

USCGC VALIANT (WMEC 621) Command Philosophy

Train Towards Excellence: We have the great fortune to be assigned to a proud ship steeped in Coast Guard history. From her participation in the Mariel Boat Lift in 1980 to being the first and only cutter in the fleet to receive the Sumner I. Kimball Award, VALIANT has been able to accomplish exceptional things due to her crew's commitment to excellence. We must continue that commitment by training and preparing to answer that next great challenge that will come our way. We will succeed or fail together and I need your help to continue VALIANT's proud tradition of Excellence.

Core Values: We must be committed to the Coast Guard's Core Values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty each day. By holding ourselves accountable for our actions, regardless of title or rank, there will be no ambiguity or questions regarding who the rules and regulations apply to. We will not tolerate an environment where selective obedience is permitted.

Lead by Example: We have been entrusted with tremendous responsibility as the crew of CGC VALIANT. Hold yourselves to the highest standards and be the example for your Shipmates to look up to, emulate and aspire to. Render all honors and salutes smartly, stand a taut watch, never falter as a leader and always remember that the moment we think that our Shipmates aren't looking, is the exact moment when they are.

Stewardship: Take care of one another. Get involved in each other's lives and push each other to achieve great things. Teach your subordinates how to do your job while excelling in their own. Push them towards advancement, qualifications, and furthering their education. Know the important things in your Shipmates' lives and be ready to lend a helping hand when one is needed.

Pride in VALIANT: VALIANT is our home away from homeport, she represents us as a crew and provides others with a clear message as to who we are as professionals. This requires a significant investment from each of us to keep her looking and operating in a manner befitting her proud history and your professionalism.

Alcohol: Be responsible and help your Shipmates steer clear of shoal water. Irresponsible behavior, underage drinking or condoning it is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Make the most out of your time aboard VALIANT: We have the best job in the world and opportunities to have fun surround us every day. Be active in our morale committee, participate during morale events and help us make lasting memories of our time spent aboard VALIANT.


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