



Command Philosophy

We have been given a very unique and special duty as part of the Coast Guard's major cutter fleet aboard MOHAWK. There is no finer opportunity than to serve at sea – the missions we conduct and the experiences we will share will be some of the most memorable times in your career. We follow and will uphold the proud tradition of operational excellence of our great Service.

We must always remember that we are an instrument of National Security to effect policy aims, defend our Nation, or enforce the laws of the United States in a number of mission areas. Our primary goal is to meet mission. We can only successfully accomplish our goals through the contributions of each and every crewmember.

Mission

- MOHAWK's effectiveness is dependent on a number of elements coming together:
 - Training – we will train like we operate. Preparation equals performance;
 - Material Condition – we must keep our ship in the best possible condition given the resources available. If something breaks we shall endeavor to correct it immediately;
 - Adaptability – operations will be dynamic and we shall thrive in that environment;
 - Safety – we operate in often harsh conditions - meeting mission means getting the job done safely.

People

- We can only meet mission through our collective efforts and the support of others:
 - Teamwork – we rely on each other – for everything. We will support each other and work to have everyone fulfill their potential;
 - We shall respect each other and protect each other;
 - Family and friends are integral to our success – we shall take care of them – they are part of the MOHAWK family;
 - Invest time for your personal well-being, your professional growth, and education. We'll make time for this as part of our normal routine.

Pride & Professionalism

- We shall set the standards of professionalism as Coast Guardsmen and as members of the Armed Forces:
 - Master your craft - continually challenge yourself to expand your professional skills;
 - Be a leader that others want to follow. Study and practice good leadership traits;
 - A positive attitude is infectious – we own the environment inside the lifelines;
 - Never forget that we are ambassadors of the United States, our Service, and our community;
 - Leave MOHAWK in better condition than you found it.

Together, we will uphold MOHAWK's motto: Lifesaver - Enforcer - Defender. I am honored to serve alongside you.

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