

# Morgenthau Deployment News

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## Greetings from the Cabin

Hello family and friends of Morgenthau, I am Captain D.J. Smith, Morgenthau's new Commanding Officer. I relieved Captain Kevin O'Day on Tuesday, 29 July in Singapore. We were honored to have our boss, Vice Admiral David Pekoske, preside over the ceremony. The ship looked fabulous, thanks to the hard work and remarkable efforts of the crew. We usually conduct Change of Command ceremonies in the ship's homeport as they take a lot of preparation. Carrying out this time honored ceremony in the middle of a five month deployment half way around the world is even more challenging. As mentioned to all MORGENTHAU shipmates during the ceremony, I truly appreciate all the hard work it took to prepare the ship for this special day.



**Captain Smith after taking command of USCGC Morgenthau.**

As most of you know, we are deployed to Southeast Asia, participating in Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) exercises with the countries of Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, Thailand, the Philippines and the U.S. Navy. The opportunity to embark on a mission like this only comes around once in a career for most of us, and it has been a tremendous experience professionally. I have only been aboard for a short while, but I can assure you MORGENTHAU is performing remarkably and has been a superior international ambassador for the Coast Guard and the United States. I can't say enough about the professionalism of the crew.

I should mention we've had excellent support from other Coast Guard commands during this deployment. Specifically, we've enjoyed having aboard members from cutters WAESCHE, ACTIVE and POLAR SEA, as well as numerous shore units, helping us achieve CARAT goals. I thank each of them for sailing with us. It's our honor to call them "shipmate."

I know most of you have been able to keep in touch with us via email, and I'm sure you've seen many pictures of some of the places we've been. It's amazing to think this deployment started all the way back in April, and here we are, creeping up on September. I'm sure you're anxious for us to return home. Fret not! We will soon be wrapping up our commitments here and then starting the long trek across the Pacific.

I look forward to meeting each of you. Stay safe.

CAPTAIN D.J. Smith  
Commanding Officer



*"Semper Paratus" - Always Ready  
"Decus Pacifici" - Pride of the Pacific*

## From the Newsletter Committee

Greetings once again from USCGC MORGENTHAU and the remarkable newsletter team. I would like to introduce Ensign Steven Lafrenz as the newest newsletter editor. I hope you enjoy the new look and continue reading while we share our experiences with you. Throughout this newsletter you will be greatly informed of Morgenthau's accomplishments over the past few weeks as we have been wrapping up this CARAT deployment. Your continuing support and genuine interest in MORGENTHAU has brought the newsletter team and I great satisfaction as we produced the newsletter this past year. Thank you. As always your love and support for our crew helps make USCGC MORGENTHAU the "Pride of the Pacific"- Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and please continue to contact us with any requests, comments or concerns. We are looking forward to arriving home shortly. Stay tuned for the next newsletter to come from a place not so far far away.

--ENS Chadwick Carlough

## These Past Weeks

The long awaited month of August is now upon us. As MORGENTHAU continues on its journey through the South China Sea her crew is filled with memories of the past weeks events. Traveling to new countries and unique missions are the highlights of being part of Carat 2008.

The Engineering Department has been hard at work these past couple of weeks. The DC division provides one of the best DCPQS training on the cutter. This division works on projects that no one really sees such as: broken water tight doors or hatches, grey water valves and lines, and maintaining Morgenthau's repair lockers to combat casualties. Last minute fueling evolution changes encountered by the crew were quickly adjusted to and taken care of by the fueling team. MK2 Conable was always on the ball with ensuring the 168 tank was topped off for every midnight turbine run, also while rigorously training MK1 Newling (break in FOWK). Outstanding DCTT MSFD Drill ran recently displayed all-star performance from ET3 Epps (able to mechanically isolate the engine room from repair 5 within moments of arriving) and Repair 2 fire team for being ready to enter engine room within 14 minutes of setting MSFD. FN Dixon breaking in Aux watch on his own time, conducting training on his own watch stander position to

ENS Bryan Radik sends:  
"I love and miss you  
Celeste, Sydnie, Preston,  
Alex, Vincent, and Masen.  
You all are in my thoughts  
and prayers every day."



**The crew during the Change of Command ceremony.**

break ins during every watch, and managing to squeeze in college classes. That's impressive. MK3 Gogo and MK3 Jeffery removing fuel injection nozzles and fuel injection pumps, swapping them out, and replacing them. MK2 Denman heading up the exhaust removal, inspection of lower and upper piston rings, then replacing it all. FN Rossi monitoring the OWS operations. MKCS getting qualified Throttle man. MK1 Childers bench pressing 1.5 times his body weight. EM shop continues to keep the ships electrical system running flawlessly. Highlights have included fixing the anchor windless after a small fire broke out and calibrating the pyrometers on the main diesel engines. The EMs have also done a great job getting qualified in multiple watch stations.

The Operations Department has been especially busy this patrol. The Navigation Division, much like the rest of the ship, worked diligently to have the ship in tiptop condition for the Change of Command. They hung the bunting around the boat deck and strung numerous flags fore to aft on the Mighty Morgenthau. Along with inport jobs, the Nav. BM's safely executed 6 more special sea details in and out of ports MORGENTHAU has never seen before. With this patrol being so hectic, the Nav team is training meticulously to prepare for our upcoming CART/TACT cycle after the New Year. Down in the Bat Cave (Combat Information Center) the OS's have been hard at work playing war games with the Navy. The departure of Brunei signaled the last of these tactical missions. The crew down in CIC did an awesome job, with a final record of 11 kills to being shot once. Not only has CIC been busy with the Navy, but they have been meticulously training new watch standers along with keeping a good eye out for tactical operations onboard. The IT's had their hands full with fixing the Satellite uplink to ensure the ship's email is functional. This was a key factor in allowing MORGENTHAU to continue with SEACAT. With all the new arrivals onboard, the IT's created 40 email accounts so that those individuals can keep in contact with family back home. The ET's have been hard at work these past few weeks fixing Radars and rerouted morale cables. The Change of Command ceremony would not have been as successful if the ET's hadn't set up the sound system.

ET2 Jeremy Munkelt sends:  
Hey Strathy's, I'll see you next  
summer in NC. Just be sure to  
bring those surf skills!

The Weapons department has been very busy giving training to various countries in Search and Rescue along with Law Enforcement. While in Malaysia, members of the MSST New York and MORGENTHAU Law Enforcement taught a Boarding Team Member course to forty of Malaysian naval personnel. While underway near Malaysia, six boardings were conducted onboard Morgenthau in order to ensure a proper training platform. During the Cutter's time in Brunei, the same Law Enforcement team taught a three day Boarding Team member course to 35 members of the Brunei Navy. The trainers also conducted 8 mock boardings inport and 1 underway. Along with the Law Enforcement training, many members of the crew gave the Coast Guard's procedures on Search and Rescue. In total, there were 180 members taught and 34 training boardings conducted between the two countries.



A quite bridge as MORGENTHAU enters Maura Harbor, Brunei.

This CARAT patrol would not as successful as it is with out the hard work of the Supply department. The YN's have been busy preparing last minute travel arrangements

and orders for members departing in Malaysia, Singapore, and Brunei. Their keen eye ensured that the crew received their correct entitlements. They completed multiple TAD travel claims in TPAX with limited connectivity, and prepared documents for host nation Customs for those members departing and checked in all new personnel. Which this years turn over of crew has been a daunting task. The FS's have had been hard at work preparing for the Change of Command ceremony. They worked 4 days straight prepping for the ceremony along with cooking normal meals for the crew. Along with their normal day to day tasks they complete a physical inventory of over \$100,000 in provisions. Knowing that CARAT is as much a humanitarian as it is operation specific; the FS's provided support for morale BBQs and Box Lunches for personnel working away from the ship on Comrel and Medcap trips. Within the last month, the FS's have served over 14,000

HS3 Barry Pittman sends: "I hope your doing well Jess. I love you! I'll be home soon"!!

meals. The SK's have had just as busy a schedule. Along with tracking the receipt of shipments all over SE Asia from vendors, MLC orders and Coast Guard Island, SK3 Mastorides managed to qualify Basic and Advanced DCPQS and GPOW. SK3 Dean has been working diligently standing SSDF watches, maintaining the spare parts inventory and ensuring that emergency parts were ordered, followed up on and tracked. SK2 Matta has been combing through the many commercial purchases file ensuring that they are up to date and ready for close out. The newest member of the SK office, SNSK May, has been assisting SKC to get the overly neglected property inventory database compliance ready, in spite of many connectivity challenges. The humanitarian effort the ship has been involved in has been most apparent with the HS's. They spear headed the Medical Civilian Assistance Program (MEDCAP);



OS3 Quinley is raised out of the water after a man over board drill.

a USCG/USN joint operation with Malaysian Armed Forces Medical team. The Cutter had five members in a 10 person Medical team give aide to 1,000 patients in writing 2,000 pharmacy prescriptions in the 3 day operation.

With port calls in Malaysia, Brunei, and Subic Bay, Philippines, the crew gains some much needed rest and relaxation. The work these past few weeks has been fast paced and non-stop. Working with the Navy is an exciting change to the normal events that take place on a normal patrol. No matter what the tasking Morgenthau's crew is given, they taking it with an open mind and a willing heart. The crew has proven themselves time and time again to be one the most effective in the Pacific. With the Cutter's departure from Brunei marks the beginning of the end for Carat '08. Not only has this been a

ET2 Paul Krug sends: Krugs and Pedersens...I'll be home in a month! I love you and can't wait to see you! I'm coming home, CMK!!!

very productive patrol, but it is also proving to be a once in a lifetime experience. The crew of the MORGENTHAU is a mirror image of the Cutter's motto, "Decus Pacifici", Pride of the Pacific!!



The open air market in Brunei. A great place to try the local cuisine.

## MANY COASTS: SHARING THE MISSION, BEYOND OUR SHORES

### Coast Guard Story and photos by Petty Officer Eric J. Chandler

BRUNEI - Quiet waves arrive at a tropical shore with a metronome's rhythmic perfection. White sand beaches are divided by peaks of volcanic rock. Strange shells mark the line of high tide. At the sands edge begins an impassible mass of vegetation, bamboo, twisting vines and broad leaved trees.

Sounds of unseen beasts and spiced scents emerge from the flora. Pathless, dense foliage drips wet with humidity and even stone appears to sweat in the moist heat. The bright eyes and gracious smiles of passing locals lighten the mood and fortify a feeling of appreciation. To a homesick sailor, labors showing immediately positive results are priceless.



BM3 White, SN Carrillo, & SN Tokumotto at the COMREL event in Brunei.

Crewmembers of Coast Guard Cutter MORGENTHAU find tranquility here, a reward for their work. They will have been underway for 248-days of fiscal year 2008 by the end of the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) exercise.

CARAT is an annual Southeast Asia mission that houses several sub-missions of international significance.



ENS Garden conducting Law Enforcement Training in Brunei.

This year CARAT visited Thailand, Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei, and with just a few more port calls, the cutter will be returning to its home port of Alameda, Calif.

The idea is to share the Coast Guard's missions, techniques and traditions in Southeast Asia, the Pacific Rim and throughout the world. Programs like CARAT, the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum and United Nation's Law of the Seas Treaty have taken our objectives to similar agencies guarding many coasts with the same methods and principles we use at home. Sharing goals and strategy ensures that our nations will be able to work together when we need to.

One of the primary missions of CARAT is a cooperative training between the Navy, Coast Guard and host nation's armed forces and maritime services. For the Coast Guard this means exchanging knowledge of anti-piracy, anti-smuggling, law enforcement practices and search and rescue (SAR). This training is mainly conducted by the Deployable Operations Group (DOG) and members of Morgenthau's crew.

For each country, this part of the mission includes several days of classroom work, followed by underway mock boarding, law enforcement and SAR drills. The Coast Guard and local maritime services take turns locating fake contraband and disarming and detaining suspects on each other's vessels. They also conduct underway SAR and navigation drills, staging small boats as vessels in distress and locating them as quickly as possible.

*"To a homesick sailor, labors showing immediately positive results are priceless."*

Coast Guard Gunner's Mate First Class John Ware, a law enforcement subject matter expert for the DOG, is one of the instructors selected for this year's CARAT.

"It is beneficial for the host countries to have this training. It gives them a 'good, better, best,' practice in dealing with piracy, fisheries law enforcement and migrant interdiction. It also gives them a chance to gain inter-agency experience and see other countries standard operating procedures, while comparing them to their own," said Ware.

A new addition to the CARAT 2008 mission has been the inclusion of members of the Coast Guard Strike Team. Machinery Technician Petty Officer First Class Anthony Gonzalez and Marine Science Technician



**.50 Cal gunners conducting a GUNEX with the USN. USS Tortuga in the fore ground.**

First Class Bridgette Brown gave host countries presentations on the National Incident Management System (NIMS), Coast Guard history, missions and a tabletop discussion on the Coast Guard's involvement and perspective in natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina.

"The strike team holds a specific expertise in Coast Guard operations, being able to share it with the host nations so that they can learn from our experience is very important work," said Brown.

Community relations projects have kept public attention in many participating countries. Brunei media displayed the Coast Guard, Navy and local armed forces efforts in local newspapers and television. These missions are not intended as

humanitarian aid, because each local government and military agency participates in the projects. They serve a vital role in strengthening the relationships between U.S. Armed Forces, Southeast Asian Armed Forces and the local people of each country.

"The mission shows that human beings everywhere are the same, and feel from the heart the desire to help one another," said Malaysian Army Capt. Faizul Nordin, Royal Medical Corps. "It is important for us to develop relationships both with each other, as well as the local people."

Projects have ranged from medical aid in remote and economically challenged areas to construction and community interaction projects at schools for special needs children and orphanages. Each project had more volunteers than could be logistically supported, and many of those selected returned at an emotional loss of words when trying to describe their experiences with the local people.

"This is what the Coast Guard is all about, helping people, and that is what we have done here," said Health Service Technician Second Class Tania Goicuridiaz, one of the volunteers who worked on a medical mission in the village of Kijal, Malaysia.

The final stage of CARAT is the Southeast Asia Cooperation Against Terrorism (SEACAT) exercise. SEACAT is a scenario based multi-national, multi-agency drill that follows CARAT in the South China Sea. The Coast Guard, Navy and host countries participate in scenarios to strengthen their ability to work together in emergencies.

To the crew of MORGENTHAU it is all in a day's work. Gunnery exercises, field days, drills and more drills. Steel beach, swim call, casino night and movie Friday on the flight deck. At night they wait for sleep with eyes closed, but active minds. They hear the engines, and know they are going home, yard by yard. Drifting into sleep, they count remaining days of watch. Rounds are made in the engine room. Qualifications are studied in the learning center. Email is checked more and more frequently.

Mission completion approaches, home is getting closer and excitement begins to show at the mention of favorite coffee shops, television shows, family and friends. The Coast Guard's goal has been to make the world a safer place. To the crew, the unwritten story will be the memories of a lifetime.



**USCGC MORGENTHAU in Singapore.**

## Crew Shout-Outs!!

CAPT Smith sends: To LK: Thanks for the anniversary present. LY4E, DJ To Lacy, Chris and Kim: Good luck as you start school...study hard! Lacy, Good luck with FF draft. Chris, remember Element is mine. Kim, hug PDs for me before you leave for school, ok? Love, Dad To Alix: Hope all is well. Hi and love to Mom, Dad and all, Doug



**HS2 Diaz & BM2 Sinkey at MEDCAP in Malaysia.**

MK2 Ben Denman sends: Hello baby doll I love and miss you so much it seems like this is never going to end I always have you in my heart and from here on out every day I am getting closer and closer to being back home with you, I hope you and little man are staying occupied and thinking about all the good times we are going to have when our boat hits the pier, well I love and care about you more than the world, light the candles, get the bath running and the music playing, cause I am coming home. Love always, your husband.

MK2 Denman sends: Hey David what's up little man I hope you are still taking care of your mother like always. I am so pumped up to see you, I wish every place that I have went to this patrol you and your mother were with me, so you did not like Bubbas outfit, that's fine he is probably a

lot more comfortable for you now. When I get home we are going to give you your first haircut. And we are also going to get you some tools and a tool bench so that you will always be on my side turning wrenches like me. I love and miss you and you have made me the most proud father in the world to have such a wonderful son and such a perfect family. I love and miss you and think about you every second Love always, your Dad.



**MK3 Gogo & FN Votinov "kicking it" in Malaysia.**



**BM3 Reynolds raising the Restricted in Ability to Maneuver day shapes.**

OS3 Jordan Waters sends: Hey Chipmunk the patrol is almost over! I am so proud of you for everything you do and hang in there for school you are almost done! I love you baby and can't wait to see you and the girls. Love Your Chubby Bunny

BM3 Correll Saint Sends: "Hey Bro, I want you to know that I miss you and the girl's a lot, hope everyone is doing well, and give them all big hugs and kisses for me! Dad and Sarah what can I say, I think I have found my niche, thanks for all the support couldn't of done it with out you guys. Mom, I am safe and on my way home, no worries, I love you all."

LCDR Matt Hammond sends: "Mom, Dad, Ann, Bob thanks for taking care of Georgia Summer Camp. Get some sleep you earned it. Loren, Spencer, Caroline and Lilli get the waffle maker ready"

MK1 Mark W. Childers sends: "Happy Birthday Jamye! I hope another year down is treating you well. Mom, good job on dodging hurricanes. Been there, done that aye? Sheri my love, can't wait to get home and take a LOT of stress off from you. Natalie and Carly, make sure you start

school off right this year. I know you will do well. Mark "T", good job on starting a new life on a good foot. Hang in there. Britt, take care of that Grand Baby! I know you will do a good job. Now you get to have the fun that Sheri and I had. I had a good time in South East Asia, but it will be good to head home across the big pond soon... Hope everyone else had a good summer. Love you all, Mark"



**Crew members living the dream in Malaysia.**

FTC Jack Hildreth sends: ¡Te amo mucho y no puede esperar para salir al diner y para viajar el país del vino con usted! También quisiera ir a ir de excursión en algunos de los rastros en Bodega cerca de la cabina de su padre; ¿será un gran rato del año de hacer que usted no piensa? Deseo hacer alguno que cambia en el garage; Deseo instalar un gym casero así que puedo pegarme con la rutina del ejercicio que he tenido ir. Envíe mi amor a nuestra familia y cuente con una llamada de mí pronto. Todo mi amor.

BMC Pete Koltun sends: Hey sweetie! I miss you guys, tell sailor I might be home for his first birthday. I love you TTMAB.

FA Jeremy Gnoza sends: Hey Shelbi! Well you're off to bigger and better experiences now and even though it might be tough just know that I'm always here for you. I can't wait to come see you out in Tennessee! I love you and miss you!

FA Jeremy Gnoza sends: Hey everyone back home! Wow these past few months went by faster than I thought they would. I can't wait to come back home and tell you all the cool stories I have. I love yall and can't wait to see you.

MK3 Bridget Francisco sends: "Hello. I miss you all. Mom.. I love you and miss you, and please pick up your phone more often!! Lol. Dad and Aub how was Wicked??? Bri How was LA?? Allison I can't wait to see your motorcycle and for more camp fires on the beach. Elizabeth are you ready to go sky diving again??? Anne Marie I got to see the Brazil soccer team play live it was amazing. Grammy



**Crew members in front of a national Mosque in Brunei.**

Francisco I love you and miss you. How is my/your kitty doing?? Grammy and Grampy Vertucci miss you both. Aunt Rose and Uncle Tim hopefully I can get some time off and go hang out with you on your mountain. Aunt Debbie I miss you... say hello to Uncle Mike, Josh, and Anne for me. Tom and Pam I cannot wait to talk to you guys again. I will call when I get back, and did Aunt Helen get my post card?? Love you and miss you all. Hopefully I will see you soon."



ENS Steven Lafrenz sends: Hey babe! I miss you and will see you soon! I love you!

**OS3 Waters "hangin' out" with some kids in Malaysia.**

ENS Steven Lafrenz sends: Hey everyone!! I miss you all!! Hope things are well. I'll see you all soon.

OS1 Michael Guerrero sends: "Hello Shar and Sharri! It is almost time for me to come home. I can't wait until we pull in and I get to see your faces on the pier. Be safe and I love you both."

ENS Davis sends: Hey Mom, Dad, Kev, we're finally making our way East! I'll be home before we know it and I'll be driving you crazy since planning will be in FULL force. I miss and love you guys!



**MORGENTHAU in Subic Bay, 1970**



**MORGENTHAU in Subic Bay, 2008**

FS3 Molly Seel sends: To all, I hope your summer is enjoyable. Brunei has some beautiful forests. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

FS3 Molly Seel sends: John, are you still in London? I have been thinking of you and the places we traveled to together. Hope all is well.

ET2 Jeremy Munkelt sends: Danielle, I hope you're keeping up with yoga and dance so you don't get too worn out in Europe.

SN Joe Carrillo sends: "I love and miss you Chelsey and I will see you soon!"



**"The Mall" in Brunei.**

DC3 Bill Kreutzkamp sends: hey baby how's Mckenzie doing. I love you with all my heart and cant wait to be back home with you. Mom dad I miss you give the dogs some love for me.



**MK3 Maher, MK3 Rodriguez, FN Skinner making new friends.**

BM3 Stephen Hewitt Sends: Miss everyone back home wishing I was there instead of here. Love you all... Watching the Stars still.

LTJG James Bennett sends: Hey Ashley, we will be back in a few more days. I can't wait to see you and the kids. Tell everyone I love them and I will see you soon.

too soon. Love Daddy

MK1 Mike Miller sends: Bobbie I Love you I couldn't have asked for a better wife and mother for my our children. I miss you dearly. Tyler Im proud of you for being such a good boy. A.J. I Love you, don't grow up

FS3 Whitney White sends: "Hey Ma, almost home!!! Give my love to Joe Mang McGrouchypants. Although I'd be cranky in his situation too! Hope he's healing up well. Huggles and scruggles to everybody, should be home on leave for Jen and Rolo's wedding. Can't wait to see you. Tell sisty ugler I love her too. And Derrius, and Boobi, and Tre."



**FS2 Quake and SN Carrillo grilling on the flight deck.**

YN2 Lisa Kellehar sends: To that someone special: I can't wait to see you when I get home and pick up where we left off. This has been a long patrol, but you have made it worth it. Thanks for being there.



**The wardroom bids farewell to Captain O'Day.**

YN2 Lisa Kellehar sends: Mom & Dad: I look forward to seeing you on the pier when we pull in. And no Dad, you can't keep my car. Unless you want to buy me a bigger and better one...ha ha ha just kidding. I love you guys! See you soon!!!

OS2 Matt Doby sends: Kristen and Dylan-I love you guys and hope that everything is going well. Kristen thank you for being such a great mother and a wonderful support system for our son. I will see you guys soon.

Qualifications:

Throttle Watchstander:

ENS Garcia

Security Watchstander:

DCC Nilsen

Helm/Lookout:

BM3 White

BM3 Saint

SNBM Pham

SN Smith

SA Darrow

Underway BMOW:

BM3 Saint

SN Carillo

Generator Watchstander:

FA Gnoza

Boarding Team:

BM2 Sinkey

ET3 Epps

BMC Haley

BMC Koltun

Awards:

Non-Rate of the Month:

SA Rubino



**FS3 Betz is advanced from SNFS to FS3.**



**SN Rubino receiving his leatherman at quarters.**

Advancements:

FS3 Betz

FS2 Israel

BM3 White

BM3 Ford

Promotions

LTJG Bennet

LTJG O'Donnell

ENS Garcia (The Bull)

ENS Kuhn (The Jorge)

Good Conducts:

ETC Hildreth

ET2 Munkelt

EM2 Compton

YN2 Kellehar

ET3 Wright

OS3 Segrue

Sea Service:

BM2 Sinkey

ET3 Epps

ET3 Wright

SN McTague

SN Murguido

SN West

SN Blancarte



**ENS O'Donnell gets promoted to LTJG.**

We'll continue to stay safe here on the high seas— you stay alert at home. We thank you for your support, e-mails, and care packages. Keep a weather eye on the horizon, and we'll see you soon.

Best Regards,

The Officers, Chiefs, and crew of  
USCGC MORGENTHAU (WHEC 722)  
Decus Pacifici—"Pride of the Pacific!"

