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NASCAR Donates Tickets to Troops for March Races and Sends Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Daniel Suárez on USO Visit to Luke Air Force Base

Twitter Pitch: #NASCAR donates 600 tickets to troops and sends @dnlsuarez and @StenhouseJr on @the_USO visit to Luke AFB!

WHAT: NASCAR/USO Visit to Arizona

WHO: NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver **Ricky Stenhouse Jr.**
NASCAR rising star **Daniel Suárez**

WHEN: Thursday, February 28, 2013

10:20 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. PT – Mini USO Presser

10:30 a.m. – USO Meet & Greet Begins

Media interested in covering this event must confirm with the Luke Air Force Base Public Affairs Office on Wednesday, February 27 at (623) 856-6011.

WHERE: Club Five-Six Parking Lot
Luke Air Force Base, AZ

WHY: NASCAR and Phoenix International Raceway salute America's armed forces and the USO with a **donation of 600 tickets** to two of the upcoming races this weekend. The tickets, which were distributed to troops and their families by [USO Arizona](#), are for ***Mexico's NASCAR Toyota Series race*** (Friday, March 1) and the ***NASCAR Nationwide Series Dollar General 200 Fueled by AmeriGas*** (Saturday, March 2).

Adding to the excitement, NASCAR will also send NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver **Ricky Stenhouse Jr.** and NASCAR rising star **Daniel Suárez** on a USO visit to Luke Air Force Base tomorrow, Feb. 28. Both drivers will relay their thanks, talk racing and answer questions from military members and their families.

The USO first began working with NASCAR in 2011. Since then, they deployed a tour to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and another to Kuwait and Germany - lifting the spirits of more than 1,000 troops and military families. This visit marks the first USO tour for Suárez and the second for Stenhouse Jr., who traveled to Kuwait and Germany in December 2012 and visited with more than 655 military personnel.

Born and raised in Mississippi, Stenhouse Jr. is the two-time and reigning NASCAR Nationwide Series champion. Now in his rookie NASCAR Sprint Cup Series season, Stenhouse Jr. raced in the Daytona 500 this past Sunday.

Daniel Suárez was born in Mexico and made his official NASCAR K&N Pro Series East debut in 2011. Now a member of NASCAR's "Next 9" initiative - a group of drivers identified by the industry as the next wave of young rising stars - he claimed his first NASCAR Toyota Series win on May 12, 2012, in Mexico City and has two K&N East top-five finishes to his credit.

NOTE: The USO strives to deliver life-changing experiences, like this NASCAR/USO visit to Luke Air Base, and the donation of more than 600 tickets to troops and their families. You too can get in on the action by giving a gift to a service member or a military family year round at USO Wishbook. Visit usowishbook.org to learn ways to help show your support.

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