



Portland Maine MEPS **Important Information for Applicant Guests**

Portland Maine 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 the Portland Maine 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.
- An applicant's visitor(s) must exit the MEPS following completion of the Oath of Enlistment ceremony.
- Disruptive guests will be asked to leave.

Getting to the MEPS

- Portland Maine MEPS is located in a commercially leased building.
 - 510 Congress Street, Portland Maine
- The sponsoring Recruiting Service Command is responsible for escorting the applicant's visitor(s) into the MEPS. MEPS personnel will not be available to escort an applicant's visitor(s) into the facility or MEPS visitor lobby.
- Requirements to get inside the leased building
 - Entering the building routinely takes 5 minutes but could take longer. Please plan accordingly.

Parking at the MEPS

- Paid parking is available along Congress Street at the front entrance of the MEPS, Free Street behind the building, and the Free Street Parking Garage which is also located behind the MEPS building. **All parking options require payment. Please plan accordingly.**

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

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check. To decrease screening times, guests are 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.**

Conduct at the MEPS

- For the safety and welfare of all, we ask that MEPS visitors show common courtesy to fellow visitors and to MEPS staff and U.S. Military Members by not engaging in any physical, verbal, or written behavior that is unsafe, illegal, violence inciting, abusive, disorderly, disruptive, hostile or threatening to, or constitutes hate speech directed at, fellow visitors, MEPS staff, U.S. Military Members, or others.
- **The MEPS Commander reserves the authority, and has the sole discretion, to deny admission or remove any persons engaging in such behavior**, including persons wearing attire or having visible tattoos displaying language or designs that could pose a safety or security risk or create a hostile environment for visitors, staff, or U.S. Military Members. Any visitor witnessing such behavior should report the activity immediately to Security or MEPS Staff. Any MEPS Staff witnessing or receiving a report about such behavior from a visitor should report the activity immediately to the MEPS Senior Enlisted Advisor or the MEPS Commander and contact Security as needed.

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:
 - Navy Office 207-560-2347
 - Army Office 207-560-2335
 - Army Guard Office 207-560-2356
 - Air Force Office 207-560-2341
 - Coast Guard 207-560-2365
 - Marines 207-560-2360