

National Defense University

Information and Directions

Welcome to the National Defense University. The 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. The following link leads to a detailed map and photo of the approaches to Fort McNair and the Metro Station.

http://www.stationmasters.com/System_Map/WATFRNT/watfrnt.html

- **From Arlington and points South and West (via 14th St Bridge):** Follow I-395 North across the Potomac River to the Maine Avenue exit. Follow the exit ahead and turn left (East) on to Maine Ave at the traffic light. Follow Maine Ave until it curves left and becomes M Street SW. Turn right (South) on to 4th Street SW and continue (South) three blocks until it ends and becomes P Street SW. The Ft McNair main gate will be plainly visible.
- **From Alexandria or Anacostia (via Woodrow Wilson Bridge):** Follow I-295 North to the South Capitol Street exit. 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 (South) on to 4th Street SW and continue (South) three blocks until it ends and becomes P Street SW. The Ft McNair main gate will be plainly visible.
- **From Maryland, Prince George's County and Eastern Montgomery County:** Follow the Capitol Beltway (I-495 or I-95) to the Baltimore-Washington (B-W) Parkway exit. Proceed Southbound on the B-W Parkway. As you near Washington, the B-W Parkway will become I-295 South; continue on I-295 to the Suitland Parkway exit. Exit at the Suitland Parkway and immediately exit on to I-295 Northbound. After joining I-295 North exit immediately at the South Capitol Street exit. 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.
- **Via DoD SHUTTLE BUS from the Pentagon:** The Route #6 bus from the Pentagon departs every 30 minutes starting at 0820 until 1600. Travel time to the Ft McNair main gate is approximately 15 minutes. The #6 bus continues ahead to the Coast Guard Building behind NDU. The walk to Marshall Hall from the Coast Guard Building via the pedestrian gate behind the ICAF building is considerably shorter than the walk from the Main Gate.

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Entrance to Fort McNair - 4th & P St., SW

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Via METRO: NDU is located about 1/3 mile from the Washington Metro's **Waterfront** station on the **Green Line**. Leaving the station, walk down 4th Street (South) three blocks until it ends and becomes P Street SW. The Ft McNair main gate will be plainly visible.

BY TAXI: ASK THE DRIVER TO TAKE YOU TO THE INTERSECTION OF 2ND AND V STREET SW, NEAR THE USCG HEADQUARTERS. FROM THE INTERSECTION OF 2ND & V TURN RIGHT (WEST) TOWARDS THE JAMES CREEK MARINA OFFICE. ENTER FORT MCNAIR THROUGH THE PEDESTRIAN GATE NEAR THE NE CORNER OF EISENHOWER HALL.

By AUTO: (Visitors w/o a DoD vehicle sticker must use the "P Street" gate, just east of the main gate. Also, main gate traffic flows one-way in during mornings and one-way out till it closes at 1700.)

From the Ft McNair Main Gate: Continue straight ahead on 3rd Avenue until it ends at B Street. Turn left on to B Street and proceed 2 blocks to 5th Avenue. (If walking, you can turn right on 4th Avenue.) Turn right on 5th Avenue. The large building, ahead, on the left side of 5th Avenue, is Marshall Hall. Park in one of the lots marked below.

From the Ft McNair P-Street Gate: After passing through the security checkpoint area, turn left along the brick wall. Continue straight ahead until reaching B Street. Turn right onto B Street and almost immediately turn left onto 5th Avenue. The large building, ahead, on the left side of 5th Avenue, is Marshall Hall. Park in one of the lots marked below.

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