

The Plasma Column



Brothers and Sisters,

I am proud to say that Local 72 is doing their part in giving back to our veterans for the priceless sacrifices they have made while serving our country. On June 18,th at 0700 hours eight soldiers kicked off their training in the UA Accelerated Welder Training Program. There are a few of these programs up and running already but Local 72 is the first to hold the training in a JATT training center. The other programs are held in UA mobile training trailers staged on a military base. Needless to say working in a state of the art welder training facility like ours makes for a better training environment. Just so you will know this didn't just all fall in place. With over a year's worth of meetings with the National Guard and the United Association Training Department our international representative, business manager and local JATT directors, finally satisfied both parties. In fact the UA was so impressed with our training program and facility they asked Local 72 to standardize the VIP welding program for all other locals in the country, and that is something to be proud of.

All eyes are on us as we bring this pilot program out of the ground. Steve Stefanini is our instructor of choice to train these soldiers and we all agree, he is the right man for the job. Brother Stefanini brings a lot to the table with a heavy industrial and nuclear background in the welding industry. Steve has been a part time welding instructor with the local for two years now. Steve is also certified as an Authorized Testing Representative through the UA.

Thanks to the UA for funding the program, the National Guard for giving us the chance to help the veterans, the instructors, local officers and everyone else that has been working diligently on making this happen for our soldiers.

Fraternally, Cajun Seeger.

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