



Chicago MEPS Important Information for Applicant Guests

Chicago 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 Chicago 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* guests to attend their Oath of Enlistment.
- Applicant guests are allowed in the MEPS 30-minutes prior to the ceremony; Oath of Enlistment ceremony times vary throughout the day but occur no later than 1100.
- 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.
- Disruptive guests will be asked to leave the MEPS.

Getting to the MEPS

- Chicago MEPS is located in a commercially leased building.
 - 8700 W Bryn Mawr Ave, Suite 200, Chicago, IL 60631
- Requirements to get inside the federal building.
 - Entering the building routinely takes 10 minutes but could take longer. Please plan accordingly.

Parking at the MEPS

- Parking for visitors will be at the front of the building in President's Plaza. Visitors may park anywhere; there is not a designated parking sign. Visitors must then walk around to the west side of the building until reaching the designated security entrance. Visitors may not enter the Chicago MEPS through the President's Plaza main lobby.

Security while at the MEPS

- Applicant guests must provide valid physical or official digital identification.
- Minors do not require identification but must be accompanied by an adult.
- Applicant guests will go through a security screening to include metal detector, X-ray machine, bag check. To decrease screening times, guests are encouraged not to bring bags.



- Applicant 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

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

Refreshments while at the MEPS

- A vending machine is available for purchase of a drink(s)/snack(s).

Point of Contact at MEPS

- If you have questions, please call 773-272-9730.