

THE GAZETTE

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Benelux news briefs

Apply at AAFES for jobs

The Chièvres Main Store needs senior store associates. If interested, you can apply at <https://www.applymyexchange.com>.

For questions, call DSN 361-5337 or civilian 068-275337.

Dog boarding limited

The Chièvres Kennel will be undergoing renovations and improvements through Dec. 23. Boarding space for dogs only will be limited during this time. Pet-grooming services will remain available.

US/Belgian Contact Club sponsors 'trunk'

The U.S./Belgian Contact Club is considering participating in the Trunk or Treat event on Chièvres Air Base Oct. 31. If you would like to co-host a trunk with a couple of Belgian citizens, call DSN 361-5694 or civilian 068-275694.

Digital Training Facility

The DTF on Chièvres Air Base will reopen Oct. 24 after its network capabilities, printers, scanners, copiers and all 34 workstations have been updated. The DTF is free for use to all U.S. military and civilians for all training needs. For info, call DSN 361-6104 or civilian 068-276104.

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Zombies invade SHAPE

Benelux zombie Deborah Escobar takes a break from hunting humans to pose during the 2016 Zombie Run Friday, Oct. 14 at SHAPE. German officer Mario Janssen was able to out run the zombie invasion to come in first place. (U.S. Army photo by Kristin Ellis)

OHA Utility Survey needs your input

Housing officials encourage eligible military members to take the 2016 Overseas Housing Allowance Utility Survey, which will be conducted in Belgium through Oct. 31.

Service members who have been stationed in Belgium for at least six months, currently reside in off-base housing, are in private leases under the OHA program and receive an Overseas Housing Allowance, are invited to take the survey. Maximum participation is essential because the Utility Allowance will be updated based on the results and will determine what Service members are paid at your location.

To prepare for the OHA Utility Expenses Survey, housing officials recommend that members collect their actual bills and records of utility and recurring maintenance expenses

for the last 12 months.

Participation in this survey is voluntary. Failure to respond will not result in penalty to the respondent. However, maximum response is encouraged so that data will be representative of your country of assignment.

This data is instrumental in updating utility allowances for the Overseas Housing Program. Incomplete surveys cannot be used as this might result in underreporting of utility/recurring maintenance expenses. Your response will be treated as confidential. Only group statistics will be reported.

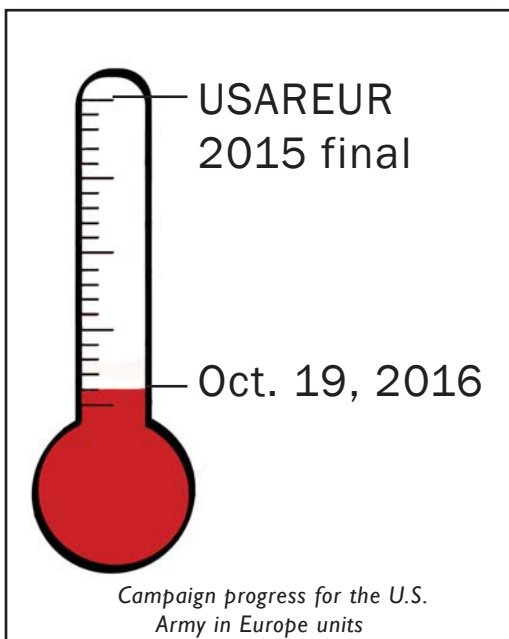
The online survey can be found at <http://www.defense-travel.dod.mil/site/ohaSurvey.cfm?ID=sep=utilmiha>.

If you have any questions, call the USAG Benelux Housing Division at DSN 366-6394 or civilian 065-326394.



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Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas runs through Dec. 5



You can donate to many great charitable causes. To do so, go online to <https://cfcoverseas.org>. This week, the focus is on Disaster Relief. Every year, over 25.8 million people are affected by a natural disaster across the world. The number of these disasters has quadrupled in the past 30 years.

<p>Give Water</p> <p>\$10 provides a month's supply of clean drinking water to a refugee.</p>	<p>Provide Medical Aid</p> <p>\$50 gives emergency medical supplies in the days following a natural disaster.</p>	<p>Nourish a Victim</p> <p>\$75 feeds a person for 15 days with ready-to-eat meals.</p>
<p>Rebuild Lives</p> <p>\$100 provides two tool kits that help families rebuild their lives.</p>	<p>Protect Mothers</p> <p>\$300 shelters injured mothers for three weeks during recovery.</p>	<p>Shelter a Family</p> <p>\$500 protects a family from high winds and rain with a disaster relief tent.</p>

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SVCs advocates for sexual assault victims

by Kristin Ellis

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

The U.S. military continues to expand on the progress being made for thousands of sexual assault victims by giving them a voice in the criminal investigation and prosecutorial systems.

Among the Army's efforts to combat sexual assault in the ranks, the Special Victim Counsel Program was developed to strengthen the support of sexual assault victims and enhance their rights within the military justice system.

Special victims counselors are specially trained military attorneys, duty-bound to work for no one but the victim through the military justice process. Working with a robust support system of victim advocates and victim witness liaisons, they assist in ensuring that victims fully understand their rights throughout the military investigative, judicial and legal administrative process.

"It can be difficult to prosecute sex crimes in the military because of the fear of retribution and the stress of the judicial process; it can be too long and traumatic," said Capt. Renee Darville, Northern Law Center client services chief. "So the Army said, 'Let's give the victim an attorney. Give them a voice and agency to determine what level they want to participate in, and help them feel more in control in the process.'"

According to the Department of Defense, victims must be confident that, should they report, they will be treated fairly. Part of that fair treatment is to ensure they know and can exercise their rights.

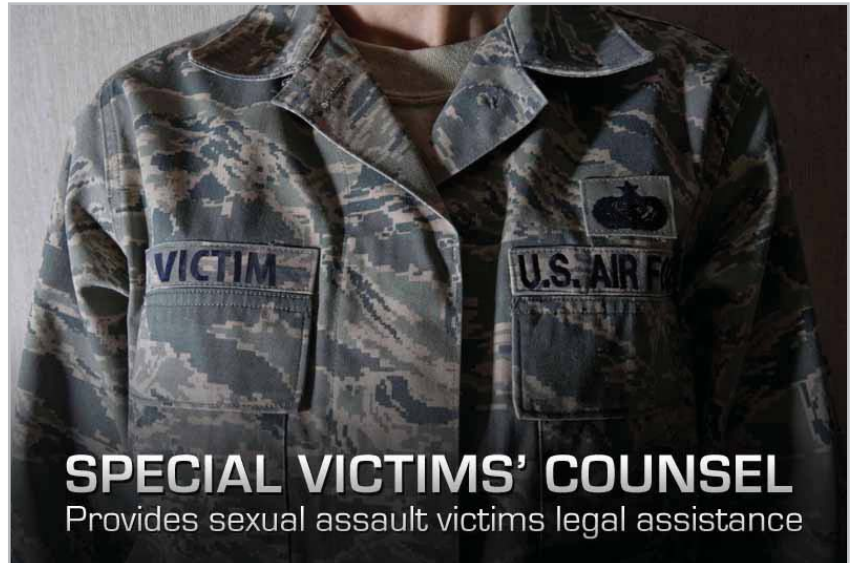
"I am an attorney specifically for the victim," Darville said. "I have 100-percent confidentiality. I am the victims' buffer and voice. I am here to help them heal but also by building victims' trust in the system, we hope they'll be more willing to report offenders."

The DOD received a total of 6,083 reports of sexual assault for allegations involving service members, according to the FY 15 Department of Defense annual report on sexual assault in the military.

Despite the substantial increase in reporting over the past 10 years, a significant number of sexual assaults go unreported each year. Only 23 percent of the estimated 20,300 service member victims who indicated experiencing a sexual assault reported the crime.

Focus group participants discussed likely reasons for not reporting an incident of sexual assault including fear of negative reactions from peers, impact on reputation, and concern of possible repercussions for collateral misconduct.

To combat this, the military added a requirement for victims to be provided with an explanation of the right to consult with an SVC and the availability of other legal assistance. Victims must receive this explanation at the time they initially report a sexual assault.



In addition, no one in a victim's chain of command or the accused's chain of command will influence an SVC in providing legal support to a victim.

"Our efforts are having an impact, but there are still many hurdles to overcome," said Army Maj. Gen. Camille Nichols, director of the Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. "Reporting the crime is essential for our ability to bring care and advocacy to survivors, and hold offenders appropriately accountable."

The 2015 Military Investigation and Justice Experience Survey, which obtained survivor feedback about participating in the military justice process, showed that most respondents were highly satisfied with the support they received. Seventy-seven percent said they would recommend other survivors come forward to report sexual assault.

It is imperative Army leaders and Soldiers, especially sexual assault victims, have confidence in the military justice system, the annual report said. Instilling trust and inspiring victims to report sexual offenses will assist the military in achieving the cultural change it desires.

Until then?

"[JAG] is a safe space," Darville said. "People come to legal assistance every day for all kinds of reasons so a victim does not have to worry about disclosing why they are here. People can access me without that fear."

She added, "It is never too early or too late to reach out; I can support at any point in the process."

Members of the DOD community who have been affected by sexual assault can access 24/7, confidential, anonymous support through the DOD Safe Helpline at www.safehelpline.org, by calling 877-995-5247. The USAG-Benelux Special Victims Counsel program is located at the Northern Law Center at SHAPE, Bldg. 318.

Activation of 5th Fusiliers remembered in Charleroi



(Picture top) Col. Kurt Connell is welcomed by Marcel D'Haese, chairman of the 5th Fusiliers Battalion at Caserne Trésignies in Charleroi, Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016 for a ceremony marking the 72th anniversary of the Belgian unit's activation.

The 5th Fusiliers Battalion was activated Oct. 9, 1944 at Caserne Trésignies and was the first of Belgian Army units to be activated in 1944 in the Province of Hainaut. A total of 801 volunteers who were for the most part resistant fighters of an underground army, joined the battalion and later fought with the 1st U.S. Army during the Battle of the Bulge and in Germany.

(Picture right) Today, only a handful of the members of the 5th Fusiliers Battalion are able to attend the yearly commemoration. (From left to right) Frans Marique, André Trocmée, Col. Kurt Connell and Marcel D'Haese meet after the wreath laying ceremony at the commemorative plaque honoring the 5th Fusiliers Battalion on the wall of Caserne Trésignies. (U.S. Army photos by Marie-Lise Baneton)



Benelux public affairs tools in for facelift

by **Marie-Lise Baneton**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Did your parents or any of your teachers ever say that change is the only constant in life? In our fast moving world, people come and go, new technology allows us to instantly communicate across the world and our mission evolves every day.

With that in mind, the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux public affairs team has been taking a strong look at the garrison's communication tools and seeking feedback from its audiences to assess the effectiveness of its internal communication program, and to find ways to improve.

The current change over in our public affairs team, combined with the Installation Management Command's decision to migrate all of its garrison websites worldwide to a more efficient and user friendly content management system, provide an opportunity to improve the way we communicate with our audiences.

For years, the Gazette has been the garrison's communication tool of choice - bringing news, editorials, and suggestions for in and outside the gate activities right into your mailbox every week. It will remain so, with some changes.

A shorter version of the Gazette will still get to you every Thursday with your usual stories. The additional information will be posted on the garrison's website and social media platforms.

The time saved will allow your public affairs team to fine-tune the new website that will be available to you not later than the spring of 2017. In addition to Benelux community information, you will be able to follow the progress of three significant information campaigns as they unfold. Whether you want to know all about the impact of transformation on our community, the events that are planned to mark 50 years of NATO, SHAPE and U.S. military presence in the Benelux or how you can best sponsor and integrate your newcomers, you'll find it all there.

Getting there takes a lot of planning and coordination and will not happen overnight. However, we remain committed to giving you the best possible information with minimum delay and encourage you to share your comments or suggestions by emailing the team at usarmy.benelux.imcom-europe.list.pao@mail.mil.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

by **Julie Hodge**

Domestic Violence Victim Advocate

The Tri-Border Community showed support for Domestic Violence Awareness Month by coming out for the annual "Hope 5 km Walk/Run" Oct. 14.

According to current statistics, nearly one in four women and one in seven men are affected by severe physical violence with an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime; those figures don't include emotional or economic abuse.

The Benelux Family Advocacy Program throughout the month of October is focused on bringing awareness to the community that Healthy Relationships are attainable and that it is everyone's responsibility to speak up against abuse when they see or hear about it.

If you have not yet participated in an event this month, there is still time. On Friday, Oct. 21 at the Schinnen Bowling Center you can come and "Strike-Out Domestic Violence" from 5 to 7 p.m.

For the rest of October you can wear something purple for our "Purple Up Fridays" or join others across the nation in support of the



Patricia Luijpen

Supporting the Safe Horizons Campaign "#PutTheNailInIt" Byron Wiley (left) is having his fingernail painted purple by Meredith Escue (right) at USAG Benelux-Schinnen Friday, Oct. 14, 2016.



Patricia Luijpen

Safe Horizons campaign to "#PutTheNailInIt" and vow to spread awareness and support for survivors by painting your ring fingernail purple; it's a great conversation starter.

The message from the community to families affected by Domestic Violence needs to be clear, "We are here for you, how can we help you?" Remember, every day is an opportunity to speak up and be part of the solution, not just during the month of October.

The USAG Benelux Victim Advocacy Program's Victim Advocate is available 24/7 on the following number to assist and explain reporting options, Belgium: +32.472.90.1068 and the Netherlands/Tri-Border Community: +31.613.21.6737.

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call the local MP's or host nation police at 112.



Off they are to start the "Hope 5km Walk/Run," at USAG Benelux-Schinnen Friday, Oct. 14, 2016.

ALL COMMUNITIES

Register now

- **"It's All About You"** - Steadman Graham, longtime partner of media powerhouse Oprah Winfrey, will be the headliner of the Army Community Service Resiliency Seminar "It's All About You" in the SHAPE 100 Area Auditorium in Building 102's Room 115 **Dec. 2** from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. This seminar will also present motivational speaker Joseph Oubelkas of the Netherlands and Charles Ruffolo of NetworKing. To register for this event and for information about the shuttle, contact Brussels ACS at DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - To sign up, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824 fro SHAPE ACS, DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783 for Brussels ACS and DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437500.
 - **Hunt the Good Stuff** - This workshop will present basic investment principles with a focus on the various products investors use. Learn about basic principles used in investing like "Tolerance for Risk" and "Time Horizons." Given in person at Brussels ACS **Oct. 20** from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.
 - **Ten Steps to a Federal Job** - VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS **Oct. 25** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Registration is required.
 - **Financial Readiness "Car Buying Basics"** - VTC-projected from SHAPE ACS Oct. 26 from 11 a.m. to noon.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **Election Night party in Brussels** - Hosted by the American Club of Brussels and The Bulletin, the event will be held **Nov. 8** at the Brussels Marriott Hotel, Rue Auguste Orts, 3-7 starting at 8:30 p.m. Admission is €14.95. For registration and pre-payment, check <http://www.uselections.be>.
- **CYSS Youth Sports & Fitness Volleyball Clinic** - Register until **Nov. 14** for season starting Nov. 15 through Nov. 18. Cost is \$20. For information, call DSN 368-9651 or civilian 02-7179651.

Oct. 20

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy barbecue chicken and ribs with salads and baked beans from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Facility open until 10 p.m.) Cost: adults \$12, children, ages 12 and under, \$6. (Alternate children's menu: chicken strips with potato wedges.) For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.
- **Community Movie Night "Star Trek Beyond" (PG-13)** - At the BOSS Movie Area, Bldg. 1, third floor at 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 20 and 27

- **Photography Workshop** - This five-part series kicks off at the 3 Star at 7 p.m. Each one-hour class will be taught by a former Army combat photographer. Cost is \$10 for all sessions. To register, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

Oct. 21

- **Community Movie Night "Don't Breathe" (R)** - At the BOSS Movie Area, Bldg. 1, third floor at 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 25

- **Weekly Personal Growth Training** - Held from noon to 1 p.m. at the Religious Support Area with a free lunch. To register, call DSN 368-9708/9747 or civilian 02-7179708/9747.

Oct. 27

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - All you can eat Taco Bar as of 5:30 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

Oct. 21

- **"Strike Out Domestic Violence"** - Sign up to play in a bowling tournament that "takes aim" at domestic violence at the Schinnen Bowling Center from 5 to 7 p.m. Organizers encourage participants to wear purple.
- **Retiree Appreciation Day** - Held at the Community Activity Center, Bldg. 38 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Retirees get the opportunity to update their retired pay records, bring a list of their medical prescriptions to verify if the pharmacy at the USAF Clinic at Geilenkirchen carries them, and meet one-on-one with representatives from among others Tricare, Department of Veterans Affairs, DFAS. For information, call civilian +31(0)45-5263848.

Inside the gate

3 Star Photo Workshop Series
OCT 20, 27 & NOV 3, 5, 10
7 - 8PM



TO PLACE RESERVATIONS, CALL DSN: 368-9819 or CIV: 02-717-9819

This is a five part series, designed to inspire participants to take advantage of the wonderful opportunity of living in Europe with a camera and having a passion for photography. The workshop is open to beginners and photographers at all levels of experience and should bring their own equipment. iPhones and Smart phones are encouraged. Four sessions and one field trip and a chance to join the MWR Digital Photo Contest.

The Workshop Coach, Robert Hyatt, worked as an Army Combat photographer from 1993 to 2013. His duties have taken him to four continents to help tell the story of the US military. Hyatt is a graduate of the Syracuse University Military Photojournalism program.


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SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY Continued

Oct. 24 (and Nov. 21-22)

- **Questions about VA benefits?** - Service members and veterans can make one-on-one appointments with a Department of Veterans Affairs staff member at JFC Brunssum Library Conference Room **Oct. 24** and **Nov. 21 to 22** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you have any questions about your VA benefits, now or in the future, schedule an appointment by calling DSN 606-244-3848 or civilian +31 (0) 45-5263848.

Oct. 25-27

- **Explore Veteran's Affairs** - Held from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Geilenkirchen A&FRC in Bldg. 78. Find out the latest on VA policies, benefits, and eligibility from the people who know. To register or for more information call civilian +49 (0)2451-633791. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available.

Oct. 27-28

- **Host Nation Orientation/Newcomers' Tour** - Held from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Schinnen ACS. All newcomers and spouses are invited to learn about their new community, including local customs, culture, and language. Day one consists of local briefings from agencies and Dutch language and culture training. Day two, the group will go beyond the gate to learn and utilize public transportation. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437512/7500.

Oct. 28 to 30

- **Foggy Fields Bazaar in Geilenkirchen** - Held in Hangar 4 **Oct. 28 to 30**. Open to all citizens of NATO countries with valid passport.



SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Sign up now

- **School Age Center Fall Camp and Youth Center Magic Camp** - Held from Oct. 31 through Nov. 4 (No Magic Camp on Nov. 1). Sign up at Parent Central Services or call DSN 366-6839/6797/6745 or civilian 065-326839/6797/6745.

Oct. 20

- **Food-handler training** - SHAPE Healthcare Facility offers this training at 3 p.m in the second-floor conference room in the Washington, D.C., wing (yellow wing). The course is designed for all 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 the final date, Nov. 17, call DSN 566-5336 or civilian 065-325336.

Oct. 22

- **Retiree Appreciation Day** - Held at the SHAPE Healthcare Facility from 9 a.m. to noon. Retirees can come early for coffee and pastries as of 8:30 a.m. They will then get the opportunity to update their retired pay and medical records, and meet one-on-one with representatives from among others Department of Veterans Affairs, DFAS.

Tickets available now

- **SHAPE Performing Arts Centre** - Winner of the Tony and the Drama Desk Awards for Best Book, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. **Nov. 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19**. Matinee performances will be at 3 p.m. **Nov. 13 and 20**. For details on ticket sales, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Movies at Events Centre during SHAPE Cinema renovations

The Events Centre dinner theater is now open during SHAPE Cinema renovations. The cinema is expected to reopen in February. Free movies will be showing at the Events Centre through Oct. 29. The ECDT grand opening will be Oct. 30 with ticket sales as follows: 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. Wild Wednesday and Thrifty Thursday mean half-price popcorn and free movies as well as half-price pizza and calzone at the Pizza Bowl. Wednesday movies will be for teenagers and older. Thursday movies will be from the same film series (or related subject matter) as an upcoming film.

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>.

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Oct. 28

- **Autumnfest's Trunk or Treat** - Event from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Open to U.S., NATO and U.S. Embassy ID card-holders. To register your trunk, call DSN 369-9768 or civilian 02-7179768.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Oct. 21, 28 and 29

- **Haunted House in Geilenkirchen** - Held in Buildings 92 and 93 **Oct. 21 and 28** from 7 to 11 p.m. and **Oct. 29** from 6 to 11 p.m. Cost: €5 per person. Open to all citizens of NATO countries with valid passport.

Oct. 28

- **Trunk or Treat** - Event including haunted forest, children's activities and spooky bowling will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. To find out more, call Outdoor Recreation at DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

Oct. 29

- **Trick or Treat in Geilenkirchen** - Held from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hangar 4. Open to all citizens of NATO countries with valid passport.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Oct. 20

- **"Heroes vs. Villains" Youth Dance** - Held at the SHAPE Youth Centre. Open to CYSS-registered youths in sixth through 12th grades. To find out more, call DSN 366-6839/6797/6812 or civilian 065-326839/6797/6812.

Oct. 21 and 22

- **Haunted Clinic** - Held at SHAPE Healthcare Facility (back entrance - weekend clinic). Call DSN 566-5252 or civilian 065-325252.
 - **Grimms Garden-Fantasy Kingdom** from 6 to 10 p.m. Admission: €3 (Combination tickets at €7) .
 - **CarnEVIL** from 6 to 11 p.m. Admission: €5.

Oct. 28

- **Halloween Night** - At the B3's from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Free admission and free drinks for the best costumes.

Oct. 29

- **Halloween Cosmic Bowling** - At 5 p.m. for 0 to 12 years old; at 6 p.m. for 13 to 18 years up and at 7 p.m. for 19 years and up. Prizes for best costumes. Game is at \$1; shoes at \$1.

Oct. 29 and 31

- **Haunted Forest** - Held by the CYSS Keystone Club from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from 4 to 9 p.m. on Monday, across from the Army Lodge on Chièvres Air Base. Admission: €5.

Oct. 31

- **Trunk or Treat** - Held near the Army Lodge and the old PXtra on Chièvres Air Base from 4 to 9 p.m. Register your trunk at <http://chievres.armymwr.com/europe/chievres/chievres-events/trunk-or-treat-2?query=trunk>. If you prefer, contact DSN 361-5589 or civilian 068-275589.

Upcoming organized trips

SHAPE Trips and Tours

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

- **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, Nov. 5**
- **Flanders Field/World War I tour, Ieper (Ypres), Belgium, Nov. 12**
- **Lord of the Dance in Oostende, Nov. 19**
- **Ice Magic Hasselt, Nov. 26**
- **German Christmas markets (Rothenburg, Frankfurt/Main and Aachen), Dec. 3 to 4**
- **German Christmas markets (Bonn/Cologne), Dec. 10**
- **German Christmas markets (Dortmund, Berlin and Potsdam), Dec. 16 to 18**
- **Paris in winter, Dec. 27**
- **New Year's in London, Dec. 30 to Jan. 2, 2017 (Sign up by Nov. 16.)**
- **London with Aladdin, Feb. 4, 2017**

- **Prague, Czech Republic, Feb. 25 to March 1, 2017**
- **Lloret de Mar and Barcelona, Spain, April 3 to 12, 2017 (spring break)**

- **Crete, Spa and Middelkerke, all year**

SHAPE Travel Group

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

- **Roermond, the Netherlands, Oct. 25**
- **Taste of Belgium, Nov. 15**
- **Cologne Christmas markets, Nov. 22**
- **Valkenburg, the Netherlands, Nov. 29**
- **Canterbury, Dec. 8**
- **Paris Lights, Dec. 15**
- **London sales, Jan. 19, 2017**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

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

- **Paris, Nov. 19**
- **Cologne Christmas Markets, Dec. 3**
- **London Express, Dec. 17**
- **Malgrat de Mar, Spain, April 14 to 23, 2017**

All Saints day honors deceased

Special to the Gazette

A public holiday in Belgium, All Saints Day, Nov. 1, honors all Christian saints. Belgians often celebrate Toussaint, its French name, by placing chrysanthemums on the graves of dead relatives as All Souls Day, Nov. 2, is not a public holiday.

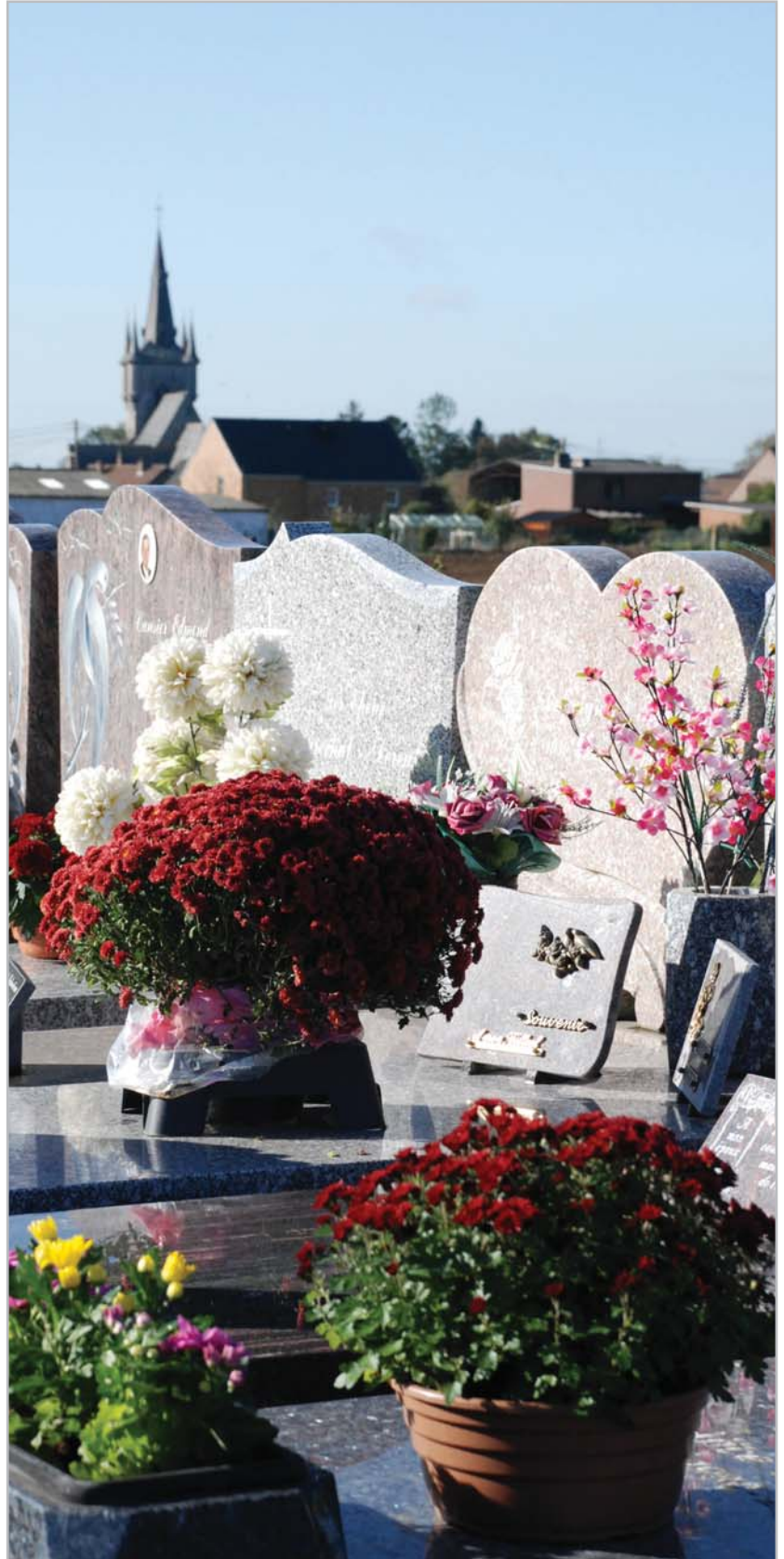
At this period of time, chrysanthemums are available in all flower shops, in all varieties and colors. It is one of the few flowering plants that flourish at this time and doesn't need a lot of care.

In many countries, such as Italy, France and Portugal, people place a lighted candle on the graves of deceased relatives. Filipinos traditionally observe this day by visiting the family dead and cleaning and repairing their tombstones. The first day of the Day of the Dead celebration in Mexico, All Saints Day honors deceased children and infants. Although not a public holiday in the Netherlands, All Saints Day is observed on the first Sunday in November there.

The first All Saints Day occurred May 13, 609, when Pope Boniface IV accepted the Pantheon in Rome as a gift from Byzantine Emperor Phocas. The pope dedicated the day as a holiday to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the martyrs. Things turned bad for Phocas the following year, and in 610 he was beheaded by Heraclius who usurped the throne.

In 835, Pope Gregory III moved the holiday to Nov. 1 and expanded it to include the honoring of all saints. In Roman Catholicism, All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation on which Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass.

Chrysanthemums in various colors are placed on the graves in the Chièvres cemetery. It is traditional for Belgians to bring flowers and visit the graves of deceased relatives prior to or on All Saints' Day, Nov. 1. This day is a Belgian national holiday and most stores will be closed while some supermarkets will remain open in the morning. (U.S. Army photo by Cis Spook)





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Oct. 21

- **SHAPE International Band concert in Ath** - Held at Salle Georges Roland (school) at Rue Hennepin 12, concert will start at 7 p.m. Prior registration is strongly recommended at 0497-332222. Pre-sale tickets at €5 (instead of €8) can be purchased at the store Mourin at Chaussée de Mons 410.



Oct. 22

- **Free market in Brussels** - It is a flea market where everything is free. Bring everything you no longer need and that is still in good condition and leave with everything you want. The free market is held from 2 to 4 p.m. at Parc du Quai de la Houille.
- **Volksmarch in Silly for 6, 12, 18, 25, 30, 42 and 50 km** - Departs from Rue du Marais 16 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. for 6, 12 and 18-km distances, from 6 a.m. to noon for 25-km distance, from 6 to 11 a.m. from 30-km distance, from 6 to 10 a.m. for 42-km distance and from 6 to 9 a.m. for the last distance.

Oct. 22 to 23

- **Good food weekend in Brussels** - Discover local and seasonal products, learn good habits to reduce waste, learn how to grow vegetables. The fair takes place at Tour et Taxis on Avenue du Port 86 c. Open Friday from 5 to 10 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the other days.



Oct. 23

- **Volksmarch in Nouvelles for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km** - Departs from Rue d'Asquillies 6 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Thoricourt for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km** - Departs from Rue de l'Enseignement 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Neder-Over-Hembeek for 5, 10 and 20 km** - Departs from Chemin du Rossignol 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Mons (350 booths)** on Avenue du Grand-Large 1 from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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Oct. 20-23

- **European Quilt Championships in Maastricht** - Admire, buy or attend a workshop with quilts from all over the world at MECC, Forum, 100 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day except Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is €12.30 for one day, €15 for two days or €17.50 for all. Workshops are €15.

Oct. 21-26

- **Octoberfest in Sittard** - Four huge fest tents equivalent to the German fest tents will provide live music throughout the city with October parade on Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. and a guilds' parade on Oct. 23 at 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 22

- **Book fair in Eindhoven** - Secondhand books for young and old at the shopping mall Kastelenplein from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Oct. 22-23

- **International babydoll houses and teddy bear fair in Den Bosch** - You can find dolls, teddy bears and all that goes with it at Brabant Hallen, Diezekade, 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is €10, children under 12 years old get in free of charge.



- **Jewelry fair in Eindhoven** - Hand made jewelry and jewelry from other cultures will be for sale at this fair but you can also make your own. Held at Tivoli, Geert Grootestraat 72 from noon to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.
- **Pumpkin festival in Asten** - Held in the garden of the Bell Museum, Ostaderstraat, 23 with a pumpkin market and pumpkin carving from noon to 5 p.m. both days. Admission is €7; children 4 up to 15 years old: €3.50.

Oct. 23

- **Flea market in Zelhem** - Held at the sports center De Pol (indoor), Vincent van Goghstraat, 72 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Oct. 29 though Nov. 11

- **Household fair in Charleroi** - Offers entertainment and products for the whole family: food, beers, local products, furniture, cars and more. The fair is held at Charleroi Expo on Rue de l'Ancre 3. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the week and to 7 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Find more information at <http://www.artmenagers.be>.



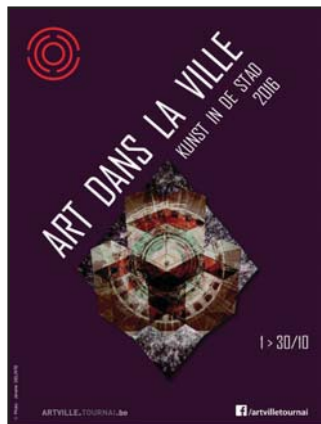
Ongoing

Through Oct. 23

- **Book fair in Auderghem (40 booths)** - Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 64 Rue Albert Meunier.

Through Oct. 30

- **Art in the City in Tournai** - Many places open their doors to let you discover all kinds of arts. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Find more information at <http://www.artville.tournai.be>.



Through Nov. 6 (Exhibit has been extended)

- **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 Dec. 8

- **Brussels museums late night opening** - Every Thursday at least five museums greet visitors from 5 to 10 p.m. Find the schedule and the list of participating museums at <http://brusselmuseumsnocturnes.be/en/>.



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Oct. 23 continued

- **Flea market in Kronenberg** - Held at Maneghal D'n Umswing, Schorfvenweg, 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is €2.50, children up to 12 years old get in free of charge.
- **Volksmarch in Gulpen (6, 12, 18, 24, 30 km)** - Starts at Herberg De Zwarte Ruiter, Markt, 4 from 8 to 10 a.m. for the 30 km route; 8 a.m. to noon for the 24 km route; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 18 km route; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the 12 and 8 km routes. Small participating fee.
- **Volksmarch in Weert (7, 10, 15, 20, 30 km)** - Starts at Café Jonas, Beemdenstraat, 10 from 8 to 10 a.m. for the 30 km route; 8 a.m. to noon for the 20 km route; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 15 km route; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the 10 and 7 km routes. Small participating fee.
- **Volksmarch in Merselo (5, 10, 15, 20, 30 km)** - Starts at Café Den Tommes, Grootdorp, 40 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. for the 30 km route; 8 a.m. to noon for the 20 and 15 km route; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the 10 and 5 km routes. Small participating fee.
- **Model cars and agricultural equipment in Gemonde** - Held at Zaal De Schuif, Dorpstraat, 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is €2; children up to 14 years old get in free of charge.

Through Oct. 29

- **Sand Sculpture Festival in Garderen** - International sculptors show their work on the theme "Gnomes, wild scenes and farm life" at "De Beeldentuin" Oude Barnevelderweg, 5. Open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission is €9.50; children 6 to 12 years old: €4.50; children under 6 get in free of charge.

Through Nov. 6

- **Chrysanthemums show in Arcen** - In and outside



displays at Kasteeltuinen Arcen on Lingsforterweg, 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Admission is €15 per adult, €7.50 for children 4 to 17 years old and free for children under 4.

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