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ALLIED CAPITAL CORP Form 8-K February 18, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

February 17, 2004

ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 0-22832 52-1081052 (State or other (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) jurisdiction of incorporation)

1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20006
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (202) 331-1112

Item 5. Other Events.

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- Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.
 - (a) Not applicable.
 - (b) Not applicable.
 - (c) Exhibits.

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Exhibit No. Description

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Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 18, 2004 ALLIED CAPITAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Penni F. Roll

Penni F. Roll

Chief Financial Officer

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