



MARYLAND - USA

John Newnan

Captain
Howard County Police Department

FINAL LEG TEAM CAPTAIN



John has been involved in the Torch Run since the inaugural Torch Run in Maryland in 1986. He has served as his agency coordinator, county coordinator, and has been the MD LETR Director since 1999. He is a Final Leg veteran and serves on the Torch Run Executive Council as the Region II Coordinator. John was honored in 2005 to be inducted into the Richard LaMunyon International LETR Hall of Fame.

He is especially proud that his Torch Run efforts involve his entire family, his wife Kathy, son Ryan, daughter Jessica, and daughter-in-law, Ashley who works for Special Olympics Maryland as their volunteer coordinator.

In 2008, John's son Ryan, helped introduce the Torch Run and Polar Plunging in the Middle East while serving a tour of duty in Mosul, Iraq as an Infantry LT/Platoon leader in the U.S. Army. While in Mosul, Iraq, Ryan put together a Polar Plunge® (with 700 bags of ice!) in a combat zone raising over \$6000 to benefit Special Olympics back home. John's daughter Jessica, is a 1st grade Special Education teacher and an avid supporter of Special Olympics.

John is proud to be the Final Leg Team Captain for the 2013 Korea Final Leg and with the collaborative efforts of the Torch Run Executive Council, the Final Leg Committee, the GOC, the Team Leaders, Support Team members and all of the Running Team, knows that this will be an amazing Final Leg event that will spread untold awareness of Special Olympics throughout Korea and create excitement for the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games in PyeongChang.