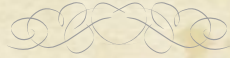


# Did You Know?

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## Major Newman - Golf Course Developer

Major Richard D. Newman, US Army for whom, until the early 1990's, the ANCC Club Championship was named, was the primary force in the design and development of the Arlington golf facilities. Newman had earlier planned and built the Fort Riley, Kansas golf course for a total cost of \$700 when he agreed to work on development of the Army Navy facilities. General Summerall, The Army Chief of Staff, ensured that when Major Newman was ordered to special duty at Ft. Myer in 1927, he had no official duties other than overseeing construction of the Army Navy facilities.

In establishing the golf course, Newman enlisted the 29<sup>th</sup> Engineer Topographic Battalion to conduct a "Training Exercise" on the ANCC hilly terrain. He plotted locations for trees, greens and fairways from the air. The work crews that cleared the land encountered, among other obstacles, poisonous snakes and even a working still. The support of senior military officers, in combination with the skill and dedication of Major Newman provided the basis upon which the club facilities and the golf course began to take shape, opening in 1928-1929. The course layout today bears little resemblance to Newman's original design, but the underlying concept remains.

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