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Dear Reporting Vampires,

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 tactical aircraft and their associated weapons and weapon systems.

Information regarding VX-9 may be obtained from our web site: www.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. Shante Taylor, (626) 677-0293, vx9ombudsman@gmail.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.public.navy.mil/airfor/vx9/pages/default.aspx. Additionally, you can view information on the local area on the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce website at www.ridgecrestchamber.com.

If you are flying into Los Angeles International Airport, please contact Antelope Express Shuttle at (661) 947-2529 or <http://antelopeexpress.com/shuttle> for transportation from the Airport. The last shuttle leaves at 2200. You will be picked up at the Antelope Valley (AV) Fly Away Center by your sponsor or Command Representative.

If you shipped household goods or personal property, please inquire with the call center in San Diego to assist you with your claim. They can be reached at (855) 444-6683 Monday through Friday except Wednesday from 0730-1545 Pacific Standard Time (PST), and Wednesday from 0900-1545 PST.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. W. Hilliker", is written over a large, stylized oval scribble.

J. W. HILLIKER