

Dear future Vampire,

I am pleased to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Vampires of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron NINE (VX-9). We look forward to your arrival and trust you will have a pleasant and rewarding tour here. Our squadron has earned a reputation throughout the years for its exciting operational testing of U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps tactical aircraft and their associated weapons and weapon systems.

Additional information regarding VX-9 may be obtained from our web site: www.VX9.navy.mil. Please also visit and "like" our Facebook page at AIRTEVRON NINE (VX-9) to receive the latest news and updates from the command and local area. If you have a spouse or significant other that would like to reach out to our Vampire Spouses Support Group, please pass on our Ombudsman's contact info: Mrs. Alison Allen, (559) 772-5308, vx9ombudsman@yahoo.com. Sailors of all pay grades can communicate with a gaining command by using the Sponsor Assignment Aid (SAA), which can be accessed through the STAYNAVY Homepage on the official Navy Personnel Command website at www.npc.navy.mil/careerinfo/staynavytools/careertools/. Additionally, you can view information on the local area on the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce website at www.ridgecrestchamber.com.

If you shipped household goods or personal property, NAWS China Lake Personal Property Office is available to assist you. They can be reached at (760) 939-8397 or (760) 939-3378.

If you have dependent children and plan on residing in base housing or within the Richmond Elementary School and Murray Middle School district, please contact Ms. Diane Naslund of Sierra Sands Unified School District at (760) 499-1600 to register your children for school.

Again, welcome to VX-9, and best wishes for a safe and pleasant journey.

Sincerely,

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