



## **Tony Stewart to Salute America's Supportive Employers of National Guardsmen and Reservists on May 1, 2004**

*Tony Stewart will salute America's Supportive Employers of National Guardsmen and Reservists when he drives the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) # 29 Marine Corps Reserve Car at the California Speedway Busch Series Race on May 1, 2004.*

Arlington, VA ([PRWEB](#)) April 28, 2004 - The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), will salute America's Supportive Employers when Tony Stewart, NASCAR 2002 Winston Cup Champion, takes command of the ESGR #29 Marine Corps Reserve Car at the California Speedway Busch Series Race on May 1, 2004. Stewart is the second of a NASCAR Dream Team of five drivers that were recruited by Richard Childress to Salute America's Supportive Employers of National Guardsmen and Reservists for a five-race NASCAR Busch Series. Bobby Labonte was the first, when he drove the Army National Guard/Army Reserve Car at the Texas Motor Speedway on April 3rd.

Tony Stewart will honor all Marine Reservists, and their employers, when he takes the wheel of the ESGR #29 Marine Reserve Car, said Bob Hollingsworth, ESGR Executive Director. This race has special significance for me as I served in the Marine Corps for more than 38 years, retiring as a Major General.

We are excited to partner with Richard Childress Racing (RCR) and the five NASCAR Dream Team of drivers that Richard has recruited to drive for America's Supportive Employers. Today, in support of the war on terrorism and the ongoing military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, an essential alliance has been formed with the Department of Defense as many of America's employers have become inextricably linked to the nation's defense by sharing their most precious asset, their employees, added Hollingsworth.

Future NASCAR Dream Team driver Busch Series scheduled appearances are Ricky Craven who will drive the Navy Reserve Car at the Chicagoland Speedway on July 10th, Kerry Earnhardt will pilot the Air National Guard/Air Force Reserve Car at the Dover International Speedway on September 25th, and Kevin Harvick will conclude the five race Busch Series with the Coast Guard Car at the Homestead-Miami Speedway on November 2nd.

The unique mission of ESGR is to gain and maintain active employer support from all public and private employers for the men and women of the Guard and Reserve as defined by demonstrated employer commitment to employee military service. Please visit our website at [www.esr.com](http://www.esr.com) to learn about ESGR Employer Outreach Programs and volunteer opportunities, or call 800-336-4590.

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