



BIOGRAPHY

Greta N. Morris

Greta N. Morris served for 28 years as a member of the U.S. Foreign Service, retiring in September 2008. She was the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands from 2003 to 2006 and Dean of the School of Language Studies of the Foreign Service Institute from 2006-2008.

Ms. Morris served from 2000 to 2003 as the Counselor for Public Affairs in Jakarta, where she led the U.S. Embassy's public diplomacy program to strengthen U.S.-Indonesia ties and to build support within Indonesia for democracy and counter-terrorism efforts.

Prior to her posting in Jakarta, Ms. Morris was the Deputy Director of the Office of Public Diplomacy in the Bureau for East Asian and Pacific Affairs. Previously, she had postings as Counselor for Public Affairs in The Philippines, as Public Affairs Officer in Uganda, and as Press Attaché in Thailand. Ms. Morris has also served as Director of the Office of Public Affairs in the Bureau of African Affairs, Information Center Director in Nairobi, Kenya, and Cultural and Exchanges Coordinator for Africa.

Ms. Morris joined the Foreign Service in 1980. She is the recipient of two Superior Honor Awards, three Senior Foreign Service Performance Pay Awards and a Presidential Meritorious Service Award. She was awarded an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree by the College of the Marshall Islands. She speaks Bahasa Indonesia, French, and Thai.

Since her retirement from the Foreign Service, Ms. Morris has continued to work with the State Department on a part-time basis, serving as an editor of the Human Rights and Religious Freedom reports and as an inspector in the Office of the Inspector General.

A native of Redlands, California, Ms. Morris earned her B.A. from the University of Redlands and an M.A. in English from the University of California, Los Angeles. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, she taught English at the high school and university levels in California and Indonesia.