

# SAMMY VAN



**Sammy Van**—better known as Coach Sammy—is an active-duty U.S. Marine with over four years of honorable service. Originally from Los Angeles, he has been stationed in Twentynine Palms since March 2025. Throughout his military career, Sammy has consistently demonstrated leadership, discipline, and a strong commitment to mentorship—values that shine through in every role he takes on.

Outside of uniform, Coach Sammy is deeply passionate about dance, cheerleading, and making a positive impact in his community. His journey began in 2018 during his junior year of high school, when he taught himself the fundamentals of dance and cheer through dedication and curiosity. What started as a personal passion has since grown into a powerful platform for uplifting and inspiring others.

Since then, Coach Sammy has had the privilege of coaching youth cheerleading, soccer, and T-ball teams through MCCS programs in Okinawa, Yokosuka, and now Twentynine Palms. As an ASA coach, he focuses on **building confidence**, **fostering teamwork**, and creating **inclusive spaces** where young athletes feel supported and empowered. He takes pride in choreographing dynamic routines, leading energetic practices, and forming lasting bonds with the kids he mentors.

Whether leading Marines or coaching youth athletes, Coach Sammy brings energy, creativity, and heart to everything he does. He is currently pursuing a college degree while balancing military service and community involvement, all driven by his passion for growth and his desire to make a difference.

Coach Sammy believes in leading with purpose, learning through experience, and encouraging others to follow their passions and do what they love most. One thing you'll always hear him say: **“Confidence is key. Period,,**

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