

AJ Allmendinger Says Thank You ahead of Veterans Day

November 8, 2011 (Charlotte, NC)-- With just two races to go in the 2011 NASCAR Sprint Cup season, AJ Allmendinger has a lot on his mind as he hopes to once again close the year out on a high note with strong finishes in his No. 43 Richard Petty Motorsports Ford Fusion.

But between his testing duties at Las Vegas Motor Speedway this week and his return to Phoenix International Raceway this weekend for the 500-mile race, Allmendinger took some time out to say thank you as the nation prepared to celebrate Veterans Day this Friday.

Allmendinger, who has carried the colors for both the Air Force and the Paralyzed Veterans of America on his Richard Petty No. 43 this year, counts himself lucky to get to know some of the amazing individuals who have served the United States in the past, and countless others that still do today.

"I don't really have a history of military in my family, so getting to meet so many good people in the armed forces has been really cool for me," said Allmendinger. "What they all do every day, as a team, for our country is so important. The more I learn about what they do, and the more people I met, the more impressed I am. It's humbling to have so many people with such talent out there representing and protecting me. It's important for us to think of all the sacrifices that our veterans and their families have made through the years. Not just on Veterans Day, but every day."

AJ Allmendinger started both rounds of competition at Phoenix from the front row in 2010, and will look to make the most of the recent test on the repaved surface as NASCAR heads west for the penultimate round of the 2011 season. The Best Buy Racing driver will sport the WIX Filters paint scheme this weekend as he looks to build on his run to 10th place at Texas last weekend.

About Walldinger Racing, Inc.: Walldinger Racing was formed in 2006 to support AJ Allmendinger's motorsports career by developing commercial opportunities and partnership programs.

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