

**COMMAND PHILOSOPHY**  
*USCGC JOSEPH GERCZAK (WPC 1126)*

**1. As representatives of our Nation, we shall ensure *JOSEPH GERCZAK* executes all assigned missions effectively, professionally, and safely.**

1.a. Delivering mission excellence is the result of being prepared. We will be prepared by taking care of ourselves, our families, our shipmates, and *JOSEPH GERCZAK*.

**2. Committed to honoring the legacy of *JOSEPH GERCZAK* with distinction, we shall ensure the continual growth of ourselves, our shipmates, and our Service.**

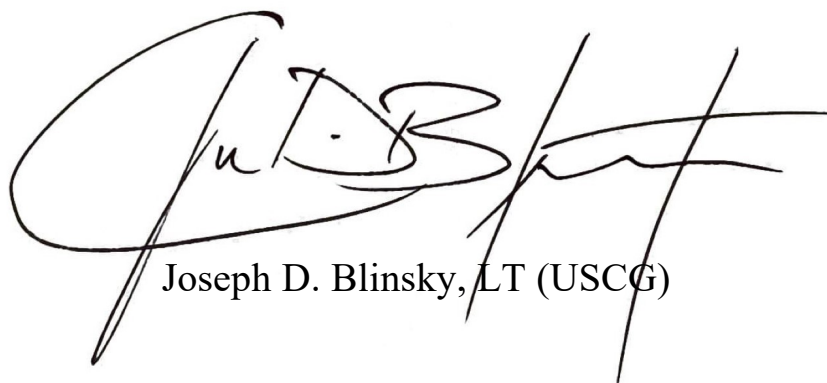
2.a. Continual growth is the result of hard work. We will give our best effort in all we do not only to honor the legacy of all who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, but also because we each are responsible for grooming the next generation of leaders.

2.b. Advancing our Service, enhancing its already world-class reputation, and expanding its footprint is the result of innovative thinking and our words and actions both on and off duty. We will encourage innovation and shall live our Core Values of *Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty*:

- **HONOR: ALWAYS DO THE RIGHT THING.**
- **RESPECT: LIVE THE GOLDEN RULE.**
- **DEVOTION TO DUTY: BE *SEMPER PARATUS*.**

**3. We shall have fun.**

Blessed to live in the Paradise of the Pacific, we will ensure *JOSEPH GERCZAK* remains *Always Ready* to meet the needs of our great Nation anytime, anywhere, and with aloha.



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