

Core Values



I am a Christian and look to the teachings of my faith for guidance when making decisions of conscience. I am socially and fiscally conservative, a fierce defender of the family, community and our nation.

Personal responsibility and accountability are the building blocks of our nation. Limited government and a free market based economic system are the mortar that bind those blocks together. We are and must continue to be a Nation of opportunity and rule of Law. Not Privilege or Entitlement.

The freedoms and responsibilities imbedded in our constitution are the foundation on which we govern our community, state and nation. We have a responsibility to defend and protect those freedoms as a matter of faith to the founders and as a duty to future generations.

One of the traditions on board ship includes publishing a “thought for day” in the ship’s plan of day. I leave you with a few of my favorites.

“It may be laid down as a primary position, and the basis of our system, that every Citizen who enjoys the protection of a Free Government, owes not only a proportion of his property, but even of his personal services to the defense of it.” George Washington

“Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged.” Ronald Reagan

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” Dr. Martin Luther King

“I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.” Thomas Jefferson

“You have to do your own growing no matter how tall your grandfather was.” Abraham Lincoln

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