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# UA VIP Welding or HVACR Program Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington



## What is Veterans in Piping (VIP)?

- A career skills program that offers accelerated training in welding or heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR).
- The training is free to active duty transitioning service members from all branches of the military.
- VIP is 18 weeks in duration, running Tuesday through Friday from 0700-1730.
- The VIP welding program is located at UA Local 26, 8501 Zenith Ct. NE, Lacey, WA 98516
- The VIP HVACR program is located at Stone Education Center, 6242 Colorado Ave., Joint Base Lewis McChord, WA 98433
- Upon successful completion of the VIP program, graduates are provided direct entry into a 5-year apprenticeship program with the United Association (UA) and guaranteed employment with a UA signatory contractor.
- 242 nationwide job placement locations. While every effort will be made to place VIP graduates in their desired location, applicants must be willing to provide 3 different geographical locations in which they would accept job placement.

## What are the requirements for application?

- Applicant must be on active-duty with an ETS/EAS within 60 days of course completion or have sufficient terminal leave to meet that obligation.
- Welding applicants must have correctable vision to 20/20 (No contacts during welding training).
- Be able to stand for long periods of time.
- Be able to lift 50 pounds.
- Secure Command authorization to participate.
- Applicant must possess a valid driver's license.
- HVACR applicants must submit 3-year driving abstract upon interview.
- Command-approved applicants will be scheduled for interviews with UA Representatives to determine final selection.
- Must be willing to provide three different geographical locations in which job placement would be acceptable.

## How do I apply?

The first step in the application process is to attend JBLM's Career Skills Briefing (in-person or virtual) any Monday at 1200. To sign up for this meeting, visit [jblmcspl.timetap.com](http://jblmcspl.timetap.com) and proceed through the prompts to select your date and contact information.

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**For additional information, including the application process and upcoming program schedules, please visit [UAVIP.org](http://UAVIP.org).**