



**San Jose MEPS**  
**Applicant and Visitor Information**  
**Sheet**

San Jose MEPS looks forward to welcoming you to witness your loved one take the Oath of Enlistment prior to shipping to basic training. They will 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 your applicant into the military family.

Below you will find information about visiting Butte 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 and those guests' names must be provided to Service Liaison / Guidance Counselor (SL/GC) Office. Recruiters are responsible for submitting visitors' names to the MEPS.
- All applicants shipping will contact their guests from the SL/GC Office approximately 30 minutes before the Oath of Enlistment ceremony. Guests are to remain nearby the MEPS to ensure timely arrival. Guests will be allowed in the MEPS 15 minutes prior to the Oath of Enlistment ceremony.
- Applicants will ensure their visitor(s) are aware of the times for the Oath of Enlistment Ceremonies.

<b>Shipping Ceremony Times</b>					
<b>Military Service</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Tu</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Th</b>	<b>Family Arrival Time</b>
Navy / Air Force / Space Force / Army	0930	0930	0930	0930	0900
Marine Corps *	1130				1100
Army * / Coast Guard * / Marine Corps	1430	1430			1400

\* Female Marines, Army Soldiers, and Coast Guardsman stay at the hotel the night before they ship out to their training locations.

- Ceremonies last approximately 10 minutes. Guests will have the opportunity to take pictures and say goodbye immediately following the ceremony. Guests **must exit** the MEPS after the applicant completes the Enlistment process.
- Disruptive guests will be asked to leave.

**Getting to the MEPS**

- The San Jose MEPS is located in a federal building across from the entrance to



NASA's Ames Research Center. The MEPS Address is: **546 Vernon Ave, Mountain View, CA 94043**

### **Parking**

San Jose MEPS shares a campus with local U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting station headquarters, as well as multiple other federal agencies and offices. With this in mind, and to be courteous to our neighbors, please park in the designated Visitor Parking area (indicated right). Parking for differently abled persons is available across from the MEPS main entrance (indicated right).



### **Security Check**

- Shippers: only bring what you are authorized. You may have to ship back any unauthorized items at your own expense. Your recruiter will provide a list of what you are and are not allowed to bring with you.
- Building Entrance Requirements:



- All individuals entering the building will be screened by security guards 15 minutes before the Oath of Enlistment ceremony. Please be patient through this process. MEPS Staff will not begin the ceremony without Visitors.
- Visitors must provide valid physical or official digital identification.
- Visitors under the age of 18 do not require identification but must be accompanied by an adult.
- The security screening includes a metal detector scan, X-ray machine scan, and bag check. To decrease screening times, guests are encouraged to **avoid bringing bags** or leave them in their vehicle.
- All visitors must sign in and out on the San Jose MEPS visitor control log and wear a visitor badge while inside the MEPS facility.
- A MEPS Staff member will escort guests to the waiting area prior to the Oath of Enlistment Ceremony.

#### **Photography in the MEPS**

- Visitors are only authorized to take photos and/or video in the Oath of Enlistment Ceremony room.

#### **Refreshments**

- Female and male restrooms are located in the waiting area.
- There is a water bottle refill station available at the MEPS next to the control desk.
- Please do not bring in outside food.

#### **Points of Contact**

- If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the following:
  - San Jose MEPS ..... (650) 429-2400
  - U.S. Army Liaison Office ..... (650) 429-2370
  - U.S. Navy Liaison Office..... (650) 429-2381
  - U.S. Air Force / U.S. Space Force Liaison Office ..... (650) 429-2390
  - U.S. Marine Corps Liaison Office ..... (650) 429-2395
  - U.S. Army National Guard Liaison Office ..... (650) 429-2398
  - U.S. Coast Guard Liaison Office ..... (650) 429-2368