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AAMCO'S "50 Cars in 50 States" Reaches Army Veterans in Illinois

Cook County Veterans Enjoy Free Car Repairs from Chicago 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 Army veterans in Illinois through its partnership with the [Military Order of the Purple Heart](#) (MOPH).

John Kapor and Dan Finn are U.S. Army veterans from Oak Lawn, Ill. They both served in the Vietnam War and were awarded a Purple Heart for severe injuries sustained during combat. Now retired, they are dedicated volunteers with the MOPH Department of Illinois. They rely on a 2005 Hyundai Tucson for MOPH community outreach activities in Illinois. They use it to haul the moving "Memorial Wall of Honor," a memorial wall that has the names and photos of Illinois service members who have fallen in the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. Mr. Kapor and Mr. Finn transport the Wall of Honor throughout Illinois, to schools and community events, to share the story and sacrifice of the state's veterans. However, the failing condition of the vehicle and their limited financial resources were preventing the pair from attending various events.

"We are so grateful for AAMCO's assistance," said Mr. Kapor. "We need this vehicle to transport the moving Memorial Wall of Honor to ensure that our brave soldiers are never forgotten."

Mr. Kapor and Mr. Finn picked up the newly repaired vehicle today from the Chicago AAMCO service center, at 6435 South Cicero Avenue, where the services were provided free of charge. After they dropped the car off, AAMCO technicians conducted a complete diagnostic inspection and then made the needed repairs. Ultimately, they replaced the alternator and installed a new battery, spark plugs, and power purge. AAMCO performed additional services, including a tune-up and oil change, to ensure his vehicle will continue to serve them for years to come.

"It was an honor to help Mr. Kapor and Mr. Finn with this auto repair," said Dale Mueller, AAMCO of Chicago owner. "These veterans and volunteers are providing a wonderful service to Illinois and I'm glad we were able to get them back on the road."

Mr. Kapor and Mr. Finn will be driving the Memorial Wall to the Navy Pier in Chicago next Saturday, May 18, for display during the Armed Forces Day celebrations.

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 and Canada. 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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