



# Command Philosophy

To the Crew of Coast Guard Station New York,

It is my honor to serve as your Commanding Officer. Our Station is the largest small boat station in the Coast Guard and our missions of Ports, Waterways and Coastal Security, Search and Rescue, Federal Maritime Law Enforcement, and Environmental Protection are vital to this iconic and commercially significant port. As your Commanding Officer, **I am committed to providing a positive command environment which is founded on a cadre that is approachable, consistent, and trustworthy.** One of the most important obligations that a leader has is to manage the expectations that he has of his crew as well as the expectations that his crew has of him. As such, the following are three expectations that I have of you:

### ***Have the utmost pride and professionalism in all that you do***

Pride is to have an inordinate opinion of one's own dignity, importance, merit, or superiority. Professionalism is acting as an expert in one's field of work. I expect you to be professional and have pride in your appearance, in your conduct, in the way you maintain our station and boats, and most importantly, in the way you execute our missions.

### ***Strive for excellence***

The standard is high, but so is the potential cost in failure. The standard is high because our missions are not forgiving. We will "Train, Maintain, and Operate" and I expect that in all three areas, we will hold ourselves to the highest standards and strive for excellence.

### ***Choose your attitude***

I firmly believe that attitude is a choice that each of us controls. Once you accept that you are the only one who can choose your attitude, you can decide whether to keep it or shape it into an attitude that's more satisfying. You control your attitude, not the other way around.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you and promise to work every day to make this the best command that you have ever been a part of. **Semper Paratus!**

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