



United States Navy **Biography**



COMMANDER DEREK N. LODICO MEDICAL CORPS, UNITED STATES NAVY

Commander Lodico was born Derek Nicholas Lodico in Tucson, Arizona. He resided in Phoenix, AZ, until graduating from Shadow Mountain High School in 1991. In July 1992, he enlisted as a Navy Corpsman and attended boot camp and Navy Corpsmen School in San Diego, CA.

In January 1993, HR Lodico reported for active duty to the Emergency Medical Department at Naval Hospital San Diego, CA. He worked in sick call and the Emergency Medical Department as a 0000 Corpsman. During this time, he attended Southwestern Community College and earned his national registry as an Emergency Medical Technician. He also attended night college courses at Mesa Community College.

In July of 1994, HR Lodico transferred to Naval Air Station Miramar and worked in the Acute Care area as a first responder ambulance EMT at the Branch Medical Clinic. He eventually became the leading petty officer and directed the STD and immunizations clinics. During this time from 1994 to 1996 he was awarded a Navy Commendation Medal for his role as the “Med Boss” during a massive casualty event where federal prisoners on base lit their living quarters on fire. He directed the triage and delivery operation to include federal agent escorts for all inhalation and burn victims of the incident to San Diego County Hospitals. This was the first deployment of the county wide Mass-Casualty Incident system since the PSA airline crash in North Park in 1978.

In 1996, CDR Lodico transferred to the active reserves as an HM2. During this reserve time from 1996 to 2001 he attained his License Vocational Nursing Degree and worked as an ER nurse at the VA Medical Center, UCSD, in La Jolla CA. In May of 2000 CDR Lodico completed his Undergraduate degree in Biology at the University of San Diego.

In 2002 CDR Lodico was awarded the HPSP scholarship and attended medical school at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, CA. He graduated in the top quartile in 2006.

In 2007 CDR Lodico completed his Internship in Family Medicine at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, CA. He was then temporarily stationed at Basic Underwater and Diving Seals (BUD/S), Coronado, CA, for 6 months awaiting Operational Training.

In January of 2008 CDR Lodico attended Undersea and Dive Medicine School at Naval Undersea Medical Institute in Groton, CT and Naval Dive Salvage Training Center in Panama City, FL. He graduated 3rd in his class in June of 2008.

In July of 2009 CDR Lodico was assigned to Naval Submarine Support Command, Pearl Harbor, HI where he was the department head responsible for the medical care of three squadrons totaling 20 fast attack submarines and the supervision of 23 independent duty corpsmen. During this time, he received his qualification as a Special Operation Dry Dock Shelter Medical Supervisor on the SSGN USS Michigan. He authored an instruction for the management of trauma on US Submarines that was disseminated Navy wide. He was directly involved with the cessation of smoking on all US Submarines and the integration of women into the US Submarine force.

From July of 2012 to July 2015, CDR Lodico completed a residency in anesthesiology at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA. From July 2014 to July 2015, he was Chief of his residency. He was asked to stay on as staff for general and cardiothoracic anesthesia at NMCP. From Feb 2016 to June 2017, he was the Chief of Cardiothoracic Anesthesia. He established a committee under the Medical Executive Committee for the Enhanced Recovery for Surgery. He also served as the co-chair for the Combat Trauma Research Group at NMCP.

In July of 2017, CDR Lodico was accepted to Harvard Medical School and completed a fellowship in Cardiothoracic Anesthesia at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA.

From August 2018 to June of 2020, CDR Lodico served as the Chief of Cardiothoracic Anesthesia at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. During this time, he established the first Combat Trauma Research Group at WRNMMC. He developed a surface and transesophageal echocardiographic training course for the 40+ anesthesia residents.

From June 2019 until January 2020, CDR Lodico was deployed to Central Command. He served as the Assistant Officer in Charge for a Role 2 Light Maneuver Combat Surgical Team. During this time CDR Lodico had 19 logistical movements to include Syria, Bahrain, UAE, Cutter, Kuwait, Jordan, Spain, and Syria. He was awarded the Operation Inherent Resolve Medal and

was in direct support of Operation Kayla Mueller and the capturing of Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

In March of 2020 CDR Lodico was deployed with the USS Mercy in support of the COVID-19 outbreak in Los Angeles. CDR Lodico and 1000+ medical and logistic specialists within 48 hours were able to set the USS Mercy afloat for Los Angeles. Within 5 days the ship was fully ready to support the COVID-19 outbreak upon its arrival to the Port of Los Angeles.

Currently, CDR Lodico is serving as an attending anesthesiologist at the Naval Trauma Training Command, Los Angeles County and University of Southern California. He also assists as a subject matter expert for deployment teams attending field courses at Naval Expeditionary Medical Training Institute, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Commander Lodico holds board certifications in anesthesiology and advanced diagnostic transesophageal echocardiography. He is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences and a board member of the Uniformed Services Society of Anesthesiologists. He is a member of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, American Society of Echocardiography, and the Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists. He earned his warfare device as a Submarine Medical Officer on the USS Charlottesville and has a qualification in dive medicine. His awards include the Joint Service Commendation, Naval Commendation Medal (3), Naval Achievement Medal (2).