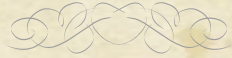


Did You Know?



ANCC and the Pearl Harbor Shuffle

On Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, two Army Navy Country Club members, Admiral **Husband E. Kimmel**, the Commander-In-Chief Pacific Fleet, and Lieutenant General **Walter C. Short**, Commanding General of the Hawaii Department of the United States Army, arose early to prepare for their bi-weekly golf game. The Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor not only resulted in neither one making their starting time, but also produced a number of reassignments involving ANCC members took place in the aftermath. Both Kimmel and Short were subsequently relieved of their commands. Kimmel was replaced by Admiral **Chester Nimitz**, who resigned the presidency of ANCC upon his receipt of orders to Hawaii, and Short was replaced by LGEN Delos C. Emmons, who was not an ANCC member. But this was only the beginning of a personnel shake-up that involved several ANCC members. Admiral **Harold R. “Betty” Stark**, an ANCC Founding Member, was relieved as the Chief of Naval Operations and sent to London where he assumed the duties at the first Commander-In-Chief, Naval Forces Europe. Stark was replaced by Admiral **Earnest J. King**, an ANCC member had been assigned to the Navy Board, a place admirals were assigned awaiting their retirement. As King was quoted as saying at the time, “When the going gets tough, they call in the son-of-a-bitches.”

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