



Fort Carson-MEDDAC News

New leadership takes control of Evans' Medical Company

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A new captain has the helm of Fort Carson U.S. Medical Department Activity's Medical Company. About 200 people gathered in front of the Medical Company Headquarters building on June 21 to watch Capt. Lisa M. Paroz hand the reins over to Capt. Bethany A. Wagner.

After the troops had assembled and the colors passed, Col. John M. McGrath, MEDDAC commander, had high praise for the outgoing company commander.

"A good company commander knows the day starts very early and ends very late. It is not about you; it's about your Soldiers. You must listen rather than talk. You can never have a bad day. Capt. Lisa Paroz has done it magnificently," enthused McGrath.

Paroz was emotional in thanking the approximately 400 Soldiers comprising the Medical Company, her first sergeant and the command group.

Everyone here is empowered to do as little or as much as you choose," said the Oregon native. "I see Soldiers choosing to do so much. What you do is invaluable. Thank you for what you've done for me and each other."

McGrath expressed certainty that Paroz will go on to accomplish great things and that the Medical Company remains in good hands with Wagner. In particular, he cited her time as an S1 with the Fort Carson Warrior Transition Battalion, saying it will serve her well.

McGrath said, "She will do great things for us. She will excel and lead and continue the progress that Capt. Paroz has made."

Wagner thanked the command for the opportunity to lead.

"I'm very humbled and excited. There's great groundwork here and the best Soldiers in Army Medicine," she said.

Paroz was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal just before the ceremony. She now moves on to her next assignment as the Chief of Managed Care of the 121st Combat Support Hospital in Korea.