

## **LCDR Aaron J. Kowalczk**

*United States Coast Guard*



Lieutenant Commander Aaron Kowalczk is a native of Wasilla, AK. He graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2004 with a degree in Management.

LCDR Kowalczk is a permanent cutterman with over eight years at sea. His first assignment was as the Assistant Navigator and First Lieutenant aboard U.S. Coast Guard Cutter (USCGC) DECISIVE (WMEC 629) in Pascagoula, MS. His next assignment was as Commanding Officer in USCGC SWORDFISH (WPB 87358) in Port Angeles, WA. His next afloat assignment was as Operations Officer and Navigator in USCGC

RESOLUTE (WMEC 620) in Saint Petersburg, FL. He is currently assigned as the Executive Officer in USCGC DILIGENCE (WMEC 616) in Wilmington, NC.

Ashore, LCDR Kowalczk has filled a diverse variety of mission support roles. LCDR Kowalczk's most recent ashore position was as the Comptroller and Base Operations Officer at Base Cape Cod in Massachusetts. There, he managed all aspects of base operations including final responsibility for a \$7 million budget, supervision of more than 50 personnel, a property inventory valued at more than \$130 million, and a galley serving more than 35,000 meals annually. LCDR Kowalczk also worked in the Coast Guard Eleventh District's Enforcement Branch in Alameda, CA. There he assisted with the planning, execution, and administration of drug interdiction operations in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. LCDR Kowalczk earned his Masters of Business Administration degree from the Foster School of Business at the University of Washington in June of 2015. LCDR Kowalczk is a Certified Defense Financial Manager through the Association of Military Comptrollers, and a Certified Financial Manager through the Institute of Management Accountants.

LCDR Kowalczk's military decorations include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, along with other team and unit awards. He currently resides in Wilmington, North Carolina.