



## Beckley MEPS Important Information for Applicant Guests

Beckley 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 Beckley 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.
- Applicant 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.
- Applicant guests must exit the MEPS following completion of the Oath of Enlistment ceremony.

### **Getting to the MEPS**

- Beckley MEPS is located in a shared-state facility, next to the West Virginia Army National Guard located at **409 Wood Mountain Road, Glen Jean, WV 25846**.
- Please maintain a safe speed while driving in the parking lot, as there is a high foot-traffic of military personnel, visitors, and others in and around the parking lot.
- Requirements to get inside the federal building:
  - Prearrange your visit through your loved one's recruiter; unscheduled guests are accepted only on a case-by-case basis and may not be granted entry.
  - Clearing security and entering the building takes about 3 minutes, but could take longer due to large groups of people. Please plan your arrival accordingly.
  - Identification Requirements for Federal properties have changed with the REAL ID Act of 2005, however because Beckley MEPS operates out of a state-owned facility, our identification requirements do not require a REAL ID. However, all approved guests must present at least one of the following forms of photo identification to gain entry:
    - Driver's license issued by DMV (Physical or digital is authorized)
    - State photo ID (Physical or digital is authorized)
    - U.S. Passport Book or Card
    - Foreign Government-issued Passport
    - U.S. Department of Defense ID; including IDs issued to dependents. (*cont.*)



- USCIS Form N-550 (Certificate of Naturalization)
- USCIS Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card)
- USCIS Form N-560 (Certificate of Citizenship)
- HSPD-12 PIV Card (Smart Card, Common Access Card, etc.)
- DHS Trusted Traveler Cards (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)
- U.S. Merchant Mariner Credential
- Federally recognized, Tribal-issued Photo ID (Unexpired)
- Student (high school, university, trade/vocational school) photo ID
- Job Corps identification photo ID

### **Parking at the MEPS**

- There is ample parking in front of the MEPS for visitors; the recommendation is to use the lot on the right side, when you are facing the building. The MEPS is located to the right of the National Guard Armory.

### **Security while at the MEPS**

- Applicant guests must provide valid physical or official digital identification as described above.
- Minors 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, and bag check. To decrease screening times, guests are encouraged not to bring bags.
- Guests must sign in and out on a visitor control log and wear the issued visitor badge while at the MEPS facility.

### **Prohibited Items**

- Guests 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.
- Law Enforcement personnel **not on Official Duty** are not authorized entry with any type of service weapon.

### **Visitor Orientation Briefing**

- All guests will receive an orientation briefing on the following:
  - Emergency exits in case of evacuation.
  - Photography policy.
  - Food and drink policy.
  - 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**

- Photos and/or video are only authorized in the Oath of Enlistment Ceremony room.

### **Point of Contact at MEPS**

- Telephone number for your Service representative(s):
  - Army: 304-469-5515
  - Marine Corps: 304-469-5530
  - Navy: 304-469-5520
  - Air/Space Force: 304-469-5527
  - National Guard: 304-469-5535
  - Coast Guard: 304-469-5500

Here at Beckley MEPS, we highly value your involvement in your loved one's decision to join the United States Armed Services. Thank you for making the journey to see them, and make sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see their Oath of Enlistment Ceremony as soon as it is uploaded!

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