



# VX-30

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QF-4N 153030 #145 looked ready for retirement just weeks prior to its final flight to NAS North Island. It is now on display at the USS Midway Museum in San Diego, CA. (Damon Duran)

Apart from the QF-4S the 'Bloodhounds' operated the QF-4N in the drone role. QF-4N 153011 #144 features a red radome, while stabilators and outer wing panels were painted in Dayglo orange for the ease of recognition. Note the inscription 'Mottley' on the rudder, which gives the impression that every mount of VX-30 had its own nickname. (Damon Duran)



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In 2004, the F-4 Phantom II Society paid a visit to VX-30 at Point Mugu. Among several QF-4S that graced the ramp was aircraft 158360 #122 nicknamed 'Spuds', which had colourful unit markings and two missile miss-marks applied. (Damon Duran)



Another QF-4S that could be photographed at Point Mugu was Phantom 155741 '121'. In October 2006, the aircraft was moved to NAS Fallon and put to use as an air-to-ground target. (Damon Duran)