



## INVITATION TO MOSELLE RIVER COMMEMORATION

Seventy 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, which would finally escape Nazi dictatorship.

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

We will welcome our liberators from Saturday, November 8 to Sunday, November 16, 2014, in order to commemorate with them the 70th 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 General Council of the Moselle, which is sponsoring the Day of Remembrance in Moselle on Saturday, November 15, 2014.

The Moselle River Association has committed to paying for the cost of the stay for each American World War II veteran, or for the widows of these soldiers, as well as a companion, with double room accommodation. However, it was decided that we will ask for financial participation by other family members who wish to attend as well as companions who would like to have single-room accommodations.

The opening ceremony will take place on Saturday, November 8. Commemoration events will take place from Sunday, November 9 until Sunday, November 16. Participants who wish to return directly home following the events can plan their return trip starting Monday, November 17. Transfer to Metz will also be organized for those who will be attending the ceremonies organized by that city.

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 this last homage.

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 on our website: [www.moselleriver1944.org](http://www.moselleriver1944.org).

We hope that we will be able to welcome you here next 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"