



VALIANT Command Philosophy

Our two main responsibilities as a crew and as individuals are *executing the mission* and *taking care of our shipmates*. Our success in those areas will be defined by two simple characteristics...**attitude** and **effort**.

Attitude. Be positive, respectful, and professional – it's contagious! Come to work each and every day with a strong desire to make VALIANT better. Look after shipmates, respect each other's differences, and pick one another up. Have fun!

Do the mission safely and remain conscious of our actions off the ship – speak up when something is wrong or unsafe! Encourage others to do the same.

When we cross the brow and go home or enjoy liberty, we will maintain the same positive attitude and commitment to the Coast Guard's Core Values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. Our family, friends, and the public deserve nothing less.

We will set the right example at all times by representing VALIANT, the Coast Guard, and our local community with pride and enthusiasm.

"If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude." - Colin Powell

Effort. Give our best every day and strive for excellence. Whether it is conducting the mission, furthering professional development, maintaining the ship, or being there for our family and friends, do not fall short of giving it 100 percent.

Be selfless and look for ways to help shipmates and other departments. Work as a team towards a common goal and make VALIANT great.

Make personal well-being a top priority. Improve upon mental and physical fitness – want to be better!

Achieve balance in work and in life, but remember it is not always 50/50. There will be times where we make sacrifices in order to accomplish the mission(s) the Nation expects us to carry out.

"If you have a positive attitude and constantly strive to give your best effort, eventually you will overcome your immediate problems and find you are ready for greater challenges." - Pat Riley