

Lieutenant Commander Ryan P. Mitchell

United States Coast Guard

LCDR Ryan P. Mitchell assumed command of U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Toledo, Ohio in July, 2024. MSU Toledo is responsible for executing the Coast Guard's Port Safety and Security, Marine Environmental Protection, and Commercial Vessel Safety missions with an assigned area of responsibility stretching from Vermillion, Ohio, to Monroe, Michigan along a 214-mile international border.

LCDR Mitchell commissioned in the United States Coast Guard in June 2013 through the Direct Commission Officer Maritime Graduate (MARGRAD) Program.

He recently served as the Direct Commission Officer Course Chief at the Coast Guard's Leadership Development Center, where he was solely responsible for planning and execution of all aspects of a critical officer accession program targeting members with knowledge, skills, and abilities vital to the success of the Coast Guard. Additionally, he provided mentoring, coaching, and leadership training to over 700 active duty and reserve officers as they commissioned through Officer Candidate School and the Reserve Officer Candidate Indoctrination Course, comprising over 65% of active duty and 100% of reserve new accession Coast Guard officers.

Prior to this, he served as the Marine Safety Detachment (MSD) Supervisor at MSD Cape Cod, MA, maintaining operational oversight on an Area of Responsibility encompassing over 800 miles of coastline. He led a team including a Chief Warrant Officer and 4 petty officers in the completion of safety & security inspections on over 155 regulated vessels and 22 regulated facilities, in addition to pollution response activities and Marine Investigations on Cape Cod and the islands.

LCDR Mitchell has also served at Marine Safety Unit Texas City as an Apprentice Marine Inspector and Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, where he served as a Journeyman Marine Inspector and Facilities Division Officer. A native of South Bristol, ME, he graduated from Maine Maritime Academy in 2011, with a Bachelor of Science in Marine Science and a minor in Ocean Engineering. He also holds master's degree in Management with a concentration in Organizational Leadership, and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Strategic Leadership.

His awards include three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, three Coast Guard Commandant's Letters of Commendation, two Armed Forces Service Medals, and a Humanitarian Service Medal, in addition to other various unit and team awards.

He currently lives in Toledo, OH with his wife Erin and their four children Oliver, Elora, Claire and Chloe.

