



LT Joseph D. Blinsky
Commanding Officer
USCGC JOSEPH GERCZAK (WPC 1126)
United States Coast Guard



Lieutenant Joseph D. Blinsky assumed command of *USCGC JOSEPH GERCZAK* on July 12, 2021.

Prior to reporting to the Aloha State, Lieutenant Blinsky served as the Commanding Officer of *USCGC MAUI*, a 110-foot patrol boat. Based out of Naval Support Activity Bahrain, *MAUI* executed missions in the Arabian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, and Gulf of Oman in support of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command strategic objectives.

A permanent Cutterman, Lieutenant Blinsky also served as the Commanding Officer of *USCGC TERN*, an 87-foot patrol boat homeported out of Yerba Buena Island in San Francisco, California. His other operational assignments include having served as the Operations Officer aboard *MAUI* and as a Deck Watch Officer on *USCGC TAMPA*, a 270-foot Medium Endurance Cutter homeported out of Portsmouth, Virginia. Ashore, he has served as the Acquisition Workforce Manager at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C.



A native of Youngstown, Ohio and graduate of Columbiana High School, Lieutenant Blinsky enlisted in the Coast Guard in 2008, completed Marion Military Institute's Service Academy Preparatory Program in 2009, and graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Government.