



Fort Jackson MEPS **Important Information for an Applicant Guests**

Fort Jackson 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 Fort Jackson 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.
- Guests are allowed in the MEPS 30-minutes prior to the ceremony; Oath of Enlistment ceremony times vary throughout the day starting as early as 9:00 AM.
- 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.
- Guests must exit the MEPS following completion of the Oath of Enlistment ceremony.
- Disruptive guests will be asked to leave.

Getting to the MEPS

- Fort Jackson MEPS is located on Fort Jackson Military Installation.
 - 2435 Marion Ave, Fort Jackson, SC 29207
- The sponsoring Recruiting Service Command is responsible for escorting the applicant guests to the MEPS entrance. MEPS personnel will not be available to escort guests from the military installation gates to the lobby of the MEPS.
- Requirements to get on post
 - Entering the installation or building routinely takes 30 minutes but could take longer. Please plan accordingly.
 - When arriving to the Fort Jackson gate have a valid state issue ID ready (if over the age of 18). Let the guard know that you are coming to the oath of enlistment ceremony at the MEPS and provide the guard the name of the applicant you are coming to see.

Parking at the MEPS

- When facing the Fort Jackson MEPS please park in the designated parking lot to the right of the building.

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 only authorized their cell phone, wallet, and car keys.
- Guests must sign in and out on a visitor control log along with wearing a visitor badge while at the MEPS facility.
- Guests will only be allowed on the first floor of the MEPS in designated areas.

Photography in the MEPS

- An applicant's guest(s) is 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:
 - Fort Jackson Control Desk at 803-881-7357