



# TEAM CAPTAIN



## John Newnan



## Maryland

John Newnan 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 was the MD LETR Director from 1999-2014. John is a Final Leg veteran serving as the Team Captain and Coordinator for the 2013 Korea Final Leg, 2014 USA Games Final Leg and now the 2015 LA Final Leg. John has served on the International Law Enforcement Torch Run Executive Council since 2004 as the Region II Coordinator and is currently the Final Leg Committee Chair. In 2005, John was honored 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. 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 Special Education teacher currently teaching at the American Community School in Abu Dhabi and is an avid supporter of Special Olympics and his daughter-in-law, Ashley, works for Special Olympics Maryland as their volunteer coordinator.