



## Invitation for US veterans and their families



Dear Veterans and families of the 5<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and the 10<sup>th</sup> Armored.

Seventy-five years ago saw the beginning of the greatest story of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 2014 and 2019, the Association "Moselle River 1944" has decided again in 2024 to pay homage to the greatest generation, those who crossed the Atlantic to free the homeland of Lafayette.

We will welcome our liberators from Friday November 8 to Wednesday November 13, 2024, inclusive in order to commemorate with them the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Thionville region and the crossing of the Moselle.

Arrivals can be made from Thursday November 7 and departures from Thursday November 14.

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 Friday, November 8. Commemoration events will take place the same day, until Wednesday, November 13 inclusive.

Participants who wish to return home directly following the events can plan their return trip the morning of Thursday, November 14.

The Association Moselle River 1944 is very happy that the city of Metz has decided to commemorate Sunday November 19th.

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 –

<https://www.moselleriver1944.org/en/invitation.html>.

Participants will make their room reservation directly with the Best Western Prestige hotel in Thionville, or B&B hotel Thionville center train station using another downloadable form on the same web page mentioned above.

We hope to be able to welcome you here in November to thank.

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"