



Labor Department Teams Up with *Hilton Honors Military Program* To Help Veterans Obtain Jobs

WETHERSFIELD, November 9, 2017 – The Connecticut Department of Labor has teamed up with Hilton Worldwide and the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) to help Connecticut’s veterans with their job search efforts.

The *Hilton Honors Military Program*, now available to eligible Connecticut veterans and their families, helps pay for necessary accommodation costs when a vet needs to travel out of state for an interview, look for housing that is closer to their new employment, or for related job search activities offered under the program guidelines.

Coordinated through the Labor Department’s Office for Veterans’ Workforce Development (OVWD), the program provides veterans with 100,000 points that are placed into a personal rewards account. Points can be used at Hilton properties that include Hilton, Doubletree, Embassy Suites, Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites for approved stays related to employment or training activities.

“The Labor Department is dedicated to helping veterans find employment through career counseling, job search assistance, résumé development and interviewing skills building, and this program provides us with one more tool to help our vets find good jobs,” said State Labor Commissioner Scott D. Jackson. “Whether you’re a newly-returning veteran transitioning back into civilian life or a vet looking for a better job, the *Hilton Honors Military Program* provides another valuable service to those who served our country.”

“We appreciate the support of NASWA and Hilton in helping our veterans with their job search,” said Dan Laffin of the OVWD and *Hilton Honors Military Program* coordinator for Connecticut. According to Laffin, a short application form and a veteran’s military DD-214 is all that is needed for vets or their families to apply. In lieu of the DD-214, other acceptable documentation to show eligibility is a veteran’s designation on a state driver’s license, Form NGB-22 (National Guard), Form DD-256 (traditional Reservist), or a Military ID.

Applications are available by contacting Laffin at Daniel.Laffin@ct.gov. Upon application approval, veterans’ representatives at the agency will assist vets or their family members in creating a personal online *Hilton Honors* account so points can be deposited.

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