

PIPEFITTERS' ASSOCIATION LOCAL UNION 537

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

UA Pipefitters' Association Local Union 537 - Standard for Excellence

For more than a century, the United Association Pipefitters Local 537 of Boston has remained a strong, vital organization comprised of thousands of highly skilled men and women who share the same goals – not only with each other, but with each of our customers. Over 340,000 members strong, our parent organization, The United Association (UA), has consistently strived to improve the way people live and work, from developing training programs that increase skills to increasing job productivity and safety.

Safety - Training you with the latest safety standards makes UA Pipefitters Local 537 number one on the job site. We have a proven track record of making safety the top priority.

Our 5 year apprenticeship is charged with one of our organization's most important and essential activities; protecting the lives of members on the jobsite. Each day this charge is effectively put into practice through programs and practices to implement safety issues in the workplace, including workers' rights, job hazards, protection against chemicals, equipment and dangerous work practice, and recognition of safety and health officials on each jobsite. Local 537 offers continued education to our members whenever any technological changes occur within the pipe trades. Keeping all our members up to date with the latest safety standards is our number one priority. Pipefitters Local 537 not only ensures that our local union members are protected during the construction and servicing of our projects, the public's safety is also ensured because of safety standards we implement. Safety is our commitment to you and our community.

Productivity - Our contractors demand high productivity. We implement a wide variety of measures every day – from innovative technology to enhanced processes – to improve your productivity on the job.

It's simple: We do it right, the first time, and every time. It's a bi-product of applying years of proven processes to every job in order to increase the productivity and efficiency of our workplace. It's a fact that union jobs are almost 17 percent more productive on average than open/merit shops in the USA. A five year apprentice program ensures you will be mentored with time proven techniques in all aspects of the work. Training you to be cost effective and productive in your career ensures both your longevity and ours. Pipefitters Local 537 also offers Journeyman training and continued welding certification classes keeping our members current with all industry advancements.

Training – Highly skilled workers delivering a quality product is our trademark.

At UA Pipefitters Local Union 537, our greatest assets are our members. That’s why the UA has been investing in programs to train the most qualified workers in the United States and Canada for over a century. No other organization serves the training needs of the piping industry like the United Association.

In addition to five-year apprenticeship programs and journeyman training, Pipefitters Local 537 offers continuing education opportunities that include certification programs that accumulate credits at Wentworth Technical Institute, UA University programs, mobile training and instructor training. Our premier training programs ensure that we do the job right, the first time, every time. Training is our investment in you.

We’re committed to World Class Training:

A guide to service work
Advance Plan Reading & Related Drawing
Advanced Valve Repair
Air Conditioning
AutoCAD Level 1,2,3D
Backflow Prevention & Cross Connection
Control
Basic Electricity
Bio-Pharmaceutical
Conservation & Safe Handling of
Refrigerants
Drawing Interpretation & Plan Reading
Foreman Training
Gas Tungsten Arc-Welding
High Purity & Clean room Conduct
Procedures
Hydronic Heating & Cooling
HVACR Training
Instrumentation
Job Safety & Health

Medical Gas Systems, Installers & Brazing
Qualification Training
Orbital Welding
Oxy-Fuel Cutting & Welding – Shielded
Metal-Arc Welding
Pipe Bending
Pipe, Fittings, Valves, Supports & Fasteners
Pneumatic Controls
Pumps
Refrigerant Controls
Refrigeration
Related Mathematics
Related Science
Rigging
Soldering & Brazing
Start, Test and Balance
Steam Systems
Tube Bending
Use & Care of Tools

Why Join a Union?

The United Association of Boston Pipefitters Local Union 537 was issued its original Charter in 1911. Local Union 537 members are direct descendants of the original Steam Fitters Union organized in the late 1870's. The 1870's and 1880's marked the beginning of a boom in development and high prosperity. Local Building Trades Unions were established to protect tradesmen during this time of high demand for skilled labor. Unions of all different professions, not just Building Trades Unions, have been accredited to being a major component in the development of the middle class. All sectors of the working class benefit from the 40 hour work week and paid overtime that our forefathers fought for. All sectors benefit from the minimum wage standards, paid holidays, sick time, maternity leave, employee rights, safety and construction standards. Our Union is fighting for the same issues our Union Brothers and Sisters strived for 100 years ago; building, renovating, and servicing in a way that is beneficial to corporate America, the community, and the working men and women.

Unions create a safe working environment for the worker as well as the people who ultimately wind up utilizing the facilities that are being built, renovated, or serviced. While doing so, Unions secure a beneficial wage structure for the Tradespersons and Professionals alike

The New England Mechanical Contractors Association (*NEMCA*) joins in our effort for safety and quality control, and most importantly; care about the people they employ. Apart from our non-union competitors, *NEMCA* and Local 537 members negotiate a personal benefits package in the form of employee healthcare, annuity, pension plans and education. These benefits accumulate for each member individually over the years, from contractor to contractor, ensuring our members can retire with dignity by investing their own money, toward their future and financial security.

Our *Brotherhood* has a five year apprenticeship program prior to reaching journeyman and journeywoman status. Each apprentice trains in our state of the art training facility along with being mentored in the field. Boston Pipefitters Local Union 537 trains apprentices in the field during the day and are classroom educated in simulated working environments at our school in the evening. We are all extremely dedicated to our craft. Local 537 Journeymen and women go beyond industry standards training themselves to be aware of all industry standards and requirements.

Union membership is a gateway for many to join the Middle Class; Hard working, dedicated men and women who take pride in our trade and our communities are members of Pipefitters Local 537. A "Brotherhood" that unites together as one, so each individual has the same opportunities and a chance for a better future.

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