



Captain Corey M. Kerns  
Commanding Officer  
Coast Guard Cutter Storis  
(WAGB 21)

United States Coast Guard



Captain Kerns currently serves as the Commanding Officer of CGC Storis (WAGB 21) taking command of the Coast Guard's newest ice breaker in July 2025. He previously served as Coast Guard Liaison Officer to Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet in Yokosuka, Japan coordinating USCG activities with the US Navy's largest forward deployed fleet, in support of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and USCG Pacific Area's strategic objectives.

Prior staff assignments include Ship Design Manager for Future Ship Acquisition programs as a member of the Office of Naval Engineering's Ship Design and Systems Engineering Division (CG-459). He served as the onsite Structural Team Leader for CG-9321 National Security Cutter (NSC) Program Office's Structural Enhancement Dry-dock Availability project for CGCs Bertholf and Waesche to upgrade ship structures to meet expected operational lifecycle. He also served as the NSC Configuration Team Lead in the Surface Forces Logistics Center managing engineering design change projects.



Prior ship assignments include Commanding Officer of CGC Spencer (WMEC 905), Engineer Officer in CGC Waesche (WMSL 751), Commanding Officer of CGC Key Biscayne (WPB 1339). He served as a Naval Exchange, Navigation Officer aboard USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan and Damage Control Assistant and Student Engineer on CGC Vigilant (WMEC 617). He also served two tours afloat while enlisted in CGC Bear (WMEC 901) as a Seaman Apprentice and CGC Vigorous (WMEC 627) as a Third-Class Quartermaster.

He enlisted in 1996 from his hometown of Harrisburg, PA before attending the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, R.I in 1998. He graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering.

CAPT Kerns holds a Master of Science degree in Ocean Engineering from Virginia Tech University. His personal awards include three Meritorious Service Medals, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, a permanent Cutterman insignia, Naval Surface Warfare Officer insignia, and numerous other personal and unit decorations.