



Portland Oregon MEPS Important Information for Applicant Guests

Portland Oregon 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 the Portland Oregon 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.
- An applicant's visitor(s) must exit the MEPS following completion of the Oath of Enlistment ceremony.
- Disruptive guests will be asked to leave.

Getting to the MEPS

- Portland Oregon MEPS is located in a commercially leased building.
 - 7545 NE Ambassador Pl, Portland Oregon
- The sponsoring Recruiting Service Command is responsible for escorting the applicant's visitor(s) into the MEPS. MEPS personnel will not be available to escort an applicant's visitor(s) into the facility or MEPS visitor lobby.
- Requirements to get inside the leased building
 - Entering the building routinely takes 5 minutes but could take longer. Please plan accordingly.

Parking at the MEPS

- Parking is available in the MEPS parking lot. Overflow parking is available in the cul-de-sac.

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, guests are 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.**

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.

Conduct at the MEPS

- For the safety and welfare of all, we ask that MEPS visitors show common courtesy to fellow visitors and to MEPS staff and U.S. Military Members by not engaging in any physical, verbal, or written behavior that is unsafe, illegal, violence inciting, abusive, disorderly, disruptive, hostile or threatening to, or constitutes hate speech directed at, fellow visitors, MEPS staff, U.S. Military Members, or others.
- **The MEPS Commander reserves the authority, and has the sole discretion, to deny admission or remove any persons engaging in such behavior**, including persons wearing attire or having visible tattoos displaying language or designs that could pose a safety or security risk or create a hostile environment for visitors, staff, or U.S. Military Members. Any visitor witnessing such behavior should report the activity immediately to Security or MEPS Staff. Any MEPS Staff witnessing or receiving a report about such behavior from a visitor should report the activity immediately to the MEPS Senior Enlisted Advisor or the MEPS Commander and contact Security as needed.

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:
 - Navy Office 971-978-4923
 - Army Office 971-978-4916
 - Army Guard Office 971-978-4948
 - Air Force Office 971-978-4939
 - Coast Guard 97-978-4944
 - Marines 971-978-4934