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Marine Air Support Squadron 2 / Air Support Company Bravo

Sergeant Costa was born in Kingsville, TX 19991209. He graduated Bottineau Public High School in May 2018 in Bottineau, ND. He enlisted into the Marine Corps as an Air Support Operations Operator in March 2020. In May 2024, he graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, CA. Upon graduation he reported directly to Marine Combat Training (West), Camp Pendleton, CA. Upon completing combat training in July 2020 he received orders to Twentynine Palms, CA. He attended Air Support Operations Operators Course 20-3. Sergeant Costa graduated the course on November 2020 and received a Meritorious promotion to Lance Corporal for finishing as the Honor Graduate.

In February 2021, Sergeant Costa reported to Marine Air Support Squadron 2, MCAS Futenma, Okinawa, Japan. Soon after arriving Sergeant Costa attended Lance Corporal Leadership and Ethics Seminar, June 2021. On December 2021 Sergeant Costa promoted to the rank of Corporal. Sergeant Costa between July 2021-March 2022 participated in a Fleet Assistance Program working within the armory. Between April 2022 and November 2022 Sergeant Costa participated in Joint Exercises CCPT 22.1 and Resolute Dragon 22.1. September 12, 2022 Sergeant Costa married SrA Jahnae McRae.

On November 2022 Sergeant Costa reported to Detachment 18, VMM-262, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. He fulfilled the billet of NCOIC and often had to fill into roles and billets of higher ranks. While attached to the detachment he participated in a non-combatant evacuation operation exercise, Operation Stormwall, and the Joint Exercise Iron Fist 23.1. While on the USS America Sergeant Costa received his Status Board Keeper Qualification from the Navy Tactical Air Control Squadron.

In May 2023 Sergeant Costa returned to Air Support Company Bravo, Marine Air Support Squadron 2. In June 2024 Sergeant Costa attended Corporals Course and graduated as the class leader. He immediately stepped into a Team Sergeant billet and has participated in Operation Bold Alligator, Operation Northern Edge 23.1, Operation Resolute Dragon 23.2, and Mistex 24.1. On March 2024 Sergeant Costa promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Sergeant Costa throughout his time at Marine Air Support Squadron 2 professionally by receiving his Air Control Recorder (ACR), Tactical Air Request/Helicopter Request (TAR/HR), Tactical Air Command/Direct Air Support TAC/DAS qualifications while being recommended qualifications Information Display Manager (IDM) and Fire Support Coordination Net Operator (FSCNO). Personally, he took 6 University of Maryland Global college courses maintaining a 4.0 to work towards attaining an associate degree.