



DES MOINES MEPS

Important Information for Applicant Guests

Des Moines 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 the Des Moines 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.
- Visitors of applicants are allowed in the MEPS during visitor hours from 1000-1100 and 1400-1500; Oath of Enlistment ceremony times vary throughout these times.
- 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.
- Guests must exit the MEPS following completion of the Oath of Enlistment ceremony.
- Disruptive guests will be asked to leave.

Getting to the MEPS

- Des Moines MEPS is located on Camp Dodge.
 - S-71, 7105 NW 70th Ave, Johnston, IA 50131
- If needed, the sponsoring Recruiting Service Command is responsible for escorting the applicant's visitor(s) to the MEPS entrance. MEPS personnel will not be available to escort visitors from the military installation gates to the MEPS.
- Requirements to get on base and inside the MEPS.
 - A valid state issued ID is required to enter the base.
 - Entering the installation or building routinely takes 5-10 minutes but could take longer. Please plan accordingly.

Parking at the MEPS

- The main parking lot is located immediately outside the Des Moines MEPS. Parking is available on a first come first serve basis. Overflow parking is available across the street, north of the MEPS.

Security while at the MEPS

- Guests must provide valid physical or official digital identification.
- Minors do not require identification but must be accompanied by an adult.
- Guests will go through a security screening to include metal detector, X-ray machine, and bag check. To decrease screening times, visitors are encouraged not to bring bags.



- While at the MEPS, all guests must sign in and out on a visitor control log and wear a visitor badge that must be visible.

Photography in the MEPS

- Guests are only authorized to take photos and/or video in the Oath of Enlistment Ceremony Room.

Refreshments while at the MEPS

- A vending machine is available in the visitor lounge for you to purchase a drink.

Point of Contact at MEPS

- If you have questions, please contact the Des Moines MEPS Control Desk at (515) 348-3294.