Columbus MEPS
General Information Sheet for Applicant Visitors

The Columbus MEPS team looks forward to welcoming you to our facility and we are proud and excited to offer you the opportunity to witness your loved one take the Oath of Enlistment prior to shipping to Initial Military Training. They are joining an honored tradition of service to something greater, showing great selflessness, courage, and commitment by volunteering to serve. We are honored to welcome them, and you, into the military family!

Below, you will find information about visiting Columbus 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 will wait outside the facility in their cars until their respective applicant notifies them via cell phone that they are permitted to enter Columbus MEPS to view the Oath of Enlistment. This notification will typically be given 15-20 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. Please remain nearby and within the area of Columbus MEPS to ensure a timely arrival and processing through the facility.
- All guests will receive a briefing once inside and must exit Columbus MEPS following completion of their applicant's Oath of Enlistment.

Getting to the MEPS:

- Columbus MEPS is located inside a commercially leased building:
    - 775 Taylor Road
      Gahanna, OH 43230

Parking at the MEPS:

- Columbus MEPS has a free and open parking lot available during business hours. Visitors may park their vehicles in any available spaces not marked for employees.

Security while at the MEPS:

- Requirements to get inside the building:
    - Contraband items are prohibited inside Columbus MEPS. These items include, but are not limited to, firearms and ammunition, blades and sharp objects, explosives of any type, club-like or striking objects, disabling chemicals, and illegal narcotics or drug-like paraphernalia.
    - Entering the building routinely takes five (5) minutes with security screenings but could take longer. Please plan accordingly.
    - All visitors must provide valid official photo identification, physical or digital.
    - Minor guests do not require identification but must be accompanied by an adult.

- All visitors will go through a security screening to include metal detector and X-ray machine / bag check. To decrease screening times, visitors are encouraged not to bring bags of any type.
- All visitors must sign in and out on the *visitor control log* and must wear a *visitor badge* while at Columbus MEPS.

Photography in the MEPS:

- Visitors are only authorized to take photos and videos inside the Ceremony Room.

Refreshments while at the MEPS:

- Vending machines are available for the purchase of drinks and/or snacks.

Point of Contact at the MEPS:

- If you have questions, please contact:
  - MEPS Operations Supervisor @ 614-551-9425