

42 Military Bases and Counting

How DCs Can Get Hired To Care For Our Troops

On November 24, 2003, President Bush signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act, legislation approved by Congress that includes an ACA-backed provision (Section 711) ordering the Pentagon to speed up implementation of the chiropractic care benefit authorized for America's active-duty military service personnel. Since 1995, Congress has approved six separate ACA-backed bills aimed at making chiropractic care available to our troops. Although the military's medical bureaucracy continues to try to impose new barriers to chiropractic care, Doctors of Chiropractic are now treating soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines in 42 military health facilities across the U.S., including Bethesda Naval Medical Center, Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Andrews Air Force Base. ACA's Chiropractor of the Year for 2003, Dr. Bill Morgan, stationed at Bethesda, even treats Members of Congress through the U.S. Capitol's Office of the Attending Physician. In 2004, the Defense Department is expected to make chiropractic care available in a new group of facilities and to provide for the hiring of more DCs. Below is useful information for Doctors of Chiropractic interested in applying for a position in the military health system:



Q. How can a Doctor of Chiropractic or a chiropractic patient obtain information about chiropractic care in the military health system?

A. Monitor www.tricare.osd.mil/chiropractic/default.htm, the Defense Department's Chiropractic Health Care Program homepage or call ACA Government Relations.

Q. To whom should a Doctor of Chiropractic submit a resume if he/she is interested in treating active-duty personnel serving in the U.S. Air Force or the U.S. Army?

A. Doctors of Chiropractic should submit their resume directly to the private companies selected by the Air Force and the Army to employ all chiropractors, chiropractic assistants and administrative staff deemed necessary to providing care at the selected military health facilities. These contracting companies are Aliron International Inc. (Army) and Cherokee Nations Industries (Air Force).

Q. Who are the hiring contacts for Aliron International and Cherokee Nations Industries?

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Aliron International, Inc.
5257 River Road, #400
Bethesda, MD 20816-1415
(254) 542-4505
www.aliron.com

Cherokee Nations Industries
18945 FM 2252, Suite 115
Garden Ridge, TX 78266
(210) 651-0027



Q. To whom should a Doctor of Chiropractic submit a resume if he/she is interested in treating active-duty personnel serving in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps?

A. The Navy announces openings for chiropractors in the classified ad section of local newspapers and in chiropractic publications like *Dynamic Chiropractic*. For the most current information, DCs should continually monitor the Naval Medical Logistics Command homepage: www.nmlc.med.navy.mil/.

For more information on how to join ACA's campaign to pass HR 3476, a bill now before Congress designed to extend chiropractic care benefits to military retirees, dependents and survivors, and to create new opportunities for DCs, visit the ACA Legislative Action Center at www.acatoday.com or call ACA Government Relations.

