



Springfield MEPS

Important Information for Applicant Guests

Springfield 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 Springfield 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

- Springfield MEPS is located on Westover Air Reserve Base.
 - 551 Airlift Dr. Chicopee, MA 01022
- Requirements to get on Westover Air Reserve Base.
 - Visitor(s)/guest(s) who do not have a military identification or a Department of Defense issued identification card will have to be escorted by a recruiter or a sponsoring military member who will remain with you for the duration of your visit while on the installation.

Parking at the MEPS

- There is parking at the rear of the MEPS for visitors. The MEPS is located just beyond the gas station.

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.
- An applicant's visitor(s) 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.



- Westover Air Reserve Base is a secure base. If you do not possess a military identification or a Department of Defense issued identification card you may not leave the MEPS building for any reason without being escorted by a military identification card holder.

Prohibited Items

- Visitors will not be permitted to enter the MEPS with any of the following items:
 - Weapons and/or live ammunition.
 - Items that may be used for personal defense.
 - Chemical or explosive devices.
 - Alcohol, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia.
 - Outside food and/or beverages.
- Law Enforcement personnel **not on Official Duty** are not authorized to come onto the Westover Air Reserve Base and Springfield MEPS with any type of service weapon.
- Smoking of any kind to include the use of electronic cigarettes is not permitted at Springfield MEPS.

Visitor Orientation Briefing

- All visitors will receive an orientation briefing on the following:
 - Emergency exits in case of evacuation.
 - Photography policy.
 - Food and drink policy.
 - Off limits/restricted areas
 - Location of Ceremony Room, restroom, and water fountain.
 - Return to the security control point to sign out and return the visitor badge.

Photography in the MEPS

- An applicant's visitor(s) is only authorized to take a photo and/or video in the Oath of Enlistment Ceremony room.

Point of Contact at MEPS

- If you have questions, please contact your applicant's sponsoring military service recruiter.