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**HILTON SANDESTIN BEACH GOLF RESORT & SPA SAYS 'THANK YOU'
WITH MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE**

Destin, Fla. (Sept. 11, 2009) – The Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa on Northwest Florida's Gulf Coast salutes members of the United States Armed Forces. The hotel offers its **Military Appreciation Package** starting from \$99 per night (restrictions do apply) featuring spacious accommodations and daily breakfast for two adults at Sandcastles Restaurant. (**Children 6 and under are complimentary; breakfast for additional adults and children are available at an extra cost.*) The package is open to Armed Service Personnel including active duty, retired, civilian employees, contractors and family and available through Feb. 28, 2010. *Military identification required at check-in.*

The Military Appreciation Package is available Aug. 9, through Feb 28, 2010; not available on major holidays (ex. Labor Day, New Year's Eve); room rates in the Spa Tower start at \$99 per night; room rates in the Emerald Tower start at \$129 per night; subject to availability. This package is not bookable online. Please call (800) 367-1271 to make reservations and mention package code "MILA."

Military personnel and their families can enjoy a beachside escape while taking advantage of the amazing events and festivals that pepper Northwest Florida each fall. The resort is the perfect tucked-away haven and home base for exploring the area's most popular events such as the Destin Seafood Festival (Oct. 2-4), Back to Nature (Oct. 16-18), Hilton Sandestin Beach's Monster Mash Bash (Oct. 31) and Taste of the Beach (Nov. 5-8), to name a few.

In addition, the Hilton Sandestin Beach is hosting A Starry, Starry Night at the Hilton Sandestin Beach on Sept. 25, from 6:30 – 9 p.m. The adult-only event promises to be an unforgettable evening under the stars, featuring intimate tables on the beach with fine cuisine, wine and live entertainment. End the evening with a romantic movie on the beach under the stars. Cost is \$40 per person (plus tax). Starry Starry Night is a part of the Beaches of South Walton's Annual Autumn Tides series and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Children's Volunteer Health Network.

The Hilton Sandestin Beach sits directly on the Gulf Coast in Destin, Fla., not far from major military bases including Tyndall Air Force Base (near Panama City Beach, Fla.), Eglin and Hurlburt Air Force bases (near Fort Walton Beach, Fla.) and Pensacola Naval Air Station. The resort hotel is an active supporter of its local military bases and has a long-standing relationship hosting military events and conferences throughout the year.

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For reservations or more information on the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa and fall events mentioned, call (850) 267-9500 or (800) 367-1271, or visit www.HiltonSandestinBeach.com.

About the Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa:

The Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, managed by Sandcastle Resorts of Sandestin, Inc. and located directly on the sugar-white sands of the Gulf of Mexico within the 2,400-acre Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort community, celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2009 as the Southeast's premier Gulf-front resort hotel. The Hilton Sandestin Beach has continued its quest to improve and upgrade to ensure that guests' expectations are exceeded during all hours of their stay. Whether in search of a leisurely getaway or an extraordinary wedding destination, the Hilton Sandestin Beach is the perfect retreat, offering a variety of amenities and activities including more than 32,000 square feet of meeting space, an unparalleled resort spa and fitness center, elegant dining venues and much more. For more information, visit www.HiltonSandestinBeach.com.