



New Orleans MEPS

Important Information for Applicant Guests

New Orleans 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 New Orleans 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.
- 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.
- Guests must exit the MEPS following completion of the Oath of Enlistment ceremony.
- Disruptive guests will be asked to leave.

Getting to the MEPS

- New Orleans MEPS is located on Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans
 - 400 Russell Dr #556, New Orleans, LA 70143
- 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 an applicant's visitor(s) from the military installation gates to the MEPS.
- Requirements to get on base:
 - If visitors do not have a Common Access Card for identification, they will be required to sign-in at the base's Visitor Control Center. Signing in at the Visitor Control Center can take a long time.
 - Visitors will need to complete a background check and will need to bring TWO forms of ID: Driver's license (state ID if non driver) plus a Social Security card / passport / birth certificate / TWIC. All documents need to be originals or certified/notarized copies. We are unable to use copies to verify identity, and they will be rejected.
 - Vehicles will need proof of insurance and registration to gain access to the base.
 - Comply with rules and regulations governing conduct on federal property.
 - Entering the installation or building routinely takes five minutes but could take longer. Please plan accordingly.



Parking at the MEPS

- The free public parking lot is located on the northwest side of the building and in front of the Naval Inspector General's office building. Visitors are to walk up to the front of Building 556 to check into the New Orleans MEPS.

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, a visitor(s) is encouraged not to bring bags.
- 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 (504)799-3089.