every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Stationstraat. This is considered as a real cross between an antique market and a curio shop.

No matter if you are a shopaholic or a history buff, Maastricht can please each and everyone of us.

Distances:

From Brussels: 74 miles

From Chièvres: 105 miles

From Schinnen: 15 miles



The old part of the city (Courtesy Photo)

Outside the gate

Why is the Belgian flag black, yellow and red?

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Flags have the power to convey history, a sense of belonging to a country and to common values. They are symbols of union, freedom, speech and victory.

The black, yellow and red colors of the national Belgian flag date back to the 18th century and were used for the first time during the revolt against the Austro-Hungarian domination. Belgium was then under Dutch control. At that time, the bands were horizontal and remained so until 1830.

In 1830, Belgium gained independence from the Netherlands. When the country was liberated from the Dutch influence, Belgians wanted to make a clear distinction between the Dutch flag and the Belgian one to avoid any confusion. The bands of the Belgian flag became vertical, modeled after the French tricolor flag.

When the Belgian constitution adopted the red, yellow and black colors for its flag, it also adopted the Lion of Belgium with the motto: "L'Union fait la Force" (Union is Strength) for its coat of arms.

The Belgian flag displays three equal vertical stripes: black stands for strength, yellow for wisdom and red for bravery. The colors of the national flag were taken

from the flag of Brabant, a province in what was called the Low Countries. This flag represented a golden lion on a black surface with a red tongue and nails. The flag was carried during the revolt as an important symbol of independence. The three colors are symbolic of the Kingdom of Belgium's coat of arms. In October 1831, the Constitution adopted the black color at the hoist side.



The Belgian flag and coat of arms

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **Monet's House and Gardens, Giverny, France, May 21**
- **Dover Castle and Canterbury, Great Britain, May 28**
- **Asparagus Dinner and Cruise, Maastricht, the Netherlands, May 28**
- **Normandy Beaches and Mont St-Michel, June 5 to 8**
- **Paris, June 11**
- **Amsterdam, June 18**
- **Scotland, June 18 to 26**
- **London, June 25**
- **Disney Paris, June 29**
- **Legoland, July 1 to 3**
- **Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, July 5 to 9**
- **Durbuy and Namur with the Citadelle, July 13**
- **EuropaPark and Strasbourg, France, July 16 to 17**
- **Tour of the Harry Potter Studios, July 18**
- **London: One Night, Two Musicals, July 20 to 21**
- **Grottes de Han, July 27**
- **Xanten (Germany) with Archaeological Park,**

July 30

- **Rhine River Cruise, Cable Car and Fortress, Aug. 6**
- **Rotterdam with Splashtour, Aug. 9**
- **Copenhagen (Denmark), Aug. 12 to 15**
- **Moulin Rouge, Paris, Nov. 19**
- **Crete (Greece), Spa and Middelkerke (Belgium), all year**

SHAPE Travel Group

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- **Versailles, May 19**
- **Honfleur and Calvados, May 26**
- **Arnhem, June 7**
- **Canterbury, June 23**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- **London, May 28**
- **Day trip to Disneyland, Paris, France, June 4**
- **Berlin Express, Germany, June 25**
- **Weekend Trip to the D-Day Landing Beaches, Memorials & Battle Monuments in Normandy, France, July 15 to 18 (Payment due by May 6.)**
- **Regular Season NFL Game Washington Redskins vs. Cincinnati Bengals, Oct. 29 to 31 (Pay by July 29.) Pickups at Schinnen and SHAPE.**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

May 6

- **Music fair in Tournai** - 500 musicians and artists and accordionists will entertain the city in 40 concert places, bars, restaurants and streets from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

May 6 to 7

- **Les Jardins du Sud (southern gardens) in Mons** offers Mediterranean products and savors from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Rue de la Chaussée 42. Free admission.

May 7 to 8

- **Wine fair in Saint-Symphorien** offers wine, catering and local products from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Place Saint-Symphorien 7. Free admission.
- **Medieval fair in Trazegnies** will offer a medieval market, falconry, archery, concerts, shows and more Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The fair will be held on Place Albert 1er. Admission: €5 or €7 for both days; children under 7, free.



May 7

- **New weekly market in Enghien** offers local and regional products, crafts and tastings from 2 to 7 p.m. Free admission.
- **Flea market in Mons** on Rue Henri Dunant (120 booths). Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Huisignies** on Rue Augustin Melsens (100 booths). Open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Flea market in Baulers** at Avenue de la Gare 7 (320 booths). Open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.



May 8

- **Book fair in Le Roeulx** at the cultural center at Rue de Houdeng 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride in Ecaussinnes for 19 km.** Departs from Rue Sacueni at 1 p.m. Free admission.



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

Through May 7

- **Medieval Activities in La Roche-en-Ardenne, Belgium**, offers archery, falconry shows and more at Chateau Feodal on Rue du Vieux Chateau. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €7; children, ages 3 to 12, €5.

Through May 8

- **Breda Jazz Festival in Breda** is the oldest and largest in the Netherlands. Performances take place on 16 stages spread all over the center of town. Most of the concerts are free. Open May 6 from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m.; May 7 from 11 to 1 a.m. and May 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 - **Home-and-garden fair in Ludinghausen, Germany**, will be held in the surroundings of Burg Ludinghausen at Amthaus 8. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €9; children, ages 13 and under, free admission.
 - **Garden fair in Solingen-Gräfrath, Germany**, will be held around Castle Grünwald and will offer items to make home and garden enjoyable. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €9; children under 16, free.
 - **Medieval Siegfried Spectacle in Xanten, Germany**, with knights, a knights encampment, a tournament, acrobats, artists and lots more medieval fun in the historic city of town am Xantener Nordwall. Open May 6 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; May 7 from 11 a.m. to midnight and May 8 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €12; children, €6.
 - **Pasar Malam Asia in Geleen** is being held at Glanerbrook at Kummenaedestraat 45. This Asian Year Market offers shows, demonstrations and lots of food. Open May 6 to 7 from 1 to 10 p.m. and May 8 from noon to 7 p.m. Admission: €8; children, ages 4 to 12, €4.
 - **Food-truck festival in Rotterdam** is being held at Vroesenspark. Portable kitchens will prepare food while you enjoy live music and entertainment. Open May 6 to 7 from noon to 11 p.m. and May 8 from noon to 10 p.m. Free admission.
- May 7**
- **National Towboat Day** will be held at Zwartsluis. Visitors will find a large market with nautical items and festivities and, of course, towboats.
 - **Yearmarket in Woudrichem** will be held in the streets of the fortified historic town. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

May 8 continued

- **Volksmarch in Huissignies** for 5, 10 and 20 km. Departs from Rue de l'Eglise 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Silly** for 5, 10 and 20 km. Departs from Rue Ville Basse 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Through May 6

- **Floralia Brussels in Groot-Bijgaarden** - Admire 500 varieties of bulb flowers in the park of Château at Is. Van Beverenstraat 5, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: adults, €12; children, ages 6 to 14, €5; children 5 and under, free admission.
- **Visit the Royal Greenhouses in Laeken** - Twenty full-time gardeners tend the giant ferns, fruit-bearing banana trees, grottoes and a collection of tropical plants at Avenue du Parc Royal. Admission: adults, €2.50; youths, ages 17 and under, free admission.

Through May 7

- **Medieval activities in La Roche-en-Ardenne** - Archery, faconry shows and more at Château Féodal on Rue du Vieux Chateau from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: adults, €7; children, ages 3 to 12, €5.
- **Annual sales in Nivelles** will be held in the center and on the Grand'Place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Through May 8

- **Orchidays in Enghien** - International exhibition of orchids in the park of the château of Enghien from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €8.
- **Brussels Short Film Festival in Brussels** offers the opportunity to discover more than 300 Belgian or international short films. Before or after the sessions, meet filmmakers, actors, disc jockeys and other spectators. Be the first to discover the 130 movies selected during the international competition, the national competition and the "next generation." For details, visit <http://bsff.be/en>.



Ongoing

Through May 22

- **Arts fair in Quevaucamps** offers paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture and more Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 3 to 6 p.m. at the cultural center on Rue Joseph Wauters. Free admission.



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May 7 continued

- **Birds of Prey Show in Valkenburg** will be held at the castle ruins at Daalhemmerweg 27 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Admission: €10 (includes admission to the Velvet Cave); children, ages 4 to 12, €7.50.
- **Rock 'n' Roll Beach Day in Wijk aan Zee** will be held at Dorpsweide with American cars, choppers and trucks, accessories, music and more. Open from noon to 8 p.m. Free admission.

May 7 to 8

- **Festival weekend in Woudrichem** will be held in the center of the historic fortified fishing village. The weekend will include a year market, flea market, street theater and music. Open May 7 from 9 a.m. to midnight and May 8 from 1 to 9 p.m. Free admission.
- **Mama's Pride in Geleen** is an annual pop festival held at Burgemeester Damenpark. Check the program at <http://www.mamaspride.nl>. Open May 7 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. and May 8 from 1 to 9 p.m. Free admission.
- **Spring Fair in Haps** will be held in the nature area of Kampseplas, Kampakker in the town. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €3; children, ages 13 and under, free admission.
- **International ceramic and potters market in Krefeld, Germany**, will be held at Dionysiusplatz and Rheinstrasse. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

May 8

- **Fish Festival in Barntrop, Germany**, will be held on and around Barntroper Marketplace. Visitors will be pampered by the town's gastronomy with many culinary delicacies, wines, beer and entertainment. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flower Fair in Bergkamen, Germany**, will be held at Stadtmarkt. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Marina Market in Duisburg, Germany**, is a combination of week market, art market and culinary market. It will be held on Johannes-Corputius-Platz at the city harbor. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Garden fair in Munsterbilzen, Belgium**, will host 150 vendors from the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Luxemburg and France at Europaplein. Open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.

May 12 to 16

- **Food-truck festival in Utrecht** will be held at Griffpark. Open May 12 from 4 to 11 p.m.; May 13 from 4 p.m. to midnight; May 14 to 15 from noon to midnight and May 16 from noon to 10 p.m.

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