

Eugene Ambrose McEntee

14th State Deputy of Oregon 1934-1936



Eugene Ambrose McEntee was born on August 16, 1896 to Eugene O. and Julia Sullivan McEntee in Montpelier, ID.

Eugene enlisted in the army in 1917 during WWI serving with Headquarters Company, 26 Infantry Regiment, 1st Division, A.E.F. On October 2, 1918, near Verdun, France, Eugene was in charge of maintaining telephone communication while advancing with a patrol. Private McEntee showed marked personal bravery and, after being shot in the ankle, refused to be evacuated and advanced

for 1,300 meters under heavy machine-gun fire, repairing telephone lines and making it possible to send valuable information to the rear.

Eugene received the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions.

Eugene attended the University of Portland and the University of Oregon and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Eugene married Ann E. Keeney on August 8, 1920 and had four children: Jeanne V., Eugene W., Patrick and Sharon.



Eugene WWI 1917

Eugene's work career ranged from Hotel clerk, Accountant and Accountant to Deputy IRS Collector. He was a Democrat and an avid golfer.

Eugene was the Grand Knights for the Portland Council 678 from 1925-1926. At the 36th State Convention held in Portland in May 1934, Eugene A. McEntee was elected as State Deputy on the fifth ballot after never serving as a State Officer.

During WWII on April 28, 1943, Eugene's son Second LT Eugene W McEntee was killed in a collision of two training planes on a routine bombing mission in New Mexico. Three others were also killed in the crash.

Eugene A. McEntee died on November 16, 1961 in Portland, OR and is buried at the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Portland. Ann died in 1968 and is buried next to Eugene.

"When you have elected your officers, do not think that you are now through for the next year. Work with your State Officers, assist them in every manor possible, and I assure you that you will come to your State

Convention next year with a glorious record of progress and achievement." Eugene A McEntee - May 25, 1936, 28st State Convention, Klamath Falls, OR

