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## **AAMCO'S "50 Cars in 50 States" Reaches Navy Veteran in Nevada**

*Lyon County veteran enjoys free car repairs from Reno AAMCO center*

**HORSHAM, Pa.** – [AAMCO](#), the world's largest chain of transmission specialists and leader in total car care, continued its *50 Cars in 50 States* initiative by repairing the car of a Navy veteran in Nevada through its partnership with the [Military Order of the Purple Heart](#) (MOPH).

Michael A. Ott is a disabled U.S. Navy veteran from Stagecoach, Nev. He was nominated to participate in AAMCO's initiative by the MOPH Department of Nevada commander. Mr. Ott served as an engineer during the Vietnam War. Mr. Ott suffers from Alzheimer's and his wife, Sally Ott, cares for him. He has nearly 20 medical appointments each month at the Reno Veterans Affairs Medical Center, more than an hour's drive from their home, but the condition of their 2008 Ford pickup and financial situation have made it difficult to get the medical care he needs.

"My wife and I are very thankful to AAMCO for fixing our pickup and getting us back on the road," said Mr. Ott. "As a military veteran and the father of two children in the military, I am very appreciative of the service AAMCO is providing to veterans."

Mr. and Mrs. Ott picked up their newly repaired pickup today from the AAMCO of Reno service center, at 2155 Market Street, where the services were provided free of charge. The couple dropped off their pickup on Mar. 25. Technicians conducted a complete diagnostic inspection, and then made the needed repairs that included a transmission service, fuel, air and oil filter replacements, a differentials fluid change and tune-up.

"It was my pleasure to meet Mr. and Mrs. Ott and to assist them with repairs to their pickup," said Aaron Castonguay, owner of AAMCO of Reno. "Our honorable service men and women are very deserving, and it was a great experience to participate in AAMCO's 50 Cars in 50 States program."

In celebration of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, AAMCO partnered with the MOPH to give back to America's veterans in communities across the country. Through the *50 Cars in 50 States* program, AAMCO is repairing the cars of 50 combat veterans with the goal to repair one in each state.

**About AAMCO**

[AAMCO](#) is the world's largest chain of transmission specialists and a leader in total car care services. AAMCO has over 900 automotive centers throughout the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. Established in 1962, AAMCO centers are proud to have served more than 45 million drivers. For more information, visit [www.AAMCO.com](http://www.AAMCO.com).

**About the Military Order of the Purple Heart**

The organization now known as the "[Military Order of the Purple Heart](#) of the U.S.A. Inc.," (MOPH) was formed in 1932 for the protection and mutual interest of all who have received the decoration. Chartered by the Congress, The MOPH is unique among Veteran Service Organizations in that all its members were wounded in combat. For this sacrifice, they were awarded the Purple Heart Medal. With grants from the MOPH Service Foundation, the MOPH and its Ladies Auxiliary promote Patriotism, Fraternalism, and the Preservation of America's military history. Most importantly, they provide comfort and assistance to all Veterans and their families, especially those requiring claims assistance with the VA, those who are homeless, and those requiring employment assistance. Through the VAVS program, MOPH volunteers provide assistance to hospitalized veterans at VA sites and State Veterans Homes.

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