

SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF TO RECRUIT TRAVEL VIDEO



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- Usage: This brief is given after the standardized recruit travel video has been shown to all shippers traveling by air. This brief is intended to provide additional MEPS, airport, and any other particular information which the video does not provide.
- MEPS staff is encouraged to add MEPS specific travel information to this brief but are not to exclude any information already included.



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WELCOME TO THE "YOUR MEPS"

Military Entrance Processing Station

A JOINT SERVICE ORGANIZATION





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Good morning and congratulations as you begin your military career. I am (STATE NAME), the Transportation Assistant here at (NAME OF MEPS), I will be providing you travel procedures while enroute to your Bootcamp or Reception Training Center (Basic Training). The information that I'll be providing is very important so listen attentively. Feel free to ask questions after the brief.



SEXUAL ASSAULT



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Before we go any further, we would like to discuss with you what is Sexual Assault.

- “Sexual assault is intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. The term includes a broad category of sexual offenses consisting of, but not limited to the following: rape, sexual assault, aggravated sexual contact, abusive sexual contact, forcible sodomy (forced oral or anal sex), or attempts to commit these acts.”
- Sexual assault is a crime and does not have a place in the U.S. Armed Forces. Reporting a sexual assault does not disqualify you from joining the Military.



SEXUAL ASSAULT (CONT'D)

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- If you have been sexually assaulted or harassed at any time while processing for the U.S. Armed Forces, you are encouraged to report the incident to any MEPS employee (Military or Civilian). That employee should immediately contact the MEPS Commander or someone in the Chain of Command. All complaints will be investigated.
- For your information we have posters located throughout the MEPS that also contain contact information for the National Sexual Assault Hotline and DoD Safe Help Line.



MEAL CHECK



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Before you leave the MEPS today, you will be provided a meal check(s) to pay for your meals while you are traveling. You may eat at the originating airport, connecting flight airport and/or at the final destination airport.

Meal checks are furnished depending on your travel times. Meal hours are as follows:

- (1) Breakfast: 0600 through 0730 (\$11.00)
- (2) Lunch: 1130 through 1300 (\$12.00)
- (3) Dinner: 1700 through 1830. (\$23.00)

This is the meal check [VISUAL AID]. (BRIEFER: Show the meal check and Inform recruits of restaurants that accept them).



MEAL CHECK (CONT'D)



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Several airport dining facilities will accept the government meal checks. However, ask first just to be sure. You will provide proper ID to the restaurant vendor, if requested.

Once your purchase is complete, you will print, in ink, the name of the restaurant and the dollar value in numbers of the actual meal cost.

No change will be given if your meal is under the authorized amount printed on the check. Do not allow anyone else to fill out your meal check. This is your responsibility. If you exceed the maximum amount, you will be responsible to pay the difference.



MEAL CHECK (CONT'D)



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Upon arrival at your final destination, if you have not use your meal check(s), use them prior to reporting to your respective Military Representative, Military Reception Center Desk, USO, etc., if time permits.

Be advised this may be your last opportunity for a meal until tomorrow.



HOW TO CONTACT THE DTMO RECRUIT TRAVEL ASSISTANCE CENTER



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Refer to the Information Sheet affixed to your orders to contact DTMO for assistance.

Contact DTMO Recruit Travel Assistance Center by Live Chat for Immediate Assistance

Live Chat: www.defensetravel.dod.mil/rtachat (Accessible by mobile device or computer)

NOTE: If Warning "THIS CONNECTION IS NOT PRIVATE" appears, scroll down and select "Visit the Site Anyway". If you do not have this option on your mobile device, adjust your security settings so they are not so restrictive.

Once the CHAT SCREEN appears, answer ALL questions with and asterisk "*" and hit SUBMIT. The system will say "Waiting for an available agent" and tell you your number in queue (line). Remain in the queue until an agent assists you.

If you lose WI-FI signal during your chat session, RESUBMIT your chat session and tell the agent you lost internet connection.

Chat hours of operations: Monday-Thursday: 0630 to 0300 Eastern Standard Time (EST); Friday: 0630 to 1400 EST. Excludes federal holiday



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Contact DTMO Recruit Travel Assistance Center by Phone

Dial: 1-877-563-7746

Contact via phone if you: if you do not have access to the internet, lose internet connection or need assistance outside of **Chat** hours of operation.

When calling DTMO, listen to the recorded message and follow the directions. Stay on the line and someone will help you. Be persistent and continue to call if no one answers.

Be aware that you may encounter time zone changes as you travel to your destination. Always go by the local time at the airport. Stay inside the airport and stay together when traveling as group.



MEPS TRANSPORTATION ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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- Ground Transportation Information
- Departure Terminal Information
- Meal Check Vendor Information at originating airport
- Food Vendor Information Prior to Security Checkpoint and after Security Checkpoint



AIRPORT SOLICITATIONS



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At airport terminals, you may encounter religious groups, con artists, or panhandlers who may attempt to solicit money from you in the form of an outright gift or in exchange for a gift of some sort, such as a book or a flower. While there may be nothing illegal about the solicitation, you are under no obligation to contribute and should not feel pressured to do so. No one can preclude or prevent you from speaking with the people you encounter, but you are encouraged to be cautious about your dealings with people you meet or who approach you at transportation terminals.



CONGRATULATIONS!



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Best wishes to you as you begin your military journey.

What can we do for you before you depart today?

Let's get your questions answered.



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