



## UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

9TH MARINE CORPS DISTRICT

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Let me be among the first to welcome you to the 9<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps District. Our team of eight Recruiting Stations, a Prior Service section and the District Headquarters is located in the central and upper mid-west United States. Our area includes North & South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Kansas, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin and Arkansas.

Your assignment will be filled with personal and professional opportunities as well as challenges you never faced in the operating forces. To assist you and your family with a smooth transition, I have established a Unit Family Readiness Program within the District led by Mr. Dave Gutierrez, my Family Readiness Officer. His mission is "To be a communication link between the command and family members and provide information and resources." Accordingly, issues dealing with medical/dental support, TRICARE, housing & relocation, personal family support issues, etc. with which you may require assistance can be addressed/resolved by contacting Dave at (816) 843-3900. You can also reach him on his cell phone (816) 547-8064. As my direct representative, he can assist in making your initial move and stay in the 9<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps District as smooth as possible.

Once settled in at your command, I recommend you take advantage of our Lifestyle, Insight, Networking, Knowledge, & Skills (LINKS), and the LifeSkills program. Both allow you and your family the capability to acquire the knowledge and develop the skills to successfully meet the challenges of the Marine Corps lifestyle.

Again, welcome to your most challenging assignment short of combat. Your success starts with getting your family well settled and connected to all the resources designed to support them. If there is any way that we can assist, please contact the Family Readiness Officer. Have a safe trip to your new home in the Midwest. Lastly, my profound appreciation to you and your family for your service to our country and Corps.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. J. Minick".

J. J. MINICK  
COLONEL, USMC