



Minneapolis MEPS Important Information for Applicant Guests

Minneapolis 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 Minneapolis 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.
- Guests are allowed in the MEPS 30-minutes prior to the ceremony; Oath of Enlistment ceremony is 1000 for the shippers.
- 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.

Getting to the MEPS

- Minneapolis MEPS is located on the 3rd floor of the Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, near historic Fort Snelling.
 - 1 Federal Drive Suite 3201
Fort Snelling, MN 55111
- The sponsoring Recruiting Service Command is responsible for escorting guests to the MEPS entrance. MEPS personnel will not be available to escort an applicant's guests from the Federal Building lobby to the MEPS.
- Requirements to get on base or inside the Federal Building
 - Entering the building routinely takes 10 minutes but could take longer. Please plan accordingly.

Parking at the MEPS

- Park in Visitor's Parking Lot. Let the guard know you are there for a MEPS ceremony.

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 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.
- Weapons and contraband of any kind are prohibited.

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- 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

- An applicant's 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 for purchase of a drink/snack.
- A café is located on the ground floor of the Whipple Building.

Point of Contact at MEPS

- If you have questions, please contact:
Office: 612-217-7887