

Pascal Moretti, the president of the *Moselle River 1944 Association*, has asked me to invite veterans of the 7th Armored Division to commemorations in Thionville, France, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Moselle from November 8 - 17, 2014. "We will render homage to these veterans for the most precious gift that exists on the Earth: our liberty," he wrote.

***Moselle River 1944* was formed in 2003 to honor the sacrifice of the American soldiers who brought liberty to the area of France that lies to the east of the city of Thionville, including villages on the east bank of the Moselle.**

In June 2010, six veterans of the 10th Armored Division, including my father, attended *Moselle River 1944's* last commemorations, which were magnificent. Attached are a few photos from those events.

The welcome will occur on Saturday, November 8, and the ceremonies will begin on Sunday, November 9. Saturday, November 15, will mark the "Memory of the Moselle," involving all commemorative groups of the region. Several hundred French participants are expected, many wearing US war uniforms, driving US war vehicles, and bearing flags. Final ceremonies will occur on November 16. Departures from Thionville will begin on November 17. A more detailed itinerary will become available in due course.

The 2014 commemorations will be free of charge for the 7th Armored veteran and one companion sharing his hotel room. The 7th Armored widow and one companion sharing her hotel room will likewise be hosted for free. Additional family members and spouses will be charged a supplement that will cover the cost of the hotel room. All American guests will pay for their own airfare.

Do consider attending these 70th anniversary commemorations if your health and circumstances permit. I am fairly sure that these commemorations will be the "final salute" of the grateful and generous people of the Moselle.

Please help spread the news of the November 2014 commemorations to all 7th Armored Division veterans and their families.

Cheers,

**Jeff
son of Al Taylor
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Six veterans of the 10th Armored Division attend the *Moselle River 1944* festivities of June 2010.









Helen Patton, granddaughter of General George S. Patton, records a war story.













Moselle River 1944's president, Pascal Moretti, visits with a veteran. He is the chief of police of Metzervisse, France.