

CGC MORGENTHAU GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Respect – Treat everyone the way you want to be treated. Think “*Golden Rule*”. Discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated! Your treatment of others is a direct reflection of your character. Each of us has a duty to ensure those around us are treated with dignity and respect.

Responsibility – You represent the United States, the Coast Guard, the MORGENTHAU, and your family name in everything you do. Your behavior is important. You are held to a higher standard than the general public and are always “on duty” whether in uniform or not. Think before you act and if you wouldn’t behave in a certain manner if your grandparents were watching that should make you pause and evaluate your actions.

Excellence – Strive for perfection in everything you do. Everyone has a critical role to play in making sure we are “Always Ready”. Whether you are a non-rate or the Commanding Officer, it takes the entire crew to achieve success in our multi-mission role. No job is trivial so always do your best and go the extra mile. Be the “*Pride of the Pacific*”.

Safety – Sea duty is inherently dangerous which is why we have so many regulations, rules, procedures, and checklists...follow them and use them! We also spend a lot of time training so we will be ready for those dangerous times. It is everyone’s responsibility to ensure we are safe. Look out for your shipmates and if something isn’t right, speak up.

Stewardship – The American people have entrusted us with an amazing ship full of amazing technology and even more amazing people. We must live up to that trust by ensuring we maintain and care for MORGENTHAU to the best of our abilities. MORGENTHAU is not just a Coast Guard Cutter; it is our home for more than half the year. If we don’t take care of our home properly, we violate the sacred trust of the American people and we endanger ourselves.

Fun – There is a reason they call them “sea stories” and not “shore” or “office” stories. Sea duty can be arduous and dangerous, but you will never experience the same level of camaraderie anywhere else. We have a challenging, but extremely rewarding and nationally significant job. We will see things and visit places that other people would pay a lot of money to experience. Cherish it, make the most of it, and enjoy it!