



Captain Jerome Alford, DMD

Retired Officer



CAPT Jerome Alford, DMD (retired) graduated from the Oral Roberts University School of Dentistry in 1984. He began his career as a commissioned officer in the United States Public Health Service working as a facility dentist for the Creek Nation in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. Dr. Alford then accepted an assignment in Mescalero, New Mexico as chief of basic dental program serving the Mescalero Apache Nation.

Dr. Alford transferred to the remote fishing village of Neah Bay, Washington to provide dental care to the native Makah community. During his time in Neah Bay, Dr. Alford decided to seek long-term advanced training in general dentistry. He was accepted into the two-year Advanced General Practice Residency (AGPR) at W. W. Hastings Indian Hospital in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The AGPR provided advanced training in the dental specialties and hospital dentistry. Dr. Alford served as

the Chief Resident during the second year of the residency.

Upon completion of the AGPR, Dr. Alford accepted an assignment as the Director of the AGPR Program at Gallup Indian Medical Center (GIMC) in Gallup, New Mexico. In addition to directing the residency program, Dr. Alford served in several administrative roles, including the Acting Ambulatory Care Coordinator and the Chief of the Medical Staff. Dr. Alford then transitioned to a permanent assignment as the Deputy Clinical Director at GIMC.

Dr. Alford transferred to the Navajo Area Office in Saint Michaels, Arizona where he served as the Navajo Region Division of Commissioned Personnel Support (DCPS) Liaison. He oversaw the Commissioned Corps personnel system for the 300 commissioned officers assigned to the Navajo Region. Dr. Alford finished his career as the Chief of Quality Services at TséHootsooí Medical Center in Fort Defiance, Arizona.

Dr. Alford retired from the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service in November 2016 after 31 years of active duty and continues to serve as the Chief of Quality Services at TséHootsooí Medical Center as a civilian.