



## Memphis MEPS Important Information for Applicant Guests

Memphis 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 Memphis 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; Oath of Enlistment ceremony times vary throughout the day.
- 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 will have the opportunity to take pictures, videos and say goodbye immediately following the ceremony.
- Guests must exit the MEPS following completion of the Oath of Enlistment ceremony.
- Disruptive guests will be asked to leave.

### **Getting to the MEPS**

- Memphis MEPS is located at 1980 Nonconnah Blvd, Memphis, TN 38017.
- The sponsoring Recruiting Service Command is responsible for escorting the applicant's visitor(s) to the MEPS entrance. MEPS personnel will not be available to escort an applicant's visitor(s) from the security guard post to the MEPS.
- Requirements to get on base:
  - Visitors will need to bring ONE form of ID: Driver's license (state ID if non driver) / passport / birth certificate / TWIC. All documents need to be originals or certified/notarized copies. **We are unable to use copies or digital forms of ID to verify identity, and they will be rejected.**
  - Vehicles will need proof of insurance and registration to gain access to the base.
    - Comply with rules and regulations governing conduct on the property.
    - Entering the installation or building routinely takes five minutes but could take longer. Please plan accordingly.

### **REAL-ID**

#### **Recruiting Service:**

Responsible for ensuring their applicant has a [REAL ID-compliant identification](#). If an applicant requires assistance obtaining a [REAL ID compliant identification](#), the sponsoring Service will direct the applicant to the state/territory driver's license issuing agency's website (e.g., Department



of Motor Vehicles, Department of State, etc.) for the required documentation and process.

Responsible for ensuring their shipper, inclusive of a Non-MEPS shipper, who travel by domestic airlines, possess a [REAL ID-compliant identification](#).

### **MEPS:**

**Not** responsible for ensuring an applicant possesses the required REAL ID needed to gain access to the military installation, MEPS facility, etc., or what may be required by the building's security (e.g., Federal Protective Service).

**Not** hinder processing of an applicant once inside the MEPS solely because they do not possess a REAL ID, as long as the applicant has an authorized photographic ID.

### **Parking at the MEPS**

- The free public parking lot is located in front of the building. Visitors are to walk up to the front of Building 1980 to check into the Memphis MEPS.

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

- Guests must provide valid physical identification DIGITAL FORMS are not accepted at MEPS Memphis.
- 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 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.

### **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(s) is available for purchase of a drink(s)/snack(s).

### **Point of Contact at MEPS**

- If you have questions, please contact (901)291-3900.