



Beckley MEPS Important Information for an Applicant Guests

Beckley MEPS looks forward to welcoming you to witness your loved one 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 Beckley 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.
- Applicant guests are allowed in the MEPS 30-minutes prior to the ceremony; Oath of Enlistment ceremony times vary throughout the day.
- An applicant will contact their guests approximately 30 minutes prior to the Oath of Enlistment ceremony. Please remain nearby the MEPS to ensure timely arrival.
- Applicant guests must exit the MEPS following completion of the Oath of Enlistment ceremony.

Getting to the MEPS

- Beckley MEPS is located in a federal building, next to the West Virginia Army National Guard.
 - 409 Wood Mountain Road, Glen Jean, WV 25846
- Requirements to get inside the federal building
 - Entering the building routinely takes 3 minutes but could take longer due to security measures. Please plan accordingly.

Parking at the MEPS

- There is ample parking in front of the MEPS for visitors; the recommendation is to use the lot on the right side, when you are facing the building. The MEPS is located to the right of the National Guard Armory.

Security while at the MEPS

- Applicant guests must provide valid physical or official digital identification.
- Minor guests do not require identification but must be accompanied by an adult.
- Applicant guests will go through a security screening to include metal detector, X-ray machine, bag check. To decrease screening times, guests are encouraged not to bring bags.
- An applicant's guest(s) must sign in and out on a visitor control log along with wearing a visitor badge while at the MEPS facility.



Prohibited Items

- Guests will not be permitted to enter the MEPS with any of the following items:
 - Weapons and/or live ammunition.
 - Items that may be used for personal defense.
 - Chemical or explosive devices.
 - Alcohol, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia.
- Law Enforcement personnel **not on Official Duty** are not authorized to come in with any type of service weapon.

Visitor Orientation Briefing

- All guests will receive an orientation briefing on the following:
 - Emergency exits in case of evacuation.
 - Photography policy.
 - Food and drink policy.
 - Location of Ceremony Room, restroom, and water fountain.
 - Return to the security control point to sign out and return the visitor badge.

Photography in the MEPS

- Photos and/or video are only authorized in the Oath of Enlistment Ceremony room.

Point of Contact at MEPS

- If you have questions, please contact.
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 - (304) 469-5463