

COMMAND PHILOSOPHY

Maritime Safety and Security Team Galveston was established to enhance the maritime security of the United States by domestic and international deployment. Our mission is to safeguard the public and protect vessels, harbors, ports, facilities, and cargo in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States from destruction, loss, or injury from crime or sabotage due to terrorist activity, and to respond to such activity, should it occur. As we accomplish these vital missions, we must look for ways to mitigate risk—on and off duty. Being a member of MSST Galveston is more than being an employee; service must be in our DNA. Always strive to bring honor to our unit and our service through your activities on and off duty. You must abide by these words as you live and work in the community:

1. **Courtesy:** Each of us must demonstrate courtesy on and off duty. We can accomplish more when we ensure our behavior toward one another starts and ends in a courteous manner. While attached to MSST Galveston, you will be challenged to treat people right along the way. My expectation is that you will always take the high road and serve as an example to others by always exemplifying courteous behavior. Whether you call Texas home or you are here just for this tour, know that Texans pride themselves on being courteous.

2. **Professionalism:** Each of us must demonstrate professionalism on and off duty. As members of the Armed Forces of the United States, we shall always conduct ourselves in a professional way. When someone fails to act professionally, it reflects poorly on all of us. As members of the Deployable Specialized Forces, we have opportunities to travel in performance of our duties. Some of our missions are highly visible events such as presidential security details, National Special Security Events, and other missions in various Coast Guard Sectors' areas of responsibilities. In doing this, I expect you will meet my high expectation of professionalism and represent MSST Galveston well. Unit safety measures, material condition, professional behavior, military bearing, and uniform appearance matter. First impressions set the tone and have a lasting impact. Let's make these impressions a positive experience. Furthermore, I expect you to demonstrate professionalism in the community as well. While you go about your daily routines, my expectation is that you will always think about the professionalism you are exhibiting.

3. **Relationships:** Each of us must be aware of the relationships we are building on and off duty. One element of success is hidden within the people we associate with and the relationships we have. During your assignment to MSST Galveston, you will find opportunities to build relationships with others that can either build you up or tear you down. I encourage you to seek relationships in all areas of life that build you up and improve you personally and professionally. When associating with each other at MSST Galveston, we shall treat each other with respect - always. As you relate with other Coast Guardsmen, neighbors, and people of our community, I encourage you to seek relationships that encourage growth, development, and professionalism.

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