

Major General Paula C. Lodi

Commanding General, 18th Medical Command (Deployment Support), Fort Shafter, Hawaii

Major General Paula Lodi is a native of Franklin, Massachusetts and commissioned into the Medical Service Corps as a Distinguished Military Graduate of Rutgers University ROTC program. Her first assignments were with Forward Support Battalions in the 3d Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany, and 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. While assigned to 4th ID, she served in a variety of Medical and Multi-functional

Logistics positions including Ambulance Platoon Leader, Battalion S1 and S4, Support Ops Maintenance Officer, Brigade S4, and Company Command. During her Fort Hood tour she additionally served as Deputy Chief, Managed Care and Hospital Executive Officer at Darnall Army Medical Center; Plans Officer for III Corps; Executive Officer for 21st Combat Support Hospital; and Deputy Brigade Commander for 1st Medical Brigade. Brigadier General (P) Lodi's other assignments include Operations Officer, 18th MEDCOM DCS-OPS in Seoul Korea; Chief, Military Personnel at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Fort Bliss; and Executive Officer to the Director of the Army Staff at the Pentagon. Her Command assignments include the 15th Sustainment Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 14th Combat Support Hospital, 44th Medical Brigade, and CG Regional Health Command – Atlantic. She also served as Chief, Leader Training Center at the AMEDD Center & School; the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations for the Office of the Surgeon General and U.S. Army Medical Command; and most recently as the Deputy Commanding General (Support) U.S. Army Medical Command.

Her awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Bronze Star (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Meritorious Service Medal (6 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. She is a recipient of the Dr. Mary E. Walker and the St. Joan D'Arc Awards and is inducted into the Official Order of Military Medical Merit (O2M3). She possesses the "A" proficiency designator awarded by the Surgeon General. She has earned the Expert Field Medical Badge and the Parachutist Badge. She is a graduate of the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Officer Basic Course, Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms Staff Course, Command and General Staff College & School of Advanced Military Studies, and is a Distinguished Honor Graduate of the Naval War College.

She has Masters Degrees in Public Administration, Military Arts and Science, and National Security and Strategic Studies. She has also completed the Joint Planning Course and the Support Operations Officer Course.

Her deployment experience includes tours as a Corps Planner (OIF2), Task Force Medical 134 (Theater Detainee Operations) Executive Officer (OIF 06-08), and Battalion Commander (OIF 09-11). Her participation in humanitarian operations includes Operation Provide Comfort and Hurricane Katrina Relief Operations.

Major General Lodi and her husband, CSM(R) Henry Vance, have two daughters, Mackenzie and Meredith.