



## Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Recognizes U.S. Army Europe Soldier of the Year

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

\*\* Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding service member from my district, Jake Henriksen. As a centennial graduate and resident of Lionel Lakes, Minnesota, Jake always knew he wanted to serve in the military. As a third-generation member of the U.S. Army, his service as a specialist representing the 173rd Airborne Infantry Brigade Combat Team continues a family legacy of service to our nation. In just under two years in the service, Jake won the U.S. Army Europe's Soldier of the Year Award. Each company in the Army, made up of about 100 people, selects a soldier to compete in the Best Warrior competition. Jake was chosen as his company's representative. The competition tests soldiers' abilities in a variety of areas, including a physical test, a written test, marksmanship, land navigation, chemical defense, and medical tasks. Jake excelled in all, which is why he went on to earn the title of U.S. Army Europe's Soldier of the Year, affirming his commitment to excellence. Our community is very proud of Jake and his accomplishments. We admire his dedication and his commitment to serve. Congratulations, Jake.

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