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## **AAMCO Repairs Vermont Veteran's Car as Part of "50 Cars in 50 States" Program**

*Rutland County Iraq Veteran Enjoys Free Car Repairs from Burlington 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 an Iraq veteran in Vermont through its partnership with the [Military Order of the Purple Heart](#) (MOPH).

Justin E. Laramie is a U.S. Marine Corp veteran from North Chittenden, Vt. He served two tours of duty in Iraq and earned a Purple Heart for serious injuries suffered in 2005. Mr. Laramie relies on his 1987 Jeep Wrangler to get to work, but the failing condition of the vehicle and his tight financial situation have made it difficult for him to get around. The MOPH Region One and Department of Vermont commanders nominated Mr. Laramie to participate in AAMCO's program.

"I never imagined in my life that I would have such amazing people, like the people at AAMCO, take a total stranger like me and offer such an amazing gift," said Justin Laramie. "I would have never been able to do this without them. Thank you, AAMCO!"

Mr. Laramie picked up his newly repaired Jeep on July 31 from the AAMCO of South Burlington service center, at 9 Green Mountain Road, where the services were provided free of charge. After AAMCO towed Mr. Laramie's car into the shop, technicians conducted a thorough diagnostic inspection to determine all repairs needed. Ultimately, they installed a new carburetor, battery, suspension, exhaust and engine accessories, and replaced all of the front and rear brake components, among other repairs. Portland Glass donated and installed a new windshield for the vehicle at no cost. The AAMCO center Manager, Nick Martel, donated his personal time in the evenings to apply rubberized paint to the Jeep so that it will look good and run well for many years to come.

"Mr. Laramie and all of our veterans have given so much to this country," said Leslie Deutsch, AAMCO of South Burlington owner. "It's a privilege to be able to give back to them through AAMCO's *50 Cars in 50 States* program. Our AAMCO team enjoyed working on Mr. Laramie's Jeep and everyone showed great enthusiasm for the project. We wish him all the best and hope he accepts this special thanks for his brave service."

In celebration of its 50th 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 combat veterans, with the goal to repair one in each state to commemorate 50 years of total car care service.

#### **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 and Canada. 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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