



## **COMMAND PHILOSOPHY**

There is no more dynamic environment to operate than the sea. The ocean will challenge our abilities as mariners; however, we will succeed by knowing our craft and trusting each other. You have my word I will give the Coast Guard, and more importantly, my Shipmates 100% of my effort and focus. I expect you give the Coast Guard and your Shipmates the same. Every Shipmate must provide their best effort to achieve mission success and ensure HARRIET LANE delivers "*The Desired Effect.*" We are engaged in a noble profession; your nation, the Coast Guard and your family are proud and grateful for your service. Below are principles that together we will strive to embody:

*Professionalism:* We operate in a dangerous environment. To safely execute our missions, we must develop and practice sound seamanship habits. This honors Cuttermen who came before us, instills professionalism in the next generation, and allows us to prudently complete every assigned mission. Be active in your community, embody our core values, and show our fellow citizens the outstanding qualities Guardians possess.

*Positive Attitude:* Optimism is infectious, spread it. We will all have bad days. As Shipmates, we must help each other through rough times. Work to curb our profanity and avoid sarcasm.

*Communications:* Together we must create an atmosphere where all are comfortable talking with each other up and down the chain of command. Your chain of command will listen; I expect the same from every Shipmate. We must have candid, but professional conversations. Respect differing opinions, professional debate is a good thing and makes us more effective. Never hesitate to ask questions. Often the simplest questions can break error chains or provide clarity to ambiguous issues.

*Take care of yourself and your family first.* We need you healthy to do your job. Ensure you take time to address all the physical, mental and emotional maintenance your body requires. I expect nothing less. Our families make great sacrifices which allow us to put to sea. I expect you to tend to your family's needs and ask for assistance when required.

*Innovation and Initiative.* Share your ideas; our collective brains will lead us to the best answer.

*Value the unique opportunity we have been afforded.* We will always aggressively prosecute every mission assigned, but we will also make time for swim calls and fish calls, or to savor a beautiful sunset. We will make port calls in places that people spend thousands of dollars to visit, and meet people from other countries and cultures, take advantage of these opportunities.