



## **JUNIOR OFFICER ADVISORY GROUP**

### **2014-2015 Voting Membership Biographies**



**LCDR Kari Irvin**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Voting Member**  
**Membership Committee Co-Chair**

This is my second year as a voting member of JOAG. Last year I served as JOAG Executive Secretary and this year I look forward to serving as the Co-Chair of the Membership Committee. I have been an active member of JOAG since commissioning in 2010. I started in the PHCSC as a member of the Officer Health and Wellness Branch, and eventually served as Co-Chair of OHWB along with LCDR Kelly Ngan. Together, LCDR Ngan and I initiated the JOAG Officer Fitness Spotlight Article in the JOAG Journal, Get Fit Stay Fit Postings on the JOAG website, and the *Let's Move!* JOAG program. In 2012, I served as a non-voting member Co-Chair of PHCSC.

I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Seton Hall University in 2003 and Masters in Science degree in Biology with Neuroscience from Seton Hall University in 2005. After receiving my Masters, I started my career in public health as an Emerging Infectious Disease Laboratory Training Fellow, sponsored by the CDC and the Association of Public Health Laboratories. I was assigned to work in the state public health laboratory in Virginia, where I stayed for 3 years prior to coming on board at FDA. I “converted in place” from civil service, becoming a Health Service Officer in 2010. In 2011, I joined the FDA’s Coordinated Outbreak Response and Evaluation (CORE) Network, investigating outbreaks of illnesses

associated with FDA-regulated products. I currently serve as the Team Leader for CORE Response Team 3.

It is an honor to represent the HSO category and junior officers. I look forward to helping make a difference in JOAG!