



Jacksonville MEPS

Important Information for Applicant Guests

Jacksonville 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 Jacksonville 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.
- Visitors are allowed in the MEPS 30-minutes prior to the ceremony; Oath of Enlistment ceremony times will occur between 1000 and 1130 every day.
- An applicant will contact their visitor(s) prior to arrival at the MEPS. Please remain nearby the MEPS to ensure timely arrival, however, **no earlier than 0900**.
- Guests must exit the MEPS following completion of the Oath of Enlistment ceremony.
- Disruptive guests will be asked to leave.

Getting to the MEPS

- Jacksonville MEPS is located on in a commercially leased building.
 - 7178 Baymeadows Way, Jacksonville, FL 32256
- Applicants should advise their service recruiters and service liaisons beforehand that they will have visitors for their Enlistment ceremony.
- Requirements to inside the Jacksonville MEPS:
 - Visitors must go through the front gate at the MEPS and enter through security.
 - In some cases, Oath of Enlistment Ceremonies will be conducted outside by the Flagpole due to size. Visitors will still need to see security.

Parking at the MEPS

- Parking is only available in the visitors parking lot and is very limited, located in front of the building before the gate.
- Visitors are highly encouraged to carpool as parking is not abundant on the property of the Jacksonville MEPS.
- Vehicles should not block other vehicles when parking or parking in non-designated parking spots. Visitors should be advised that adjacent buildings are private property not owned by Jacksonville MEPS and should not be utilized for parking to attend Oath of Enlistments.



- Visitors and recruiters are ***Not Authorized*** to enter or park in the Employee Parking behind the building. Visitors' vehicles should not block access to the entry gate for employee parking or attempt to follow vehicles through the gate.

Security while at the MEPS

- Guests must provide valid physical or official digital identification.
- Minor guests do not require identification but must be accompanied by an adult.
- Guests must adhere to the restrictions on items allowed into the MEPS according to the Jacksonville MEPS Visitor SOP (Posted on the Gate and at Security).
- An applicant's visitor(s) will go through a security screening to include metal detector, X-ray machine, bag check. To decrease screening times, a visitor(s) is encouraged not to bring bags.
- An applicant's visitor(s) 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

- An applicant's visitor(s) is only authorized to take a photo and/or video in the Oath of Enlistment Ceremony room or if the Ceremony is conducted outside.

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 Jacksonville MEPS Operations Office:
 - Operations Officer – (904) 632-7330
 - Assistant Operations Officer – (904) 632-7339