



**United Association (UA) Veterans in Piping Program (VIP)  
Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA**



***Who is the United Association (UA)?***

The United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada or "UA", as it is commonly known, is a multi-craft union whose members are engaged in the fabrication, installation and servicing of piping systems. There are approximately 340,000 highly-skilled United Association members who belong to over 300 individual local unions across North America. The United Association has been training qualified pipe trades longer than anyone else in the industry. The UA boasts having the premier education training program in the industry today, including five-year apprenticeship programs, extensive journeyman training, organized instructor training, and certification programs. The UA's signature contracts provide highly-skilled union technicians to support the industrial construction industry building oil refineries, nuclear power plants, hospitals, schools, clean air rooms for the production of computer chips-and almost any industrial building that generates steam. UA pipefitters area looking for transitioning military members, like you, to join its team.

***What is VIP?***

- An education training program that promises a career in the pipefitting industry, college credit and guaranteed a family-wage job for those who successfully complete the program.
- An education training program that provides intense accelerated training in the fields of welding or heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC/R)
- VIP is designed for Active-Duty Service-Members transitioning from Military Service.
- VIP is a fulltime training program 18 weeks in duration that is the Servicemembers place of duty
- The welding program is held at the UA's Local #26 Training Center in Lacey, WA. The HVAC/R program is held on Joint Base Lewis-McChord at the Stone Education Center, 6242 Colorado Avenue, JBLM Lewis-Main.
- Upon successful completion of the training program, graduates are placed in a 5-year paid UA apprenticeship program at over 300 locations nationwide. Apprentices continue to earn college credit while they learn their trade.

***What are the requirements for application?***

**Must Have:**

- Be on Active Duty with a Separation/Retirement date one month either side of the class end date
- Secure Command authorization to participate
- Provide a copy of your Army Enlisted Record Brief (ERB) or copy of Records Review from virtual Military Personnel flight (vMPF, Air Force only)
- Receive a Fully Honorable; Honorable; and/or General discharge
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Have correctable vision to 20/20 (no contacts allowed during welding training)
- Be able to stand for long periods of time
- Be able to lift 50 pounds
- ASVAB Scores: MM 95 or higher/GT 90 or higher (Army only)
- ASVAB Composite General Score of 50 or higher, Mechanical Score of 40 or higher; Electrical Score of 28 or higher (Air Force only)
- 3-year clean driving record and copy of State driving record available online from your State DMV office (HVAC/R only).



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**Nice to Have:**

- Good math skills
- Construction experience
- Welding experience
- HVAC/R experience
- College degree or credits
- Resume

***How do I apply?***

- Contact an Education Counselor at either:

Stone Education Center  
 6242 Colorado Avenue  
 JBLM, Lewis-Main  
 253-967-7295/7174

Email: [usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-aces-education-office@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.jblm.imcom.list.dhr-aces-education-office@mail.mil)

**\* Welding & HVAC/R Program Milestone Dates**

<b>WELDING Class 5</b>	<b>WELDING Class 6</b>	<b>WELDING Class 7</b>
<b>Interviews:</b> May 13-14, 2014	<b>Interviews:</b> Oct 2014	<b>Interviews:</b> TBD
<b>Start Date:</b> 07 Jul 2014	<b>Start Date:</b> 17 Nov 2014	<b>Start Date:</b> 30 Mar 2015
<b>End Date:</b> 06 Nov 2014	<b>End Date:</b> 19 Mar 2015	<b>End Date:</b> 30 Jul 2015
<b>Graduation:</b> 06 Nov 2014	<b>Graduation:</b> 19 Mar 2015	<b>Graduation:</b> 30 Jul 2015
<b>HVAC/R Class 4</b>	<b>HVAC/R/ Class 5</b>	<b>HVAC/R/ Class 6</b>
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*\*Dates are tentative and subject to change*

**Please visit the UA's website for additional information:**

[www.uavip.org](http://www.uavip.org)

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