



## Jackson MEPS Important Information for Applicant Guests

The 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 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* 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 are allowed in the MEPS 30-minutes prior to the ceremony. The first shipper ceremony of the day will begin at **0930**, and subsequent ceremonies (if necessary) will be conducted 5-10 minutes after that.
- Applicants 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 the ceremony.
- Disruptive guests will be asked to leave.

### **Getting here**

Jackson MEPS is located on the 15<sup>th</sup> floor of the Dr. A. H. McCoy Federal building.

- Physical address: 100 W Capitol St. Jackson, MS 39269
- Requirements to enter the Dr. A.H. McCoy federal building:
  - Entering the installation or building routinely takes **10-15 minutes** but could take longer. Please plan accordingly.
  - Guests need to go through the security checkpoint on the first floor prior to entering the building. **DO NOT** bring any weapons or ammunition of any type into the Federal Building.
  - Any items that are confiscated by security on the first floor will NOT be returned. Please leave any unnecessary items in your vehicle or at home.
  - Acceptable forms of ID for entrance are as follows (These are non-negotiable per the Federal Protective Services. MEPS has no authority over the standards of the Federal Building Security Personnel. Copies or photos will not be accepted.):
    - Valid, unexpired Driver's License or State ID (old version or REAL ID accepted)
    - Valid, unexpired US Passport
    - Valid, unexpired US Uniformed Services Identification Card
    - Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CBRA) issued by the US Department of State
    - Valid, unexpired Permanent Resident Card Form (Form I-551) issued



- by DHS or INS
- Unexpired employment authorization document (EAD) issued by DHS (Form I-766 or I-688B)
- Unexpired foreign passport with a valid, unexpired US visa affixed accompanied by the approved I-94 Form
- Certificate of Naturalization issued by the DHS (Form N-550 or N-570)
- Certificate of Citizenship (Form N-560 or N-561)

### **Parking**

- There is paid Street parking around the building and a parking lot across the street.
- Jackson MEPS and the Dr. A.H. McCoy Federal Building are not held liable or responsible for any parking fines you may incur.

### **Security**

- Minors must be accompanied by an adult. They do not require I.D.
- All guests will go through a security screening to include metal detector, and bag check.
  - To decrease check-in times, guests are encouraged to not bring bags.
- Guests must sign in and out on a visitor log and wear a visitor badge while at the MEPS.
- Tobacco use of any kind is not allowed and will result in immediate removal from the Federal Building.

### **Photography**

- Photo and video are only authorized in the Oath Ceremony room and Oath Observation room.
- Guests who appear to take photos or recordings in any other area of the MEPS will be asked to leave. If necessary, they will be escorted out by security.

### **Other Rules**

- Please do not bring additional guests. The Jackson MEPS will not allow more than two guests per applicant. Additional guests will be required to stay outside of the MEPS.
- If at any point an applicant guest is disruptive or displays behavior that could cause damage to the facility or harm to personnel or applicants, they will be asked to leave and escorted off the premises by security if necessary.
- The Jackson MEPS has the right to deny guests entrance or ask guests to leave for any reason.

### **Refreshments**

- Vending machines are available for drinks and snacks. You are allowed to bring water and other drinks into the MEPS so long as they are in closed containers.

### **Point of Contact**

- **If you have questions, please contact the Jackson MEPS front desk at 601-863-2217 Monday-Friday between 0800-1400.**