



## Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Recaps St. Cloud Honor Flight

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### **\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Hello, this is Tom Emmer talking to you from Washington, D.C., getting ready to wrap up another week and get back home to the district. But I wanted to just touch base and let you know that I had the honor this week of greeting some of our finest central Minnesota residents, our World War II vets who came here on an honor flight. It really is the best part of this job to meet and greet these guys as they get off the bus, many of them in wheelchairs. America's greatest generation is getting up in years, and it's wonderful while they're still here to be able to celebrate with them their service, their sacrifice. I had one gentleman get off the bus and look at me, and he looked around and he looks at me and he says, wow, I've never had this kind of a reception. We should have done it long ago, I'm sure, but no words, no actions are ever going to repay these guys. The honor flight program is a great way for them to experience a little bit of celebration for their activities. These selfless warriors who, frankly, have given us the ability to enjoy the freedom that we have in this country. Bob Dole, by the way, Senator Bob Dole was there to greet them as they got off the bus. They met Senator Dole, who thanked each and every one of them. By the way, at the arch where you walk into the World War II Memorial, there was a guy there who every single World War II vet that walked down that sidewalk and started to enter the arches, he would grab their hand, pump their hand, shake it, and he'd say, thank you very much for your service, welcome to your memorial. It was a great day, we really enjoyed it, and I'll tell you what, one of the first things we did here in this office as your representative of Minnesota's 6th Congressional District is we offered legislation, common sense I believe, to simplify and frankly expand the Veterans Choice Program to give our military veterans better opportunities to seek high quality health care that they need and that they deserve. If you have any questions or you're interested in what this legislation would do, please visit [emmer.house.gov](http://emmer.house.gov) or give us a call, either here in Washington D.C. or back at home in our office in Otsego. We'll be happy to walk you through it. Remember, we work for you, we're here to serve you, and thank you to all of our veterans for your service. Have a great weekend.

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