

DAV 200 honors Veterans

The DAV 200, a NASCAR Xfinity event held in partnership with Phoenix International Raceway, honored our nation's heroes and their families Nov. 14.

The event, which was televised nationally, helped make veterans cognizant of DAV's services and the public aware of their sacrifices.

"NASCAR fans are typically very patriotic citizens who want to support their nation's heroes," said National Adjutant Marc Burgess. "We appreciate the opportunity this gives us to connect them with the DAV community in a unique and exciting way."

DAV representatives had key roles in event activities, including National Commander Moses A. McIntosh Jr., who served as the race grand marshal and gave the command for drivers to start their engines.

"It was quite an experience to be there and to feel the energy and excitement the fans showed for the sport. You could tell that they were equally rooting on the veterans whose service and sacrifices make our way of life possible," said McIntosh. "They get it. This is a great outreach platform for DAV."

Roush Fenway driver Chris Buescher carried the DAV in-car camera during the event and went on to claim the series championship the following weekend.

Kyle Busch claimed victory, responding to the cheering crowd with the traditional burnout at the start/finish line before driving to victory lane. He led all but 10 laps of the event.

Burgess and McIntosh presented Busch with the winner's trophy and thanked him for supporting DAV's mission to America's veterans.