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**Tony Stewart, Kyle Larson and Joie Chitwood III to Pay Special USO Visit to
MacDill Air Force Base Just Weeks Before NASCAR's Season-Opening
DAYTONA 500**

*Trio to visit multiple units on base and participate in a USO meet & greet
with troops and military families*

WHAT: USO tour to MacDill Air Force Base

WHO: Three-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion **Tony Stewart**
2014 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Rookie of the Year **Kyle Larson**
Daytona International Speedway President and Tampa native **Joie Chitwood III**

WHEN: Tuesday, January 20, 2015
1:20 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Tour of MacDill AFB Flightline
3:05 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. USO Meet & Greet
4:10 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. USO Presser

Media interested in attending the USO Meet & Greet and Presser, must RSVP with the MacDill Public Affair Office at communityrelations@us.af.mil or (813) 828-2217 **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 16**. Please arrive at the Dale Mabry Visitor Center no later than 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20.

WHERE: MacDill Air Force Base
Tampa, Florida

WHY: In the weeks leading up to NASCAR's season opener – the DAYTONA 500, "The Great American Race" – three-time Sprint Cup Series champion **Tony Stewart**, 2014 Sprint Cup Series Rookie of the Year **Kyle Larson** and Daytona International Speedway President **Joie Chitwood III** will travel to MacDill Air Force Base and participate in their first-ever USO tour Jan. 20. On a mission to learn about the important work done by today's troops and spend quality with military families, the trio will visit with military personnel, who oversee the flight line, military working dog unit and aerial refueling simulator. Stewart, Larson and Chitwood III will also take part in a USO meet & greet as well as a USO presser, where they will share insight on their USO experience and highlight their support of America's Armed Forces.

Stewart, Larson and Chitwood III join a growing list of racing figures who have participated in NASCAR/USO entertainment tours since 2011. Among other NASCAR stars who have volunteered with the USO are Joey Logano, Brad Keselowski, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Daniel Suárez. Together, the group has visited and created #USOmoments for 1,156 troops and military families stationed at seven military bases (and one military hospital) located in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Germany; Kuwait; and Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

NOTE: The USO's "Every Moment Counts" campaign invites Americans to join Stewart, Larson and Chitwood III in honoring, saluting and creating moments for our nation's troops and their families this year. The NASCAR/USO tour to MacDill Air Force Base and past NASCAR/USO initiatives, much like the campaign, center around the countless every day moments – from family dinners and date nights to children's births and bedtime stories – that our troops and their families selflessly sacrifice due to their commitment and service to our country. To learn more visit USOmoments.org or join the conversation on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) using #USOMoments.

About the USO

The USO lifts the spirits of America's troops and their families millions of times each year at hundreds of places worldwide. We provide a touch of home through centers at airports and military bases in the U.S. and abroad, top quality entertainment and innovative programs and services. We also provide critical support to those who need us most, including forward-deployed troops, military families, wounded warriors, troops in transition and families of the fallen. The USO is a private, non-profit organization, not a government agency. Our programs and services are made possible by the American people, support of our corporate partners and the dedication of our volunteers and staff.

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