



JOB SECURITY

THE UNITED ASSOCIATION of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States, Canada and Australia (UA), affiliated with the national building trades, represents approximately 370,000 plumbers, pipe fitters, sprinkler fitters and service technicians in North America and Australia. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ua.org>.

VIP



UA President, William P. Hite (left), was recently presented with the Distinguished Service Award from the Military Officers Association of America for UA's VIP program and its unyielding commitment to putting our vets back to work.



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The Sacrifice.

The men and women of the US Armed Forces provide an invaluable service, protecting the safety of all Americans. Unfortunately, our newest veterans face substantial challenges when they return home.

Unemployment

At 10%*, the unemployment rate for Gulf War-era II veterans remains significantly higher than for the civilian population. The situation is even worse for veterans aged 18-24, who face an unemployment rate of 20%, nearly twice that of non-veterans in the same age group.

Transitioning to civilian life

Veterans face the challenge of transferring their military skills to the civilian workforce. Though many benefit and support systems are available to them, they are often very complicated, and many veterans find it difficult navigating through all the paperwork.

Our veterans deserve better.
This is where we can help.

“Putting America’s veterans back to work is the right thing to do.”

— UA General President, **William P. Hite**



More and more veterans are in need of the career opportunities available through the UA VIP Program. The UA and the U.S. military can provide a positive re-entry into civilian life, and long-term, lucrative careers for those who have served their country with bravery and honor.

The United Association has been training qualified pipe tradesmen longer than anyone else in the industry. **The UA boasts the most comprehensive training programs available in the industry today**, including five-year apprenticeship programs, extensive journeyman training, organized instructor training, and certification programs.

Learn more at: **www.UAVIP.org**.

*Bureau of Labor Statistics,
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The Success.

The United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry (UA) and the US military have partnered together to create the UA Veterans in Piping (VIP) Program. This program provides returning veterans with 18 weeks of accelerated training in the pipe trades.

Job Opportunities

Through the intensive UA VIP training, veterans develop skills that put them in high demand nationwide. Not only does this create plentiful job opportunities for deserving veterans, but also helps to replenish an aging workforce while rebuilding America's infrastructure.

How much does it cost veterans? Nothing.

The training is absolutely free. All funding comes from the UA's International Training Fund, a management and labor cooperative.



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