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DES Partners with Hilton Hotels to Support Veterans ***Free hotel stays to veterans and spouses for employment-related travel***

PHOENIX - Troops are accustomed to sleeping on cots, in fox holes, bunkers, and barracks. While these sleeping arrangements may not be the most luxurious, comfortable or safe, military men and women realize it's just part of the job. Thanks to a partnership with Hilton Hotels, the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) offers free hotel stays for employment-related travel to veterans, spouses and transitioning service members.

"Our partnership with Hilton Hotels helps military veterans and their spouses make a successful transition into the workforce by providing assistance in moving their career path forward," said DES Veterans' Employment Representative Ray Tilkens. "This is just one of the many programs DES offers specifically to military veterans and their families to help them in a job search in order to reach career goals."

While hundreds of veterans across the country have successfully utilized the program, there are no limits on the number of eligible people who can enroll. Hotel stays are for employment-related travel more than fifty miles from an individual's current residence.

Interested individuals must meet certain eligibility requirements of the Hilton HHonors Military Rewards Program, including:

- Meeting the definition of a veteran and is a resident of or resides in Arizona
- Registering on the DES free job-search website: www.AZJobConnection.gov
- Enrolling online for a free HHonors account

Those who meet the eligibility requirements and are interested in the Program should contact a DES Veterans' Employment Representative to start the fast turnaround process. Upon approval, applicants will receive 100,000 HHonors Points per year, which can be redeemed for free hotel stays. The points never expire. Overnight accommodations can be used to facilitate job interviews, skills training or certification, and other job-seeking activities like conducting a housing search. The job seeker will receive an email confirmation from Hilton within two business days in order to book their reservation.

For additional information about the Hilton HHonors Military Rewards Program and eligibility requirements, please contact Ray Tilkens at (520) 209-1038 or rtilkens@azdes.gov.

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