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| VETERANS IN PIPING WELDING PROGRAM (VIP-W)Education Assistance Branch ⯁ MCB Camp Lejeune ⯁ MCAS New River (REV 20210903) |
| This is an accelerated **fully-funded (free to active duty service members)** Welder Training Program offered at Camp Lejeune for Active-Duty USMC/USN personnel that is a combination of 18 continuous weeks of full-time classroom and on-the-job-training sessions. The United Association Veterans in Piping Welding Program (VIP-W) offers military personnel with no previous welding or pipe fitting experience, an opportunity to learn and earn certifications in the Welding and Piping Industry. Program Information and Benefits* The United Association offers great wages, cutting-edge training and benefits, including medical, dental and retirement/pension programs for those joining our ranks.
* Successful completion of this program leads to direct entry into an apprenticeship program with UA affiliated employers and up to one year of credits earned towards the apprenticeship.
* All UA Apprentices will receive a strong general educational background with core competencies in Mathematics, Mechanical Drawing, Reading and Interpreting Drawings and Specifications, Calculations, Fabrication, and Installation of Systems according to State Building Codes, all under the direct supervision of a Mechanical Engineer.
* Plumber/Steamfitters are highly skilled and trained workers who install, maintain, and service all plumbing, process piping, vacuum, oxygen and natural gas, hydraulic heating and refrigeration, and air condition and cooling systems.
* They read and interpret building drawings and specifications, calculate, fabricate, and install systems, as well as, learn industrial instrumentation and automatic controls for highly technical systems.
* The welding and pipefitting industry includes a vast array of career opportunities from natural gas, heating and air conditioning, shipyard work, medical, and public health and safety.

General information* Applicants must EAS within 30-days of course completion (preferred) or have sufficient terminal leave to meet that obligation. HQMC will not approve extensions for this program.
* Classes are conducted by the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry (UA) in the Veterans In Piping (VIP) Classroom Facility, Building 1249, Birch Street, MCB Camp Lejeune.
* Classes are held Monday through Friday from 0700 to 1530. All holidays will be observed in accordance with installation schedules and policies.
* The schedule is published annually, however, it is subject to change. Please confirm session dates with the EAB Office.
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| 2021 to 2024 CLASS SCHEDULE |
| *This is a competitive program with a seat limitation of 20 qualified applicants. All applicants will be required to go through an interview process before selection to the program; interview dates will be announced after the application deadline date (no later than 30 days prior to the class cohort start date).* |
| SESSION | START DATE | GRADUATION DATE |
| Class 21 | May 9, 2022 | September 8, 2022 |
| Class 22 | September 26, 2022 | February 2, 2023 |
| Class 23 | February 20, 2023 | June 22, 2023 |
| Class 24 | July 10, 2023 | November 9, 2023 |
| Class 25 | November 27, 2023 | April 4, 2024 |
| Class 26 | April 22, 2024 | August 22, 2024 |

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