



## **Army Master Sgt. George Vera, Marine Sgt. Kirstie Ennis To Serve as Dignitaries for the Advance Auto Parts Clash**

Heroic military veterans to serve as Grand Marshal and Honorary Pace Car Driver for the annual NASCAR preseason race at Daytona International Speedway

RALEIGH, N.C., February 5, 2019 - Advance Auto Parts, Inc. (NYSE: AAP), a leading automotive aftermarket parts provider in North America, that serves both professional installer and do-it-yourself customers, today announced that Army Master Sgt. George Vera and Marine Sgt. Kirstie Ennis, both wounded veterans, will serve as dignitaries for the 2019 Advance Auto Parts Clash, Feb. 10, at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona, Fla.

Vera, who will serve as Grand Marshal, suffered a spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury during an attack on his base in 2015. He has been awarded the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, Bronze Star four times and Meritorious Service Medal twice among numerous other honors. He also was a member of the gold medal-winning wheelchair basketball team at the 2018 Invictus Games.

Ennis, who will drive the pace car, suffered traumatic injuries including losing her left leg when her helicopter crash-landed in Afghanistan in 2012. She has excelled in athletics since her accident, competing in rowing, swimming and outdoor cycling at the 2016 Invictus Games. An accomplished mountain climber, Ennis climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in March 2017 becoming the first female above-the-knee amputee to summit the mountain. She will be attending the race fresh off a climb of Mount Aconcagua in Argentina this month.

In 2017, both Vera and Ennis were gifted homes from Building Homes for Heroes, an organization supporting veterans injured while serving the country in Iraq or Afghanistan. The organization builds or modifies homes, and gifts them, mortgage-free, to veterans and their families. Advance is a primary sponsor of Building Homes for Heroes, having helped raise more than \$11 million for the organization since 2011.

“We are honored to have George and Kirstie serve as dignitaries for the Advance Auto Parts Clash,” said Tom Greco, Advance Auto Parts President and CEO. “Both sacrificed greatly for our country, and their perseverance and determination serves as inspiration

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for us all. With literally thousands of military veterans as fellow Advance Team Members, along with our commitment to hire an additional 10,000 veterans over the next five years, we're proud of our continued support of Building Homes for Heroes and its efforts on behalf of our nation's brave veterans and their families."

### **About Advance Auto Parts**

Advance Auto Parts, Inc. is a leading automotive aftermarket parts provider that serves both professional installer and do-it-yourself customers. As of October 6, 2018, Advance operated 4,981 stores and 139 Worldpac branches in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Company also serves 1,229 independently owned Carquest branded stores across these locations in addition to Mexico, the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos, British Virgin Islands and Pacific Islands. Additional information about Advance, including employment opportunities, customer service, and online shopping for parts, accessories and other offerings can be found at [www.AdvanceAutoParts.com](http://www.AdvanceAutoParts.com).

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