



## **Ricky Craven to Salute America's Supportive Employers on July 10, 2004**

*Ricky Craven will Salute America's Supportive Employers of Guardsmen and Reservists when he drives the NASCAR ESGR #29 Navy Reserve car at the Chicagoland Speedway on July 10, 2004.*

Arlington, VA ([PRWEB](#)) June 11, 2004 -- The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), and NASCAR Star Ricky Craven, will salute America's Supportive Employers when Craven takes command of the ESGR #29 Navy Reserve Car at the Chicagoland Speedway Busch Series Race on July 10, 2004. Craven is the third 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, followed by Tony Stewart who drove the #29 Marine Corps Reserve Car at the Fontana Raceway on May 10th.

When asked what it meant to drive the ESGR #29 Navy Reserve Car, Ricky Craven said, "It is an honor, and even a greater honor, under the circumstances with so many men and women deployed overseas right now. It's a wonderful time to be representing them and highlighting the great employers that support these people and their families while they are out protecting our country for all of us at home who are able to have our lives remain intact."

"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," Said Bob Hollingsworth, ESGR Executive Director.

Future NASCAR "Dream Team" driver Busch Series scheduled appearances are Kerry Earnhardt who will drive the Air National Guard/Air Force Reserve Car at the Dover Speedway on September 25th, and Kevin Harvick who 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.esgr.com](http://www.esgr.com) to learn about ESGR Employer Outreach Programs and volunteer opportunities, or call 800-336-4590.



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