

COMMANDING OFFICER

Commander

John G. Morgan Jr.



Commander John G. Morgan, Jr., was born in Fort Dix, New Jersey, on March 26, 1950. After graduating from the University of Virginia in June 1972, Commander Morgan commenced a tour in USS BARBEL (SS 580). During that tour, Commander Morgan qualified in submarines, deployed twice to the Western Pacific, and conducted special operations in southeast Asia.

Upon completion of his tour in BARBEL, Commander Morgan proceeded to duties on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations. During that tour, his assignment involved duty with the national intelligence agencies and the National Security Council in the White House. Commander Morgan is a designated intelligence subspecialist as a result of that tour.

In August 1978, Commander Morgan proceeded to Destroyer School for duty under instruction. Upon completion of training, he proceeded to duties as Operations Officer onboard USS ROBERT E. PEARY (FF 1073). During that tour, Commander Morgan qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer, and deployed twice to the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean.

Following his tour on ROBERT E. PEARY, Commander Morgan was the commissioning Combat Systems Officer in the KIDD class guided missile destroyer, USS CHANDLER (DDG 996). In November 1982, Commander Morgan reported to Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters in Coronado, California, as the Flag Lieutenant and Aide to COMNAVSURFPAC.

Upon completion of duty at COMNAVSURFPAC, Commander Morgan served as the commissioning Executive Officer in the Pacific Fleet's first AEGIS cruiser, USS VINCENNES (CG 49). After deploying to the North Arabian Sea, Commander Morgan reported to the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations as the AEGIS Weapons Program Coordinator. Commander Morgan then served as a contingency planner in the Joint Operations Division on the staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff prior to his assignment as Prospective Commanding Officer, USS ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51).