



United Association Veterans In Piping (VIP) Program Warriors In Welding (WIW) “Pilot Transitional Program”

MARINES; LEARN WHILE STILL ON ACTIVE DUTY! The United Association offers great wages, cutting-edge training and benefits including medical, dental, and pension, for those who join our ranks. Successfully complete and certify in this fully funded welding training program and you will be offered an apprenticeship in the piping industry. WOW! The program leads to employment as a second year apprentice with future wages of \$50 per hour including benefits upon successful completion of your apprenticeship.

The United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry (UA) in coordination with Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton offering a special opportunity for training and employment of 16 Service Members in a formal course of welding instruction for 16 weeks. Successful completion of the program will lead to direct entry into an apprenticeship program with up to one year of credit towards our 5 year program. This is a unique pilot program because participants will not be required to have previous welding or pipe fitting experience.

The training program will be offered through Plumbers & Steamfitters District Council 16 and Local Union 230 in San Diego, CA. Local 230 is affiliated with the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada, and the Mechanical Contractors Association of California. The Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee has been registered with the California State Department of Labor & Industries since 1959.

Plumber/Steamfitters are skilled, trained craftworkers who install, maintain and service all plumbing, process piping, vacuum, oxygen, natural gas, hydraulic heating, refrigeration, air conditioning and cooling systems, as well as the industrial instrumentation and the sophisticated automatic control systems that control these processes.

We preserve the public health and safety by protecting drinking water from contamination, assuring properly installed natural and medical gas systems, confirming the proper operation of each of these systems, and the equipment which are components of these systems.

The Plumber/Steamfitter must read and interpret building drawings and specifications, make calculations, fabricate and install systems under the direction of a mechanical engineer and according to state building codes.

You're a VIP so join the United Association and become part of our family!

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APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

To join the UA without any prior experience, individuals enter a United Association five-year apprenticeship program and are part of a select group of men and women motivated to learn a complex and challenging trade while upholding the ideals of trade unionism. However, as stated above, successful completion of the UA VIP Accelerated Welding Program will provide you with direct entry into the apprenticeship program with up to one year of credit being given towards your apprenticeship.

UA apprentices learn through both classroom and on-the-job training in what is considered by many to be the best construction industry apprentice program in the world. The apprenticeship program is five years of intensive technical training, consisting of 10,000 hours of on-the-job training and approximately 1,200 hours of related training in the classroom.

All UA apprentices receive a strong general education background in the trade, with core courses in basics such as mathematics, drawing and so on. At a certain point, apprentices can choose a specific path to follow, to become trained as a journeyperson plumber, pipefitter, sprinklerfitter, HVAC, refrigeration, service mechanic, and so on.

Apprenticeship is not an easy time: UA apprentices must work the same hours as journeyperson plus attend night classes. Yet, this can be a highly rewarding career path for an individual who is motivated to learn the piping trade and become an active member of a proud and noble trade union. Our Apprentice Training has been evaluated for college credit that you will earn while you learn.

The UA Is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Minorities are encouraged to apply.

JOURNEYWORKERS

Once UA members complete their five-year apprenticeships, they become full-fledged journeypersons. However, their education in the trade is by no means over at this point. In fact, United Association members are very serious about pursuing lifelong training and most of them take advantage of the many opportunities they have to update and expand their skills and become leaders in our industry.

For example, UA members might work during the day on a construction site welding pipe or installing sprinkler systems, or they may be making service calls as a plumber or air conditioning mechanic. But, at night after a hard day's work, those same UA piping professional may be found in classes at their local union studying subjects like orbital welding, valve repair, supervisory training and computer aided drawing.

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Becoming a United Association piping professional is really about making a serious commitment to a lifetime of learning and training, and it's this commitment which translates into a quality product and significant cost savings for contractors and construction users who employ UA members. *WE DO THE JOB RIGHT THE FIRST TIME!*

Course Start Date: 28 September 2009, Course Completion Date: 15 January 2010

INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD CONTACT:

Mr. John Maki @ John.Maki@usmc.mil for more information.

PREREQUISITES:

- High School Diploma, Valid Drivers License, Completed TAP or will prior to Course Start
- EAS within 30 days of course completion or: Sufficient Terminal Leave to meet that date. (or approval of the early release program to meet that date)
- MM score 95 or higher. (Can we waived once passed World of Work Inventory (WOWI) test available from John Maki)
- Normal color vision
- Willing to work outside in all weather, A proven performer with a strong work ethic
- Commander's recommendation via the checklist
- Nice to have items:
- Strong basic math skills, Familiarization with basic hand and power tools and the safe operation of each
- Welding experience, mechanically inclined, Construction experience,

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