



## **Dallas MEPS**

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

Dallas 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 Dallas MEPS. Please read it in its entirety before your visit.

#### **Viewing the Oath of Enlistment Ceremony Inside Dallas MEPS:**

- 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.
- Guests are allowed in the MEPS 30-minutes prior to the ceremony; Oath of Enlistment ceremony 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 completion of the Oath of Enlistment ceremony.

#### **Getting to the MEPS**

- The Dallas MEPS is located inside the federal building at:
  - 207 South Houston Street, Suite 400, Dallas, TX 75202

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

- There are several paid parking facilities located within 1-2 blocks of the federal building and some limited street parking. Visitors may temporarily stop in front of the federal building to drop off/pick up handicap personnel but may not park there. Dallas police are vigilant and will ticket/tow unattended vehicles.

#### **Ceremony Location:**

- During fair weather the ceremony will be held outdoors in Dealey Plaza, which is adjacent to the federal building that houses the Dallas MEPS. There is no need to enter the federal building when ceremonies are held outdoors. Visitors should proceed direct to Dealey Plaza. There are restrooms located on the first floor of the federal building, if needed.
- During inclement weather (e.g. below freezing temperatures or rain/snow), the ceremony will be held indoors. Applicants will be advised at least 30 minutes ahead of time if the ceremony will be moved indoors and if, as a result, multiple ceremonies will be held due to space limitations.
  - Guests should proceed to the waiting/break room on the first floor of the federal



building that houses the Dallas MEPS and wait there. A MEPS representative will meet visitors in the break room and escort them to the ceremony location. As you enter the MEPS front entrance the waiting/break room is to the left, down the hallway approximately 25 ft. Security personnel can help provide directions if needed.

- Requirements to get inside the federal building:
  - A photo ID is required to enter the federal building.
  - Minors do not need identification but must be accompanied by an adult.
  - Weapons of any kind are prohibited, including multi-tools, nail clippers, scissors, etc.
  - Entering the federal building routinely takes 5 minutes due to the security screening process, but could take longer during times of high traffic. Please plan accordingly.
  - The screening process includes a metal detector, X-ray machine, and bag check. To decrease screening times, visitors are encouraged not to bring bags.
  - For times where the ceremony is held inside the actual MEPS spaces, visitors will be escorted into and out of the MEPS spaces, must sign in and out on a visitor control log, and wear a visitor badge at all times.

### **Photography in the MEPS**

- For indoor ceremonies, visitors are only authorized to take photos/videos in the ceremony room.
- For outdoor ceremonies there are no restrictions on photos/videos.

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

- Vending machines with drinks and snacks are located in the break room on the first floor of the federal building.

### **Point of Contact:**

Visitors should contact their applicant's service liaison office within the Dallas MEPS via their applicant's recruiter with questions and/or to confirm the most up to date Dallas MEPS visitor instructions.