



The National Defense University is located on the grounds of Fort Lesley J. McNair in Southwest Washington between the Anacostia River and the Washington Channel. Some local landmarks are the Waterfront Metro, the Waterside Mall, and the Arena Stage.

NDU is located about 1/4 mile from the Washington Metro's **Waterfront** station on the **Green Line**. Leaving the station, walk down 4th Street (S) three blocks until it ends and becomes P Street SW. The Ft McNair main gate will be plainly visible.

To enter Ft. McNair, visitors will be required to show a current DoD picture identification badge, a state issued driver's license with photo, or a passport with photo. Depending on the risk assessment, the Military Policy may ask you for a second form of identification. If that happens, you may use two of the three mentioned above.

For entry after 5 pm pedestrians must use the "2nd Street" gate ~100 yds east of main gate. Continue east along P Street from the main gate to 2nd Street and turn right to the gate.

To enter Ft. McNair, visitors without a DoD vehicle sticker will be required to show either a current DoD picture identification badge, a state issued driver's license with photo, or a passport with photo. Depending on the risk assessment, the Military Policy may ask you for a second form of identification. If that happens, you may use two of the three mentioned above.

Visitors w/o a DoD vehicle sticker must use the "2nd Street" gate, ~100 yds east of main gate & just around the corner from the 2nd Street intersection.

From Arlington and points South and West (via 14th St Bridge): Follow I-395 North across the Potomac River to the Maine Avenue exit. Go over the 14th Street bridge staying to the left. The road splits - left to Route 1 and right to I-395 North. Follow Route 1 towards 14th Street and the Mall, but after

the split get in the right lane. Take the right-side exit for Maine Avenue. At the light, turn right onto Maine Avenue. Continue on Maine Avenue – past the Washington Marina, several seafood stores, and restaurants on the right. Maine Avenue changes name to M Street where it curves to the left, near the Arena Stage. Turn right on 4th Street (Waterfront metro/Waterside Mall/Safeway is on the left). Continue (South) three blocks until it ends and becomes P Street SW. The Ft McNair main gate will be plainly visible. **This entrance is usually closed to visitor’s vehicles. Follow the brick wall to the second entrance, “2nd Street Gate.”**

From the District, Silver Spring, or Bethesda, follow any southbound route to the National Mall and cross it until reaching M Street Southwest. From there turn left or right to arrive at 4th Street, SW. 4th Street SW leads directly to the front gate of Ft. McNair.

From Maryland, Prince George’s County: Follow the Capitol Beltway (I-95) to the I-295 exit. Proceed Northbound on I-295 for approximately 4 miles. Take the South Capitol Street exit (Follow signs for Nationals Ballpark.) Proceed across the South Capitol Street Bridge, staying to the right. Bear right coming off the bridge, avoiding the underpass, and turn left on to M Street SW at the traffic light. Continue West on M Street SW to 4th Street SW. Turn left (S) on to 4th Street SW and continue (S) three blocks until it ends and becomes P Street SW. The Ft McNair main gate will be plainly visible. **This entrance is usually closed to visitor’s vehicles. Follow the brick wall to the second entrance, “2nd Street Gate.”**

Follow the instructions below once you have entered Fort McNair.

From the Ft McNair Main Gate: Continue straight ahead on 3rd Avenue until it ends at B Street. Turn left on B Street and proceed to 5th Avenue. Turn right on 5th Avenue. Continue past the housing and turn left into the entrance of the parking lot in front of Lincoln Hall.

From the Ft McNair 2nd Street Gate: After passing through the security checkpoint area, turn right to enter the open parking lot in front of Lincoln Hall.

