



## **BUFFALO MEPS**

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

Buffalo 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 Buffalo 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* adult guests to attend their Oath of Enlistment. Guests under the age of 18 do not count toward an applicant's two visitors. Additional visitors require prior approval from the MEPS.
- 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**

- Buffalo MEPS is located on Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station Military Installation.
  - 2024 Entrance Ave, Niagara Falls, NY 14304
- The sponsoring Recruiting Service Command is responsible for escorting applicant guests to the MEPS entrance. MEPS personnel will not be available to escort an applicant's visitor(s) from the military installation gates to the MEPS.
- Requirements to get on base
  - Entering the installation routinely takes 15 minutes but could take longer. Please plan accordingly.
  - To decrease wait time at the gate, guests are highly encouraged to submit required information to Recruiting Service to be vetted prior to arrival.

#### **Parking at the MEPS**

- Parking is available behind the MEPS.

#### **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.



- Applicant guests must sign in and out on a visitor control log along with wearing a visitor badge while at the MEPS facility.

### **Photography in the MEPS**

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

### **Refreshments while at the MEPS**

- A vending machine(s) is available for purchase of a drink(s)/snack(s).

### **Point of Contact at MEPS**

- If you have questions, please contact Buffalo MEPS at 463-203-4382.