



Did You Know?



ANCC Namesake Forts, Bases and Stations

The last two months DYK's addressed the ships named for ANCC members. We now move on to the shore establishment. While most military forts, bases and stations had their names long prior to the inception of ANCC, there were a number that were opened and/or named later. Can you name any forts, bases or stations that were named for ANCC members?

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The following are three forts and bases named for Army Navy Country Club members. If you know of any additional examples, please contact the ANCC Foundation.



GEN Leslie J. McNair, USA

- West Point Class of 1904
- Army's youngest general at age 35
- As commander of Army Ground Forces was considered the "unsung architect of the U.S. Army"
- Killed by friendly fire near St. Lo, France on July 25, 1944.
- Promoted posthumously to General.
- ANCC Planning Committee Chairman, 1936

Fort Leslie J. McNair (Washington DC)

- Originally named Washington Arsenal
- Established in 1791 on about 28 acres at the tip of Greenleaf Point.
- Site of the Lincoln assassination trials and executions in 1865.
- Named for Leslie McNair in 1948.
- Tenants:
 - National Defense University
 - National War College
 - Eisenhower College for National Security and Resource Strategy (formerly the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF))
 - Inter-American Defense College
 - United States Army Center of Military History





COL Leslie MacDill, USA

- Army Aviation Pioneer
 - Commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant, Coastal Artillery Corps, 13 April 1912
 - Rated as Junior Military Aviator, 2 July 1915
 - Promoted to Colonel 26 August 1936
 - Killed in plane crash flying out of Bolling Field (Washington, DC), 9 November 1938
- ANCC Handball, Squash & Bowling Committee Chair, 1934

MacDill AFB (Tampa, FL)

- Established as Southeast Air Base, Tampa, 1939
- Renamed for COL MacDill, 1 September 1939
- Formally Dedicated, 16 April 1941
- Tenants:
 - U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) HQ
 - U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) HQ
 - U.S. Special Operations Command Central (SOCCENT) HQ
 - U.S. Marine Forces Central Command (MARCENT) HQ
 - 6th Air Mobility Wing





GEN Hoyt S. Vandenberg, USAF

- Director of CIA, 1946 - 1947
- Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, 1947-1948
- Air Force Chief of Staff, 1948-1953
- ANCC President 1948 – 1953
- Died 2 April 1954

Vandenberg AFB (Santa Barbara, CA)

- Defense Space & Missile Testing Base
- Previously Camp Cooke, 1941-1953, and Cooke AFB, 1957-1958
- Renamed for GEN Vandenberg, 4 October 1958
- Assigned to Air Force Space Command
- Host Unit: 30th Space Wing
- Major Tenants:
 - 14th Air Force

