



Lieutenant Caitlin E. Piker

Commanding Officer
USCGC *Joseph Gerczak* (WPC 1126)
U.S. Coast Guard



Lieutenant Caitlin Piker assumed command of USCGC *Joseph Gerczak* (WPC 1126) in July 2023. She reports from U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area in Alameda, California where she served as the Military Aide to the Pacific Area Commander from May 2021 to June 2023. In this role she prepared all travel arrangements and provided logistical support to the Commander. These engagements included visits with Coast Guard units, industry, all levels of U.S. Government, and international Allies and partners across a 74 million square mile area of responsibility.



Prior to her position as a Military Aide, Lieutenant Piker served as Executive Officer of two patrol boats: USCGC *Sitkinak*, a 110-ft patrol boat homeported in Highlands, New Jersey, and USCGC *Lawrence Lawson*, a 154-ft Fast Response Cutter homeported in Cape May, New Jersey. In her first four months aboard *Sitkinak*, she facilitated a homeport shift to South Portland, Maine and a full crew swap with the recently decommissioned USCGC *Ocracoke*. Following the shift, Lieutenant Piker transferred to *Lawrence Lawson* where she conducted fisheries enforcement and search and rescue operations along the east coast from Maine to Florida.

For her first assignment, Lieutenant Piker served as a Deck Watch Officer aboard USCGC *Alert*, a 210-ft Medium Endurance Cutter homeported in Astoria, Oregon, from June 2017 to June 2019 conducting counter-drug operations in the Eastern Pacific. There she first served as the Weapons Officer, responsible for the training of boarding teams and execution of law enforcement operations. During her second year, she served as the Supply Officer, responsible for all long-range logistical support, procurement, and sustainment of the ship and it's 75-person crew.

Lieutenant Piker graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Born and raised in West Hartford, CT, she is the daughter of Keith and Lisa Piker and has one younger sister.