Corporal Steven Nietes

Future Operations NCO, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing

Corporal Steven Nietes was born on 21 December 2004 in Anaheim, California. After graduating from high school, he attended Santa Ana College for two semesters, completing 17 credit hours toward an associate degree in finance.

In January 2024, Corporal Nietes enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, California, for recruit training. He graduated in April 2024 with Golf Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion as a Contract Private First Class.

Following recruit training, Private First Class Nietes attended Marine Combat Training at the School of Infantry -West, Camp Pendleton, California, from May through July 2024. Upon completion, he reported to Marine Air Tactical Support Squadron 1 at Naval Air Station Meridian, Mississippi, where he completed formal instruction for the Aviation Operations Specialist military occupational specialty. He graduated third in his class and received orders to the G-3 section, Marine Wing Headquarters Squadro1st Marine Aircraft Wing, at Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan.

PFC Nietes reported to Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1 in late August 2024 and assumed duties as the G-3 Current Operations Clerk. Promoted to lance corporal in October 2024, he later served as an Air Watch Clerk and supported Exercise PAC Sentry 25. His performance during the exercise earned him a Certificate of Commendation.

Demonstrating sustained professionalism, commitment, and resilience, Lance Corporal Nietes was selected as Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1 Marine of the Quarter. He subsequently earned recognition as the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Marine of the Year. On 2 December 2025, he was meritoriously promoted to the rank of corporal. Cpl Nietes now assumes all duties and responsibilities as the Training NCOIC and Future operations NCO for 1st MAW G-3.

Corporal Nietes personal decorations includes, (1) Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medal and (2) Certificate of Commendation .