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AAMCO Repairs North Carolina Veteran's Car as Part of "50 Cars in 50 States" Program

Local Vietnam War veteran enjoys free car repairs from AAMCO of Charlotte 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 Vietnam War veteran in North Carolina through its partnership with the [Military Order of the Purple Heart](#) (MOPH).

Raymond P. Hait, a life-long Charlotte resident, is a combat-disabled veteran. As an Army Sergeant E5, he served as a combat platoon leader in the Vietnam War. He was awarded a Purple Heart after suffering a serious injury to his right hand. Mr. Hait and his wife, Natalie Hait, rely on their 2007 Saturn Ion to run daily errands, visit friends and family, and to get to medical appointments at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Salisbury, NC, nearly 50 miles from their home. The failing condition of their car and their financial situation have made it difficult for Hait to obtain medical care. The MOPH Department of North Carolina commander nominated Mr. Hait to participate in AAMCO's program.

"AAMCO's assistance came right when I really needed it," said Mr. Hait. "To think they are investing time and money to help veterans with this nationwide program is just incredible. I can't thank them enough."

Mr. Hait picked up his newly repaired car today from the AAMCO of Charlotte service center, at 6810 Lake Leslie Lane, where the services were provided free of charge. After Mr. Hait dropped his car off in late March, AAMCO technicians conducted a thorough diagnostic inspection to determine all repairs needed. Ultimately, they performed a transmission line repair, fluid and filter service, and repaired the suspension and brake pads. Discount Tire donated and installed four new tires on Mr. Hait's car. AAMCO performed additional services, including a tuneup, to ensure his vehicle will continue to serve him for years to come.

"It's important to show our appreciation for the service and sacrifice of our veterans," said Jon Guckenberger, owner of AAMCO of Charlotte. "I'm happy we were able to help a deserving military veteran like Mr. Hait."

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 50 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, 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.

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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