

VETERANS IN PIPING (VIP) WELDING PROGRAM

2019 - 2021 CLASS SCHEDULE

Education Center – Camp Lejeune – New River (Rev 2/19)

This is an accelerated Welder Training Program offered at Camp Lejeune for Active-Duty USMC personnel. This 18-week program runs Monday through Friday from 0700 to 1530 hours. Application submission points of contact are Peter Harris at peter.harris@usmc-mccs.org and Rick Bowman at rick.bowman@usmc-mccs.org.

For additional information reference Marine Corps SkillBridge Employment Training Program **MARADMIN 350/18**. Any questions concerning the United Association’s Veterans in Piping Program contact Mike Hazard at mikeh@uanet.org.

The United Association Veterans in Piping (VIP) Welding Program offers military personnel with no previous welding or pipe fitting experience, an opportunity to learn and earn certifications in the Welding and Piping Industry. In coordination with Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune this fully funded (free to service members) welding training program is supported by the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry (UA). **This opportunity is restricted to 16 service members carefully screened and selected** to attend 18-weeks of formal courses in piping and welding instruction. A combination of traditional classroom and on-the-job training is required. 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. 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.

The United Association offers great wages, cutting-edge training and benefits, including medical, dental and retirement/pension programs for those joining our ranks. Service members successfully completing and certifying in this training program will be offered a Piping Industry Apprenticeship. Successful completion of an apprenticeship leads to employment with unlimited earning potential, excellent wages, and benefits.

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.

Completed application packages are submitted to the John A. Lejeune Education Center Tuition Assistance Office, Room 200. To allow time for the screening/interview process, paperwork will be accepted **NO EARLIER** than **90-days** prior to the class start date (see VIP Schedule) and **NO LATER** than **15-days** before the class start date (see VIP Schedule). Due to the high volume of applicants, applications not in compliance with date/time restrictions will not be accepted. For more information see Marine Corps SkillBridge Employment Training Program MARADMIN 350/18.

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2019 – 2021 VIP Class Schedule

Class Start Time: 0700		Class End Time: 1530		Week Days: Monday - Friday	
Session:	Interview Date:	Class Start Date:	Class Graduation Date:		
Welding Class 13	TBA	April 1, 2019	August 1, 2019		
Welding Class 14	TBA	August 18, 2019	December 19, 2019		
Welding Class 15	TBA	January 6, 2020	May 7, 2020		
Welding Class 16	TBA	May 26, 2020	September 24, 2020		
Welding Class 17	TBA	October 12, 2020	February 18, 2021		

VETERANS IN PIPING (VIP) WELDING PROGRAM SCREENING CHECKLIST

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Reference Marine Corps SkillBridge Employment Training Program **MARADMIN 350/18**. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune's Veterans in Piping (VIP) Welding Program Screening Checklist is utilized to ensure applicants meet the minimum standards required for selection into the VIP Program. Seats are limited to 16 qualified applicants only. Applicants failing to meet necessary requirements are not eligible for selection, no exception. Classes are 18-weeks. Command authorization w/**Commanding Officer's Signature (Battalion/Squadron level or higher)** required. Commands agree not to assign service member any duty or responsibilities conflicting with VIP classroom or on-the-job-training evolutions.

Check Y/N:	MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:	
Yes:	No:	Possesses a current Driver's License and has adequate transportation to ensure attendance to all scheduled classes and on-the-job-training sessions.
Yes:	No:	Provided verification of a High School Diploma or GED equivalent.
Yes:	No:	Possesses the mandated AFCT scores of a GT-90 or higher and MM-95 or higher.
Yes	No	Completed or will complete the TRS Workshop prior to VIP class start date.
Yes:	No:	Command authorization to attend 18 continuous weeks of full-time classroom and on-the-job-training sessions. Applicant must be on active duty for the duration of training with sufficient time remaining after program completion for appropriate command checkout. For more information see MARADMIN 350/18.
Yes:	No:	Applicant must EAS within 30 days of course completion or have sufficient terminal leave to meet that obligation requirement. Have submitted for Terminal Leave Yes: _____ No: _____ New EAS: _____.
Yes	No	Has attended an Ethics Brief or completed a DoD approved Ethics Training presentation within the last 12-months from the start date of the skills training program.
Yes:	No:	Understands eye glasses are allowed. However, for safety reasons contact lenses are not permitted during welding operations.
Yes:	No:	Applicant is in good physical condition able to lift 50 lbs. and endure long days standing, kneeling, bending, and working in a hazardous construction type environment. If a Medical separation must provide condition.
Yes:	No:	Applicant's command will assign 18-weeks of non-funded TAD orders directing the service member to report to the designated VIP location for classes and on-the-job-training.
Yes:	No:	Upon successful completion of the program service member will return to parent Command to receive appropriate Service Record Book (SRB) entry documenting successful course completion and begin the EAS Checkout process.
Check Y/N:	RECOMMENDED SKILLS (NOT REQUIRED)	
Yes:	No:	Possesses strong basic Mathematical Skills.
Yes:	No:	Familiar with the basic operation and safety of hand and power tools.
Yes:	No:	Has some welding experience.
Yes:	No:	Is mechanically inclined.
Yes:	No:	Has some construction experience.

VETERANS IN PIPING (VIP) WELDING PROGRAM STUDENT APPLICATION

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Paperwork will be accepted at the John A. Lejeune Education Center, Bldg. 825 Stone Street, Room 200, Camp Lejeune **NO EARLIER** than **90-days** prior to the welding class start date (see VIP Class Schedule). Due to the high volume of applicants, applications not in compliance with date/time restrictions will not be accepted.

Applicant must EAS within 30-days of course completion, or have sufficient terminal leave to meet that obligation (applicants must show proof of approved terminal leave). HQMC will not approve extensions for this program.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.:	Rank:	EDIPI:
EAS:	GT Score:	MM Score:	MOS/Rate:	Date of High School/GED Diploma:		
RUC:	Unit:			Email:		
Home/Cell Phone:		Work Phone:		Welding Class Session:	Class Start Date Requested:	
Additional Comments/Notes:						
Date Application Submitted:		Applicant's Signature:				

COMMAND APPROVAL/SIGNATURES

All applicants must have Command approval to participate in this program. Command Representatives should review the VIP Screening Sheet and Student Agreement with the Marine before signing off on the VIP Application.

SNCOIC/OIC Rank:	SNCOIC/OIC Name:	SNCOIC/OIC Telephone:
Date:	SNCOIC/OIC Signature:	SNCOIC/OIC Email:

The Commanding Officer's signature (Battalion/Squadron level or higher) acknowledges the applicant has met the requirements and, if selected, is authorized to attend VIP and will not be assigned duties while attending classes.

Commanding Officer's Rank:	Commanding Officer's Name:	Commanding Officer's Telephone:
Date:	Commanding Officer's Signature:	Commanding Officer's Email:

Application Submission Checklist:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Signed VIP Application | <input type="checkbox"/> VIP Student Agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> VIP Screening Sheet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Training Record (BTR) | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Individual Record (BIR)
or High School Diploma | |

VETERANS IN PIPING (VIP) WELDING PROGRAM STUDENT AGREEMENT

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All applicants must read and initial the following statements indicating they fully understand the restrictions and policies governing the screening process for the Veterans in Piping (VIP) Welding Program. Applicants failing to meet the requirements will not be considered for acceptance. For more information see Marine Corps SkillBridge Employment Training Program MARADMIN 350/18.

_____ a. I understand my participation in the United Association Veterans in Piping (VIP) Welding Program does not carry any additional obligatory military service.

_____ b. I understand enrollment represents a commitment to attend all required classes and on-the-job training sessions. Withdrawal from the program may only be justified by an emergency. An “officially written” explanation of withdrawal on command letterhead must be endorsed and provided by my **Commanding Officer (Battalion/Squadron level or higher)**. The classroom will be my appointed place of duty and failure to attend classes may result in a charge of unauthorized absence. Unexcused absences will be reported directly to my unit. I must notify the Education Assistance Branch (451-3091) if I am going to be late to class for any reason or if I must miss class. Official documentation may be required.

_____ c. I will provide the necessary official documents confirming my high school diploma/GED and Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) GT Score of 90 or higher and an MM Score of 95 or higher. I understand failure to comply with mandated testing requirements automatically disqualifies me from consideration for the program.

_____ d. I will provide my own transportation to classes in Bldg. 1249 (old base Hobby Shop), as well, as provide my own pens, pencils, and writing paper required for this course.

_____ e. I understand eyeglasses are allowed, however, no contact lenses permitted during welding operations.

_____ f. I acknowledge I am in good physical condition able to lift 50 lbs., and can endure many hours of prolonged standing, kneeling, bending, or working in a hazardous construction type environment. If medical separation pending I must provide condition.

_____ g. I confirm I will EAS within 30 days of course completion, or have sufficient Terminal Leave required.

_____ h. No foul/obscene language will be spoken in the classroom or educational facility. The use of tobacco products (including chewing tobacco) are not permitted in the classroom. Smoking is restricted to designated outside areas only. Harassment of teachers, students, or Education Assistance Branch Staff will not be tolerated. I understand the USMC dress code, military bearing, and courtesy will be upheld at all times.

_____ i. Instructors may give a 10-minute break every hour. However, I will comply with whatever scheduling is implemented.

_____ j. I will not be excused to cash/pick-up checks, visit the Bank, Dry Cleaners, Post Office, or base Exchange during class hours. All personal business must be completed before or after class.

_____ k. I understand any questions or problems regarding program requirements, attendance, or program instructors should be directed to the Education Chief, Education Branch, Mr. Pete Harris at (451-9076).

_____ l. I am fully aware of the screening process and have met the screening requirements mandated for consideration and acceptance into this program.

_____ m. Safety regulations mandate steel-toed leather boots for participation in the VIP Program. If accepted into program, I agree to purchase the appropriate safety work boots prior to the start of class.

(Service Member's Signature)

(Date)