



Captain Christian M. Santiago, USMC
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Captain Christian M. Santiago was born in National City, California and graduated from the University of San Diego with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) and an Associate of Arts degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences from Southwestern College.

Captain Santiago enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2007. While serving in the reserves, he was selected for the Platoon Leaders Class program and graduated from the Marine Corps Officer Candidates School. He was commissioned in 2016 and was designated a communications officer.

While enlisted, Captain Santiago served as Avionics Tech, Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 775; Scout, Company A, 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion; and Radio Operator, Headquarters and Service Company, 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. As an officer, he served as Network Platoon Commander, G-6 Assistant Operations Officer, and G-3 Spectrum Warfare Officer while assigned to 3d Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan.

In 2020, Captain Santiago was selected for the Foreign Area Officer program and reported to NPS in Monterey, California, where he studied National Security Affairs with a focus on Latin America and completed the Western Hemisphere Curriculum with Distinction. Upon completion of NPS, Captain Santiago reported to the Defense Language Institute-Washington, D.C. to study Brazilian Portuguese. He graduated in 2021 and was assigned to the U.S. Embassy, Lima, Peru, for In-Region Training.

In 2022, Captain Santiago reported to Marine Corps Installations Command/Marine Corps National Capital Region Command, Deputy Directorate for Operations and Plans (G-3/5). He serves as a Senior Watch Officer in the Operations Center with global responsibility for Marine installations and forces in every region of the world where Marines serve.

Captain Santiago resides in Virginia with his wife, Angela, and their son. Captain Santiago enjoys CrossFit, traveling, soccer, hiking, and bike riding. He is proficient in Spanish and Brazilian Portuguese.