

2014 USA GAMES FINAL LEG

TEAM 4

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Burke**



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Team Leader**

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**Connecticut
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LETR FINAL LEG TEAM FOUR

TEAM LEADER



NEW JERSEY

Kevin Burke

New Jersey State Police (Retired)

Major Burke has been involved with the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics New Jersey for over 22 years. For the past twenty years, he has been the co-chair and chair of the Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Bear Plunge that has raised millions of dollars. He was a previous team member of the 2007 Final Leg team in China. He retired from the New Jersey State Police in 2010 as the commander of the Garden State Parkway and held previous command positions in the Traffic and Executive Protection Bureaus. He and his wife Karen are the proud parents of Kevin III and Shannon.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE



CONNECTICUT

Angela D'Amico

Angie is an outgoing athlete with a good sense of humor who likes to experience new things, likes to help others and is supportive of other athletes and is a team player.

As a member of the Connecticut Unified running team, Angie has participated in numerous road races including New Haven Straxton-Foxon Labor Day race, Bigelow Tea Race, Hartford ING Special Olympics Rhode Island Cross Country race for more than 10 years.

Angie won the Special Olympics Connecticut Spirit of Life Award in 2013 and is a Special Olympics Global Messenger and Connecticut Athlete Representative in St Kitts for the SOCT Sister Program.

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TORCH RUNNER



IOWA

Jeff Franzen

Iowa Department of Transportation

Jeff has been with the Iowa Department of Transportation since 1973. Jeff became involved with LETR in 1995, when there was a lack of runners needed for the statewide Torch Run, Jeff “carried” the Torch for 60 miles on his bicycle. Jeff has been active with Tip a Cop events as well as Cop on Top events and one year sat on a billboard at the annual Iowa/Iowa State football game. Jeff has also served on numerous Color Guards for Special Olympics ceremonies. Being involved and volunteering with LETR events reminds Jeff of the strength and courage Special Olympians have to do all the day to day activities that the rest of us all take for granted. Jeff is married and has two daughters. He enjoys bicycling and running, and plays an alto horn in a polka band.

TORCH RUNNER



NORTH CAROLINA

Sean Jones

New Hanover County Sheriff's Office

Lieutenant Sean Jones has been with the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office for 21 years. He is currently serving as the Assistant Division Commander for the Support Services Division. Sean has been involved with the LETR since 2005. His education consists of a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice from Shaw University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy 250th Session. Sean served in the United States Marine Corps. He is active in his church and the community, serving wherever he is needed. Sean is married to Cheryl and they are the proud parents of a fourteen year old son.

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TORCH RUNNER



ARKANSAS

Mark Jordan

Bentonville Police Department

Mark grew up in Crossett, a small town in SE Arkansas, and graduated in 1987. He tried three colleges (and had a great time) before graduating in 1994 with an education and coaching degree. During the summers of 1991 and 1992, he worked as a seasonal law enforcement park ranger in Utah and Wyoming. That was his first taste of law enforcement. He must have liked it because in September 1994, he was hired as an officer in Bentonville, AR. While in patrol he was promoted to Corporal in 1996. He gave up his rank in 1997 to be the juvenile officer and then promoted to detective in 2000. Over the next few years, he turned down two patrol promotions because he was a single parent with full custody and could not work late hours. In July 2012, he married Jenny. He now has two sons, Matt (age 13) and Dirkston (age 7).

TORCH RUNNER



TENNESSEE

Herb Kajihara

Metro Nashville Police Department

Herb Kajihara has always been committed to serving others. His devotion began with the United States Army where Herb was a Gulf War veteran. Upon returning home, Herb was honored to begin his career with the Metro Nashville Police Department. He has served the people of Nashville for 22 years, carrying out many different investigative positions. Shortly after beginning his career with MNP, Herb began his involvement with Special Olympics by selling T-Shirts at local banks. After witnessing the humility and dedication of the athletes, Herb committed himself to supporting these amazing individuals. Over the last 20 years, Herb has coordinated multiple fundraising events in support of Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics. Herb is honored to represent Tennessee at the 2014 Special Olympics Games.

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CONNECTICUT

Diane MacLean

Wilton Police Department

Diane MacLean is starting her fourteenth year with the Wilton Police Department and is the Community Police Officer and the Crime Prevention Officer. This is a specialized unit reporting directly to the Chief. Diane is a member of the Bicycle Patrol Unit and a co-advisor for the Police Explorers. Diane attended The College of New Rochelle as a Psychology major with a minor in Special Education, however ended up following in her brother's footsteps by becoming a Police Officer. Diane is originally from Pelham Manor, NY and moved to Connecticut when she was hired by the Wilton Police Department. Diane and her husband, Rod, live in Redding, Ct with her two daughters, Anna, 13 and Faith, 11 and Rod's two sons, Justin, 23 and Nick, 15. Justin is presently serving in the Army and is stationed in Colorado.

TORCH RUNNER



DELAWARE

Danielle Martin

Delaware State Police

Danielle is originally from Edison, NJ and moved to Delaware in 1998. She became a Delaware State Trooper in 2002. In 2004, Danielle became a Canine handler and worked alongside her Canine Partner, Tyfo, for the next 7 years. In 2011, Danielle became a detective, working primarily in the Domestic Violence Unit. Like many Law Enforcement Officers, Danielle's involvement in Special Olympics started with simply participating in the annual Torch Run. Danielle's passion for the Special Olympics Organization grew after attending competitions throughout the year to award athletes with their well-deserved medals. That is when she realized just how much Special Olympics means to the athletes and the vast opportunities it brings to them.

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KENTUCKY

Jackie Pickrell

Kentucky State Police

Jackie Pickrell joined the Kentucky State Police in 2002 and was assigned to the Morehead Post. In 2004 Jackie was assigned to the Electronic Crime Branch as one of the first detectives in the state put on the ICAC task force. Jackie was promoted to Sergeant in 2009 and was transferred to the Criminal Identification and Records Section. The following year Jackie transferred to her current assignment as the Investigative Sergeant for the Harlan post.

Jackie became involved in the Kentucky Law Enforcement Torch Run during 2011. Since then she has helped to raise funds and spread awareness of Special Olympics Kentucky. Jackie has participated in Torch Runs in Kentucky and assisted in presentation of medals at the state Special Olympics games. Jackie is currently the torch run contact for her home area.

TORCH RUNNER



MICHIGAN

Darin Southworth

Lansing Police Department

Darin Southworth has served the Lansing Police Department for the past 22 years. He has served as a Narcotics Investigator, Detective and Sergeant. Darin has been with the Special Tactics and Rescue Team (START) for 19+ years. He oversees all Subject Control Training, Detention Section Operations, and most major event/incident management. Darin has been involved with LETR since 1990 but COMMITTED since 2001. Darin has been a part and coordinated numerous fundraisers for LETR including, community runs, Outback Luncheon, tug of war, polar plunge, cop on top, dodge ball and the very popular, "Mid-Night Run." Darin has made many special friends and enjoyed many special occasions with my LETR family. Through State and International Conferences, he has gained great experience in both fund raising and management in general.

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VIRGINIA

Steve Wilkins

Albermarle County Sheriff's Office

Steven is the proud father of three children, Reid, Cori and Krislyn and husband to Allie Wilkins. He has a BS in Sociology from Longwood University and a MBA from Tiffin University. Steven lives an active lifestyle and is a volunteer coach for high school baseball at The Covenant School. He is a partial owner of a sports performance center named TEAMS Training Center. He remains active with his fraternity from Longwood, Alpha Sigma Phi, as the Chapter Council representative for both Service and Philanthropy. Steven loves baseball and the St. Louis Cardinals. He is a transplanted Nebraskan and thus a diehard Cornhusker; GBR.