



Phoenix MEPS

Important Information for Applicant Guests

Phoenix 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 Phoenix 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

- Phoenix MEPS is located at 2800 N. Central Ave STE. 400, Phoenix, Arizona 85004
- 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 originals 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

- Parking garage at building 2800 Tower has two entrances for visitors. First entrance is on W Edgemont Ave and second entrance is on N 1st Ave. MEPS is not allowed to validate visitors. All Parking must be in a valid visitor spot and parking that is labeled "RESERVED" is not authorized. Parking has an initial 20-minute grace period, and it is \$1 every 20 minutes after with a maximum daily rate of \$20. The first hour would be \$2 and any additional hour after that would be \$3 an hour. DO NOT PARK at Best of Philly Restaurant parking area. All violators will be towed.

Security while at the MEPS

- Guests must provide valid physical identification. DIGITAL FORMS are not accepted at Phoenix MEPS.
- 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 (602)586-2580.