

Directions to Fort McNair

Fort Lesley J. McNair, the third oldest Army post in the nation after the U.S. Military Academy, New York, and Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, is located at 4th and P streets, Washington, D.C., where the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers meet.

All **non-DoD affiliated visitors** must use the 2nd Street Southwest entrance to access the installation. See map. The 2nd Street Gate is open 24/7. **Fort McNair 2nd Street Gate:** Open 24/7 to non-DoD affiliated visitors and DoD or federally-affiliated ID card holders.

Ceremonial (Front) Gate: Open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. for DoD and federally-affiliated ID Card holders ONLY.

Eisenhower (Pedestrian) Gate: Closed

From Virginia (South) via the 14th Street Bridge:

Take 95 North to 395 North going into Washington, D.C. Go over the 14th Street Bridge staying to the left. The road splits - left to Route 1 and right to 395 North. Stay to the left but after the split get in the right lane. There is a right exit for Maine Avenue. At the light, turn left. Stay straight on Maine Avenue - Waterfront is on the right. Maine Avenue turns into M Street near Arena Stage which is on the left. Turn right on 4th Street (Waterfront metro/Waterside Mall/Safeway is on the left). Go through one light and continue on P Street. Turn right onto 2nd Street and the gate will be on your right.

From Virginia (West) via I-66:

Take Independence Avenue along the Tidal Basin. Follow signs for Maine Avenue. Stay straight on Maine Avenue - Waterfront is on the right. Maine Avenue turns into M Street near Arena Stage, which is on the left. Turn right on 4th Street (Waterfront metro/Waterside Mall/Safeway is on the left). Go through one light and continue on P Street. Turn right onto 2nd Street and the gate will be on your right.

From Maryland:

Take 95 South toward Virginia. Just before the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, take 295 toward Washington, D.C. Exit at South Capitol Street. Go over the Fredrick Douglas Bridge. Get in the right lane. Make a left at the light onto M Street. (This takes you over South Capitol Street). Turn left on 4th Street (Waterfront metro/Waterside Mall/Safeway is on the right). Go through one light and continue on P Street. Turn right onto 2nd Street and the gate will be on your right.

From Northwest DC:

From Constitution Avenue, going east toward the Capitol, turn right on 7th Street, which brings you to Maine Avenue. Turn left on Maine Avenue (The Waterfront is in front of you if you go straight). Maine Avenue turns into M Street near Arena Stage, which is on the left. Turn right on 4th Street (Waterfront metro/Waterside Mall/Safeway is on the left). Go through one light and continue on P Street. Turn right onto 2nd Street and the gate will be on your right.