



ANCC FOUNDATION Did You Know?



1927 ANCC Letter Head

The Army Navy and Marine Corps Country Club letter head from 1927 provides a listing of Club “Officers, Governors, and Advisory Board”.

**OFFICERS, GOVERNORS
AND ADVISORY BOARD**

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VICE PRESIDENT

ADMIRAL E. W. EBERLE
VICE PRESIDENT

MAJ. GEN. J. A. LEJEUNE
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HON. DWIGHT F. DAVIS

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COL. WILLIAM J. DONOVAN

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MAJ. GEN. CREED C. HAMMOND

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MAJ. GEN. MASON M. PATRICK

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CAPT. J. E. BREWSTER ✓

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LT. COL. F. G. KELLOND ✓

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COMDR. C. B. MAYO ✓

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COL. E. P. ORYON ✓

COL. D. S. STANLEY ✓

LT. W. B. YOUNG ✓

A letter found in the Club archives dated January 28, 1927, provides insight into the Club organizational structure 29 months after its initial organization in 1924.

The three categories listed are Officers, Governors, and Advisory Board.

Officers. According to By-Laws of the time, the Officers consisted of the President and one or more (in this case three) Vice-Presidents. These positions were largely ceremonial in that the incumbents did not serve as regular members of the Club Board of Governors or Executive Committee. The rationale for three Vice-Presidents was to provide a position for the Army (Major General Hines), Navy (Admiral Eberle), and Marine Corps (Major General LeJeune) Service Chiefs. Admiral Benson, a former Chief of Naval Operations (1915-1919), served as the first ANCC President from 1925 until his death in 1932.

Advisors. The earliest version of the Club By-Laws held in the archives is dated December 12, 1929. This version of the By-Laws and the Club Articles of Incorporation make no mention of an Advisory Board. There are two plausible explanations. First, that the Advisory Board was specified in a 1927 version of the By-Laws but dropped from subsequent versions. Second, that the Advisory Board was an informal panel that was never specified in the By-Laws. In either case, it is clear that the Advisory Board consisted of influential individuals who were probably recruited to lend their names to the Club’s recruiting and fund-raising efforts. The following is a list of the Advisors and the positions they held in 1927 and, in some cases, significant positions held prior and subsequent to 1927:

Maj. General Robert H. Allen	U.S. Army Chief of Infantry (1925-19??)
Brig. General Lincoln C. Andrews	Assistant Secretary of Treasury (1925-1927)
Maj. General Robert L. Bullard	Army Chief of Staff (1917-1918) President, National Security League (1925-1947)
Maj. General Malin Craig	U.S. Army Chief of Cavalry (1924-1926) Army Chief of Staff (1935-1939)
Hon. Dwight F. Davis	Secretary of War (1925-1929)
COL William J. Donovan	Medal of Honor (WWI) Department of Justice, Anti-Trust Division (1925-1928) Coordinator of Information/Office of Strategic Services (1941-1946)
Maj. General Hanson E. Ely	Commandant, Army War College (1923-1927)
Senator Frederick Hale	Republican, Maine (1917-1941)
Maj. General Creed C. Hammond	Chief of the Military Bureau (1925-1929)
Maj. General J.G. Harbord	President/CEO of RCA (1922-1947)
Maj. General John A. Hull	Judge Advocate General of the Army (1924-1928)
COL E. Lester Jones	Director, U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey (1919-1929)
Rear Admiral Hilary P. Jones	CINC, U.S. Fleet (1922-1923) Navy General Board (1923-1927)
Maj. General Mason M. Patrick	Chief of the Army Air Corps (1926-1927)
General John J. Pershing	Army Chief of Staff (1921-1924) General of the Armies (Promoted 1919)
Rear Admiral P.M. Rixey	U.S. Navy Surgeon General (1902-1910) Personal Physician to Presidents McKinley and T.R. Roosevelt ANCC Original Founder Life Member
Honorable T. Douglass Robinson	Assistant Secretary of the Navy (1924-1929)

Governors. The following individuals were Club Governors:

Captain F.B. Bassett	Chairman of Board (1925-1926)
LCDR J.B. Blood	Governor
Captain J.E. Brewster	Governor
Major R.M. Danford	Secretary/Treasurer (1925-1927)
Major Clifford Jones	Governor
LTCOL F.G. Kellond	Governor
CDR J.T. Kennedy	Governor
CDR C.B. Mayo	Governor
LTCOL W.H. Noble	Governor
COL G.A. Nugent	Governor
COL E.P. Orton	Governor
COL David B. Stanley	Chairman of Board (1926-1933)
LT W.B. Young	Governor