



FREE WELDING CAREER TRAINING & GUARANTEED JOB PLACEMENT

A DoD SKILLBRIDGE
PROGRAM FOR
TRANSITIONING
ACTIVE-DUTY
SERVICE MEMBERS

PROGRAM INFORMATION
& APPLICATION



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FITTERS, WELDERS AND
SERVICE TECHNICIANS

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UA VIP Welding Program Camp Pendleton, California



What is Veterans in Piping (VIP)?

- A career skills training program that provides intense accelerated training in the field of pipe welding, which promises a career in the pipe trades industry with living wages and full benefits for those who successfully complete the program.
- VIP is designed for active-duty service members transitioning from military service.
- VIP is eighteen weeks in duration, running Monday through Friday from 0630 – 1500.
- The Welding VIP program is held at the Corner of 7th and C St., Camp Pendleton, CA 92055.
- Upon successful completion of the training program, graduates are provided direct entry into a five-year UA apprenticeship program at an agreed upon local union nationwide and guaranteed job placement with a UA signatory contractor.
- VIP graduates earn 16 college credits from Washtenaw Community College.

What are the requirements for application?

- Applicant must be on active-duty with an EAS/ETS within 180 days of course completion or have sufficient terminal leave to meet that obligation.
- 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.
- 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?

All Applicants Stationed at Camp Pendleton

1. Obtain a Conditional Letter of Acceptance; Contact Camp Pendleton VIP Lead Welding Instructor Jason Culkin at aj.jasonculkin@gmail.com. Jason will be able to provide you with a conditional letter of acceptance that you can share with your Chain of Command as you route your application.
2. Obtain a Camp Pendleton Skillbridge Application; Email your Conditional Letter of Acceptance and EAS to cpsdp@usmc.mil (preferred) or take it to Marine & Family Programs, Marine Corps Community Service Office located at BLDG 13150, Rm 311.

All Applicants Stationed outside of Camp Pendleton

1. Obtain a Conditional Letter of Acceptance; Contact Camp Pendleton VIP Lead Welding Instructor Jason Culkin at aj.jasonculkin@gmail.com. Jason will be able to provide you with a conditional letter of acceptance that you can share with your Chain of Command as you route your application.
2. Obtain a Skillbridge Application; Please work with your local Skillbridge office and complete their Skillbridge application. Send completed applications to Camp Pendleton Marine & Family Programs, Marine Corps Community Service Offices at cpsdp@usmc.mil.

Welding Class 40		Welding Class 41		Welding Class 42	
Interviews:	TBD	Interviews:	TBD	Interviews:	TBD
Start Date:	03-27-23	Start Date:	08-14-23	Start Date:	01-02-24
Graduation:	07-27-23	Graduation:	12-14-23	Graduation:	05-02-24

Welding Class 43		Welding Class 44		Welding Class 45	
Interviews:	TBD	Interviews:	TBD	Interviews:	TBD
Start Date:	05-20-24	Start Date:	10-07-24	Start Date:	03-03-25
Graduation:	09-19-24	Graduation:	02-06-25	Graduation:	07-03-25

*Dates are tentative and subject to change.

For additional information, including the application process and upcoming program schedules, please visit UAVIP.org.