



Atlanta MEPS Important Information for Applicant Guests

Atlanta 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 Atlanta 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, with the main ceremony generally at 1100.
- An applicant may contact their visitor(s) 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.

Getting to the MEPS

- Atlanta MEPS is located on a U.S. Army Base, Fort Gillem Enclave:
1500 McPherson Ave
Bldg 720
Forest Park, GA 30297
- The sponsoring Recruiting Service Command is responsible for escorting applicant guests 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:
 - Vehicle Registration and Insurance
 - Government / State Issued Identification Card (Effective 7 May 2025, state issued ID and driver's license will have to be REAL ID-compliant).
 - Entering the installation takes approximately 45 minutes but could take longer. Please plan accordingly.

Parking at the MEPS

- Parking is available across the street of Atlanta MEPS building in the unpaved parking lot. There are "Atlanta MEPS Overflow" parking signs.

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 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

- Photo and video are only permitted in the 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: Operations Officer, 470-346-6900.