



## **Tampa MEPS**

### **Important Information for Applicant Guests**

Tampa MEPS looks forward to welcoming you to witness your loved ones take the Oath of Enlistment prior to shipping to Basic Training. Today, they join an honored tradition of service to something greater, showing great selflessness, courage, and commitment just by volunteering to serve. We are honored to welcome them, and you, into the military family.

Below you will find information about visiting Tampa MEPS. Please read it in its entirety before your visit.

#### **Viewing the Oath of Enlistment ceremony:**

- Active-Duty applicants who are about to ship to basic training as well as National Guard and Reserve applicants are authorized *two* guests to attend their Oath of Enlistment.
- Guests are allowed in the MEPS 30-minutes prior to the ceremony. Oath times vary throughout the day.
- Applicants will contact their guests approximately 30 minutes prior to the Oath of Enlistment ceremony. Please remain nearby the MEPS to ensure timely arrival.
- Guests must exit the MEPS following the ceremony.
- Disruptive guests will be asked to leave.

#### **Getting here**

- Tampa MEPS is inside a Federal Building  
520 W Waters Ave  
Tampa, FL 33614
- Recruiting Commands are responsible for escorting guests to the MEPS entrance. MEPS personnel will not escort guests from the entrance of the Federal Building to the MEPS lobby.
- Requirements to get inside the Federal Building
  - Entering the installation or building routinely takes 15 minutes but could take longer. Please plan accordingly.

#### **Parking**

- Tampa MEPS has no designated parking areas for families.
  - Recommendation for parking – please communicate with your loved one's recruiter for assistance with parking.

#### **Security**

- Provide a valid, physical or official digital I.D. (photos of I.D.s are not)
  - Acceptable - Driver's License, State I.D., Passport, City I.D. (or other I.D. specified in UMR 601-23, available [here](#))
  - Minors must be accompanied by an adult. They do not require I.D.



- All guests will go through a security screening to include metal detector, X-ray machine, bag check.
  - To decrease check-in times, guests are encouraged not to bring bags.
- Guests must sign in and out on a visitor log and wear a visitor badge while at the MEPS.

**Photography**

- Photos and videos are only authorized in the Oath Ceremony room.

**Refreshments**

- Vending machines are available for drinks and snacks.

**Point of Contact**

- If you have questions, please select Tampa MEPS on the “contact” page on the USMEPCOM website.

<https://www.mepcom.army.mil/Contact/>