

NJDMAVA Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging



In this issue, we would like to highlight some of the in-person events we had during the month of June 2023. Please keep in mind that this is just a **SMALL** sampling of all there was to recognize in June.



In honor of **National CPR & AED Awareness Week** (June 1-7, 2023), DMAVA hosted a CPR, First Aid, & AED Training on 6/5/2023. The Course was taught by Army Veteran and NREMT & NJ Certified EMT Alexandra Dunn.



On Wednesday, June 21st, we were honored to welcome the NJ Civil Service Commission Chairwoman/CEO, **Allison Chris Myers** as our **NJDMAVA Pride Month Guest Speaker!**

Appointed by Governor Murphy, Chair Myers became the first known transgender person to serve as a Cabinet Member in New Jersey state history on January 1, 2023.

Chairwoman Myers began her professional journey as a Reserve Personnel Coordinator for the United States Navy, in San Diego, CA, where she processed payroll for US Navy Reservists and performed technical and administrative work for legal case filings. After 4 years of military service, Chair Myers held positions in marketing and sales over the next eight years until she began her career at the NJ Civil Service Commission in 2001 and has been there ever since.



In celebration of **International Yoga Day** on Wednesday, June 21st, we held a Yoga contest. Our winners are pictured here with their winning yoga mat! Congrats to Ashleigh Matthews-Marks, Staci Irwin, and Soniya Reddy!

In commemoration of the 5th annual **NJ Women Veterans Appreciation Day** (June 12th), DMAVA held 3 separate events honoring our female Veterans.



Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, & safe **4th of July!** This year marks the 247th anniversary since the Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence, announcing the colonies' separation from Great Britain.

June is **Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month**. DMAVA participated in the StepUP for PTSD Awareness Virtual Walk on Tuesday, June 27th. After sharing PTSD Awareness data, colleagues walked around the campus for 27 minutes.

