

## Thirty-one states now participating in Hilton program for Veterans

NASWA's partnership with Hilton Worldwide™ is making the career transition easier for Veterans, military spouses and Transitioning Service Members.

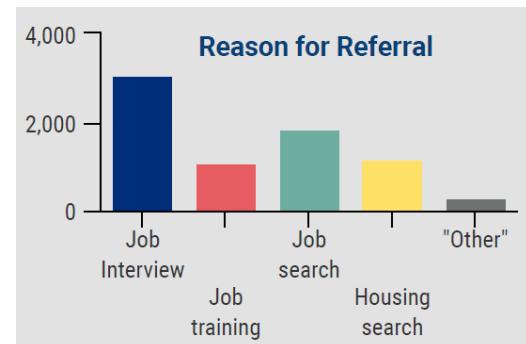
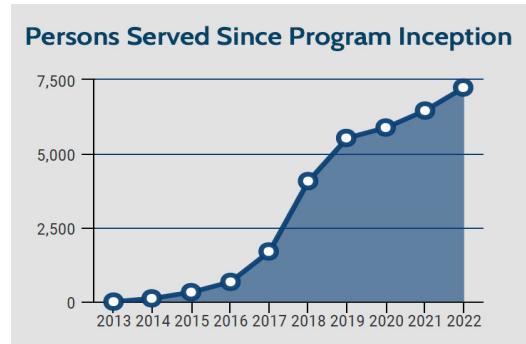
The Hilton Honors™ Military Program provides 100,000 hotel points to eligible Transitioning Service Members, military spouses and Veterans to support needed travel for verifiable employment related activities, such as a job search, training for a new job, or finding housing. Points are not awarded for vacations, permanent change of duty stations, or non-employment activities, and no one is guaranteed to receive points. Each participating state sets their own eligibility and residency requirements, and recipients must have a Hilton Honors™ account to receive the points. Currently, 100,000 points – the maximum allowed per individual in their lifetime - is good for approximately three nights lodging, depending on the Hilton property.

Thirty-one states are now participating in the program, including: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia, Vermont, Texas, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

### Does the program help Veterans?

- General Dynamics, Bath Iron Works in Maine has discovered the value of this program and referred four new hires. None were living in Maine at the time, so having a place to stay during initial housing search or interview has been helping with successful hires, and creating less stress.
- A retired Marine veteran's spouse recently received Hilton Honors Rewards points after accepting a Professor's position at a local university. The collaboration between the Maryland Department of Labor Veteran's Program, NASWA and the Hilton organization provided the veteran's spouse and her family rewards points towards a few hotel night's stay while house hunting in a new area.
- A transitioning Air Force Service Member received 100,000 Hilton Honors Points for lodging and house-hunting while relocating from Texas to California after being hired by the California Department of Veterans Affairs.
- A Navy pilot requested Hilton Honor points to stay in Atlanta for his advanced FAA ATP/CTP course for certification to transition to be a civilian pilot. Getting the points allowed the pilot to save hundreds of dollars on his hotel stay for an already expensive training trip.

Each of the participating states has at least one designated point of contact for the program. Veterans are directed to find the American Job Center closest to them at [www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/](http://www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/), and ask to speak to someone who works with Veterans. In addition to information about Hilton Honors™,



they can benefit from learning about other available employment and training services to help their transition.

For more information about how your state can participate, please email [HiltonHonors@naswa.org](mailto:HiltonHonors@naswa.org). Note that the Hilton Honors™ Military Program requests do **not** require a NASWA Account. Click [here](#) for more information available on the NASWA website.