



New York MEPS Important Information for Applicant Guests

New York 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 York 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 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 York MEPS is located on the U.S Army Garrison Fort Hamilton located in Brooklyn, New York, at the base of the Verrazano Bridge
 - 116 White Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11252
- 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 need to be escorted by a Recruiter to enter the military installation. The recruiter is responsible for the visitor until the visitor exits the installation.
 - 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 original or certified/notarized copies. **We are unable to use copies or digital forms of ID 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.



REAL-ID

Recruiting Service:

Responsible for ensuring their applicant has a [REAL ID-compliant identification](#). If an applicant requires assistance obtaining a [REAL ID compliant identification](#), the sponsoring Service will direct the applicant to the state/territory driver's license issuing agency's website (e.g., Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of State, etc.) for the required documentation and process.

Responsible for ensuring their shipper, inclusive of a non-MEPS shipper, who travel by domestic airlines, possess a [REAL ID-compliant identification](#).

MEPS:

Not responsible for ensuring an applicant possesses the required REAL ID needed to gain access to the military installation, MEPS facility, etc., or what may be required by the building's security (e.g., Federal Protective Service).

Not hinder processing of an applicant once inside the MEPS solely because they do not possess a REAL ID, as long as the applicant has an authorized photographic ID.

Parking at the MEPS

- There is parking available at the front of the MEPS and parking spots at the back of the building that are available to visitors. Visitors are not allowed to use any reserved parking spaces.

Security while at the MEPS

Guests over the age of 18 must provide valid state-issued (Real ID) physical identification.

- Minor guests do not require identification but must be accompanied by an adult.
- Guests will go through a security screening to include wand detectors. Visitor(s) are encouraged not to bring bags as they will not be allowed in the building.
- Guests must sign in and out on a visitor control log along with wearing a visitor badge while at the MEPS facility.
- Weapons (knives, guns, martial arts gear, boxcutters, pepper spray...anything with the purpose of doing injury or bodily harm) brought onto the installation will result in security forces and the NYPD being called to respond.
- Please notify the MEPS commander in advance of any special medical equipment that may require adjustments in security screenings.
- There is limited space for mobility assisting devices (wheelchairs, scooters, etc.), but the building access is ADA compliant with ramps.



Photography in the MEPS

- Visitor(s) are only authorized to take photos and/or videos in the Oath of Enlistment Ceremony room or outside in the family waiting area.

Refreshments while at the MEPS

- The only refreshments available are at the Burger King inside the Exchange to the east of Building 116, the Bowling Lanes in (Building 124 Wainwright Dr) or in downtown Bay Ridge.

Point of Contact at MEPS

- If you have questions, please contact
 - Operations Officer, 929-417-2719
 - Assistant Operations Officer, 929-417-2717