

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.

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.

WASHINGTON, D.C.



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

Travel Directions:

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.

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

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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, “P Street Gate.”**

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. Follow the instructions above to enter Fort McNair.

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 approach 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 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 (South) on to 4th Street SW. Follow the instructions above to enter Fort McNair.

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. Eisenhower Hall is one block further down 4th and 5th Avenue. 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. Eisenhower Hall is one block further down 4th and 5th Avenue. Park in one of the lots marked below.

