



# Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Speaks in Support of Local Veteran

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

\*\* Mr. Speaker, I rise today to stand in support of a local veteran who is now the last surviving member of his World War II Veterans Club. Gene L. DeCurtins became the last member of his club when his lifelong friend Robert Cuncier passed away. Both were among the 180 men from the Stillwater area in Washington County, Minnesota, who joined the Minnesota National Guard's 34th Infantry right before World War II. After the attacks on Pearl Harbor shook the nation, DeCurtins and the rest of his unit deployed to Europe, where they helped defend this nation and the world. Gene was injured twice during the war and bravely returned to fight each time after recovery. He returned to Stillwater, Minnesota in 1944. Many of his friends did not return. The survivors in the area formed the A&D; Last Man's Club, which was named after both companies the men belonged to during the war. Mr. Speaker, men like Gene DeCurtins and those in the Last Man's Club bravely fought during World War II. They did so unselfishly and without reservation. We will never forget the courage and sacrifice they displayed during our nation and the world's darkest hour. And the world will always be thankful for them. I yield back.

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