



## Cleveland MEPS Important Information for Applicant Guests

Cleveland MEPS looks forward to welcoming you to witness your loved one take the Oath of Enlistment. 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 Cleveland MEPS. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with these details to maximize 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 may enter 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 their 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 to allow the next enlistees time to prepare.

### **Planning your trip to the MEPS**

- Cleveland MEPS is located in a commercially leased standalone facility.
  - 20637 Emerald PKWY  
Cleveland, Ohio 44135-0001
- Entering the building routinely takes 5-15 minutes but could take longer; please plan accordingly.

### **Parking at the MEPS**

- There is limited parking at MEPS Cleveland.
  - Do NOT park in pre-designated parking spots or unauthorized spots.
  - Do NOT park at other businesses along Emerald PKWY as your vehicle will be subject to ticketing or towing.
  - Only park in designated parking spots at the MEPS parking lot or on the street.

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

- Guests must provide valid physical or official digital identification. The ID is not required to be REAL ID compliant.
- If a visitor is a minor, identification is not required, but they 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, 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.
- As a reminder, the following items are prohibited within the Cleveland MEPS:
  - Firearms/ammunition, items with the appearance of weapons (e.g., lighter that looks like a gun/knife), flammable items, knives, self-defense weapons, fireworks, illicit drugs and drug paraphernalia, bow and arrows, multi-tools, explosive materials, razor-type blades/utility knives, disabling chemicals, box cutters, martial arts weapons, mace/pepper Spray, BB guns, baseball bats, compressed air guns, ice picks, bombs, alcohol, tasers/stun guns.

### **Photography in the MEPS**

- Guests are only authorized to take a photo and/or video 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 contact a MEPS Cleveland Operations Officer.
  - 216-430-8018
  - 216-430-8012