



## ELBE RIVER LINK-UP COMMEMORATION

### You're Invited!

As the 65th anniversary of the link-up of American and Soviet forces along the Elbe River in 1945 draws near, OPEN is planning a celebration commemorating this historic meeting which signaled to the world that the war in Europe was about to end. During this commemoration ceremony, the 69th Infantry Division will be honored for its distinctive service culminating in its link-up with Soviet troops in and around Torgau, Germany on April 25, 1945. As part of OPEN's ceremony, Lt. Robertson's famous handshake with a Soviet soldier on the bombed out bridge in the middle of the Elbe River will be reenacted. Any member of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association who would like to attend this event is cordially invited to come to Newton, Iowa on April 25, 2010.

Since all veterans of the 69th Infantry Division present during the commemoration celebration will be recognized, it is important that you notify OPEN in advance about your plans to be in attendance. Contact information is shown below and OPEN needs to hear from you by April 10, 2010. Seven Iowa veterans of the Fighting 69th will be honored during the program and they would love to see many of their former comrades-in-arms at that time. Please consider joining them in Newton, Iowa on April 25, 2010.

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