



Seventy-five years ago saw the beginning of the greatest story of the 20th century. It is a story that would lead to the liberation of France and a large part of Europe, all of which would finally escape Nazi dictatorship.

As it did in 2004, 2010 and 2014, the Association "Moselle River 1944" has decided again in 2019 to pay homage to the greatest generation, those who crossed the Atlantic to free the homeland of Lafayette.

We will welcome our liberators from Thursday, November 14 to Wednesday, November 20, 2019 in order to commemorate with them the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the region of Thionville and the crossing of the Moselle River.

Our commemoration project is supported by the French government and has obtained the support of the largest cities of the region as well as that of the President of the Regional Council of the Great-Est.

The accommodation costs will be the responsibility of the families, but the Association Moselle River 1944 will bear the cost of transportation and of meals during the commemoration.

The opening ceremony will take place on Thursday, November 14. Commemoration events will take place from Friday, November 15 until Tuesday, November 19.

Participants who wish to return home directly following the events can plan their return trip the morning of Wednesday, November 20.

The Association Moselle River 1944 is very sorry that this year, the city of Metz has decided to observe their commemoration at the same time as Thionville.

So that we can best organize your stay here and plan for the various events, we need to know as soon as possible which families are interested in attending this last homage to our liberating veterans.

Veterans and their families may register through their veterans' association, through our representatives in the US, or directly with the Association by filling out an on-line form available on our website which may be found here – <http://www.moselleriver1944.org/en/invitation.html>.

Attendees will make their room reservations directly with the Kyriad Prestige hotel in Thionville using another form which may be downloaded on the same web page mentioned above.

We hope that we will be able to welcome you here this November so that we may thank you for the magnificent gift of liberty that you gave us in November 1944.

With deepest gratitude,

Pascal Moretti
President, Association "Moselle River 1944"