

Attorneys Assisting Citizen-Soldiers and Families (AACF)

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Dear Member of the Washington State Legal Community:

Washington State is slated to deploy approximately 3,500 of our National Guard members to Iraq in August. Deployment places additional demands on military personnel and their family members. As members of the legal community, we can offer our specialized skills to assist our citizen soldiers, their family members, as well as our fellow attorneys in uniformed service.

The Guard members and their immediate families will need legal services before, during, and after deployment. Unlike active military personnel, Guard family members may not have convenient access to a military base or a military legal assistance office. Military legal staff and resources are stretched to focus on deployment readiness. Civilian attorneys such as yourself can offer expert assistance on landlord-tenant issues, consumer law, family law, immigration, and many other issues.

Will you join *Attorneys Assisting Citizen-Soldiers and Families* in creating a network of civilian volunteers throughout Washington State willing to provide limited legal services to service members and their immediate families? Staffing is needed for a network of *pro bono* clinics in a variety of locations; developing a volunteer attorney roster is underway. In addition, please consider joining our growing referral lists of volunteer attorneys willing to take *pro bono* cases.

To volunteer for a clinic, to join the referral list, or to learn more, please contact AttorneysEnlist@gmail.com or telephone **Captain Alex Straub**, *Washington National Guard Legal Assistance Attorney*, at 253-512-8262 today.

This project can offer you training and (subject to MCLE Board approval) CLE credit at no cost to you. More importantly, AACF is an opportunity to support our fellow citizens and military families who are directly affected by the war. Time is of the essence; we should all do our part. Contact AttorneysEnlist@gmail.com today!

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