



**LT Andrew W. Loeffler**  
**Commanding Officer**  
*USCGC JOSEPH GERCZAK (WPC 1126)*  
United States Coast Guard



A native of Newark, DE, LT Loeffler enlisted in the Coast Guard in the fall of 2008. After graduating from Recruit Company Hotel-180, he reported to USCGC *Legare* (WMEC 912) in Portsmouth, VA, where he worked as a Deck Seaman and eventually struck the rating of Boatswain's Mate.

In 2010, he reported to CG STA Oxford, MD, where he earned his Boarding Officer and Coxswain certifications. In the winter of 2014, he graduated from Recruit Company Commander School in Cape May, NJ. He served as a lead and assistant Company Commander, training over 5,000 men and women destined to become the Coast Guard's enlisted workforce. During this time, he also received his certification as a Master Training Specialist. In 2018, he was a graduate and class leader of Officer Candidate School 2-18, where he received the Commandant's Leadership Award.



His officer assignments include Deck Watch Officer and commissioning crew of the USCGC *Midgett* (WMSL 757), Executive Officer of the USCGC *Oliver Berry* (WPC 1124), and Commanding Officer of the Southeast Regional fisheries Training Center in Charleston, South Carolina.

His personal awards include three Coast Guard Commendation medals, two Coast Guard Achievement medals, and various other personal and unit awards.