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RELOCATION INFORMATION FOR

Schinnen
Netherlands

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Installation

Installation Overview
254th Base Support Battalion
Unit 21602 APO AE 09703

Welkom! Welcome to the Netherlands; the land of windmills, wooden shoes and tulips. Billed as one of the army's best kept secrets, we hope you enjoy your assignment!

The information contained in this file is intended for personnel assigned in The Netherlands (NL). Some information is included regarding Germany and Belgium. Certain Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) information pertains only to personnel assigned to AFNORTH. Whenever possible, information that pertains to specific personnel is identified; however, check with your local chain of command for clarification if needed. Personnel assigned to Schinnen, AFNORTH, Rotterdam, Coevorden, and other sites will find information of interest throughout this file.

The 254th Base Support Battalion (BSB) is located in Schinnen, The Netherlands. Tucked away in the southeastern province of Limburg, we’re a twenty-minute driving distance from Belgium and Germany. As the most widely dispersed BSB in USAREUR, we provide logistical support over no less than 139,000 square kilometers for personnel spread across 17 separate locations. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is a major influence in this region, with Allied Forces Central Europe (AFCENT), located in Brunssum, NL. AFCENT is a twenty minute drive from Schinnen, and Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base (GK) is located in GE, approximately twenty minutes from AFCENT. Basic community support for the region is provided by the 254th BSB, while many of the soldier support services are provided by military (Army and Air Force) personnel at AFCENT and GK. The Area Support Group (ASG) responsibilities were transferred to the 80th ASG in Mons, BE. Mons is also home to Supreme Headquarters Allied Forces (SHAPE), as well as Chievres Air Base. It is approximately two hours drive from Schinnen to SHAPE.

Location....................... : Schinnen, NL

Major Command.................... : USAREUR, Heidelberg, GE. Coevorden and Rotterdam are remote locations in NL. Both communities and their sites receive base operations support (BASOPS) from the 254th BSB. Coevorden is home to the Combat Equipment Battalion Northwest (CEBNW). CEBNW consists of four companies; the 18th Combat Equipment Company (CEC) located at Brunssum, 19th CEC at Vriezenveen, 20th CEC and HHD CEC at Coevorden, and 22nd CEC at Eygelshoven. With the exception of Brunssum, all sites are located in the northeast part of NL along the German border, and are designated Remote Sites. The latest member of our community is Headquarters, Combat Equipment Group Europe (HQ, CEG-E), Kerkrade located in Kerkrade, NL. It is Headquarters for three Combat Equipment Battalions in USAREUR.

The Rotterdam community is in Capelle Aan Den Ijssel, which is a suburb on the eastern edge of Rotterdam, just north of the Ijssel river. Rotterdam is home to the 838th Transportation Battalion. The 838th commands and controls all military water terminals in Europe and the Mediterranean.

Primary Weapon Systems........... : Individual weapons

Mission.......................... :

The peacetime mission of the 254th BSB is to provide basic quality of life support to the units within the BSB footprint. In time of conflict or war, the mission is to open and operate NL Line of Communication (LOC). This BSB is responsible for the reception, processing and deployment of forces and equipment through NL, GE and other locations.

The CEBNW mission is to receive, store, maintain and issue prepositioned organizational material configured to unit sets (POMCUS).

The 598th Transportation Terminal Group (TTG) mission includes the receipt, handling, documentation and port clearance of all Department of Defense (DoD) sponsored cargo transiting Benelux ports. During the past few years, the workload has exceeded 4 million measured tons per year. The 838th Transportation Battalion (TB) is a subordinate element of 598th. The 838 TB is responsible for managing DoD sponsored cargo transiting all ports within the Benelux countries. The Rotterdam Movement Control Team (MCT-Rotterdam) is an
element of the 27th Transportation Battalion, which is subordinate to the 21st Theater Army Area Command (TAACOM). The MCT determines the mode of onward movement for all DoD sponsored cargo entering the ports within the Benelux.

Rotterdam Telecommunications Center (TCC - Rotterdam), an element of the 532d Signal Company, provides telecommunications support to all DoD activities in the Rotterdam area. Detachment OL-D, 7300 Material Squadron, US Air Force, Europe (USAFE), monitors all USAFE cargo within the Benelux region. Rotterdam is also home to the Military Sealift Command (MSC) office of the Benelux. This Navy office coordinates and controls all MSC shipping activity within NL, BE, GE and the Atlantic coast of France. Rotterdam is home to the ELG/Port Liaison Branch of AAFES Europe. This office coordinates the movement of AAFES cargo entering and exiting ports within Northern Europe and the Mediterranean.

Population assigned-served... : 4,531
Army.................................. : 519
Navy.................................. : 22
Air Force............................. : 159
Marine Corps.......................... : 13
Family Members........................ : 1,695
Retirees................................ : 240
Civilian Employees...................... : 501 U.S / 452 LN
Contractors............................ : 54

THE 254TH BSB SUPPORT LOCATIONS:

AFCENT Brunssum, NL............................. : 1,138

COMBAT EQUIPMENT GROUP EUROPE
4 locations NL, 1 in Belgium, 1 in Luxembourg....... : 1,451

470 ABS AIR FORCE DET. Geilenkirchen, GE......... : 2,450

ALLIED RAPID REACTION CORP Rheindalen, GE....... : 109

HQ 598th Trans Group Roterdam, NL.................... : 409

717th Munn Spt Sq/CC Vokel, NL...................... : 310

435th CG, Det 26' Kalkar, GE......................... : 87

950th Trans Company Bremerhaven, GE.................. : 163

US EMBASSY Den Haag, NL........................... : 130

US EMBASSY Bonn, GE............................... : 267

SCHINNEN COMMUNITY Schinnen, NL................... : 446

TELEPHONE ACCESS:

Schinnen access: (31) 046-443-XXXX and DSN 360-XXXX
Brunssum access: (31) 045-526-XXXX and DSN 360-XXXX
Germany access: (49) XXX-XXXX and DSN XXX-XXXX
Rotterdam access: (31) 10-459-2XXX and DSN 362-XXXX
Coevorden access: (31) 5240-5XXXX

All of the numbers listed in this file are preceded by a country code (IE: NL=31, GE = 49, BE = 32).

If you are in NL and dialing ACS, Schinnen, NL:
Commercially: dial 046-443-7512
DSN (Defense Satellite Network): dial 360-7512

If you are outside NL and dialing ACS, Schinnen, NL:
Commercially: Dial 00 (international code) 31 (country code) 46-443-7512 (make sure you drop the leading zero 0, on the phone number)

DSN: 360-7512 Telephone companies sell prepaid phone cards that allow use of designated phones without having coins. Currency exchange banks frequently sell the cards. When traveling it is helpful to have foreign coins or a telephone card available, especially in emergency situations.

HISTORY:

Originally the AFCENT Support Activity (SUPACT) (US) was activated in Fountainbleau, France. AFCENT SUPACT (US) provided all BASOPS support to American and Canadian personnel assigned to Headquarters AFCENT. With the termination of French participation in NATO, AFCENT SUPACT (US) moved to South Limburg. In 1971, the Schinnen Mine compound was leased...
and the activities were consolidated. During this time, AFCENT SUPACT (US) was assigned as a sub-community of NATO/SHAPE, and on 1 Oct 81, the AFCENT SUPACT (US) separated from NATO SHAPE and became a full community under what is now the 21st TACOM. On 1 Oct 82, Schinnen was again realigned under the Rheinberg community. Rheinberg Military Community (MILCOM) closed 1 Jun 90, and the Schinnen MILCOM assumed geographic responsibility for Rheinberg, Northern Germany and the United Kingdom (UK). Since the closure of the Rheinberg community, and the redesignation of US MILCOM to ASG's, the 254th BSB has been involved in the drawdown of communities in Northern Germany and the UK. The Schinnen Community is proud of its history and accomplishments and its ability to provide the highest quality of life available in Europe.

CEBNW was established in NL following a decade of western concern about the vulnerability of the northern plains of GE. The fertile lowlands that stretch from the former Soviet Republic, across Poland, GE, and NL to the English Channel have formed historic invasion routes. Many observers felt that this significant area had long been under-defended by NATO's Northern Army Group (NORTHTAG). Since the end of the Cold War, and due to the support provided by POMCUS stocks to Operation Desert Shield, the US Army has seen a greater value for the continued readiness of POMCUS to support the contingency corps wherever they might be deployed around the world. On 23 Mar 81, the US and NL signed the "General Arrangement Concerning Storage in the Netherlands by the US Forces." As a result, the CEBNW and its four CEC joined the three other battalions in USAREUR's CEGE. The mission of the four battalions is the same: receiving, configuring, storing, maintaining, and issuing POMCUS equipment for the rapid reinforcement of Europe. However, CEBNW is different than her sister battalions in CEGE in that the Dutch organization NL-POMS operates POMCUS sites in NL under the terms of the "Technical Agreement." On 1 Oct 84, the Headquarters for CEBNW and its first subordinate unit, the 18th CEC, were officially activated. CEBNW's most recent accomplishments were related to their involvement in Operation Desert Shield, with the shipment of M1A1 tanks, DEPMED hospitals, and over 15,000 items to South West Asia. The battalion is currently involved in the USAREUR Unit Reductions, overseeing the shipment of excess equipment from Europe.

### Must Know Items

This information has been broken down into specific areas. These facts are most requested by individuals entering this community. We feel the Tri-border community is a great place to live, work and play. Our goal is to ensure that your move here is as smooth and reassuring as we can help make it.

**ARRIVAL:**

Ensure that you talk to your sponsor before you move. They will have received important information and customized booklets from the Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program which will assist you with the information process. Since base housing is not available, it's important that you communicate early to discuss temporary living arrangements prior to your PCS, especially if you will be arriving accompanied by family members. It's also important that you discuss your travel arrangements well in advance. You can either be met at the Brussel's airport by your sponsor or you can make arrangements for the shuttle service to meet you. If you have made arrangements for either the shuttle service or your sponsor to meet you and they are not there, phone your unit during duty hours or the Schinnen MP station (0031-46443-7555) after duty hours in order to send the shuttle.

**DIRECTIONS FROM THE BRUSSELS AIRPORT:**

From the airport, head towards direction of Brussels Ring, turning left (south) onto Brussel's Ring, direction A3 toward Liege. At Leefdaal follow directions Leuven/A2, and then follow A2 direction Diest/Genk until you reach the A76 turn off. Stay on A76 until you reach the Schinnen/Oirsbeek turn-off. On the turn-off, make a left hand turn going under the bridge and take an immediate right over a set of railroad tracks. Take an immediate left after tracks. Follow the road and it will curve to the left, HOWEVER you will go straight onto a smaller road and follow to the sign "Schinnen Military Community".

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**Name:** ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

**Address:** AERAN-AA

**City:** SCHINNEN 09703

**Phone:** DSN 360-7512/(31)46-4437512

**FAX:** 360-7393/(31)46-4437393

**E-Mail:** rays@254bsb.schinnen.army.mil

**Comments:**

email @ rays@254bsb.schinnen.army.mil
EDUCATION:

AFCENT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
The Elementary School includes International Year 1 (IY1) 4-year-old kindergarten, through Middle Year 3 (M3) or 6th grade. High School is 7th-12th grades.

For enrollment purposes, have the following information:
- copies of the sponsor's orders
- student's passport or birth certificate
- social security number
- sponsor's US ID card
- shot records
- previous school records and previous school address

PCS TIPS

Have your sponsor stop by the school and pick up an enrollment package. If this is completed before your first visit, enrollment procedures may flow a bit smoother.

One of the requirements of the AFNORTH Elementary and High School is that students (grades 1-12) must have all-white bottomed PE shoes. These can be difficult to obtain once you arrive and would be best to have before arrival.

Students from third grade on will go to the AFNORTH pool as part of their PE class. Make sure that you have a swim suit packed in your hold baggage.

DRIVING

A valid state-side license is required to obtain a United States Army Europe (USAREUR) driver's license. The US Army Europe Registry of Motor Vehicles has created a homepage that includes a link to their Driver's Manuel, USAREUR/USAFE Pamplet 190-34. There are few differences between the German and Netherlands signs. The Driver's Manuel for the Netherlands is copyrighted so we unable to post this to the WEB.

An International Driver's License (obtainable from AAA in the US) is needed when traveling through some countries other than the Netherlands. International Driver's License can be obtained in Europe as well and is valid in any country except the country you purchase it in and is valid for three years.

Important: When shipping your vehicle you will need to have a license on your car if at all possible. You will be required to drive your car from the drop off point to the registration office to obtain your AFNORTH plates.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

NETHERLANDS 112
GERMANY 112
SCHINNEN MP'S (31)46-4437555
CHAPEL (31)45-5262940 (AVAILABLE 24-HRS)

ELECTRIC CURRENT:

The electrical current in Europe is 220 volts, 50 cycles compared to 110 volts, 60 cycles in the States. When living on the local economy, you will find it necessary to use transformers to run your American 110 volt appliances. The size of the transformer you will need will depend on the wattage of your appliance. Lamps can use a small plug adapter to convert it to 220 volt and a lower watt light bulb. Appliances that utilize a timer may not be effective overseas, even with a transformer. Please check to make sure that your appliance is dual voltage by checking the back of your appliance or the appliance's original paperwork.

HOLD BAGGAGE:

Refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, closets are provided by the housing office. The ACS Relocation Lending Closet provides basic dish packs that contain dishes, pots and pans, utensils and cookware. Small electrical appliance such as toasters, alarm clocks, coffee machines and electric mixers are available as well. Baby items are also available such as Pack 'n Go play yards, high chairs, strollers and carseats. THE LOAN CLOSET DOES NOT PROVIDE LINENS, BLANKETS OR PILLOWS. See Relocation Overview for more information.

HOUSING

Government quarters ARE NOT available at Schinnen. However, locating a house on the economy is not difficult. All incoming personnel should report to the housing office to receive their housing referral list and housing briefing. For initial set up of housing, expect to need approximately $2,000. Dutch houses are usually not equipped with closets or light fixtures. Stairways are usually narrow, and large furniture may be difficult to get through the stairwell or through the upstairs windows. Most kingsize American boxsprings will not fit going through most houses.
These can be cut and refastened or can be stored stateside until you return. Some houses are extremely large and spacious and this might not represent a problem. This is merely a forewarning of what is the norm. Your housing office will supply closets and can furnish kitchens for those who require them.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS TO HAND CARRY:

- Birth certificates for your children in order to register for child care and/or school
- Passports, ID cards
- Family immunization records
- School records for children
- Medical and dental records
- Military personnel records
- Standard Installation Topic Exchange Services (SITES) booklet
- If seeking employment bring school transcripts, updated resumes and/or SF171 (or complete a RESUMIX before leaving stateside) and Personnel Qualifications Statements

Hand carry any additional information you have received from your sponsor packet or from your relocation program manager.

PETS:

The Netherlands does not quarantine animals. You must have a health certificate which cannot be more than 10 days old. Upon arrival to the Netherlands you should register your pet with the Vet Clinic. This serves two useful purposes: it allows them to establish a medical record for your pet and allows them to issue the pet with the local rabies tag. This is invaluable if your pet becomes lost because the clinic phone number is on this tag, enabling anyone who finds your pet to call the clinic.

SAFETY:

Schinnen is not a high terrorist threat area. Simple personal security measures should be practiced at all times. Keep your doors and windows locked when not at home and keep your car locked at all times.
Must Know Items

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E-Mail: rays@254bsb.schinnen.army.mil

Geographically Separated or Satellite Locations

Allied Forces Central European Northern Theater (AFCENT)
Brunssum, NL Combat Equipment Battalion Northwest (CEBNW)
Coevorden, NL 16th Combat Equipment Company (CEC)
Brunssum, NL 19th Combat Equipment Company (CEC)
Vriezenveen, NL 20th Combat Equipment Company (CEC)
Eygelshoven, NL 23rd Combat Equipment Company (CEC)
Luxembourg Combat Equipment Battalion North
Luxembourg HQ, Combat Equipment Group Europe (HQ, CEG-E)
Kerkrade, NL
838th Transportation Battalion Rotterdam, NL

Nearby Installations (Listed Separately in SITES)

GEOGRAPHICALLY SEPARATED OR SATELLITE LOCATIONS

Allied Forces Central Europe (AFCENT), Brunssum, NL Combat Equipment Battalion Northwest (CEBNW), Coevorden, NL 16th Combat Equipment Company (CEC), Zutendall, BE 18th Combat Equipment Company (CEC), Brunssum, NL 19th Combat Equipment Company (CEC), Vriezenveen, NL 20th Combat Equipment Company (CEC),
Coevorden, NL 22nd Combat Equipment Company (CEC), Eygelshoven, NL 23rd Combat Equipment Company (CEC), Luxembourg Combat Equipment Battalion North, Luxembourg HQ, Combat Equipment Group Europe (HQ, CEG-E), Kerkrade, NL Transportation Terminal Group (TTG) Battalion, Rotterdam, NL

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**Regulations**

**DRIVER'S LICENSE - SCHINNEN**

**NAME:** Driver's Testing  
**LOCATION:** SCHINNEN, NL  
**TELEPHONE:** DSN 360-7433; COMM (31)46-443-7433  
**COMMENTS:** Mon-Fri 0730-1400

The revised Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) that went into effect in 1993 requires all US personnel assigned to GE and NL to have IN THEIR POSSESSION:

A VALID STATESIDE LICENSE IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR LICENSING AND TO OPERATE POVs IN USAREUR.

All personnel arriving without a valid stateside license will be required to attend driver training on the local economy at their own expense. Driver training on the economy is expensive and time consuming. The minimum age for operation of a POV is 18, in Netherlands and 21 in Germany.

**DRIVER'S LICENSE - AFCENT**

**POC........................ : Vehicle Registration**  
**Location..................... : AFCENT**  
**Telephone................... : 360-2114 / (31)045-526-2114**  
**Hours......................... : 0800-1500 M-F**

AFCENT personnel residing in NL are required to possess a USAFE Form 374, Motor Vehicle Operator's Permit, and an AFCENT Driver's License. Personnel assigned to NL traveling outside of the country are able to drive on their USAFE license when driving in NATO countries. Personnel driving in other than NATO countries must be in possession of a valid international drivers license issued outside of the country in which they are traveling. Individuals under the age of 18 are not eligible to drive in NL, GE, BE, and most other European countries. It is MANDATORY that personnel possess a valid US driver's license to be licensed in GE and NL. To avoid lengthy and expensive training, bring a valid US license with you. Personnel assigned to NL but not to AFCENT do not follow the same procedures. But ALL PERSONNEL must bring a valid US license to be licensed in NL or GE.

**CHILD SAFETY RESTRAINTS**

The use of child safety restraint systems is mandatory while operating a POV in USAREUR. GE has authorized the use of Department of Transportation (DOT) approved child restraint systems. The requirement extends from birth through twelve years of age, subject to a 50 pound or 4 foot limitation.

**TRAFFIC**

Traffic in Europe is typical of any congested locale. However, driving in Europe requires the operator to be aware of different regulations (right of way) and bicycles. A valid US driver's license is one licensing requirement; however individuals under the age of 18 CANNOT drive in NL, GE, BE and most other European countries. All new personnel must attend a driver's orientation prior to being licensed in NL (the licensing process is complicated by the requirement for licensing by BOTH the American military authority (USAFE license) and by the AFCENT military (AFCENT operator's license). Insurance rates are high. If you have a safe driving record, it is advisable that you obtain certification from your insurance company (not the agent). Another option is for the operator to visit the local legal office and complete an affidavit attesting to his/her safe driver record. This certification can result in as great as a 75% reduction in insurance costs. Due to host nation tax laws, only the registered owner and authorized family members are eligible to operate POVs that are registered taxfree in NL.

**VEHICLE CHECKS**
Vehicles are subject to safety inspections at all times. It is the responsibility of the owner/operator to ensure the safe mechanical condition of the vehicle. Failure to maintain a safe automobile, and running out of gas (on the autobahn), can result in heavy fines. It is advisable that every car be equipped with a warning triangle and a first aid kit (available from AAFES).

ACCIDENTS

For accidents occurring in NL, contact the local Dutch Royal Marechaussee for assistance. All accidents must be reported to the military police nearest your location. Emergency telephone numbers in NL are listed in the directory of frequently used numbers in this guide. The Good Samaritan Law applies in Europe where it is against the law not to stop at the scene of an accident and render aid.

AUTO CLUBS

ANBW is the Dutch equivalent to AAA, and ADAC is the German equivalent. As a member of either of these organizations, you will receive free service if you have a roadside breakdown. Their yellow station wagons cruise the autobahns looking for breakdowns. If they can not fix the breakdown on the spot, they will arrange to have the vehicle towed (the first few kilometers are free). In case of an accident or breakdown, the expense of the policy will become worthwhile. These clubs also provide tourist guide information and directional maps (local and long distance) to suit your needs.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

In NL, active duty military personnel are under the jurisdiction of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Civilians are under the jurisdiction of the local authorities. The local police traditionally relinquish this authority to the local military commander for Civilian Misconduct Action Authority (CMAA).

CRIME STOP

Crime exists in NL just as in any other country; however, there are things that you can do to protect yourself and your belongings. Be alert and aware of your surroundings, blend in to your locale, and use a hip pack instead of a purse. Utilize Operation Identification (USA plus SSN, USAF plus SSN, USN plus SSN) to engrave identifying information on your personal property. Local authorities, in conjunction with the Provost Marshals Office (PMO), will assist in performing home security evaluations. The "House Watch" program is for personnel going on leave or TDY. The Military Police will make periodic checks on your residence.

RESTRICTED AREAS

Few restricted areas exist within NL. Check with the local PMO for specific information.

PASS AND ID (AFCENT ID AND DD Form 1173)

Location................. : AFCENT
Telephone................ : 360-2216
Hours.................... : 0815-1130 1400-1700 M,W,F
0815-1230 1400-1700 T, TH

The USAE Personnel Service Center can provide assistance with AFCENT and US ID card applications, passport applications, birth registration/certification, reassignment orders, military awards, in/out processing and performance record updates. CEBNW pass and ID for the site can be obtained through the MT team at HHD in Coevorden from 0800-1630. The telephone number is (31) 05240-13399.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION - AFCENT

Location............... : AFCENT
Telephone............... : 360-2114
Hours................... : 0815-1545 M-F by appt only

New vehicle registration is by appointment only. There is a fee payable for registration (DG 12.50). Personnel assigned to 18th and 22d CEC (Brunssum, Eygelshoven) must process through the Schinnen PMO for vehicle licensing. Vehicle registration for personnel not assigned to AFCENT can be accomplished utilizing local procedures. Check with the S-1 office at your duty station.

FISHING LICENSE- NETHERLANDS ONLY

POC.................... : AFCENT Angling Club
Location............... : AFCENT
Telephone.............. : 360-2222 ext 2901

Licensing is accomplished by application through the Dutch Post Office (PTT), located in each town.

BOATING LICENSE- AFCENT

POC..................... : ANWB (Motor club)
Location.............. : Local community ANWB office
Honingmanstraat 100, Heerlen, is one office. Sail boats under 9 meters do not require licensing. Speed boats capable of speeds greater than 15 kilometers per hour require licensing. You must belong to the Dutch Motor Association and attend their sanctioned course prior to obtaining a license.

HUNTING LICENSE- AFCENT

POC.......................... : Firearms Registration Office
Location........................ : AFCENT
Telephone........................ : 360-2650/3191

Hunting is extremely limited in NL, and is available by private invitation only. See information on weapons registration also.

WEAPONS REGISTRATION- AFCENT

POC.......................... : Firearms Registration Office
Location........................ : AFCENT
Telephone........................ : 360-2650/3191

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINS TO ALL PERSONNEL (ACTIVE DUTY AND CIVILIAN) WHO RESIDE IN NL. The Royal Netherlands Marechaussee representative at AFCENT is responsible for weapons registration. It is difficult, time consuming, expensive and frustrating to own and possess personal weapons in NL. Individuals are encouraged NOT to bring personal weapons to NL. If you cannot store your weapons, then you must adhere to the guidelines listed. As soon as possible after arrival, contact the firearms registration office at AFCENT. You must register your weapons immediately as possession of unregistered firearms is illegal. You must provide proof of ownership - you may use the registration from your last duty station or place of residence. If you lack proof of registration, bring the proof of purchase (serial numbers must be on the invoices). You will be required to join a sanctioned Rod and Gun Club within NL. Permits are valid for one year and cost DG 15.00 plus DG 5.00 per weapon. A maximum of 5 weapons can be stored in your home. Excess and non-registered weapons belonging to active duty personnel can be stored in the ARMS room. Civilians are not eligible to store personal weapons in the ARMS room. At the time of registration, the weapons, the application, 2 passport pictures, proof of membership in a NL Rod and Gun Club, and fees must be presented. Firearms must be stored in a lockable container and the container must be attached to a non-movable object. Local officials WILL CHECK to make sure you comply with these regulations. They will not make an appointment.

**Commonly Referenced Numbers**

**COMMONLY REFERENCED NUMBERS**

Emergency Numbers

FIRE/POLICE/AMBULANCE - 112

Local Hospitals:

- Atrium Ziekenhuis (Heerlen)  (31)045-576-6666
- Atrium Ziekenhuis (Brunssum)  (31)045-527-9999

Military Police (AFCENT)  (31)045-526-2000
Military Police  360-7555/7228  (31)046-443-7555/7228

BASE OPERATORS

- AFCENT  360-2222  (31)045-526-2222
- SCHINNEN  360-1110  (31)046-443-7199
- ROTTERDAM  362-1110  (31)010-453-9911

COMMUNITY SERVICE NUMBERS

- AAFES Garage (AFCENT)  (31)045-525-0787
- Main Store  360-7233  (31)046-443-7587
- Military Clothing Sales  (31)046-443-4270
- New Car Sales  (31)046-443-7587
- Personnel  360-7583  (31)046-443-5036
- PXTRA  360-7308  (31)046-443-7308
- Service Mart  (31)046-443-5475
- Shoppette/Class VI  360-7587  (31)046-443-7587
- ACS -The British NAAFI (AFCENT)  (31)045-525-2915
- Adventure Center (Schinnen) 360-7292  (31)046-443-7292
- Rental Van (AFCENT)  360-3173  (31)045-521-4439
- Army Community Service  360-7500  (31)046-443-7500

Banks:

- Andrews Federal Credit  360-7507  (31)046-443-7507
- Nations  360-7408  (31)046-443-7408/7412
- AMRO-ABN (AFCENT)  360-2501  (31)045-525-3164
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Post Office(APO) 360-7279
Public Affairs Office (PAO) 360-7585 (31)046-443-7585
Relocation Assistance 360-7512 (31)046-443-7512

Schools:
CDC (AFCENT) 360-2575 (31)045-526-2575
Elementary School(AFCENT) 360-2575 (31)045-527-8251
Middle School(AFCENT) 360-2575 (31)045-527-8260
High School(AFCENT) 360-2575 (31)045-527-8263
IYS(AFCENT) 360-3033 (31)045-527-3033

Self Help 360-7229 (31)046-443-7229
Service Mart/Repairs 360-7487 (31)046-443-7487
Special Events 360-7487 (31)046-443-7487

Transportation - Inbound 360-7575/7328 (31)046-443-7575
Outbound 360-7575/7328 (31)046-443-7575
Travel Office 360-7385 (31)046-443-7382

VAT Tax Relief(AFCENT) 360-2319 (31)045-526-2127
VAT Tax Relief 360-1780 (31)046-443-7178

Vet Clinic(AFCENT) 360-3121 (31)045-526-3121
Volunteer Office(Schinnen) 360-7451 (31)046-443-7451

Work Orders(Schinnen) 360-7215 (31)046-443-7215

GERMANY COMMONLY USED NUMBERS

Emergency Numbers
POLICE 112 FIRE/AMBULANCE 112

LOCAL HOSPITALS:
St. Elisabeth Krankenhaus(Geilenkirchen) (49)2451-6221
Stadisches Krankenhaus(Heinsberg) (49)2452-5081
Military Police(Geilenkirchen) (49)2451-63-4319
Ambulance (on base) (49)2451-63-4444

BASE OPERATORS:

Bitburg 453-1110 (49)656-16-113
Geilenkirchen (GK) (49)2451-63-1
Ramstein 480-1110 (49)637-147113
Rhein Main 330-1110 (49)696-99-1110

COMMUNITY SERVICE NUMBERS:

AFRC

Abrams Complex(Garmisch) 440-2584
(49)8821-7290
General Patton Hotel
(Garmisch) 440-2695 (49)8821-750695
General Von Steuben Hotel
(Garmisch) 440-2691 (49)8821-750691
Lake Hotel(Chiemsee) (49)8051-8030
Chiemsee/Garmisch
Reservations 440-2575 (49)8821-72982

GEILENKIRCHEN CLINIC:

Central Appointments (49)2451-99-3200
Laboratory xxxx-xx-3379
Pharmacy -xx-3334
Immunizations -xx-3384
Radiology -XX-3420
Health Benefits Advisor -XX-3400
Resource Management Office -XX-3323
Dental Clinic(GK) 49-2451-99-3535

Red Cross(Spangdahlem) 49-6565-61-6330

BELGIUM COMMONLY USED NUMBERS:

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:
FIRE/POLICE AMBULANCE      112
Brussels 365-1110         (32)27281-113
Chievres 361-1110         (32)6827-113
SHAPE     (32)6544-7111

TRAVEL REFERENCE GUIDE:

ARMED FORCES RECREATION CENTERS:
Chiemsee, Germany 0130-0817065
Garmisch, Germany 440-2575 49-882-17-9081
Camp Darby, Italy 663-7225 39-5054-7225

US EMBASSIES:
Bonn, Germany 49-228-2291
Frankfurt, Germany 49-697-5350
Amsterdam, The Netherlands 31-206-64-5661
Brussels, Belgium 32-25082111

USO OFFICES:
Berlin, Germany 49-302-696-0780
Frankfurt, Germany 49-695-50-1021
Landstuhl, Germany 486-8240
Panzerc Germany 431-2444 Paris, France 33-140-70-9968
Rome, Italy 39-669-64232

EUROPEAN PASSINGER TERMINALS:
Ramstein AB, Germany 06371-47-2433/5364
Rhein Main AFB, Germany 06969-97746

EUROPEAN CIVILIAN AIRPORTS:
Amsterdam Airport Information 31-635-034050
Brussels Airport Information 32-2753-3913
"Destination Brussels" (To assist visitors, located in the Arrival Hall.) 32-2720-5161 (Open 7 days a week, 06:30 - 09:30)
Frankfurt Airport Information 49-6969-030511
Maastricht Airport Information 31-433-666680

Major Unit Listing

HHC 254th BSB (Schinnen, NL)
Commander................. : DSN 360-1500
Orderly Room............... : DSN 360-7226
Commercial Access......... : (31) 046-443-XXXX

HHC USAE (AFCENT, Brunssum, NL)
Commander.................. : DSN 360-2169/2508
Orderly Room............... : DSN 360-2235
Commercial Access......... : (31) 045-526-XXXX

18th Combat Equipment Company (CEC)
(Brunssum, NL) Commander......... : (31) 045-5270408 EXT 70
Orderly Room............... : EXT 69/70
Commercial Access......... : (31) 045-526-XXXX

19th Combat Equipment Company (CEC)
(Vriezenveen, NL) Commander......... : (31) 05496-576655

20th Combat Equipment Company (CEC)
(Coevorden, NL) Commander......... : (31) 05240-512727

22d Combat Equipment Company (CEC)
(Eygelshoven, NL)
Commander (commercial)....... : (31) 045-5353535
EXT 25
Det SGT.................... : EXT 29
FAX........................ : (31) 045-5351937

18th Military Intelligence (Maastricht, NL)
Commander.................. : DSN 360-4471/4478/4426
Commercial Access......... : (31) 043-3284-XXXX

470th ABF (Brunssum, NL)
Commander.................. : DSN 360-2262
NCOIC Personnel............ : DSN 360-2351
Commercial Access......... : (31) 045-526-XXXX

532d SIG CO (Maastricht, NL)
Commander............... : DSN 360-4100
Orderly Room............... : DSN 360-4130
Commercial Access......... : (31) 043-3284-XXXX

CEBNW (Coevorden, NL)
Commander (commercial)..... : (31) 05240-594100
Orderly Room (commercial)... : (31) 05240-594100

HQ, CEG-E (Kerkrade, NL)
Commander.................. : (31) 045-5469-447
Orderly Room............... : (31) 045-5469-999
Commercial Access......... : (31) 045-5469-567
598th TTG (Rotterdam, NL)
Commander.................... : DSN 362-2211/2511
Orderly Room................ : DSN 362-2354
Commercial Access.......... : NL (31) 10-459-XXXX

HQ ARCC (JHQ, Moenchengladbach, GE)
Commander.................... : GE 2161-565-5411
XO........................... : GE 2161-565-5213
Orderly Room................. : GE 2161-565-5391

Transportation
ON BASE TRANSPORTATION

Location..................... : TMP SCHINNEN
Telephone.................... : DSN 360-7522/7317

Commissary and Exchange Operations

COMMISSARY
Telephone.................... : NL (31) 046-443-7441/2/3
Hours......................... : T, W, F 1100-1800
                      Th 1200-2000, Sat 1000-1800
                      Sun 1200-1700
Comments..................... :
The commissary provides grocery items, produce, a
meat market, plants, fresh made pizza, a delicatessen,
frozen foods, chilled items, and health and beauty
aids. The commissary also provides special orders
for customers when merchandise is available. The
commissary is closed on Mondays.

SHOPPETTE
Telephone.................... : NL (31) 046-443-7586
Hours......................... : T, W, F 1100-1900 M, 1100-
                           1800, Sat 1100-1900 and Sun 11-1800

EXCHANGE
Telephone.................... : NL (31) 046-443-7587
Hours......................... : T, W, F 1100-1900 Th 1100-
                           2000 Sa 1100-1800
                     Su 1100-1700 CLOSED MON

Additional telephone numbers, 046-443-7587. The
AAFES Regional Manager is located in Chievers
Belgium, at (32) 68658257.

DRY CLEANERS
Location..................... : SCHINNEN and AFCENT
Telephone.................... : NL (31) 046-443-7258
Hours......................... : T, W, F 1000-1800
                      Th, 1000-2000 Sa 1000-1700

AAFES BOOKMARKT

OVERSEAS

HOURS......................... : Same as AAFES Main
Exchange

Over 2 million titles in computer for special orders.
"Story Hour" is open to all children every Wed and
Fri at 1000.

Shoe Repair
Comments..................... : Local Economy. Available
in most shopping areas.

Local Community

Local Community Overview
LOCAL COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

THE NETHERLANDS - AN OVERVIEW

Limburg is the southernmost Dutch province. The
north of Limburg is covered by woods and heathland,
while in the central part of the Province the many
small lakes along the River Meuse. In the south, the
landscape is one of charming, rolling hills.

CAPITOL:
Amsterdam; The Hague is the seat of government

CLIMATE:
Temperate; marina; cool summers and mild winters

CURRENCY:
Guilder: fl. 100 cents, 1 US$1 = 1.97(APRIL
1999)

DEFENSE BRANCHES:
Royal Netherlands Army, Royal Netherlands Navy
(includes Naval Air Service and Marine Corps),
Royal Netherlands Air Force, Royal Constabulary

DEPENDENT AREAS:
Aruba, Netherlands Antilles

FLAG:
Three equal horizontal bands of red (top), white and
blue; similar to the flag of Luxembourg

GEOGRAPHY:

Border Countries:
Belgium 450 km, Germany 77 km
Coastline:
451 km
Lowest Point: Prins Alexanderpolder - 7 m
Highest Point: Vaalserberg 321 m
GOVERNMENT:
Constitutional monarchy (Queen BEATRIX Wilhelmina Armgard, since 30 April 1980) Heir Apparent WILLEM-AXELANDER, Pince of Orange, Son of Queen BEATRIX
HOLIDAYS:
New Year's Day Easter Sunday Easter Monday Queens Day (30 April) Liberation Day (5 May)
Ascension Day (6th Thursday after Easter) Whit Sunday Whit Monday (7th Monday All Saints Day[1Nov]) Christmas Day Second Christmas Day (26 December)

LANGUAGES:
Dutch and English

LOCATION:
52 30 N, 5 45 E -- Western Europe, bordering the North Sea, between Belgium and Germany. Located at mouths of three major European rivers (Rhine, Maas or Meuse, and Schelde)

NAME:
Kingdom of the Netherlands

PROVINCES:
Drenthe, Flevoland, Friesland, Gelderland, Groningen, Limburg, Noord-Brabant, Noord-Holland, Overijssel, Utrecht, Zeeland, Zuid-Holland

TERRAIN:
Mostly coastal lowland and reclaimed land (polders); some hills in southeast

TOURIST INFO:
VVV-Information center has the information about the town and the entire country. These centers have information about hotels, museums, trade fairs, movies, cultural events, sports events and other interesting things. They can help plan bicycle and walking tours. Most brochures are free, however, there may be a small charge for some. Excellent maps are available. VVV's in South Limburg: Beek, Heerlen, Nuth, Brunssum, Kerkrade, Simpelveld, Epen, Maastricht, Sittard, Eys, Margraten, St. Geertruid, Eysden, Mechelen, Vaals, Gronsveld, Meersen, Valkenburg, Gulpen, Noorbeek

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A SYMBOL OF SUCCESS:
Perhaps it is the fact that Limburg is a heady 120 meters above sea level that makes it different from any other Dutch province. Rolling countryside virtually divided into two areas by the great River Meuse, vineyards, idyllic villages and a historic capital, Maastricht - all combine to give the province an almost Mediterranean flavor. Maastricht, where one of the European Community's most far-reaching treaties was signed, is a truly cosmopolitan city. Founded by the Romans, it has had a rich though checkered past. Occupied at various times by many of the major European powers, who all left an architectural legacy behind them, it seems to have retained the best of each to become a vibrant place where north meets south. The great St. Servaas Cathedral stands at the heart of a city of charming squares and winding medieval streets with their extensive cafe terraces and fashionable stores, usually housed in historic buildings. Maastricht is also the location of Limburg State University. The city's airport is a major freight transshipment center. Over the past 50 years, the province has changed dramatically. In 1939, Kerkrade in the north was the biggest coal-mining city in Europe. In 1960, no less than 70 percent of Limburg's population was involved in mining, either directly or indirectly. But all of this came to an end in the early 1970's as mining became an industry of the past. Only a few signs remain today - now grassed and wooded with many thousands of trees. Such a great change required careful planning, and government, both national and provincial, set to work to create new employment opportunities in Limburg. DSM chemicals, one of the most important companies of its kind in Europe, remains one of the major employers. A number of national government services were transferred to the province to provide new jobs. An institute established specially to attract new industry to Limburg, the LIOF, was very successful, and hundreds of companies have relocated to the province. When you visit cities such as Roermond, one of the oldest cities in the country, or historic places like the white town of Thorn, or ramble in the Haelen nature reserve, it is hard to imagine that this land hasn't always been green and pleasant. The Limburgers have always been noted for their burgundian life style, and for the three days of fun and madness celebrated annually during Carnival. Yet, the good life is more than apparent every day of
the year in the excellent regional cuisine. But this is only part of the story. Where once the province dug deep into the earth for its wealth, it now goes down no further than half a meter. It is said that asparagus was a delicacy in Limburg in Roman times. Today, it is one of the province's biggest exports. Other industries include automotive, ceramics, plastics, clothing and paper, and these are centered around the cities of Roermond, Weert, Sittard and Venlo. The opening of the MECC conference and exhibition center in Maastricht and Valkenburg has always been popular with tourists, and the number of visitors is increasing annually, attracted by the cosmopolitan ambiance and an inborn tradition of hospitality that is typical of the Limburgers.

LOCAL HISTORY:

The village of Schinnen is situated near the Geleen Valley and history informs us that Schinnen was known in 54 BC, as a Roman colony known as Sunici Schineks, or Scynne. The local inhabitants of the time worked as farmers, tilling fields that were not too fertile. In 1871, remnants of a Roman village were discovered in the area. Excavation showed that the village had connections to other villages in the area and that they were all built by Romans. The famous Terborg Castle, known as Castrum in 1285 AD, has been owned by the village of Schinnen since 1969, and in order to preserve the structure it has undergone many architectural changes. In 1758, the then owner, Lady Schellaert, had a stone cross made bearing the inscription: "SALVO FACLAS DOMINE SCHINENSES" (Lord, Protect the Inhabitants of Schinnen). A model of this castle can be seen at the miniature city of Madurodam near The Hague. The Terborg Castle, which boasts of many illustrious inhabitants, is used today for many Schinnen community social activities. Coevorden, a fortress since 1143, is the oldest city in Drenthe. Many things concerning its history are still found in Coevorden. The Castle (Kasteel) and the fortifications (the bastion) are still part of the views in the town. Splendid facades decorate the very old streets, especially the Friesestraat and the Weeshuisstraat. Coevorden owes much of its power of attraction to its central position in the region. The pleasant atmosphere in the town center and a choice of shops and boutiques make Coevorden a real center for an off-day in South East Drenthe.

**Time Zone Chart**

**LOCAL TIME ZONE:**
Central European Time

**TIME DIFFERENCE FROM THIS ZONE:**
Eastern......................... : 6 hrs
Central......................... : 7 hrs
Mountain......................... : 8 hrs
Pacific......................... : 9 hrs
Greenwich (UK).................. : 1 hr
Central European (Germany)...... : same
East Asia (Japan)............... : 12 hrs

### Time Zone Chart

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**Climate**

**CLIMATE:**
**COOL AND WET**

The Netherlands climate is influenced by the fact that much of this country is below sea level. The nearness of the sea coast provides a cool breeze and plenty of moisture. Newcomers should bring wet weather gear and umbrellas as you can always count on rain showers. The winters are mild with occasional light snow which usually disappears within hours. Will reach freezing temperatures at night fall.

**TEMPERATURE RANGE .......... : Winter 34F/Summer 78F**

**ANNUAL PRECIPITATION......... : 30 inches**
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### Events Calendar

#### SPRING FEST

**Location**: Schinnen Compound  
**Telephone**: DSN 360-7500  
**Date(s)**: May (early)  
**Comments**: Huge Fest, offered at Schinnen. Live entertainment, beer/fest tent, rides for kid and great Dutch atmosphere. Don't miss it!!

#### FREEDOM FEST

**Location**: Schinnen Compound  
**Telephone**: DSN 360-7500  
**Date(s)**: 1st week of July  
**Comments**: Huge Fest, offered within the international environment at AFCENT. Carnival style rides, live entertainment, beer/fest tent, chili cook off, skill competitions and fireworks displays.

#### FALL FEST AND HAUNTED HOUSE

**Location**: Schinnen Compound  
**Telephone**: DSN 360-7500  
**Date(s)**: 1st week of July  
**Comments**: This event brings together units, directorates, private organizations, and commercial sponsors for a night of family entertainment. Children have an opportunity to play trick or treat, visit the dark and daring halls of the haunted house, and sample a variety of foods.

#### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

**Location**: Headquarters Bldg Schinnen  
**Telephone**: DSN 360-7397 Schinnen  
**Date(s)**: First Friday in December

There are many local events that occur monthly. The Netherlands, Germany and Belgium offer many things to do year round. Monthly calendars of local events can be found in all base publication, on the local radio channels and on the television.

### Cultural Attractions

In the tri-border region of NL, GE and BE, there exists a multitude of opportunities for cultural exchange. The Netherlands offers a tourist information bureau named "The VVV", which is easily located by following the "VVV" signs located in most city centers. The "VVV" provides information on sights, events, concerts, festivals and more. Tip: Newcomers should visit the "VVV" early in their tour and not wait until the middle or end of their tour. There is many things to do and see and they can't be fully appreciated unless you are aware that they are there.

### THE NETHERLANDS CENTER PARKS

Center Parks offer a variety of facilities and activities for the whole family throughout the year. Center
Parks are surrounded by natural countryside; emphasis is laid on preserving the natural environment. Villas in the Parks are all equipped with a kitchen, bedrooms and its own bathroom. Center Parks have a Jacuzzi, solarium, outdoor pool, splash pool, hot whirlpool, swimmers bar and water play garden for the small children. Some parks includes other water activities including cascade rapids, wave pool, water slope, waterfall, wild water cave, water slide, and rippling rapids. Some parks include the following sports activities: indoor and outdoor tennis, fitness, archery, squash, badminton, horse riding, aerobics, roller skating, snooker, canoeing, and golf. There is a wide range of shops, bars and restaurants.

BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE.

THE FOLLOWING PARKS ARE IN THE AREAS:

Het Heijerbos Heijen near Limburg 08851-96700
Het Meerdal America near Limburg 04764-7272
De Lommerbergen Reuver near Limburg 04704-1666

THE NETHERLANDS TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

AMSTERDAM:
Anne Frank’s house, Rembrandt’s House (with museums, canals, Royal Palace and pancakes.

ARNHEM:
WWII museum, Burger’s Zoo

BOBBEJAALAND:
Amusement park

BORN:
Zoo and park with castle ruins

BRUNSSUM:
Hoensbroek Castle, Schutters park (petting zoo, playground, lake with paddle and row boats for rent)

EFTELING:
Fairytale park

Eijsden:
Eijsden (with French gardens)

Geleen:
Glenerbroek (sport facility with 2 large pools, slides, whirlpool, ice skating during the winter), golf course

Gouda:
Cheeses

Gulpen:
Recreation park, small zoo, trout hatchery, fish ponds and castle, Mosqua (large outdoor pool with 90m slide and wildwater area, whirlpools, solariums, steam baths and fitness center)

Heerlen:
IKEA, Roman Baths Museum

Hengelhoef:
swim park

Hoensbroek:
Hoensbroek Castle (Museum, dungeon and cultural center)

Katwijk by the Sea:
Seaside town

Kerkrade:
Zigfred Line begins, Castle

Kinderdijk:
19 working windmills

Leiden:
Oldest University in the Netherlands, Holodome and Holiday Inn with pool

Lisse:
Keukenhof gardens (March, Aril and May)

Maargraten:
Memorial cemetery to WWII Americans

Maastricht:
Historic capital of Limburg, Caverns in St. Peter’s Hill, Historic buildings, basilica, boat trips

Madurodam:
Miniature city

Meerssen:
Basilica

St. Geertruid:
Limburg in miniature

Vaals:
Drielandenpunt Labyrinth, Highest point in the Netherlands, golf course

Valkenburg:
Spa (Thermae: swimming, massages), Casinos, replica coal mine and an amusement park

Zaanseschans:
Old Dutch village, wooden shoes, cheeses, windmills

**RADIO STATIONS**

AFNFM 89.2
Oldies AM 1440 (German)
CFNBFM 91.5 AM 680 (Dutch)
BFBSFM 90.2

**GOLF COURSES**

Brunssum, NL
Vaals
Wittem Geleen
Voerendaal

**BELGIUM TRAVEL DESTINATIONS**

For DG 47.50 (children under 18 yrs DG 17.50) you can buy a Museum Year card. With the card you can visit more than 400 museums in The Netherlands for free. Ask for more information at your local VVV or museum.

**LE ROEUX:**
Museum, tulip and rose gardens

**MARIEMONT:**
Museum, park, library

**RIXENSART:**
Located between La Hulpe and Wavre, built in a traditional style made of red bricks and white stone. The gate, the octagonal towers are of late Renaissence and baroque styles. The lack of warlike elements allows many openings to the surrounding formal French gardens. Inside the Castle, furniture date back to the 17th and 18th centuries. The many paintings retrace the history of the Merode-Monfort families; owners of the domain since 1715. Guided visits only; between Easter and the end of September, on Sundays and public holidays form 2:00 to 6:00 PM.

**ROYAL CASTLE OF LAEKEN:**
North of Brussels, built between 1781 and 1785 by the Duke Albert of Sax-Teschen and the Archduchess Marie-Christine, the Austrian governors of The Netherlands, residence of the King and Queen of Belgium, Albert II and Paola. The greenhouses are open to the public in spring.

**BELGIAN FORTERESSES & CITADELS**

Beersel

Lavaux-Ste-Anne Bouillon
Citadel of Namur Cleydael
Reinhardstein Counts of Ghent
Veves Dinant

**BELGIAN AFN RADIO**

AFN Radio SHAPE utilizes frequencies 106.5 and 104.2 respectively. AFN Radio Chievres utilizes frequency 107.9. AFN Radio Brussels uses frequency 101.7.

**GERMANY TRAVEL DESTINATIONS**

Aachen:
City of Charlemagne, Cathedral (Charlemagne s tomb), hot springs and walking tour

Bad Durkheim:
Germany s largest wine fest (2nd and 3rd weekend in Sept), Flea market (1st Sat. in Oct)

Berlin:
Capitol of Germany, former divided city- Berlin wall

Bonn:
Beethoven s birthplace and museum mile

Bruggen:
Schwalm Valley Nature and Animal Park and Castle

Bruhl:
Phantasialand amusement park, Junk market (1st Sat. of each month)

Chiemsee:
AFRC, 08051-80

This is just a partial listing of sights to see and things to do. An updated listing is available through local travel offices, VVV and Army Community Services Relocation /Information and Referral Program.

**Recreation Opportunities**

**SCHINNEN ADVENTURE CENTER**

Located in Building 38 at Schinnen.

The Adventure Center is an operation that has combined the Outdoor Recreation, Leisure Travel, and Sport/Adventure Programming into one central location.
Some of the sports that can currently be played in the Adventure Center are: Basketball, Tennis, Badminton, and Volleyball.

Activities that are currently under review for future implementation in the adventure Center are: Indoor Climbing Wall, Electric Radio Controlled Flying Club, and Radio Controlled Combat Ship Club.

Schinnen Adventure Center also has equipment rental, trips for the shopper and tourist traveler and can be center itself can be used for special functions.

Aerobics are offered Tuesdays 1600-1700 & 1700-1800 and Fridays 1600-1700 & 1700-1800.

The Schinnen Adventure Center will also become actively involved in Teen events.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SERVICES (IYS)

The International Youth Service (IYS) is a network of programs, activities, and events that provide opportunities for youth ages five to nineteen to develop their physical, social, emotional and cognitive abilities and to experience achievement, leadership, enjoyment, friendship, and recognition.

IYS participation is open to youth ages 6-19, who are dependents of AFCENT, NATO, US Military and Civilian personnel. To participate in Youth Services all youth must register with the program. Registration fees are: for one 60 NLG or family 84 NLG yearly. We offer the following programs:

LEISURE RECREATION:
Self directed recreation, trips and tours, exchange programs, arts and crafts, parties, dances, lock-ins, clubs, special interest activities, outdoor activities, three play grounds, and mobile/outreach recreation.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:
Youth sponsorship (transition and relocation assistance), mentoring, tutoring, career development, teen and pre-teen council, life skills development, leadership development, youth employment services, cultural activities, and the arts.

SPORTS AND FITNESS:
Team sports (baseball, softball, flag football, soccer, basketball, cheer leading, wrestling), individual sports (swimming, tennis, martial arts, gymnastics, fun runs, mini olympics, skiing, wind surfing, white water rafting, biking).

CAMPS:
Non school day and summer day camp, overnight 3 day - 2 week camps. Outdoor adventure/challenge, International Youth Camp, instructional/self development camps, sports (team and individual).

INSTRUCTIONAL CLASSES:
Dance, piano, martial arts, computers, modeling, horseback riding, gymnastics, swimming, and water confidence.

BOYS AND GIRL CLUBS OF AMERICA:
AFCENT Youth Services has applied for membership with this organization to assist in making their programs available to youth.

Facilities include a Teen and Preteen Center, and sports fields. The center has a snack bar, lounge, table games, pool table, fooseball table, stereo, satellite TV with VCR, a kitchen and restrooms.

SEE MORAL WELFARE AND RECREATION
SEE CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS CONTACT YOUR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE/INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SPECIALIST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC NEEDS.

Military Related and Civic Organizations

MILITARY RELATED AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

B.O.S.S. (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers)

B.O.S.S. is open to all single military personnel, geographic singles, and civilians authorized to use MWR activities, events and tours. B.O.S.S. meets the first Friday of every month.

(ARMAF-NL) ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED MILITARY ARMED FORCES - THE NETHERLANDS
CMR 461 BOX 3107 SCHINNEN, NL APO AE 09703

Open to all retired military and family members who reside in the Netherlands. A social group that is a part of the Netherlands Retire Council. Over 250 retiree reside in the Netherlands and are active members.

THE NETHERLAND RETIREE COUNCIL
An active voice on quality of life issues for retirees residing in the Netherlands.

(AUSA) ASSOCIATION OF UNITED STATES ARMY

Shopping

The local economy offers a wide variety of shopping opportunities. Unlike most European countries, NL has small versions of the American shopping mall. Be sure to attend the Tri-Border Orientation/Cultural Adaptation class, sponsored by ACS Relocation Assistance Program to learn more about shopping. AAFES operates a main exchange on the Schinnen compound. The MWR Outdoor Recreation and numerous commercial tour companies offer trips to factory outlets in GE, NL and BE. The AAFES book mart sells various guides for shopping opportunities. On AFCENT there is an ACS store, which is similar to the British NAAFI. The NATEx is available at GK, the retail store is located right outside the GK gate and the grocery, clothing and Class 6 are located just inside the main gate.

THE THRIFT SHOP/SCHINNEN

Thrift Shop is open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 1000-1400 and Thursday 1300-1700. The shop is closed for all US national holidays and other closures and changes are posted well in advance. The Thrift Shop sells consigned goods such as: small appliances, transformers, clothing, craft items, books, shoes, toys and many more items. **The Thrift Shop is sponsored by and provides income for the American Spouses Club for welfare purposes as prescribed in USAEUR Reg 210-3.

THE AFCENT TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

U.S. and Canadian personnel in possession of AFCENT I.D. cards may apply for Dutch Tax Relief at the Schinnen Tax Relief Office. U.S. personnel residing in The Netherlands and stationed elsewhere (i.g. Geilenkirchen NATO Base) may register as official “Border Crossers” at the Treebeek Legal Center in order to participate in the AFCENT Tax Relief Program. IF YOU DO NOT RESIDE IN THE NETHERLANDS AND DO NOT HAVE AN AFCENT ID CARD YOU MAY NOT OBTAIN DUTCH TAX RELIEF AT THE SCHINNEN TAX RELIEF OFFICE.

The AFCENT Tax Relief Programs provides eligible personnel relief from the Value Added Tax (VAT), or BTW, on goods purchased from participating vendors on the local Dutch economy. Individual goods must retail for a minimum of DG 100.00 in order to qualify for Tax Relief. An assortment of goods totaling DG 100.00 cannot qualify for Dutch Tax Relief. Items sold Tax Free through the AFCENT Tax Relief Program are to accompany the eligible individual back to the U.S. or Canadian when they eventually PCS. Goods procured through this program are not for resale or gifts to persons ineligible to receive Dutch Tax Relief. Items excluded from Tax Relief under this program are food, drink, tobacco goods, cars, boats, permanent fixtures and structures, labor costs, hiring and servicing, as well as any item costing less than DG 100.00 (VAT included). Check with your Schinnen Tax Official prior to making a purchase if you have any questions regarding its status under the AFCENT Tax Relief Program.

You may receive Dutch Tax Relief by shopping at participating merchants and vendors. A copy of the AFCENT Support Group's "Downtown Shopping" booklet lists all merchants and vendors currently participating in the program. Participating vendors will supply you with the Customs Tax Invoice necessary to complete your Tax Relief transactions. "Dutch Tax Relief Forms" are NOT available at the Schinnen Tax Relief Office. When you make your purchase, you will pay the full price, inclusive of the VAT. The vendor will complete the appropriate portions of the form, which you will then take to the Schinnen Tax Relief Office. The Schinnen Tax Relief Official will verify your eligibility to participate in the program and process your form. There will be a fee assessed for processing the form; the fee is based on a sliding scale depending upon the amount purchased. The fee chart is on page six in the "Downtown Shopping" booklet. You will then be able to return to the vendor with the completed form and receive your BTW you have paid on your purchase.

You may use the AFCENT Tax Relief Program anytime you purchase eligible goods at participating merchants and vendors. Tax Relief provisions in The Netherlands are for deliverable goods only; therefore, Tax Relief is not available for services such as car repairs and telephone rentals. If a merchant or vendor does not participate in the AFCENT Tax Relief Program, you may give them the information (in Dutch) on page seven of the "Downtown Shopping" booklet.
If you are not eligible to participate in the AFCENT Tax Relief Program because you live outside The Netherlands, check with your legal office for information on receiving Dutch Tax Relief.

**State and Community Social Service Agencies**

Social service agencies are available on the local economy. Most of the needs of the community can be met through the Army Community Service, Air Force Family Centers and the medical and mental health services offered.

See CRISIS MANAGEMENT, FAMILY CENTERS, CHAPEL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS or FAMILY ADVOCACY, LEGAL ASSISTANCE, PROVOST MARSHAL, or the DRUG AND ALCOHOL program coordinators for assistance.

**Non-Profit Social Service Agencies**

NO DATA IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ON THIS SUBJECT.

**Religious Activities**

A few English language churches are operating on the local economy. There are also Chapel services offered at the AFCENT Chapel.

See CHAPEL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
See RELIGION
See CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

**Community Transportation**

MAASTRICHT/AACHEN AIRPORT:
Location: .................
Beek Telephone: ..............: NL (31) 43-3666680
Proximity to site: .............: 15 min Schinnen; 25 min
AFCENT Comments: ............:

Centrally located regional airport. Flights are available to all major connecting airports and direct intra-Europe flights are available to many major cities and places of interest.

BRUSSELS ZAVENTEM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
Location: ....................: outside Brussels city limits
Telephone: .................: BE (32) 2722311
Proximity to site: .............: approximately 1 hour
Comments: ...................:

AMSTERDAM SCHIPHOL AIRPORT
Location: .....................: outside Amsterdam city
Telephone: ....................: (31) 020-6010966

Proximity to site: .............: Coevorden 2 hours
....................................: Schinnen 3 hours

NS NEDERLANDSE SPOORWEGEN(The Netherlands Railroad) Location: .................
Throughout the NL Telephone: ..............: NL (31) 45-5761421
Proximity to site: .............: 250 meters
Comments: ......................:

Transportation office at Schinnen and Coevorden have current rail information and schedules available for train time and fare information.

VSL VERENIGID STREEKVERVOER (Bus)
Location: .....................: Throughout NL
Telephone: .................: NL (31) 45-5761421
Proximity to site: .............: 275 meters
Comments: ......................:

Bus and train scheduling information is available at train stations. Bus stops are centrally located throughout NL.

**Education**

**Education Overview**

EDUCATION OVERVIEW

AFCENT is a Department of Defense Dependent school (DoDDs) and is one of 160 schools operated overseas. It is an integral part of AFCENT International school, founded in 1967 by the Military Schools System of Canada, The Federal Republic of Germany, The United Kingdom and the United States of America. It was established to meet the educational needs of the children of personnel assigned to AFCENT (Allied Forces Central Command) in Brunssum, NL. Students attend our school from other military sites in the Tri-Border area of Belgium (Glons, Kline Brogel, and Zutendaal), Germany (Geilenkirchen and MonchenGladbach) and The Netherlands (AFCENT, Schinnen, Kerkrade and Volkel).

**Public and DODDS Schools**

AFCENT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The students, parents and educators of AIS (AFCENT International School) are proud of its quality educational program. AIS was established as a private school in 967 at Brunssum, NL by the four founding nations: Canada, The United Kingdom, The United States of America and the Federal Republic of
Germany. AIS was founded to meet the educational needs of AFCENT (Allied Forces Central Command). The spirit of the internationalism and cooperation amongst NATO partners is well presented in the educational setting where NATO children study and learn together.

**PHILOSOPHY**

The school's philosophy is based on the belief that all students are entitled to an education that stresses the dignity and worth of the child and that teaches children at their own intellectual, physical and emotional levels. All students are encouraged to develop the attitudes of tolerance and cooperation towards others. Our AFCENT community provides a unique opportunity for intercultural learning and international goodwill. The school is dedicated to enriching the educational environment for each child through opportunities provided by our multi-national community.

**ORGANIZATION**

School policy is established by a Board of Governors appointed to represent each of the four sponsoring nations. Each national section has its own principal/head teacher, who is responsible for the students of that section. Responsibility for the administration and coordination of AIS lies with the director who works in close cooperation with the principal/ head teachers. Teachers at AIS are fully qualified in each nation's own system and are required by their governments in order to meet the educational needs of military families serving abroad. These agencies are: Department of Defense Dependent Schools (US), Ministry of Defense (Germany), service Children's Schools (UK), and the Department of National Defense (Canada). The AIS staff are sensitive to both the special needs of our transisient student population and the advantages inherent in this unique school setting. The school is an outstanding facility featuring attractive classrooms, laboratories, cafeteria, library and sports complex.

**PHONE NUMBERS:**

- **SCHOOL BUS OFFICE** AFCENT SCHOOL BUS OFFICE: (003145)527-8228
- **DEMTOM SCHOOL BUS OFFICE:** (49)2451-72422/24
- **HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE** HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE: (003145)527-8263
- **HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLY:** 527-8267
- **GUIDANCE COUNSELORS** (US): 527-8268
- **GUIDANCE COUNSELOR** (CDN): 527-8269
- **ASACS COUNSELOR:** 527-8269
- **NURSE:** 527-8229
- **US ELEMENTARY OFFICE:** 527-8250
- **ELEMENTARY COUNSELOR:** 527-8256
- **ELEMENTARY SPECIAL EDUCATION:** 527-8216
- **ELEMENTARY SUPPLY:** 527-8252
- **INTERNATIONAL OFFICE**
  - DIRECTOR, AFCENT SCHOOL: 527-8220
  - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: 527-8223
  - BUSINESS MANAGER: 527-8225
  - CHIEF CLERK, AFCENT BUS MANAGER: 527-8226
- **PRINCIPALS**
  - AMERICAN PRINCIPAL (GRADES 7-12): 527-8260
  - AMERICAN PRINCIPAL (GRADES 1Y1-M2): 527-8250
  - BRITISH PRINCIPAL: 527-8240
  - CANADIAN PRINCIPAL: 527-8200
  - GERMAN PRINCIPAL: 527-8210
- **AFCENT INTERNATIONAL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL MILITARY ADDRESS:**
  - LOCAL ADDRESS:
    - AFCENT HIGH SCHOOL
    - F. BOLSTRAAT 1 UNIT 21606
    - 6445 EE BRUNSSUM APO AE 09703
    - THE NETHERLANDS
  - **AFCENT INTERNATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Students in grades Junior Kindergarten (age 4, by 30 September of the year of entry) through grade 6 attend AFCENT International Elementary School. This is a multi-national program for U.S., United
Kingdom, and Canadian children. The elementary school also has a number of specialists who provide programs in Art, Music, Physical Education, Swimming, Education, Speech Therapy, English as a Second Language (ESL), Compensatory Education, and Pre-school special needs. All elementary children have daily foreign language instruction in either German or French. Students have the opportunity to participate in varied after school activities. The school bus transportation is provided within defined boundaries. Verify with the DEH Housing Division at Schinnen that the house you wish to rent is located within the bus boundaries prior to renting. During the school year, you can also contact the bus coordinator at AFCENT school, 045-5278228.

AFCENT INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Students in grades 7-12 attend AFCENT High School. A middle school program is provided to students in grades 7-8. The high school offers a challenging and well rounded program including advanced placement classes in English 12, U.S. History, Biology, Computer Programming, Calculus, Physics and German. Foreign language options include German, French, and Spanish. In addition to core subjects such as; English, Math, Science and Social Studies, we offer: Art, Humanities, Drama, Choral and Instrumental Music, Electronics, Industrial Technology, Drivers Education, Business, Journalism, Yearbook, and Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) programs. A rich and challenging extra-curricular program of student government, athletics and activities (including Model United Nations (MUN), Model International Parliament (MIP), Model NATO and the Harvard Model Congress), enriches the curriculum. A noteworthy feature is that the students in our school come from American, Canadian, German, Danish, Norwegian, Turkish, Greek and Portuguese backgrounds, as their parents are part of the NATO mission which we support. The combined elementary and high school library forms the heart of the school and contains over 37,000 books, plus an ample collection of periodicals and non-print materials, to include CD-ROM and computers for student use as well as to access the collection. A talented teaching, counseling and administrative staff provide a broad program to meet the needs of students, such that they are well prepared to pursue their career goals after graduation.

AFCENT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL 1999-2000 CALENDAR

HOLIDAY BREAKS:

AUTUMN  11-15 OCT 99
WINTER/CHRISTMAS  20 DEC 99- 03 JAN 00
CARNIVAL  06-10 MAR 00
SPRING/EASTER  17-28 APR 00
PENTECOST  12 JUN 00
EARLY DISMISSAL (12:25 HRS) STAFF DAYS- ALL STAFF
24 NOV 99
25 NOV 99
26 NOV 99
17 DEC 99
14 APR 00
22 JUN 00
ALL EXCEPT US/CAN HS
23 JUN 00
STAFF DAYS- ALL STAFF
19 AUG 99
20 AUG 99
04 OCT 99
19 NOV 99
01 JUN 00
H/S ONLY
21 JAN 00
23 JUN 00
AFCENT ATHLETIC SCHEDULE 1999-00

FOOTBALL:
04 SEP Jamboree @ ISB
11 SEP ISB @ ISB
18 SEP Patch @ Patch
24 SEP Bitburg @ HOME
02 OCT Ansbach @ HOME (Homecoming)
08 OCT SHAPE @ HOME
23 OCT Bitburg @ Bitburg
30 OCT Playoffs
05 NOV Championships

VOLLEYBALL:
11 SEPT Jamboree @ HOME
18 SEPT @ Ramstein
25 SEPT @ Patch
02 OCT @ HOME
09 OCT @ Mannheim
23 OCT @ Bitburg
29-30 OCT Championships @ Mannheim

TENNIS:
11 SEPT @ Bonn
18 SEPT @ Wiesbaden
25 SEP @ Hanau
02 OCT SHAPE @ HOME
8-9 OCT @ Patch
14-16 OCT EUR. CHAMPIONSHIPS @ Wiesbaden

CROSS COUNTRY:
11 SEP @ ISB
18 SEP @ Bitburg
25 SEP @ Hanau
02 OCT @ AFCENT
09 OCT Mannheim
16 OCT
23 OCT Div. Championships
30 OCT European Championships

ADDITIONAL SCHOOLS:
Saint Maartens International School, Groningen (7-12) POC: Registrar
School office Location: Groningen
Telephone: NL (31) 5240-517923

Students in grades 7-12 attend school at Saint Maartens International School in Groningen. It is a 45 minute bus ride from Coevorden each way.

Coevorden American School (K-8) POC: School office Location: Coevorden Telephone: NL (31) 05240-517923

American International School of Rotterdam (K-8) Telephone: (31) 422-5351
Location: Hillegrondstraat 21
..........................: 3051 PA Rotterdam NL

This is not a DoDDS school. Students graduating receive a DoD diploma, and credits are granted by DoD's when converting to a U.S. system school.

Private Schools
MAASTRICHT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL: POC: Registrar
Location: Maastricht
Telephone: NL (31) 43-3613242/3614801
Proximity to site: 30 minutes
Comments: Call for information about this private international school which serves children 6-12 years of age.

Colleges and Universities
SEE ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION

Adult or Continuing Education
TREEBEEK EDUCATION CENTER
Location: Treebeek, NL
Telephone: NL (0031)45-563-6041
FAX: 045-563-6042
Hours: 0800 - 1630 Mon - Fri.

City Colleges of Chicago: 045-521-4630
University of Maryland: 045-563-6001
University of Oklahoma: 045-563-6003
Testing Office: 045-563-6013

The Education Center offers a wide variety of study programs designed to help service members and their families complete undergraduate and post graduate degrees. DANTES, CLEP, GED, GRE, and SAT tests are available. The Education Center is the point of contact for the Dutch Headstart language and cultural education program. Dutch Headstart is available free of charge to community members. Counseling is available to aid decision making (i.e., what degree to pursue) and answer financial aid questions (Pell, AER, GI Bill). The Treebeek Education Center primarily services Schinnen Army Post and USAE AFCENT, but also is responsible for remote sites such as Rotterdam, Coevorden, Bonn, Luxembourg, HQ CEGE, and Rheindahlen.

Special Education
Special Education is limited. Contact your Exceptional Family Member Program coordinator, or
contact the office under the listing for AFCENT International School.

AFCENT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

POC: Administration office
Location: Brunssum, NL
Telephone Elem.: (31) 45-5278250
Telephone HS: (31) 45-5278260

Special Education is limited. Contact your Exceptional Family Member Program coordinator, or contact the office under the listing for AFCENT International School.

Employment

Employment Overview
Employment opportunities are limited due to budget and location constraints, therefore, it is highly advisable that families dependent upon dual incomes budget accordingly. Personnel seeking employment should contact the Family Member Employment professional at ACS or Civilian Personnel Office for more information.

Good Prospects: AAFES, DoDs
Fair Prospects: Non Appropriated Funds (NAF)
Fair Prospects: Civil Service (GS/WG)

Federal Civilian Employment for Spouses
FAMILY MEMBER EMPLOYMENT (FMEAP)

Location: Schinnen
Telephone: DSN 360-7269
Hours: 0800-1630 M-F

EMPLOYMENT ROTTERDAM:

Location: MTMC Bldg
Telephone: DSN 362-2412

EMPLOYMENT COEVORDAN:

POC: Family Support Office
Location: Community Center
Telephone: NL (31) 05240-517904

DODDS (SCHOOL SYSTEM)

PERSONNEL OFFICE AFCENT, NETHERLANDS
PHONE: (31)45-278260
GEILENKIRCHEN, GE
PHONE: (49)2451-63-2296

US CIVILIAN PERSONNEL LIAISON OFFICE
(GS POSITIONS ONLY)
DET 2, 36 SPTG/CCS
GEILENKIRCHEN, GE BLDG 87, ROOM 4
APO AE 09104
PHONE: (49)2451-63-2210

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OFFICE (Civilian Personnel Advisory Center-CPAC)
SCHINNEN, NL BLDG. 4
PHONE: (31)046-4437329 or DSN 360-7329
HOURS OF OPERATION ARE: Monday through Friday 0900-1200 and 1300-1600.

Permanent Employment Resources
WHERE TO SEEK CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT:

NATO AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING FORCE
E3A COMPONENT
GEILENKIRCHEN, GE
POSTFACH 4004A D-5130 GEILENKIRCHEN
PHONE: (49)2451-63-2344

NATO CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OFFICE AFCENT
HQ AFCENT
BRUNSSUM, NL ATTN: LOGMAN 7
APO AE 09703
PHONE: (31)44931182

ARMY/AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE AAFES
PERSONNEL OFFICE
SCHINNEN, NL ATTN: PERSONNEL ASSISTANT
APO AE 09703
PHONE: (31)44-931182
(THERE IS AN AAFES FACILITY IN THE MOENCHENGLDBACH/GREFRATH AREA)

DODDS (SCHOOL SYSTEM) PERSONNEL OFFICE AFCENT, NETHERLANDS
PHONE: (31)45-278260
GEILENKIRCHEN, GE PHONE: (49)2451-63-2296

US CIVILIAN PERSONNEL LIAISON OFFICE
(GS POSITIONS ONLY)
DET 2, 36 SPTG/CCS
GEILENKIRCHEN, GE BLDG 87, ROOM 4
AER SPOUSE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

AER is dedicated to "Helping the Army take care of its own." AER is a private non-profit organization with the mission to help soldiers and their family members. AER's primary mission is to provide financial assistance to soldiers and family members in time of valid emergency need. AER Spouse Education Assistance PILOT Program is a secondary mission to help Army families with the cost of post-secondary undergraduate level education and vocational training to prepare family members for the job market.

ELIGIBILITY Applicants must be:
- Dependent spouse of soldier on active duty, assigned to USAREUR (this does not include NATO soldier—this is currently being investigated)
- Dependent spouse must reside with soldier at the USAREUR location.
- Must be a US resident

Applicants must be enrolled, accepted, or pending acceptance as students for the entire term in post-secondary or vocational institutions under contract at the education office and approved by the US Department of Education for Title IV funds. Program participants must maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 grading scale. Spouses may attend on part-time or full-time basis. Education Assistance Applications can be acquired at the Education Center in Treebeek. Completed applications with supporting documents

Temporary Employment Resources
SEE CIVILLIAN EMPLOYMENT.

Non-Paid or Volunteer Opportunities
SEE INSTALLATION VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR (IVC) UNDER SUPPORT SERVICES.

The IVC can assist you with networking within the community and gaining marketable job skills. There are many volunteer recognition opportunities available through IVC such as Volunteer of the Quarter and Volunteer of the Year ceremonies.

Chambers of Commerce
Army Community Service has a guide to all the Chambers of Commerce offices in the United States. See your Relocation Assistance Manager at the Army Community Service office in Schinnen for more information.

Private Sector Employment
Employment opportunities are limited in the civilian sector. See the Family Member Employment Specialist at Army Community Service for information and assistance.

Government Employment
See the EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES section.
Professional or Occupational Licensing
See your Family Member Employment Manager at the Army Community Service office in Schinnen for information.

Networking Opportunities
Networking opportunities are limited due to geographical separation of units and areas. However, the Family Member Employment Assistance Program (FMEAP) can assist professionals with guidance regarding local organizations and groups.

Medical And Dental

Medical and Dental Overview
MEDICAL AND DENTAL SUPPORT ARE PROVIDED BY THE AIR FORCE AT NATO BASE GEILENKIRCHEN, GERMANY. SERVICES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

Medical Services/Directory - on Installation
OUTPATIENT CARE........NO
CARDIOLOGY...............YES
LIMITED CARE.............YES (medicines, check-ups)
OBSTETRICS...............YES At 28 weeks patients are disengaged and referred to local provider
OPTOMETRY..............YES Visiting Dr. every 2-3 months
ORTHOPEDICS..........YES Limited
PEDIATRICS.............YES Routine appts are scheduled 3-4 weeks

Same day sick care is normally available.

REMEMBER: When calling from within the country of origin, add a (0) to the beginning of the telephone number.

DIALING INSTRUCTIONS:
FROM THE NETHERLANDS: 0049-2451-99-xxxx
FROM GERMANY: 02451-99-xxxx

FOR AFTER HOURS MEDICAL/DENTAL CARE
"DIAL A NURSE":
GERMANY 0130-825160

NETHERLANDS 060227944
IF NO RESULTS CALL:
GERMANY
MEDICAL 0171-260-9365
DENTAL 0171-260-9570

NETHERLANDS
MEDICAL (49)171-260-9365
DENTAL (49)171-260-9570

MAIN CLINIC NUMBERS:

COMMAND SECTION................3300
MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS...........3200
DENTAL APPOINTMENTS............3535
TRICARE............................3400

SECTION PHONE #
ADMINISTRATOR,SUPPORT DIRECTOR........3300
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (TREEBEEK, NL)........0031-455636100
CANADIAN OFFICE..................3354
COMMAND SECTION................3300
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TRICARE-HEALTH BENIFITS ADVISOR........3400
TRICARE-REFERRALS..............3319
X-RAY............................3420

HOURS OF OPERATION:

MEDICAL CLINIC:
MON-TUES-WED-FRI 0745-1700
THURSDAY 0745-1200
MILITARY SICK CALL 0745-0815
FOR AFTER HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
GO TO THE NEAREST CIVILIAN HOSPITAL.

SERVICES AVAILABLE PRIMARY CARE
The medical clinic has three USAF and one Canadian Forces family physicians and one Physician's Assistant. They handle most routine health care needs, but do not have an emergency room or any other specialty services. Patient's requiring a routine appointment should call the appointment desk. Active duty with acute problems (pain, bleeding, suspected infection, sprains/strains) should report to sick call, in uniform during the times listed above. Patients with acute problems should call the central appointments for a same day appointment.

WELL BABY APPOINTMENTS:
Well baby appointments are scheduled at 2 weeks and 2,4,6,9,12 and 15 months. Call central appointments at 2277or 2255 to schedule an appointment.

OPTOMETRY SERVICES:
An optometrist is TDY here every 2-3 months, if a full examination is required. CHAMPUS will pay for one eye exam per fiscal year for dependents of active duty. CHAMPUS will not pay for or cost-share for the eyeglasses.

PATIENT EDUCATION:
We offer classes on a variety of health topics including Smoking Cessation, Preparation for parenting, Weight Control, Cholesterol Reduction, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) and Prenatal Health Care. Other classes may be arranged based on instructor availability and patient interest.

FLYING PERSONNEL:
All active duty E-3A flyers receive their medical and dental care from the NATO Medicine Squadron (NFMS, Bldg 201).

REFERRAL SERVICES
Our military referral facilities are relocated at Landstuhl, Ramstein and Bitburg. The hospital that you will be referred to will be determined by the specialty that you require.

Our primary civilian referral facility is DeWeaver Ziekenhuis in Heerlen, NL. Their staff speak English and the standards of Medicine at the Dutch hospitals are very similar to those in the US. The clinic also refers to other Dutch and German hospitals.

Health Benefits Advisor, Wellness, and CHAMPUS/TRICARE Programs

TRICARE

The TRICARE program has now been implemented in Europe. It has been recognized that the population served by DoD Military Treatment Facilities (MTF) in Europe is much more expansive than the population normally served in the CONUS. The strategy is designed to serve the total population, to include US Military Personnel, US Civilians serving the Department of defense in an overseas assignment, NATO personnel, contractors, retirees, and family members of all these groups.

For active duty and active duty family members stationed overseas, the TRICARE Overseas Program (TOP) applies. Only TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Standard are available. At this time, retirees are not eligible for TRICARE Prime overseas.

Community Hospitals

HOSPITAL

Atrium Heerlen Location.: Off A76 at Ziekenhuis Exit(to right)at first right, up the hill-clearly marked Telephone.........................: NL (31) 45-576-6666 Proximity to base...................: Schinnen/AFCENT 15 minutes

Hematology center for The Netherlands. This research hospital provides care for all patients in a professional fashion. Dutch meals are different than the average Americans. Breakfast and evening meals consist of meat, cheese, bread (soft Dutch brood or the harder German brotchen, or a choice of a variety of breads), along with Dutch salads and desserts. Lunch offerings are more traditional, like an American evening meal. Many American patients prefer their meals be supplemented with American style food from home. Telephones are available by arrangement with the floor nurse at a moderate cost. The hospital offers televisions in most of the patient rooms.

Hospital Atrium Brunssum
Location............... : In the town of Brunssum,NL Telephone............... : (31) 45-5279999
Proximity to base: 10 minutes
Schinnen/AFCENT Maasland
(Ziekenhuis (Sittard/Geleen Hospital)) Location: In town of Sittard,
NL Telephone: (31) 46-597777
Proximity to base: 10 min Schinnen 20 min AFCENT

Geleen Hosp: (31) 46-783333

Maastricht Academic Ziekenhuis (Hospital)
Location: N278 direction Liege
Telephone: NL (31) 43-3876543
Proximity to base: 20 min Schinnen 30 min AFCENT

Comments:
The Maastricht hospital is the cardiac care and research center for
the South Limburg area.

Coevorden Hardenberg Hospital
Telephone: NL (31) 05232-587878

Dental Services/Directory - on Installation
Dental care is available to active duty and their family members for routine screening and cleaning
during the service members birth month. Routine family dental care is provided on a space available
basis. Dental care for civilians is limited to emergency care only. DELTA dental does not pay
for overseas care. Cancel the program when departing for overseas with family members.

Emergency: GE (49) 2451-63-2251/2256
Clinic: 2451-63-2251/2256
Hours of Operation: 0800-1700; 0745 for Cleanings

ACS Outreach Program sponsors the Dental Outreach Van at Schinnen twice a year. This van services more than 300 service members, family members and retirees each visit. Call ACS at
Schinnen to to find out more information on this program.

Family Member Dental Plan
The Delta Dental Plan that is available in the United States is NOT available in Europe. Contact your
dental clinic if you have special dental needs such as extensive oral care or orthodontics to find out
whether these services can be provided and their cost.

Housing

Housing Overview

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There are no government owned quarters in The Netherlands. There are government leased houses.
The Government Rental Housing Program (GRHP) program is available to new arrivals. GHRP is available on a first come first service basis while the allocations last. Leased quarters are not available for officers.

Adequate housing can be found for all personnel usually within two to three weeks of arrival during
the peak of Summer rotation. In the winter months housing is generally easy to locate within one to three
months.

Housing Manager: 360-7342
Housing Referral Officer: 046-4437414
Housing Specialist: 360-7567/7416/7247
Housing Clerk/Receptionist: 046-4437141
NCOIC: 360-7281
TLA Clerk/Admin Clerk: 360-7287
Housing Specialist (UPH): 360-7465
FAX Housing: 360-7349

HRO Volkel: 0413-276281

HRO Rotterdam: 263-2436/37 OR 263-2436/37
Furniture Mgmt Officer: 046-4437414
Housing Allowances

For more information on this subject:
http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/ocform.html

HOUSING ALLOWANCES
Basic Allowance for Quarters (BAQ), Temporary Living Allowance (TLA), Living Quarters Allowance (LQA) (for DoD civilians) and the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) or Post Allowance (for DoD civilians) rates are based on the cost of living in the area of assignment.

### Housing Allowances

Housing allowance information is available from the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee's Web Site:

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### Government Housing

**GOVERNMENT HOUSING**

There are no traditional government quarters in The Netherlands. The Directorate of Public Works (DPW) is the point of contact for information on housing in The Netherlands.

Community Home-Finding Relocation Referral Services (CHRRS)

Location: Schinnen, NL  
Telephone: DSN 360-7416/7345/7567  
Hours: 0800-1630 M-F

Housing Referral Office, Rotterdam  
POC:  
Location: 598th TTG  
Telephone: DSN 362-2436

This office assists personnel in locating and leasing housing, and administers the government leased quarters for active duty.

There are no government owned quarters in The Netherlands. There are approximately 250 leased quarters available through the Housing Office.

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Officer Housing

Officers utilize economy quarters, as there are no government lease houses for officers.

### Community Housing

**COMMUNITY HOUSING**

Housing in The Netherlands is built differently from the type of house Americans are used to. Dutch (and German) houses rarely have built in closets, and storage space is often limited or non-existent. Stairways in Dutch houses are often narrow and winding, making larger American style furniture difficult and at times, impossible to move. If you possess large furniture, you may want to consider storage for the duration of your tour. Kitchens are usually small so it is advisable that you not bring your 110 Volt appliances which may take up a lot of valuable space. Schinnen is a full JTR area, which means you can ship your full weight allowance of household goods. For your convenience, the CFMO (Central Furnishings and Management Office) issues free standing closets and major appliances for the duration of your tour. Loan furniture is available for your use while awaiting the arrival of and departure of your personal household goods. Personnel should check in with the housing office as soon as possible after their arrival to best determine their needs.

### Utilities

**UTILITIES:**

See the Housing Office for information on connections, meter readings, as well as average costs, etc. In the South Limburg area utility costs are averaged for the year based on the previous occupants use. In some towns, one bill covers gas, electricity and water monthly. Trash and cable bills are combined and sent quarterly. Telephone rates are reasonable, you are billed bi-monthly, and in advance for the initial monthly service. A deposit is required of on average 200 Dutch Guilden (DG) or approximately $100.00. In addition to the flat monthly rate, you are billed for units used, which is based on the number of completed calls and time spent on the line. If you call your next door neighbor
5 times in the day, you are charged the basic rate for connection, plus units, based on the time you spend talking. This can result in an additional $100.00, or more added to your bill. Many people elect to use a U.S. telephone calling card to save money on long distance service.

Utilities:

Dependent on use

The Housing Office can obtain from the utility company the cost of the previous user, enabling you to evaluate your usage. Suggest you take a meter reading after a few months to verify that your monthly payments accurately reflect your use. Bills are averaged throughout the year, if you leave in the winter, you could be surprised by a large bill, it is wise to plan for this early.

The Schinnen VAT (Value Added Tax) office has started a new program in December of 1998. The UTAP (Utility Tax Avoidance Program) is open to all military and authorized civilian members of the US Forces who occupy economy housing living in the Netherlands or who are registered Official Border Crossers.

Cable TV:

Each community has its own cable TV arrangements. Your cable will be different based on where you live. Cable cost is normally apart of your rental utilities cost.

Location:..................... Varies from each community.

Relocation Services

Relocation Services Overview

For more information on this subject:
http://147.169.20.10/consent.htm

The Relocation Program provides information, guidance and assistance for service members/DAC civilians and their families moving to and from the AFCENT/Schinnen community.

Relocation also has the state of the art computerized program that has the capability of accessing information on all major Department of Defense Installations worldwide. Non-military community information can also be provided.

Relocation Assistance

RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Location:.......... Bldg. 41, Schinnen, NL
Telephone:........360-7512/45-446-7512
Hours:..............0800-1630

The Relocation Assistance Program (RAP) helps military, civilians and their family members transition to their new duty station. Services include: Newcomer’s Orientation, Welcome Packets, Information and Referral, SITES (Standard Installation Topic Exchange Services), Smooth MOve Workshops, Kids on the Move Workshops, installation brochures and videos as well as individual counseling. Schinnen has an active Sponsorship Program with outstanding sponsorship recognition programs for both adults and teens. The new Teen-to-Teen Sponsorship program is in its developmental stages at present but is anticipated to be fully operational by the height of the PCS cycle in the summer months.

In Transit Emergencies

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF (AER)

Location:........ ACS, Schinnen, NL
Telephone:........ 360-7450/46-443-7450
Hours:.............. 0800-1630

CASUALTY OFFICIER:

Location:........... ACS, Bldge 39, Schinnen, NL
Phone:.............. 360-7320/46-443-7320

IN/OUT PROCESSING OFFICIER

Location:............ ACS, Schinnen, NL
Phone:.............. 360-7334/46-443-7334

Financial Preparedness

CONSUMER AFFAIRS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAFAP)

Location:..........ACS,Bldg 39 Schinnen, NL
Phone:..............360-7450/45-443-7450

Consumer and financial counseling services and Army Emergency Relief (AER) services are available as needed. Contact the ACS Office for an appointment. It is important that those families dependent upon a dual income, will find that employment opportunities are limited and that they
will need to plan accordingly. It is strongly advised that families in this situation look at their finances BEFORE arriving to this destination.

Red Cross loans can be applied for at any Red Cross station located at all major airports or by seeing the Adjutant at the 254th BSB Headquarters Building.

**Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)**

Location: Treebeek, NL  
Telephone: 045-563-6126  
Hours: 0800-1630 M-F

The Exceptional Family Member Department is a satellite clinic of the SHAPE Exceptional Family Member Department (EFMD). The primary mission is to provide multidisciplinary evaluations and treatment to children 0-21 years of age suspected of having development delays. The EFMD is primarily responsible for children 0-5 years. Other children 6-21 years will continue to receive treatment from SHAPE EFMD. Referrals are received from parents, DoD schools, physicians and others with permission from parents. The SHAPE EFMD also enrolls Army family members' medical and educational needs so that they make be taken into cosideration in coordinating a sponsor's next assignment.

**Household Goods In-Bound Shipments**

See PERSONAL PROPERTY SHIPPING OFFICE this listing

**Household Goods Out-Bound Shipments**

See PERSONAL PROPERTY SHIPPING OFFICE this listing.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SHIPPING OFFICE  
Location: Schinnen  
Telephone: DSN 360-7438/7328  
(31)046-4437328  
Hours: 0800-1630 M-F

For prompt service, make an appointment in advance. Whenever a person requires assistance or experiences doubt about the quality of service received by the contractor, contact the CPPSO for assistance immediately. Don't wait for the packers to leave to make your inquiry.

**PASSENGER TRAVEL SECTION**

**TRANSPORTATION OFFICE**

Location: Schinnen  
Telephone: DSN 360-7579/7573  
Hours: 0800-1630 M-F  
Comments:

Personnel on a direct assignment to the Netherlands are normally routed through the Brussels International Airport. There is a shuttle service available for all incoming personnel and those traveling on TDY orders.

**Household Goods Claims**

CLAIMS OFFICE:

Legal Center  
Location: Treebeek, NL  
Telephone: NL (31) 45-5234791  
Hours: 0800-1630 M-F  
Comments:

Personnel moving from CONUS have 70 days to file the notification of damage paperwork. Personnel moving from within USAREUR must file notification forms within 7 days of moving. Call the Legal Office for information and appointments.

**Household Goods Weight Allowances**

This is a full Joint Travel Regulation (JTR) shipment area. Personnel are authorized to ship their full weight allowance.

**POV In-Bound Shipments**

Incoming and outgoing Privately Owned Vehicles (POV) shipments are routed through the vehicle processing center located at Schinnen, NL. All personnel assigned to Schinnen and AFCENT or Geilenkirchen Germany need to pick up or drop off their POVs at the Schinnen processing center. Before dropping off your POV you must report to the Transportation Office at Schinnen for authorization.

**POV Out-Bound Shipments**

Schinnen, NL-POV Processing Center  
Transportation Office Location: Schinnen  
Telephone: DSN 360-7572/7328  
Hours: 0800-1630 M-F  
Comments:

For information, directions and to check on inbound vehicles contact the Vehicle Processing Center for assistance (046-4432851).

To pick up vehicle at Schinnen, you must have in your possession:
One complete set of keys
- Owner's copy of the DD form 788 (POV shipping document)
- Completed AE Form 2681 or a power of attorney if not picked up by owner
- Proof of identity and proof of vehicle registration
- And the green insurance card.

Having a car available immediately after arrival is especially important for personnel assigned to remote sites. To have a car here near arrival, it is necessary to ship the car plenty of time in advance. Average transit times depend on which port the POV is shipped from. Shipping time estimates are; from Bayonne (30 days), Baltimore, Norfolk and Charleston (30 days), New Orleans (45 days), Oakland and Wilmington CA (60 days), Seattle (65 days).

**POV Claims**

CLAIMS OFFICE
Legal Office Location: Treebeek, NL
Telephone: (31) 45-5226913
Hours: 0800-1630 M-F
Comments: Any damages noted at the time of vehicle pick up must be recorded and verified at the time of pick up. Call the legal Office for further information.

**Pet Boarding/Kennels**

Kennel Telephone: 360-3121
(31) 045-5263121
Comments: Veterinary Services has a list of all Kennels in local area. Stop by or call to get assistance.

**Pet Licensing**

Personnel must make arrangements through their travel clerk at their point of departure, and travel at the owners expense. The only animal currently under quarantine requirements is birds. It is a long and expensive procedure to quarantine an animal. Do not fly with a stop via England with pets. England requires a 6 month quarantine for all pets.

Pets must be registered with the Vet Clinic and issued a rabbies tag. This service is free. If a pet bites a human, the pet will be quarantined for 10 days.

Veterinary Services
Location: Brunssum (bldg 505)

**Pet Quarantines**

Required for birds or when a pet bites a human.

**Veterinary Services**

Refer to the Vet Clinic for information on local providers.

**Pet Transportation**

See your local Transportation Office for information.

**PCS Reporting Procedures**

In-coming personnel report to the unit of assignment for initial inprocessing. The telephone number for the Central In and Out Processing Office is DSN 360-7334/7333. The Adjutant can be reached at DSN 360-7309.

IN/OUT PROCESSING including Separations and Retirements Central Processing manager
Location: Bldg 39, Schinnen
Telephone: DSN 360-7334
Hours: 0800-1630 M-F
Comments: Outprocessing. You can receive Clearance Papers 39 days out from availability date. Call for specifics.

**Separation Procedures**

See IN/OUT PROCESSING above for information.

**Billeting**

Military guest/temporary lodging facilities are not available in the Netherlands. Check with the Relocation Office at the Schinnen ACS for a list of local hotels.

See housing office for information and availability. The housing office offers a Temporary Living Allowance (TLA) briefing to all new arrivals. Attend this briefing and learn about your TLA benefits, and restrictions.

There is no dining facility available in the Schinnen area. AFCENT operates an International Dining Facility that is open to the I.D. card holder most of the time.
Single service members and geographic bachelors are required to be billeted in the available facilities unless granted exception through the chain of command.

See MORALE WELFARE AND RECREATION, AFCENT COMMUNITY AFFAIRS OFFICE listed under SPORTS FIELD AND PAVILION for more information.

See Transportation Office for information.

Unaccompanied PCS
CALL CIP-CENTRAL IN PROCESSING OFFICER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Support Services

Support Services Overview
These services are coordinated through the Community Counseling Center in response to demand of the population. In the past, there was a larger demand for support groups. Contact the CCC or ACS for information on what is available.

Family Centers
ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER
254th ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICES
BUILDING 39 & 41 (31) 046-443-7500

"Best ACS in USEUR" states DCINC in 1997.

The staff at the 254th BSB ACS have many unique and individualized programs designed to meet the needs of our diverse community, including:

CONSUMER AFFAIRS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CFAP)

* Financial counseling and planning
* Consumer information/advocacy
* Debt and checkbook management classes
* Money management
* Credit education

FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM (FAP)

* Troop, command, professional briefings on all aspects of family violence
* Family violence (child and spouse) prevention briefings
* Stress/anger management classes
* Parenting skills classes
* Parent support programs
* Child safety programs
* Marriage enrichment classes
* Communication skills training
* Self esteem programs for children of all ages
* Pre and post deployment family workshops
* Individual consultation to any community member in need
* Extensive video and print library
* Foster care recruitment, training and management

Exceptional Family Member Program Coordination

* Information and referral assistance for family members with special needs
* Support groups for parents of children with special needs

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

* Army Emergency Relief

FAMILY MEMBER EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FMEAP)

* Job preparation workshops
* Job development and contact with employers
* Job skill development and assessment
* Job transition counseling for those service members transitioning
* Office Personnel Management (OPM) workshops for in-outbound service members
* RESUMIX

RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RAP)

* Voted "Area of Excellence" 1999 IG Inspection
* Information and Referral services for the Tri-border community
* Tri-border Town Hall Meetings
* Group training for pre/post moves, sponsorship
* Cross-cultural training, cultural adaptation
* Worldwide libraries
* Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service (SITES), automated information system available worldwide
* Guidance/counseling/advocacy before, during, after the move
* Lending closet
* Unique sponsorship training available in three parts:
- In-sponsorship, Out-sponsorship, Reactionary sponsorship
- Quarterly sponsorship recognition program
- Kid to kid sponsorship
- Teen to teen sponsorship
* Locally produced publication:
  - Things to Know for People on the Go
  - Survival Guide (for adults and teens)
  - PSC Guide
  - Navigating the Netherlands
  - Teen Welcome Book
  - Kid's International Star/Cultural Adaptation Book
  - Elementary Welcome Book
  - Travel Guide for local and remote areas
  - Cultures and Customs - Tri-Border Perspectives
* Community Orientation Tours of local community

INSTALLATION VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
* Volunteer job training and placement
* POC for the Tri-border Family Support Groups
* National Volunteer Week activities
* Army Family Team Building
* New Promise Passport Program
* Quarterly and Yearly Recognition Ceremonies
* Volunteer placements include but are not limited to:
  - The Thrift Shop
  - Legal Center
  - Army Community Services
  - Mail room
  - Red Cross
  - Legal Center

Central Processing (In & Out)
* In and out processing for Army units within the Tri-Border community
* Develop in-processing checklists
* Comprehensive tours of community facilities
* Out-processing clearance paperwork
* Coordinate with all work centers involved with in and out processing
* Quarterly Out-processing briefings

SERVICES CO-LOCATED WITH ACS:
*****Assistant Civilian Misconduct Action Authority*****

Serves as assistant to the Commander in investigating and making recommendations for action in all cases where civilian behavior might prove to be an embarrassment to the USA.

*****Casualty Management Officer*****

Trains and assists all Casualty Services Personnel in the AOR in casualty cases occurring with U.S. Army active duty, family members, civilians and retirees.

*****Retention Services Officer*****

Provides pre-retirement assistance to all active duty personnel, and post-retirement services to retirees residing in the AOR; includes management of a certification program that allows certain retirees to shop in US facilities on a tax-payment basis. Handles inquiries regarding VA benefits and other programs related to benefits.

*****School Liaison Officer*****

Serves as non-voting member of Elementary and High school Advisory Councils; administers local Free and Reduced-priced School Lunch Program for AFCENT Schools; acts on behalf of Commander in resolution of issues related to education of children.

*****Voting Assistance Officer*****

Provides information and assistance to the community on voter registration and absentee voting.

*****Ration Control Officer*****

Issues ration cards to active duty and civilian personnel and family members at the 254th BSB, and certain eligible contractors; authorizes access to US facilities for certain US civilian and LN employees TDY to this and other countries.

Information and Referral
INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

Location: Schinnen, Bldg. 41
Community Information Center (CIC)
Telephone: DSN 360-7512
Hours: 0800-1630 M-F

Provides information on the local community, telephone directory, and living and surviving in our Tri-Border Community. Travel guides are available for local travel and remote destinations. Auto Route Europe and US maps are available upon request.
Cultural Adaptation classes are taught on a regular basis.

**Financial Assistance Programs**

Financial Programs
Location.............. : Schinnen, Bldg 39  
Telephone.............. : DSN 360-7450  
Hours.................... : 0800-1630 M-F

The CFAP office at Schinnen has a financial counselor for all matters concerning financial needs. Classes are given pertaining budgets, basic investing, check writing and financial wellness.

**Emergency Assistance**

Army Emergency Relief
Location............... : Schinnen, Bldg. 39  
Telephone............... : DSN 360-7450  
Hours.................... : 0800-1630 M-F

In/Out Processing Officer
Location............... : Schinnen, Bldg. 39  
Telephone............... : DSN 360-7334  
Hours.................... : 0800-1630 M-F

Casualty Officer
Location............... : Schinnen, Bldg. 39  
Telephone............... : DSN 360-7320  
Hours.................... : 0800-1630 M-F

RED CROSS SHAPE............. : DSN 423-4008/5131  
or civilian (32)44-4008/5131

**Family Advocacy**

Program Coordinator
Location.................. : Schinnen ACS, Bldg 39  
Telephone.................. : DSN 360-7453  
Hours...................... : 0800-1630 M-F

The FAP provides the community, troops, commanders, professionals and children with information, education, consultations and referrals on all matters relating to family functioning and family violence prevention. The FAP has an extensive library of video, books and pamphlets on all matters relating to families.

**Single Member Services**

BOSS - Better Opportunity for Single Service Members
Location................. : Schinnen  
Telephone............... : DSN 360-7397  
Hours.................... : 0800-1630 M-F

Membership in the BOSS program is open to all personnel who are single, geographic bachelors, single parents, etc.

**Support Groups**

Alcoholics Anonymous
Location............... : Treebeek  
Telephone............... : NL(31) 045-563-6091  
Comments................... : Meets Thurs and Sat. at 2000 hours at Treebeek

Call for current information.

Family Support Group Location.......... : DCA  
Telephone............... : 360-1550  
Comments................... : 

The Schinnen Family Support Group is an organization of service members, family members and volunteers that together provide an avenue of mutual support and assistance. To find out more call DCA and get acquainted with the Schinnen Family Support Group.

**Morale, Welfare, and Recreation**

Director Community Activities
Location.................. : Schinnen, Bldg. 46  
Telephone.................. : DSN 360-1550  
Hours...................... : 0800-1630 M-F

Arts & Crafts Center

AFCENT Recreation Branch Location: AFCENT  
Telephone............... : DSN 360-2454  
Hours...................... : M 1600-2100; Tu 1000-2100; W 1000-1700; Th 1600-2100; F CLOSED ; Sa/Su 1000-1700

Bowling Center
Location: Schinnen
Telephone.................... : DSN 360-7207; 046-4437207
Hours......................... : M-Th 100-2200; F-Sa 1000-2400; Su 1100-2200

Golf Course
AFCENT Golf Society
Location..................... : Brunssum next to Slag Heap
Telephone.................... : NL (31) 045-5270968
Hours......................... : Call for information

Gymnasium
AFCENT Recreation Branch
Location..................... : AFCENT
Telephone.................... : DSN 360-3170/3071 or 045-5263170
Hours......................... : M-F 0600-2100; Sa-Su 1200-1500
Comments..................... : Gym has three courts for raquetball, paddle ball, handball and squash. Equipment is available for a nominal fee. Intramural program includes softball, flag football, basketball, indoor soccer, volleyball, and wally ball. The gym offers noontime programs in soccer, aerobics, badminton and basketball. Showers and locker rooms are available. Weight training features 27 pieces of equipment. Sauna and lounge are available. Sauna is coed and requires wearing of appropriate attire.

Library
AFCENT
Location..................... : AFCENT, Bldg H-201, top floor
Telephone.................... : DSN 360-2669 or 045-5262469/2669
Fax........................... : (31) 0455262183
Hours......................... : T-W 1000-2000; Th-F 1000-1800; Sa-Su 1200-1600
Comments..................... : Closed AFCENT holidays. More than 35,000 books, with selections available in Dutch, German, French and Spanish. More than 200 subscriptions to magazines and newspapers in several languages. This is a full service US Army Library with books, magazines, newspapers, tapes and disks. Educational programs are supported through the reference collection, microfilm editions of journal back issues and CD ROM's. There are also small collections in French, German and Dutch books.

Library - Tapijn Kaserne
Location..................... : Tapijn Kaserne
Hours......................... : Tues & Thurs, 1000-1400.
Comments..................... : Tapijn Library is located in Maastricht on the Tapijn Kaserne. It is a small branch of the Library on AFCENT.

Colocated Clubs
Location..................... : Brunssum
Telephone.................... : DSN 360-3188
FAX.......................... : (31) 045-232316
Hours......................... : M-Th 1200-2300; F-Sa 1200-0100
Su 1100-2100
Comments..................... : The "New" Colocated Club is now integrated with the AFCENT Officers Club. Check the Club information bulletin for membership information.

Club 13
Location..................... : AFCENT, Bldg. H-201, top floor
Telephone................. : 360-2628
Hours..................... : M-TH 1200-2300, Fri 1200-0200
Comments..................... : Happy Hour Mon-Fri 1730-1830
Closed on all AFCENT Holidays.

AFCENT International Officers Club
AFCENT Enlisted Club System
Location..................... : Oeverbergstraat 1 Brunssum
Telephone.................... : 045-526-3188 or 045-5253304
Hours......................... : Vary by date and program
Comments..................... : Casual civilian clothing in good taste may be worn throughout the club. Breakfast is served Continental style, happy hours are Wed & Fri 1700-1800. Rooms may be reserved for private parties. A few rooms are available for temporary lodging. The Club features special adventures in dining, including Greek Night, Mongolian Barbecue, Italian Night and the ever popular Indonesian Rice Table. You can reserve any room or area of the Club at no cost for your private party, meeting, reception, or other event. Special catering menus offer you a wide choice of food and beverages.

Outdoor Recreation-Equipment Rental
Location: Schinnen Adventure Center
Telephone: DSN 360-7560
Hours: 1000-1800 M-F
Comments: Outdoor Recreation offers a variety of equipment for rental at nominal prices. Call for information.

Sports & Fitness Center
Location: Schinnen, Bldg 42
Telephone: DSN 360-7561
Hours: 0730-2000 M-F 0900-1700 Sa/Su
0900-1700 Holidays
Comments: Fully equipped fitness center offering two racquetball courts, Nautilus weight system, free weights, 3 Life Cycles, 3 Life Step machines, 2 Life Stride treadmills, and 1 Life Rower. Both the male and female locker rooms are equipped with wet/dry sauna. Racquet equipment, weight belts and towels are available for use free of charge. The weight room is open to all ID card holders age 16 and above. The downstairs fitness center equipment is available to all ID card holders aged 10 and above.

Adventure Center
Location: Schinnen, Bldg 38
Telephone: DSN 360-7397
Hours: same as fitness center
Comments: Indoor tennis and half court basketball are available at this facility. This facility can be reserved for special events and activities. There is not a charge for use of this facility. Children under the age of 16 are authorized to use this facility when under direct adult supervision.

Sports Fields and Pavilion
AFCENT Community Affairs
Location: AFCENT Slag Heap
Telephone: 045-526-2055
Hours: Call T/TH 1000-1300

Swimming Pool
AFCENT Community Affairs
Location: Adjacent to ACS shopping Center, Blg H-105
Telephone: (31) 045-526-3172
Hours: Call for information
Comments: The AFCENT swimming pool is open to all ID card holders. The pool operates on a schedule to allow use by all groups. There is a fee for use. The pool also operates a sauna, which can also be used for a small fee.

Auto Hobby Shop
AFCENT Community Affairs
Location: AFCENT
Telephone: DSN 360-3173
Hours: Call for information and hours

Alliance Theatre
Location: AFCENT, Bldg. H-405
Telephone: DSN 360-2110
Hours: Fri-Sat 1900
Comments: The 385-seat AFCENT cinema shows films every Friday and Saturday. Films are obtained from the Army and Air Force Motion Picture Service, with features changing each weekend. Children's matinees are scheduled on Saturdays when G-Rated family films are available. Admission tickets are sold in Dutch Guilders. The concession stand is operated by the AFCENT Community Affairs Recreation Branch and it opens at 1830. Several times a year the theater is the setting for live dramatic productions by the Alliance Players. The cinema can be reserved for daytime use through the Chief, ASG Community Affairs, for special military briefings, community meetings or other gatherings requiring a large auditorium.

Chapel Services and Programs
The Chapel provides the following services:

Religious services Religious Education Classes
(Sunday School, CCD, Bible Study, Protestant Women of the Chapel, Catholic Women of the Chapel, Protestant Men of the Chapel, and Protestant Youth Groups)

The Chapel provides Lutheran, Jewish, Protestant, Catholic and Gospel Services.

Catholic Mass:
Location: AFCENT
Telephone: DSN 360-2940
Hours: 0800-1630 M-F
Comments:
Mass is observed at 1215 and at 1100 Sundays. Religious Education (CDC) is at 0945 on Sundays.

Protestant Service:
Location..................... : AFCENT
Telephone.................... : DSN 360-2940/2947
Hours....................... : 0800-1630 M-F
Comments..................... :

Protestant services are at 0930 Sunday with a Gospel Worship Service on Sundays at 1300. Lutheran services are at 0800 on the 1st Sunday of each month and 1800 on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Jewish Service:
Location..................... : AFCENT
Telephone.................... : DSN 360-2940
Hours....................... : 0800-1630 M-F
Comments..................... :

Services are on the 4th Friday of each month at 1900.

Drug and Alcohol
Community Counseling Center
Location..................... : Treebeek
Telephone.................... : (31) 045-523-9743
Hours....................... : 0800-1630 M-F

Legal Assistance
Program Coordinator
Location..................... : Treebeek
Telephone.................... : (31) 045-523-9802
Hours....................... : 0800-1630 M-F
Comments..................... :


The Legal Office provides advice and assistance for personal legal matters such as wills, family law, landlord/tenant problems and consumer matters involving US and/or Dutch law. This office can also prepare notarized powers of attorney, sworn statements, etc. The Claims Office accepts claims from all branches of service or can assist you in the proper procedures for filing your claim. Trial Defense provides legal advice and counsel to soldiers facing court martial, nonjudicial punishment, administrative elimination actions and to those who are suspects under criminal investigations.

Child And Teen Services

Child and Teen Services Overview
Child and Teen services are offered at Schinnen, GK and AFCENT. Youths are encouraged to participate in the Youth Sponsorship Programs. Job opportunities are available for teenagers at the above installations. Recreational activities are numerous and varied.

New Parent Program
FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Location.................... : ACS, Schinnen, NL
Phone......................: (31) 046-443-7453 or 360-7453
Hours......................: 0800-1630 M-F
Comments..................: The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) offers a wide variety of parenting classes, videos, tapes and books on this subject.

Child Care Programs - on Installation

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Location.................... : 235 Prin Hendriklm Brunssum, NL Telephone.................... : DSN 360-2575
Hours......................: M-F 0715-1800
Comments....................:
The AFCENT International Child Development Centre is located in Brunssum between the German Medical Center and the Brunssum Police station. We are an international facility governed by AFCENT. Therefore, anyone holding an AFCENT or NATO ID Card is an eligible person. We have an international enrollment as well as an international staff. Children are accepted from 6 weeks to 5 years of age. The staff is dedicated to providing quality programs that enhance your child's intellectual, physical, emotional and social growth.

Program Offered YES/NO RATE ($)
Full Day y (BASED ON INCOME)
Part Day - Preschool y Part Day -
School Age y Hourly Care
Special Needs Care n

To register, come to the Child Development Centre Monday - Friday between 1000-1400. There is a 22DG (approx.$12) registration fee per-family which is good for one year. Reservations can be then made up to one month in advance. We provide a full-day, hourly and before/after school care. We also have a 3
day pre-school programme which is held from 0900-1130. Hot nutritious lunches and snacks are provided.

School Age Program (SAS)
Location: 235 Prin Hendrikln
Brunssum,NL Telephone: 360-3004
Hours: 0715-1800
Comments:
The School Age Services (SAS) program, offers structured educational and recreational opportunities for children. The SAS Program has recently built a new computer lab which is on line with a computer instructor. The SAS no longer relies solely on self-directed activities, but instead offers challenging team games, art projects, home-related crafts, and much, much, more. To help children beat the summertime blues, a Summer Adventure Camp is available.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SERVICES (IYS)
The International Youth Service (IYS) is a network of programs, activities, and events that provide opportunities for youth ages five to nineteen to develop their physical, social, emotional and cognitive abilities and to experience achievement, leadership, enjoyment, friendship, and recognition.

IYS participation is open to youth ages 6-19, who are dependents of AFCENT, NATO, US Military and Civilian personnel. To participate in Youth Services all youth must register with the program. Registration fees are: for one 60 NLG or family 84 NLG yearly. We offer the following programs:

LEISURE RECREATION:
Self directed recreation, trips and tours, exchange programs, arts and crafts, parties, dances, lock-ins, clubs, special interest activities, outdoor activities, three play grounds, and mobile/outreach recreation.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:
Youth sponsorship (transition and relocation assistance), mentoring, tutoring, career development, teen and pre-teen council, life skills development, leadership development, youth employment services, cultural activities, and the arts.

SPORTS AND FITNESS:
Team sports (baseball, softball, flag football, soccer, basketball, cheer leading, wrestling), individual sports (swimming, tennis, martial arts, gymnastics, fun runs, mini olympics, skiing, wind surfing, white water rafting, biking).

CAMPS:
Non school day and summer day camp, overnight 3 day - 2 week camps. Outdoor adventure/challenge, International Youth Camp, instructional/self development camps, sports (team and individual).

INSTRUCTIONAL CLASSES:
Dance, piano, martial arts, computers, modeling, horseback riding, gymnastics, swimming, and water confidence.

BOYS AND GIRL CLUBS OF AMERICA:
AFCENT Youth Services has applied for membership with this organization to assist in making their programs available to youth.

Facilities include a Teen and Preteen Center, and sports fields. The center has a snack bar, lounge, table games, pool table, fooseball table, stereo, satellite TV with VCR, a kitchen and restrooms.

Child Care Programs - Community
CURRENTLY THERE ARE NONE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

Things To Do - Clubs and Social
AFCENT PLAYGROUP
Contact Army Community Services to find out more information regarding the place and time of meetings. This group is active year-round with local trips and Story Time hours. There are several points of contact.

CUB SCOUT PACK 100
TELEPHONE: 045-525-1955 OR 046-4280022
For boys 7-11 years old. Located in the Schinnen/AFCENT area.

TEEN WAREHOUSE
Location: AFCENT, Bldg 603
Telephone: DSN 360-3008
Hours: M-F 0715-1800
The IYS provides organized leisure time activities for the improvement of the physical and mental well being and the social and cultural development of eligible youth. IYS participation is open to youths ages 6-19, who are dependents of AFCENT, NATO, US Military and Civilian personnel. Programs offered include youth sports, teen and preteen dances, holiday activities, arts and crafts, tournaments, etc.

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Things To Do - Recreation and Sports

COMMUNITY YOUTH SPORTS

Location.................: Brunssum
Telephone...............: 360-3008/3004
Hours....................: 0715-1800

Comprehensive Youth Sports Programs Includes;
Basketball, Soccer, T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Baseball, Softball and Wrestling. Youth Services Classes (Sports and Social) includes; Ballet, Judo, Swimming, Dance, Jazz, Horseback Riding, Piano Lessons.

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Location..................: IYS Teen Warehouse, Brunssum, Building 603 AFCENT Compound
Telephone................: 360-2023
Hours.....................: 0715-1800
Comments................: Membership is a prerequisite to use IYS services. Annual membership runs from January to December and is good for the entire year.

Schools

AFCENT INTERNATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Location............: Brunssum, NL
Telephone...........: (31) 45-527-8250
Proximity to SITE.....: 15 min from Schinnen; 3 min from AFCENT

Students in grades Junior Kindergarten (age 4 by Sep of the year of entry) through grade 6 attend AFCENT International Elementary School. This is a multi-national program for US, UK and Canadian children.
The curriculum fully integrates educational requirements of each of these national sections. The international school environment is complimented by staff of American educators. Administered by an international school principal with an American school section and staff. The staff are highly qualified teachers from the US, UK or Canada. The elementary school also has a number of specialists providing programs in Art, Music, Physical Education, Swimming, Speech therapy, English as a Second Language (ESL), Compensatory Education and Preschool Exceptional Family Member Program. All elementary children have daily foreign language instruction in either German or French. The International school has just completed a major rebuilding program. Classrooms and facilities are modern and well-equipped. There is a large, combined elementary and high school library, 3 large gymnasiums, an all-purpose cafeteria/auditorium with a large stage, and laboratories. There is an outdoor track, tennis courts and a large indoor swimming pool.

School bus transportation is provided within strictly defined boundaries. Verify with the Public Works Housing Division at Schinnen to make sure that your rental property falls within the bus boundaries prior to renting. During the school term, the school bus coordinator can also verify these boundaries.

AFCENT INTERNATIONAL MIDDLE YEARS AND HIGH SCHOOL

Location..................: Brunssum, NL
Telephone..................: (31)46-527-8260

The AFCENT Elementary, Middle Years and High Schools share the same campus. Students in grades 7 & 8 attend AFCENT Middle Year and those in 9-12 will attend the High School. The heart of the campus is its library of well stocked books (over 37,000), an ample selection of periodicals and non-print items to include CD-ROM and computers for students to use. The library is on-line and supports it's own Web Page. Courses offered are challenging and well-rounded which include; advanced placement in English 12, US History, Biology, Computer Programming, Calculus, Physics and German. Foreign Language options include German, French and Spanish. In addition to core subjects such as English, Math, Science and Social Studies we offer; Art, Humanities, Drama, Choral and Instrumental Music, Electronics, Industrial Technology, Drivers Education, Business, Journalism, Yearbook and Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) programs. A rich and challenging extra-curricular program of Student Government, Athletics and other activities; including Model United Nations (MUN), Model International Parliament (MIP), Model NATO and the Harvard Model Congress also enrich the curriculum. A noteworthy feature is that the students in our school come from American, Canadian, German, Danish, Norwegian, Turkish, Greek and Portuguese backgrounds, as their parents are part of the NATO mission that we support.

School Age Care

SCHOOL AGE SERVICES (SAS) PROGRAM

POC...................: Program Manager
Location..................: AFCENT CDC (upstairs)
Phone...................: (31)45-526-3004 or 360-3004
Comments.................: The School Age Services (SAS) program, offers structured educational and recreational opportunities for children. The SAS Program has recently built a new computer lab which will be on line by fall ’97. The SAS no longer relies solely on self-directed activities, but instead offers challenging team games, art projects, home-related crafts, and much, much, more. To help children beat the summertime blues, a Summer Adventure Camp is available.

Religious Programs

A few English language churches are operating on the local economy. There are also Chapel services offered at the AFCENT Chapel.

See CHAPEL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
See RELIGION
See CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Special Events

See RECREATION
See MWR
See LOCAL COMMUNITY

Sponsorship and Support

See RELOCATION SERVICES

Youth Employment

Employment opportunities are limited. We participate in the Summer Hire program throughout the local communities. There are local listings at times on the job boards.
PART-TIME JOBS

These are usually available through AAFES, at Schinnen. These jobs typically involve food preparation, for example, working at the Burger Bar, Frank's Franks, or Baskin-Robbins. Teens must be 16 or older to apply.

YOUTH EARN$ (YES) PROGRAM

Is sponsored by the Schinnen Military Community. This program is open to all teens and is designed to help provide teens with a way to earn money. For more information call the Child/Youth Coordinator at 360-7488 or (31) 046-443-7488.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

TEEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM - This program is coordinated through Schinnen. Volunteers generally work in the GK/AFCENT/Schinnen area. For more information contact Schinnen Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 360-7451 or (31) 046-443-7451.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS - The GK Air Base sponsors training programs in water safety, first aid and baby sitting. Call the GK Family Support Center at (49) 2451-63-3791.

THE IYS (INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SERVICES) - AFCENT offers training programs in water safety, baby sitting and life guard training. Call the Youth Services Director, at 360-3033 or (31) 045-527-3033.

THE CHAPELS - At GK and AFCENT, the chapels sponsor various programs for teens. Contact the Chapel office at GK (49) 2451-63-2229 or at AFCENT 360-2940 or (31) 045-526-2940 for more information.

GIRL SCOUT AND BOY SCOUT PROGRAMS - Contact the IYA at (49) 2451-63-4955 at GK or the IYS at 360-3033 or (31) 045-527-3033.

Survival Tips For First Termers

Survival Tips for First Termers Overview

An overseas assignment presents a golden opportunity to visit places you have dreamed about, cultivate international friendships and buy unusual items at affordable prices. An overseas tour can also create culture shock, a phenomenon that occurs when you enter another culture. How you handle this introductory stage may very well set the tone for your entire tour, and almost certainly will set your attitude. Badly mismanaged culture shock can turn a potential dream assignment into a nightmare. Culture shock is non-selective. It hits military families and civilians, children and adults alike. Not even the international traveler is immune. Your usually efficient method of handling such simple, every-day occurrences like telephone repair can be a day or even week long event. Not only do you have to deal with a language barrier, things progress at a slower rate. You find yourself spiralling into 'culture shock'. Entering a culture similiar to yours doesn't eliminate or lessen the negative impact. If anything it can increase it. For example, in the united kingdom you would expect to know the language and it comes as a great shock when the native population doesn't understand you. It took one person the better of 30 minutes just to find a launderomat. The misunderstanding covered anything from laundry man to laundry mat. Finally with a combination of slowly spoken words (sometimes the American accent can present a problem) and sign language (it IS universal) they were able to get what they needed. Culture Shock is just as acute for Americans living on US installations overseas. The longer you cling to the base and its familiar lifestyle and facilities, the more disenchanting you will become with the country you are living in and your everyday life. Your self-imposed exile only magnifies the differences, making them harder to understand and cope with. Taking the initial step into the "unkown and foreign" can be difficult and a bit frightening, but it is much easier than you think, and the rewards are great. To be able to reap the benifit from your overseas tour, you need to successfully manage culture shock, and you can do that with a simple three-phase plan. These phases take place over a prescribed period of time, with Phase One initiated before you leave the states. Phase Two starts when you arrive to your duty station and Phase Three is put into operation after you have lived in the foreign country five to eight weeks.

PHASE ONE......PREPARING FOR THE UNKNOWN
1. Accept the fact that you will experience culture shock in some form. 2. Acquire a basic knowledge of your new home. Find out something about the customs and culture. Contact your sponsor or ACS office to learn as much as you can BEFORE you move, BEFORE you pack and sell items. Learn the currency rates and the different money types (important living in a Tri-Border area such as ours-we use Dutch Guilden (DG) German Marks (DM) and Belgium Francs(BF)). 3. Arrange for mail-order catalogs. It can be difficult to find some sizes, colors or basic items that you may miss from the States. (Also, it's good to get SOMETHING FUN in your mailbox.)

PHASE TWO......TAKE CARE

1. Correct your internal clock. International travel can take alot out of your system. One way to adjust to the time differences is to take alot of naps the first week. Slowly adjust your bedtime until it coincides with the local time. 2. Watch your diet. Introduce new foods gradually to let your system grow accustomed to the new tastes. 3. Exercise. Some form of exercise is highly advantageous. Walking is the easiest form and will help you grow accustomed to the local flavors. Try to keep your routine as normal as possible. 4. Create a familiar environment. The way in which you organize your belongings in the hotel room can create a sense of 'hominess'. One family unpacked their clothes as soon as they arrived. With the suitcases out of the way, they had more space and a sense of ownership in their room. Another family with small children, assigned a space or 'cubby' for each member. Everyone had their own place to read, relax and play in. Another smart mom let the children pack back packs of some of their favorite items (books, colors, blankets, stuffed toy, GI Joe's, etc.) which they were able to play with throughout the journey and that long wait until household goods arrived. 5. Find a support system. Network with your local ACS or sponsor to find out what is available to you and your family. 6. Learn the local area. Find your way around the nearest town. Locate the grocery store, bread store, candy shop, etc. Many villages have parks and play areas for those traveling with children.

PHASE THREE.... COMPARE AND ACCEPT

1. Find the common key. Even though culture may be radically different, shared interest and values will make it easier for you to adjust. Remember, many of our cultural habits are rooted in other countries. Make an effort to find behaviors and ideas that you have in common with the natives. Feelings, for instance, are universal and can provide a common ground. 2. Identify and accept the differences. Don't work on the differences until you have acquired a strong base of common keys. Once you feel comfortable and secure, you are now ready to identify the things about the foreign culture that cause you the most frustration. Some of the ways of the natives you will never truly be able to support. learn to accept these and live with them.

As the impact of culture shock diminishes, don't stop learning about he country you are living in. There will be days when you will be frustrated beyond measure by the way things are, or not, done. But there will be days of excitement, created by something you have discovered in your new culture. You will find that every bit of effort you put into learning about, and adjusting to, your foreign duty station will reap benifits. one of the finest treasures can be the memory of living overseas. With effort and action, you can turn this experience into the highlight of your life!

Before You Move

LEARN TO COPE BEFORE MANAGING A MOVE

"When I was at home, I was in a better place; but travelers must be content." So observed Shakespeare's Touchstone in "As You Like It." For many military families, "home" is packed up with the household goods and there are plenty of "traveler" days in which to be content. Problem is, most families need major overhaul of the coping skills to find that contentment while maneuvering a major move.

SEVERAL STEPS TO IMPROVE YOUR MOVE:

The first step is to learn to approach each move with a positive attitude. If not everyone is happy with the prospect of a move, make an effort to: - Adjust the attitude. You have to have a positive attitude. Buy into the military lifestyle and accept it. - Minimize stress. Approach stress in a positive way because positive stress can energize us to take care of the many details involved in moving. It takes the same amount of energy to deal with positive stress as it does negative stress, so you may as well deal with stress in a positive way. - Take control of what circumstances you can. Having minimal control over where and when your family moves can be frustrating, so make the most of what you are able to control. Pass this control onto the children, too. Let them have some input in the moving schedule, what to send in hold baggage or what to carry on the plane. This helps minimize stress in children. - Don't forget
to help the children prepare for the move. The best way to help the kids prepare for a move is for the parents to first come to terms with the move themselves. Then, to help answer questions the children may have, take the family to the library for information about the new area. Emphasize the new location’s best points and help the children see the move as an adventure. Parents should prepare themselves for the questions, complaints and fears of the child leaving his good friends. Children need to know that it’s okay to be sad to leave their friends because it shows how much they care about those friends. Children need to know, too, that new friends are waiting for them at their future home. Parents can give their children an address book and photo album so they can keep up with their friends who will stay behind. Give your children stationery and stamps so they will know they can still keep in touch with their friends. Encourage them to send post cards to their friends. A family’s physical transit begins when the household goods are picked up. While traveling between your old home and the new one, keep a thread of organization and routine intact. Have an overall list of things that must be done and cross off items as they’re completed. When you feel you’re floundering, the list becomes a progress chart. Since many military families take 30-60 days leave between assignments, structure that time to ease the transition. Once you arrive at your new assignment, check out the school, even if it’s still summer so that they can become familiar with the surroundings. This helps prepare children for the new school and gives them a sense of security.

INVOLVE YOUR YOUNG FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE YOUTH SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM.

After You Arrive

Your first point of contact should be the Army Community Service Center located in Building 39 or Relocation Assistance Program located in building 41 to gain useful information that you can use right away. If you are in temporary living quarters that has a kitchen, you may want to pick up a Loan Kit which contains essential kitchen and cooking items. Active duty members will need to visit the In and Out Processing Office located in the Army Community Service Center building 39 which is next to building 41. As part of In Processing you will attend the Tri-Border Orientation/Cultural Adaptation class provided by Relocation Assistance Program which will inform all incoming personnel and family members, civilians and contractors about living in our unique community. Valuable local information, booklets and telephone numbers are supplied as well as information on German, Dutch and Belgium customs and courtesies.

Reporting Procedures
See RELOCATION SERVICES
See PCS REPORTING PROCEDURES

Travel Planning
TRAVEL PLANNING

(Advance pay should not be used unless it is absolutely necessary. You will have to pay this back through monthly deductions from your pay.)

ON-BASE TRANSPORTATION

Location...................... : TMP SCHINNEN
Telephone.................... : DSN 360-7522/7317

CARLSON WAGONLIT Location... : SCHINNEN, Bldg. 4 Telephone............... : DSN 360-7522/7317
Fax.......................... : (31) 46-443-5125
Hours......................... : M, T, W, F 0800 - 1700 Th 0800 - 2000
Closed Sa, Su & Dutch holidays.

MAASTRICHT/AACHEN AIRPORT

Location...................... : Beek
Telephone.................... : NL (31) 43-3666680
Proximity to site............ : 15 min Schinnen; 25 min AFCENT

Centrally located regional airport. Flights are available to all major connecting airports and direct intra-Europe flights are available to many major cities and places of interest.

BRUSSELS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Location...................... : Outside Brussels city limits
Telephone.................... : (32) 2722311
Proximity to site............ : Approximately 1 hour
AMSTERDAM SCHIPHOL AIRPORT

Location ..................... : Outside Amsterdam city
Telephone .................... : (31) 020-6010966
Proximity to site .......... : Coevorden 2 hours
............................. : Schinnen 3 hours

NS NEDERLANDSE SPOORWEGEN (The Netherlands Railroad)

Location ..................... : Throughout the NL
Telephone .................... : (31) 045-5761421
Proximity to site ........... : 250 meters

VSL VERENIGD STREEKVERVOER LIMBURG (Bus)

Location ..................... : Throughout NL
Telephone .................... : (31) 045-5761421
Proximity to site .......... : 275 meters

See RELOCATION SERVICES
See PCS REPORTING PROCEDURES
See BILLETING
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Vehicle Ownership
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### Relocation and Support Services Summary

#### --Military Clubs--
| Officers Club | 1 | Non-Commissioned Officers Club | 1 |
| Enlisted Club | 1 |

#### --Recreation--
| Arts and Crafts | 1 | Automobile Hobby Centers | 1 |
| Bowling Centers | 1 | Recreational Centers | 1 |
| Libraries       | 1 | Music and Theater Locations | 1 |

#### --Physical Fitness/Sports--
| 9 Hole Golf Courses | 1 | 18 Hole Golf Courses | 1 |
| Gyms/Physical Fitness Centers | 2 | Jogging Paths | 3 |
| Tennis Clubs/Courts | 1 | Tennis Courts - Lighted | 1 |
| Swimming Pools - Public | 1 |

#### --Nature/Outdoor Activities--
| Outdoor Recreation Centers | 1 | Campgrounds | 1 |
| Fishing Areas | 1 | Horse Stables | 1 |
APPENDIX

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