



San Antonio MEPS

Important Information for Applicant Guests

San Antonio 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 San Antonio MEPS. Please read it before your visit.

Viewing the Oath of Enlistment ceremony:

- Active-Duty applicants who are shipping 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; the 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 near the MEPS to ensure timely arrival.
- Guests will have the opportunity to take pictures, videos and say goodbye immediately following the ceremony.
- Guests must exit the MEPS following completion of the Oath of Enlistment ceremony.
- Disruptive guests will be escorted out of the MEPS.

Getting here

- San Antonio MEPS is located on Fort Sam Houston within the city of San Antonio.
2850 Stanley Road
JBSA Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234
- For quickest access, please exit at 159B on the I-35 and enter thru the Walters Gate.
- Requirements to get on base:
 - Visit the Fort Sam Houston visitor page for updated information:
<https://www.jbsa.mil/Information/Gate-Hours-Visitor-Information/JBSA-Fort-Sam-Houston-Visitor-Info/>
 - To enter unescorted, the applicant's recruiter **MUST** complete a "JBSANANTONIO Form 7" **NO LATER THAN** 10 days prior to ship date and submit it to the Fort Sam Houston Security general inbox at 502SFS.VCC@us.af.mil.
 - 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 security guard post to the MEPS.



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:

- **Is 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).
- **Will not** hinder the processing of an applicant once inside the MEPS solely because they do not possess a REAL ID, if the applicant has an authorized photographic ID. (unless shipping)
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Parking

- See below map

Security

- In order to access Fort Sam Houston, a valid, physical or official digital I.D. (photos of I.D.s are not acceptable).
 - Acceptable - Driver's License, State I.D., Passport, City I.D. (see REAL ID info)
 - Minors must be accompanied by an adult. They do not require I.D.
- All guests will go through a security screening to include metal detector, X-ray machine, bag check in order to enter the MEPS.
 - To decrease check-in times, guests are encouraged not to bring bags.
- Guests must sign in and out on a visitor log while at the MEPS.

Photography

- Photos and videos are allowed.



Point of Contact

- If you have questions, please select San Antonio MEPS on the “contact” page on the USMEPCOM website.

<https://www.mepcom.army.mil/Contact/>

Or call your service liaison

- Army: 726-444-3664 (3663/3661/3660)
- National Guard: 726-444-3692 (3690/3691)
- Navy: 726-444-3667 (3676/3669/3672)
- Marine Corps: 726-444-3686 (3687/3688)
- Air Force: 726-444-3665 (3679/3680/3681/3681)
- Coast Guard: 726-444-3694

