The United Association’s
VETERANS IN PIPING PROGRAM

“We hands-on training program is giving me, and other returning
veterans like me, the skills we need to
compete in this job market.”
— Jose A. Serans, VIP Apprentice

THE UNITED ASSOCIATION of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and
Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States, Canada and Australia, AFL-CIO, 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.
The Sacrifice.
The men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces provide 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.

The Success.
The United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry (UA) and the U.S. military have partnered together to create the UA Veterans in Piping (VIP) Program. This program provides returning veterans with 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.