



## Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Honors our Nation's Veterans

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

\*\* Hello, Tom Emmer here, wanting to wish all of you a happy Veterans Day. On this day, every American should take pause to remember and thank the men and women who have so bravely served the country that we love. Our nation's heroes have courageously fought and sacrificed so that you and I, our sons and daughters, and generations yet to come can continue to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Our country was largely created because of brave individuals who were willing to fight for our freedoms during the Revolutionary War, and we have seen many Americans follow in the same noble tradition ever since. The defense of our nation is of the highest importance, and the patriots who put their lives on the line deserve endless recognition and our gratitude. That's why I think it's wonderful that we dedicate this day to our vets and hold events that recognize their courage and sacrifice. However, I also believe that we must celebrate our veterans each and every day. We can do this by ensuring that our veterans are taken care of when they return home, whether that be by promoting programs that further their education, ensure that they receive quality health care, and assist them in finding gainful employment. Too often we hear on the news about veterans' lives being made more difficult by institutions that are actually designed to help them. Most recently we heard that thousands of California veterans had been asked by the Pentagon to return re-enlistment bonuses that they had received over ten years ago because of a mistake that had been made which was no fault of their own. This type of treatment is an injustice, and I won't stand for it as long as I'm in office. That's why every day, not just today, I will fight for our veterans. Thank you, have a happy Veterans Day, and be sure to thank a vet today.

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