

Indianapolis, Ind., June 22, 1956

Emil A. (Blackie) Blackmore, 39 of Cheyenne, Wyoming will become the new national adjutant of The American Legion on July 1.

The appointment was announced by National Commander J. "Addington" Wagner at the Department Convention of the Wyoming American Legion at Cody.

Blackmore will be the seventh national adjutant in the 37-year history of The American Legion. He succeeds Henry H. Dudley, 65 of Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska, who is retiring after eight years in the post.

Blackmore is the first World War II veteran appointed to the top administrative position in The American Legion. He had been assistant National Adjutant since January 5, 1953.

New Assistant Adjutant

Commander Wagner also announced the appointment of Robert E. Lyngh, 38, of Denver, Colorado, as the new assistant national adjutant to succeed Blackmore in that post.

Lyngh, a World War II Air Force Veteran, has served for the past 14 months as the public relations aide to the National Commander. He is a member of the Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post 1 of Denver. He was formerly the department service officer of the Colorado American Legion. He served with the 8th Air Force in England during World War II. He is married and father of two children.

Native of Wyoming

Blackmore was born in Rawlins, Wyoming and attended public schools at Baggs and was educated at the University of Wyoming. He served in the US Navy from 1943 to 1946. For two years after his discharge he was the VA Contact Officer and Post Service Officer of the Travis Snow Post 5 of The American Legion at Torrington, Wyoming. He also served as chairman of the Wyoming Department's Education of Orphans of Veterans and Child Welfare committees. In 1948 he became department service officer of the Wyoming American Legion, holding that office until he joined the National Headquarters in 1953.

Blackmore and his wife, Jean, have two children, John A., 14 and Joanna, 8. At the time of his death John was living in Chicago and Joanna was a freshman at the University of Wyoming.

Memoriam

The hearts of all American Legionnaires are saddened with the news of the sudden death of National Adjutant E.A. Blackmore who died April 21, 1967. He suffered an initial heart attack last Feb 13th while in Des Moines, Iowa, to attend a Legion function. He was hospitalized there for a month before returning to his home here to continue his convalescence. He only recently had returned to his Legion duties on a part-time basis. He had left his office at about 3 PM last Friday to return to his home. He apparently had stopped to take a walk in Holiday Park before going home and was found in the park near midnight last Friday. Mrs. Blackmore had become alarmed when he had not returned to his home for dinner, and notified his associates, who in turn notified Indianapolis and Marion County authorities.

We who have had the privilege of being closely associated with him knew him as a devoted and hard working administrator who also took the time to share the concerns of his fellow workers. "Blackie" was a rare individual possessed of special qualities. His kindness of character-his dedication to the Legion and

to the cause of the veteran-his interest in and concern for his fellow workers-and the deep compassion he held for his less fortunate comrades, are qualities that will live on in the memory of all who knew him.

The American Legion has suffered a great loss and we have lost a close personal friend in the passing of Mr. Blackmore.

Mr. Blackmore, 49, was the seventh to served as National Adjutant for almost 11 years.

An estimated 200 persons, many of them American Legion leaders from across the nation, paid their last respects Tuesday, April 25, during a regular Episcopal burial service from the Book of Common Prayer was conducted by the Rev. G. Ernest Lynch, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis and pastor of the deceased.

The services were conducted at Flanner and Buchanan Fall Creek Mortuary and at the graveside at Washington Park North Cemetery in Indianapolis. The Funeral procession was more than one mile long.

Active pallbearers were: Francis W. Polen, Dean Nelson, Robert A. Lyngh, George Timmons, Thomas Harper And William F. Hauck.

At the conclusion of the graveside rites, the flag draping the casket was folded and presented to the widow by Legion National Commander John E. Davis.

Legion Past National Commanders who came to pay their last respects are: James R. O'Neil, George N. Craig, J. Addington Wagner, John S. Gleason, Jr., J. Preston Moore, William R. Burke, Charles L. Bacon, James E. Powers, Judge Daniel F. Foley, Donald E. Johnson and L. Eldon James. Legion Past National Adjutant Henry H. Dudley also was present among the honorary pallbearers, and that group also included the Past National Commanders under whom Mr. Blackmore had served and the Legion National Commission directors. National Auxiliary President Gen Ryan was also in attendance.

In addition to his long-time service to The American Legion, Mr. Blackmore was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sigma Chi fraternity, the Columbia Club, the Indianapolis Athletic Club and the Meridian Hills Country Club.